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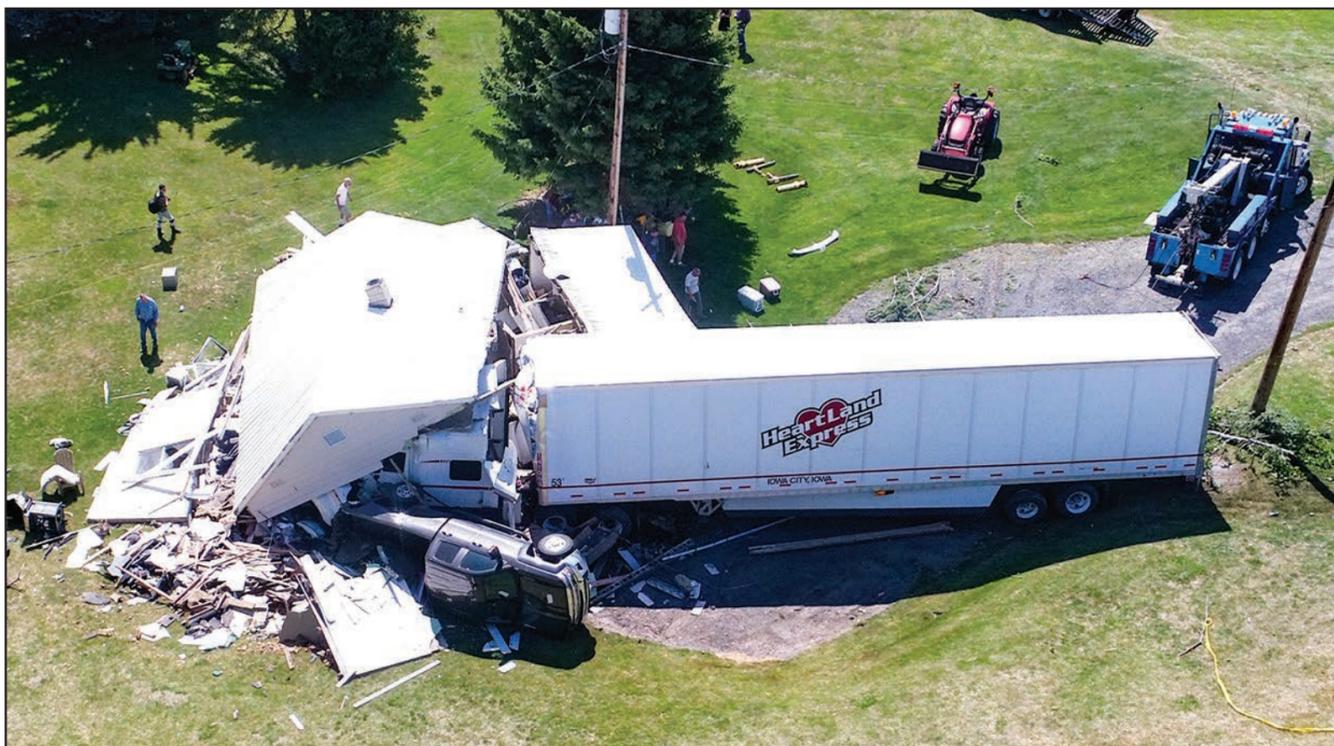
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Semi truck destroys house



--Eric Weitze photo



Above: Occupants are fortunate to have been outside when a semi plowed into a house on the Doty ranch west of Colfax. Left: The truck broke through trees and knocked another house off its foundation on the way to the collision. Aerial by Eric Weitze.

A semi truck went off Highway 26 last Wednesday morning, July 18, just west of Colfax at the Kevin Doty ranch, side-swiped a mobile home and plowed into the Craig McCully house which was destroyed. The semi also hit a pickup truck parked outside at the McCully place.

The mobile home sustained extensive damage and was knocked off its foundation.

Both the mobile home and the house are owned by Doty. McCully was actually out of his

house mowing the lawn and watched as the semi came straight off the highway at the curve and hit the two houses.

The 41-year-old driver of the semi and his wife were transported by ambulance to Whitman Hospital and Medical Center.

The eastbound semi left the highway just north of the entry road which leads to the mobile home and the McCully house. The site is uphill from the main entry into the Doty place which is

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Palouse Music Festival returns Saturday

BY GARTH MEYER
Gazette Reporter

The Palouse Music Festival is back July 28 with some new and familiar names at Heyton Greene Park for the daylong event with food, arts and crafts sellers and a beer garden. A lineup of musicians perform from 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., when the Senders take the stage for the last hour and a half.

A new food option this year will be hot dogs and chips from the Garfield/Palouse Performing Arts boosters. Hearth of the Dragon will again serve wood-fired pizza, and the Palouse Community Center will run the beer garden as a fundraiser with beer donated by Paradise Creek Brewery in Pullman.

The music begins with Matt Zook and John Elwood. Zook, the Garfield/Palouse school band director, will play clarinet, pairing with Elwood, the veteran Palouse musician and builder of instruments.

"I would expect some Celtic American folk on dulcimer," said co-organizer Paul Smith of the Palouse Arts Council, which puts on the festival.

At 12:05 a new act takes the stage, Diamond Joe, a four-piece family bluegrass band from Moscow. The leader has a connection to the years of the Palouse Bluegrass Festival, which became the Palouse Music Festival in 2012. Tim Kinkeade, formerly of the band Forgotten Freight, now brings a son on banjo and another on fiddle for Diamond Joe, with a neighbor kid on standup bass. "Blue Moon of Kentucky" may be on the set list.

At 1:10, Eric Jessup on a Martin D-28 bluegrass

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Port debates backing I-5 fiber project

BY WILL DEMARCO
Gazette Reporter

In a split vote last Thursday, Port of Whitman County Commissioners signed a letter of intent to collaborate with ports from across Washington on a telecommunications conduit along the I-5 corridor and tentatively pledged to contribute \$800,000 to the project.

Port Commissioner Tom Kammerzell objected to signing the letter of intent and investing \$800,000.

"This may be the most impor-

tant vote I've been a part of in the six years I've been commissioner and it may be the most important action the Port takes in the next 20 to 40 years," Kammerzell said. "I'm concerned we're entering into an agreement and committing funds at the very same meeting where the details of this proposal are first being presented."

Pointing to a section of the proposal stating that members may be asked to make additional capital investments in the project if deemed necessary, Kammerzell raised con-

cern over the potential for ongoing, unplanned financial obligations

Commissioners Kristine Meyer and John Love voted in favor.

Meyer challenged Kammerzell's concerns, stating the proposal has been discussed multiple times in recent months during port meetings.

"I think we've moved forward with an abundance of caution," Meyers said.

The proposed initiative would involve as many as 14 other ports around the state working to install

infrastructure used for fiber-optic communications from Seattle to Portland. In signing the letter, commissioners indicated an interest in entering a 20-year contract to build and maintain the fiber conduit.

Total estimated cost is \$7.6 million.

Port of Whitman has been asked to serve as managing partner for the joint venture and would be compensated.

Port Executive Director Joe

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Pullman Civic Trust urges rail banking for CAP trail

BY GARTH MEYER
Gazette Reporter

Representatives of the Pullman Civic Trust gave a presentation to county commissioners Monday, July 16, on the proposed railbanking of the Colfax-Albion-Pullman Corridor.

Bobbie Ryder, president of Pullman Civic Trust, explained that they advocate for the 19-mile stretch to be turned into a trail for bicyclists/walkers/joggers, which could connect to trails into Idaho, which she said would result in economic and other benefits to the area.

"Rail lines are great because they are flat," Ryder said.

She talked about the proposed CAP trail - Colfax-Albion-Pullman - which could connect to the eight-mile Bill Chipman Palouse Trail to Moscow, which con-

"These kind of transformative opportunities only come around once a generation."

-Bobbie Ryder,
Pullman Civic Trust

nects to the Latah trail, a 14-mile path to Troy, Idaho, which then connects to the Bear Creek Canyon Trail.

The CAP Corridor is owned by the state of Washington and overseen by the Department of Transportation. Its status

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Leave!

An osprey checks out an interloping Gazette photographer beneath its nest along Malden-Rosalina Road Saturday. The raptor tolerated a brief photo session before making its warning sweep.



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Men at work



Work continues on the Colfax Cedar Street project. This photo was taken by Tom Mohr Monday morning.

--Tom Mohr photo

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Telecommunications

Poire agreed to devote approximately half his time working on the project.

Many private companies have already expressed interest in leasing the fiber network's services, Poire reported. He believes the Port could "easily make their money back."

The proposal estimates the project will garner \$20,000 per month in gross revenues during the first year of operation and would increase to an estimated \$140,000 each month by fiscal 2039. Each port would bear any net losses or profits associated with the project relative to their initial contributions.

Kammerzell also noted the proposal may only be the first half of a larger effort to install telecommunications infrastructure north from Seattle, which he said adds even more uncertainty about the Port's future commitments. Kammerzell said the contract ought to undergo legal review before anything is agreed upon.

Kammerzell questioned the benefit local residents will receive from an \$800,000 investment of taxpayer funds to build infrastructure on the west side of the state.

Meyer refuted Kammerzell's stance, arguing

that the investment is an efficient use of Port funds as it "leverages the scaled powers" of pooled resources.

Poire added the project provides an indirect, yet worthwhile benefit to Whitman County residents. Poire likened the fiber network to railroads and interstate highways, saying it offers locals greater access to information and goods from other parts of the world.

Kammerzell voiced opposition to Poire's proposed obligation to the project. Committing half of Poire's work hours to a project that provides no direct benefit to the county is "unacceptable." He said no other port district in Washington comparable in size of Whitman County's operates in such a manner.

Meyer once again rebutted Kammerzell, contending the deal helps local residents indirectly through benefits such as lower internet costs and better connectivity.

"We're getting far more than \$800,000 of value for the benefit of our citizens," Meyer said.

The port will meet with project members Aug. 20 to negotiate the proposed initiative.

marked by the distinctive simulated combine wreck along the highway.

McCully said he had been in his house earlier in the morning but decided to go outside to mow while it was cool. He was actually riding the mower near the entry road and saw the semi truck leave the highway and opted to get out of the way.

The truck missed the entry road, hit trees and the back of the mobile home on a narrow, straight line path into McCully's residence.

McCully had just purchased the low mileage 2016 Chevrolet pickup which was knocked on its side. A 2018 Toyota pickup also parked near the residence sustained minor damage when it was hit by debris.

According to the Washington State patrol report by Officer Brandon Kendall, the 2016 International tractor-trailer was driven east-bound at 8:07 a.m. by Deporas R. Millare, Gardena, Calif., when it went off

the highway and hit the two residences. Latasha N. Peoples was in the sleeper unit of the truck.

Millare is believed to have fallen asleep at the wheel of the truck which reportedly was hauling a load of toilet paper. He has been charged with second degree negligent driving in Whitman County District Court.

The truck came to a halt actually wedged in the McCully residence after side-swiping the back of the mobile home.

The semi just missed a support pole for an Inland Power primary line which crosses the Doty property en-route to the Almota Road area. The primary line serves 309 Inland customers south of Colfax.

A Colfax ambulance crew responded to the accident scene and transported the driver and passenger to the hospital. Both complained of back and neck pain.

is an active rail line, though it is not used now for trains. The rails remain in place.

In order to create the trail, the state would need to agree to railbank the line, which would turn over responsibility for maintaining it to a non-profit group, such as the Pullman Civic Trust.

A railbanked line could be reclaimed by the state at any time if necessary.

Finally, to create a CAP trail, the rails would have to be taken out. Lisa Carloy of the Pullman Civic Trust said it could be done by the state to sell the rails or use them elsewhere.

"There's value in the steel," Carloy said.

Ultimately, the goal of the Pullman Civic Trust is to create a draw for local residents and others.

"Once a trail becomes 50 miles it becomes a destination trail," said Ryder, referring to how a CAP trail would connect to the Chipman, Latah and Bear Creek trails.

She noted to commis-

sioners the amount of cyclists that use the Route of the Hiawatha Scenic Bike Trail, the Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes and the Centennial Trail.

"These draw people from around the world. We're missing out on some of that activity," Ryder said.

"People will spend their recreation dollars elsewhere if we don't attract them with this. These kind of transformative opportunities only come around once a generation."

She talked about what it could take to make this happen in the state legislature, noting two possible avenues for railbanking, a transportation committee bill or through the state budget.

After Ryder's presentation to the commissioners, some discussion followed.

"It seems the people who have been working so hard on this deserve an answer," said Commissioner Michael Largent. "And that comes from the legislature."

House crash

Railbanking

Music Festival

guitar performs with Paul Anders on mandolin. Anders, a co-owner of The Congress in Palouse (at the former Green Frog location), is a veteran of the Green Frog's open mic nights, playing acoustic Americana.

Next, at 2:15, Arman

Bohn returns from last year's festival.

"He's more of a rock and roll guy," said Smith. Bohn also adds a screen with video animation to his performance. "Definitely the mad genius sort in the best way," Smith said.

Following Bohn is an intermission when kids come up and play instruments. At 3:45 Bart Budwig, another Palouse Bluegrass Festival alumnus, returns to town from Enterprise, Ore., to perform with Ben Walden, a guitarist from Moscow, and Nevada Soule on stratoaster.

"As with everyone that will play, I ask them, who do you want to bring," said Smith.

A married-couple act, Jesse James, follows, with Jessie Twigg-Harris and James Harris, Jr., who moved to Palouse from Bellingham.

"Good country songs," said Smith of what they play. "Old country songs,

and originals."

Next will be more students followed by the 6:30 p.m. arrival of the Senders, the longtime cover band from around the Palouse.

"As the sun goes down you get some good rock and roll, people dance around, and it's perfect," Smith said.

"If you can stay seated, I might give you a buck," said Marie Dymkoski, Palouse Music Festival director.

Admission will be \$10 for adults, \$10 ages 16 to 6 \$5, and kids younger than 5 free. T-shirts will be for sale for \$12, or \$15 for the tie-bleached version.

The park's pool will also be open to the public.

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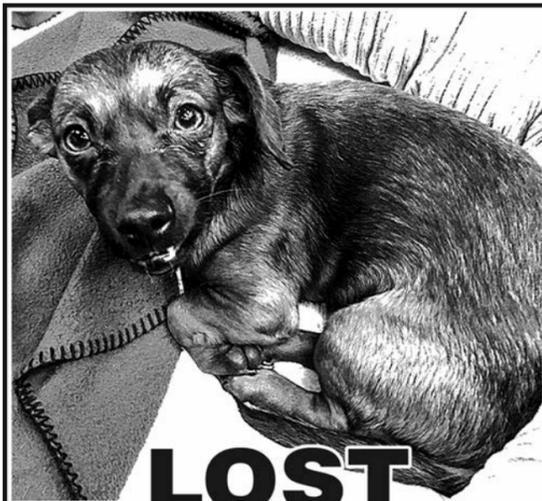
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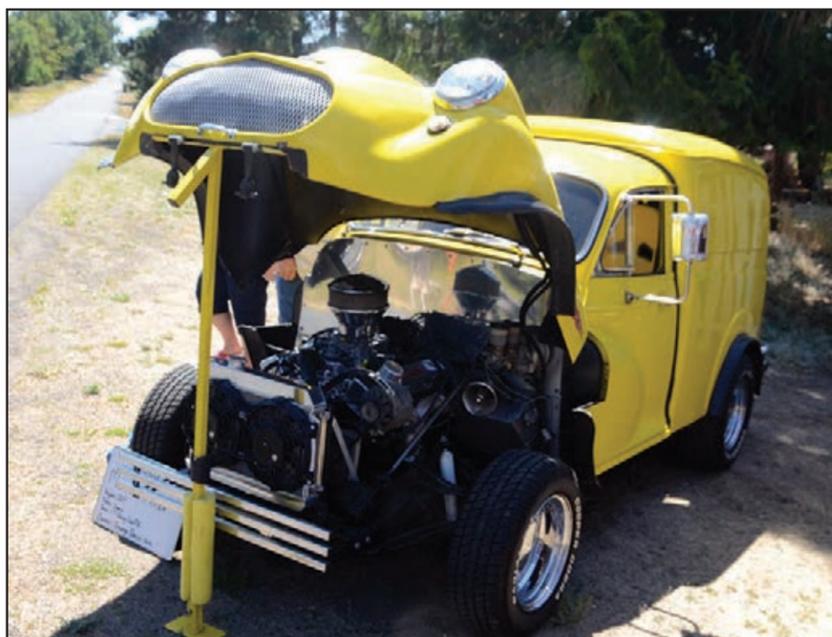
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Malden's second annual car show brings wide variety of machines



(top left) The 1922 Ford truck which was used for years by the late Warren Roellich of Rosalia was one of the featured vehicles at Malden. It was entered by Paul Beck of Malden.

(top right) This 1959 Morris Minor displayed by George Shaw at Malden is actually mounted on a 1977 Chevrolet Luv frame and is powered by 327 Chevrolet engine.

(bottom left) Kathleen Paris of Rosalia brought her 1958 Cadillac DeVille. The "renditionist" tag on the door stems from the days when Paris performed Patsy Cline songs around the area. She has owned the car since it was new.

(bottom right) Malden store proprietor Karen Wilcox, right, was assisted by Oona McGuinness in hosting the Malden Car Show.



Former 'Tekoa Bowl' Tekoa council approves possible building acquisition

BY GARTH MEYER
Gazette Reporter

The Tekoa city council last week narrowly voted to move ahead with a process to assume ownership of the former Tekoa Bowl building which is located behind the Post Office.

Owned by two brothers, one in Bellevue, the other in Spokane, it has been offered to the town to take it over. Steve and Bud Greene inherited the building from their mother and have since talked with Tekoa Mayor John Jaeger

about the building. "They're not going to do anything with it," Jaeger said.

The city council July 16 talked about whether the city should take up their offer to donate the former bowling alley with the lanes

removed. After discussion by the council, Mayor Jaeger broke a tie 2-2 vote to move ahead.

City Attorney Stephen Bishop will now send papers to the two brothers for a transfer of title. If the city takes over, Jaeger suggests they will apply for .09 funds from the county to fix the roof. Part of it has blown off.

How much would that take? "It'd take a chunk. The

whole roof might need to be replaced," Jaeger commented.

They would offer a rental rate of \$25 per month for the first three months to a tenant as the city does with its former city shop building, which is now rented to Panhandle Truck and Equipment Repair.

The bowling alley went out of business in the '80s and the building later was used as car-repair space.

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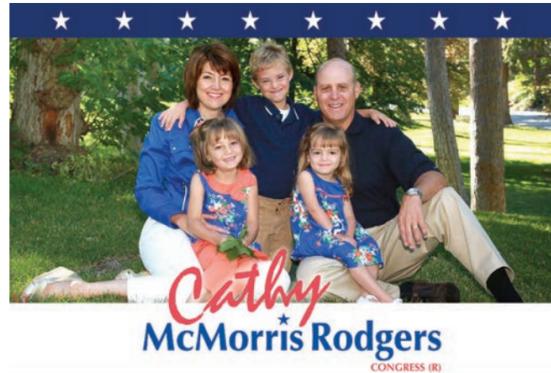
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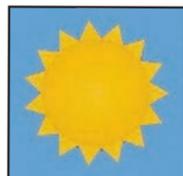
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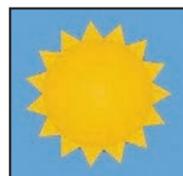
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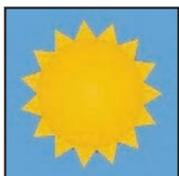
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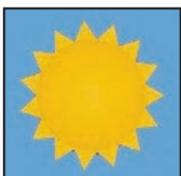
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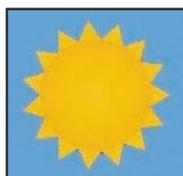
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Sunny
Highs 85 to 100
Lows 59 to 67
Winds moderate
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DATE	HIGH	LOW	PREC.
July 17	95	50	
July 18	89	60	
July 19	86	55	
July 20	78	46	
July 21	77	35	
July 22	88	41	
July 23	89	44	

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Garbanzos	\$26.00

Candidates for judge, state representative give views at PLWV forum Wednesday

BY WILL DEMARCO
Gazette Reporter

Candidates running for District 9 State Representative and Whitman County District Judge set forth their views and fielded audience questions at the League of Women Voters of Pullman forum at Neill Public Library July 18.

Education was an important topic among all candidates. Each offered their own approaches for improving the well-being of Washington's teachers and schools.

Incumbent state representative Joe Schmick of Colfax stressed the importance of improving special education programs across the state. Furthermore, Schmick offered up the idea of making public school budgets freely accessible online, an idea he said he borrowed from Idaho and one that would provide taxpayers more information about how their money is spent.

Schmick's challenger, Matthew Sutherland of Pullman, proposed more equitable education funding for eastern Washington relative to the west side of the state, adding that teachers shouldn't have to pay out of their own pockets to buy classroom materials.

Incumbent Rep. Mary Dye of Pomeroy agreed with Sutherland that it is important to bridge funding inequalities between rural and urban areas. Dye also stated she will work to increase salaries for Washington teachers.

Dye's challenger, Jenn Goulet of Pasco concurred, saying that Washington teacher's pay scales ought to be brought more in line with the cost of living. Goulet added that she would do away with standardized testing, explaining that it places an excessive burden on students and unfairly jeopardizes teacher's jobs.

In response to a question concerning how the state should deal with mental health issues, Goulet explained that Washington (and the country as a whole) are experiencing a shortage of mental health care professionals, saying she would work to make it easier for nurse practitioners to become psychiatric nurse practitioners in the state. Goulet added that she would work to increase funding for mental health resources in Washington so that patients aren't forced to travel to the west side for care.

Schmick stressed the need for more diversion programs in the state, which he said are an important form of rehabilitation that intervenes before an individual harms themselves or others.

Sutherland began by declaring he is "advocating health care for all in Washington," explaining that too many Washington residents are being denied care for pre-existing conditions. Sutherland also called for more capital investments in the state's health care programs and a reduction in prescription drug costs.



Above: District 9 Representative incumbents and challengers, from left, Mary Dye, Jenn Goulet, Joe Schmick and Matthew Sutherland address the crowd at a candidate forum. Left: John Hart speaks while fellow district court judge candidates Dan LeBeau and Rob Rembert await their turn.

but did not indicate whether he would support taxing carbon emissions. Sutherland further emphasized the importance of combating climate change, saying that higher temperatures damage the local economy by leading to worse crop yields and causing more droughts.

In the race to fill the district court judge's seat, which will be left vacant by the retirement of Judge Doug Robinson, candidates began the forum by discussing their personal backgrounds and legal experience.

John Hart started off saying he has earned 62 judicial endorsements as a candidate, including an endorsement from the incumbent, Robinson. In addition, Hart noted his experience as the Colfax municipal court judge and as a local public defender for more than 15 years.

Dan LeBeau focused on his approach as chief deputy for the Whitman County prosecutor's office, saying he strives to "balance accountability and rehabilitation." LeBeau added that while justice is his first priority, "My duty is to watch out not only for the victims, but for defendants themselves."

In his opening statement, Rob Rembert said he possesses "broader" legal experience

than the other candidates, noting his extensive work on civil cases. Additionally, Rembert pointed to his involvement in local community organizations, explaining that such involvement is important "because the judge really is the conscience of the community."

When asked how he would work to make Whitman County's judicial system more effective and equitable, Rembert replied he would make sure the court website is updated with accurate information, as the page is often outdated. Doing so, Rembert said, would provide more transparency of court proceedings and benefit individuals with limited access to information.

Hart agreed, stating that his "number one budget priority" is updating technology used for court proceedings. Hart went on to say that improving communication between the court and local residents increases trust in the system and provides more open access for all.

LeBeau continued with the theme of updating old technology, stating that he supports using computers in the courtroom and doing away with a purely paper-based system.

By using computers, the court can deal with cases more efficiently and save residents time, LeBeau said.

Security became another important topic at the forum. Rembert said the security at Whitman County Courthouse is a "huge issue" and proposed the idea of hiring court marshals.

"We need to make sure people can come before the court and know they're safe in the process," Rembert said, adding that he doesn't want someone to have to be harmed at the courthouse for changes to be made.

Hart agreed with Rembert, stating he also views safety as a concern in the Colfax court. If elected, Hart pledged to vouch for more money to improve court security, noting that district court judges possess the bargaining power to push for funding from the state.

LeBeau concurred, stating "Well, it's unanimous - we don't have security." LeBeau explained that Whitman County lacks the personnel and security measures most other jurisdictions have in place to protect visitors to the courthouse.

The three candidates for judge face off in the Aug. 7 primary which will narrow the race to the two candidates who get the most votes.

Palouse Advocacy League plans 3 distribution days

Palouse Advocacy League will offer literature, posters, refrigerator magnets, stickers, pens and children's temporary tattoos all for the purpose of preventing suicide and reducing the stigma surrounding mental illness July 25, 26 and 27 at nine businesses. They will be in three locations each day for three days in a row.

The league was previously called The #3 Memorial Fund which was created after the death last January of WSU quarterback Tyler Hilinski who took his own life.

The league will also launch its new line of logo on T-shirts, tank tops and hoodies. It features a P.A.L. dragonfly designed by local artist Cori Dantini. The colors of the dragonfly represent the nationally recognized colors for suicide awareness and mental health awareness.

All of the organization's adult sized shirts read "You are not alone. Sometimes asking for help is the bravest move you can make."

P.A.L. co-founder and chair Shelley Calissendorff said they decided "it really says exactly what we wanted to convey to our communities."

The children's shirt also features the Dantini art-

work, but instead reads, "I am Kind. I am Loved. I am Important!"

Cougar Country Drive-In, Rico's Pub, Banyans on the Ridge, Sella's Calzones and Pizza, Pups and Cups Café, the Palouse Caboose, One World Café, the Breakfast Club and the Moscow Food Co-op will participate.

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This position deserves an individual ready to do the job now. As a graduate of WSU in Finance and Accounting as well as being a former CPA I have the training. As a farm business owner, a Senate aide in the Washington State Legislature, an advocate in both Washington D.C. and Olympia for local interests and my nearly 12 years as your county commissioner, I have the proven experience.

Whitman County is my home as well as yours. I would appreciate the opportunity to continue to represent our shared values.



Michael Largent
for Whitman County Commissioner
District 3, Republican

SPORTS

Patriots will start state run against Vancouver

Palouse Patriots, a team which returned to Legion AAA action this year, will depart for Chehalis later this week to compete in the 16-team state Legion playoffs. The Patriots qualified second in the Spokane district playoffs after a grueling three-game wrap-up on Sunday.

The Patriots will open their state bid against the Vancouver Cardinals at 1 p.m. Saturday at W.F. West High School in Chehalis.

They are among 16 teams in the state Legion AAA finals booked into a double elimination tournament which will run until Wednesday.

The Patriots and North Stars, a team the Pats played three times over the weekend, are booked on one side of the state bracket. The L.C. Bandits and Shade Park, winners of the other two Spokane slots, are booked for games in the other bracket.

The Pats finished at Spokane with a grueling run three games on Sunday at Shadle Park's Jackson Field after pegging a big win in the Friday round and sustaining a big loss in the Saturday afternoon round.

Sunday's action saw the Patriots defeat Shadle

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Kyle Appel, above, dives into home plate to scored the second run for the Patriots Saturday. At left, Cal Gregory slides into third base against the North Stars while Kameron Kinder waits for the ball.

SELW stokers take win in meet at Colfax pool

The John/Endicott/LaCrosse/Wa shucna swim team topped Colfax 643 to 558 in a two-team meet at the Colfax pool Thursday. Lyla Kjack won all four individual races in the eight-and-under girls class.

Sophie Anderson won three of the four races for 10-under girls and also won the 100 meter race for girls 12-under. Ava Heglar won five of the six individual events for older swimmers in the 14-under class.

Josh Huber of Colfax booked wins in all six of the individual races for senior boys and Abby Huber booked wins in four of the senior classes.

100-YARD FREESTYLE:

Girls 12 & Under: 1. Sophie Anderson-S 1:25.31, 2. Kaylynn Misner-S 1:26.20, 3. Katie Hergert-S 1:27.50, 4. Cami Larsen-S 1:37.79, 5. Karly Wigen-C 1:40.93, 6. Paige Cocking-C 1:42.59.

14 & under: 1. Ava Heglar-S 1:10.93, 2. Kendall Clinton-C 1:18.09, 3. Olivia Kjack-S 1:18.53.

18 & under: 1. Abby Huber-C 1:16.66, 2. Haylie Leinweber-S 1:18.31, 3. MacKenna Roberts-C 1:31.97, 4. Rebekah Huber-C 1:33.53.

Boys 12 & Under: 1. Avery Anderson-S 1:19.25, 2. J.P. Wigen-C 1:23.50, 3. Emerson Becker-S 1:26.03, 4. Alton Burt-C 1:35.10.

14 & under: 1. Kenneth Sager-C 1:07.94, 2. Ryan Anderson-S 1:08.78, 3. Corbin Burt-C 1:24.81, 4. Tucker

Krause-C 1:29.00, 5. Caleb Krause-C 1:37.53.

18 & under: 1. Joshua Huber-C 1:13.10, 2. Preston Overby-C 1:25.09.

MEDLEY RELAY:

Girls 8 & under: 1. SELW (Kailyn Thomas, Lyla Kjack, Peyton Organ, Loren Loomis) 2:20.73.

10 & under: 1. SELW (Chloe Waddell, Hannah Hiller, Anderson, Isabella Huntley) 1:41.31, 2. Colfax B (Kaitlynn Ward, Tena Allison, Kyzaya Riddell, Halle Palmer) 2:25.44.

12 & under: 1. SELW (Misner, Larsen, Hergert, Emily Thompson) 3:14.78.

14 & under: 1. SELW (Brooklyn Bailey, Addison Becker, Kjack, Heglar) 2:40.98, 2. Colfax (Clinton, Harper Booth, Wigen, Emma Haupt) 2:53.28.

18 & under: 1. Colfax (Madison Roberts, Lexie Booth, Mac. Roberts, Abby Huber) 3:29.03.

Boys 8 & under: 1. Colfax (Liam Cocking, Landon Little, Zachary Kroll, Abraham Hoffman) 2:12.10, 2. SELW (Waylon Becker, John Misner, Marty Meserve, Damien Bouchey) 2:20.84.

10 & under: 1. SELW (Jake Melhus, Becker, Braiden Thomas, Warren Repp) 1:43.37, 2. Colfax (Keagan Mackleir, Jacob Ward, Riebold, Peter Krause) 2:19.62.

12 & under: 1. SELW (Carson Massingdale, Ben Bailey, Anderson, Owen Heglar) 3:12.85, 2. Colfax (Alton Burt, Aslan Burt, Wigen, Josiah Huber) 3:37.44.

18 & under: 1. Colfax (Burt, Sager, Huber, Overby) 2:46.59.

FREESTYLE:

Girls 8 & under: 1. Kjack-S 23.87, 2. Riddell-C 26.18, 3. Allison-C 30.34,



Ryan Anderson makes a strong finish for SELW in the boys 14-under butterfly. Hank Riebold, at right, takes a win in the eight-under butterfly class for Colfax.



4. Adelyn Little-C 31.60, 5. Jane Reibold-C 32.91, 6. Loomis-S 33.16.

10 & under: 1. Anderson-S 16.97, 2. Waddell-S 19.43, 3. Lilana Davis-C 20.38, 4. Hille-C 22.38, 5. Huntley-S 26.19, 6. Caprice Booth-C 26.85.

12 & under: 1. Haupt-C 35.91, 2. Larsen-S 37.87, 3. Hergert-S 38.09, 4. Misner-S 40.25, 5. Cocking-C 45.47, 6. Wigen-C 46.40.

14 & under: 1. Heglar-S 32.12, 2. Becker-S 33.22, 3. Kjack-S 33.69, 4. Clinton-C 35.75, 5. Bailey-S 37.34, 6. Booth-C 38.16.

18 & under: 1. Abby Huber-C 32.84,

2. Zoe Bailey-S 31.81, 3. Leinweber-S 35.00, 4. R. Huber-C 40.43m 5, Mad. Roberts-C 46.65.

Boys 8 & under: 1. Becker-S 22.06, 2. Meserve-S 23.60, 3. Riebold-C 23.78, 4. Zachary Kroll-C 23.97, 5. Little-C 26.53, 6. Cocking-C 28.00.

10 & under: 1. Massingdale-S 16.53, 2. Becker-S 17.22, 3. Huber-C 19.72, 4. Melus-S 19.87, 5. Ward-C 21.06, 6. As. Burt-C 21.79.

12 & under: 1. Wigen-C 34.87, 2. Anderson-S 35.06, 3. Heglar-S 40.72, 4. Bailey-S 42.18, 5. Al. Burt-C

43.00.

14 & under: 1. Sager-C 30.44, 2. Anderson-S 31.81, 3. Burt-C 38.00, 4. T. Krause-C 39.34, 5. C. Krause-C 42.91.

18 & under: 1. Huber-C 36.13, 2. Overby-C 37.15.

BUTTERFLY:

Girls 8 & under: 1. Kjack-S 31.06, 2. Loomis-S 37.35, 3. Riddell-C 46.00, 4. Organ-S 48.50, 5. Thomas-S 49.81.

10 & under: 1. Anderson-S 19.03, 2. Davis-C 23.62, 3. Hille-S 28.51, 4. Waddell-S 29.09.

12 & under: 1. Hergert-S 42.32, 2. Misner-S 48.31, 3. Larsen-S 48.53, 4. Wigen-C 52.40, 5. Cocking-C 52.41.

14 & under: 1. Heglar-S 32.97, 2. Kjack-S 35.80, 3. Clinton-C 45.97, 4. Bailey-S 51.15.

18 & under: 1. A. Huber-C 32.96, 2. Bailey-S 35.22, 3. R. Huber-C 46.56, Mad. Roberts-C 1:05.62.

Boys 8 & under: 1. Riebold-C 26.91, 2. Becker-S 28.28, 3. Meserve-S 28.43, 4. Little-C 31.85, 5. Cocking-C 35.00, 6. Misner-S 48.34.

10 & under: 1. Becker-S 20.38, 2. Massingdale-S 23.32, 3. Thomas-S 26.00, 4. Melus-S 26.12, 5. Keagan Mackleir-C 29.18, 6. Repp-S 41.75.

12 & under: 1. Anderson-S 41.03, 2. Wigen-C 44.25, 3. Heglar-S 53.41.

14 & under: 1. Anderson-S 40.59, 2. Sager-C 44.53, 3. Burt-C 49.68, 4. T. Krause-C 1:03.07.

18 & under: 1. Huber-C 43.37.

100 YARD IM:

Girls 12 & under: 1. Misner-S 1:39.68, 2. Larsen-S 1:41.10, 3. Anderson-S 1:49.62, 4. Cocking-C 1:50.41, 5. Wigen-C 1:56.65.

14 & under: 1. Heglar-S 1:25.12, 2. Kjack-S 1:30.91, 3. Clinton-C 1:41.50, 4. Bailey-S 1:52.28.

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Consecutive: Posse wins 3rd AA state ticket

Pullman Posse blanked Gonzaga Prep 5-0 Sunday with Carson Coulter allowing four hits to nail down a third seed entry to the state AA Legion tournament. This will be the third straight entry for the local club in the state AA Legion final show which will start Saturday in Spokane.

Posse batters totaled 10 hits in the last district tournament game at Spokane. They scored two runs in the fourth inning and two more in the fifth to take control.

Gonzaga qualified as the number-four team from Spokane after their last day loss to Posse.

Posse rolled into Sunday's state seeding game after clobbering Colville 13-1 Saturday in a loser-out game at A.K. Jackson Field in Spokane. Posse stacked up a 12-0 lead in the first two innings while Coulter allowed just one hit to the north end club.

Posse batters had a total of 10 hits. Eric Akesson, Kayden Carpenter and Oak Held each had two RBIs in the game which shut down after five innings.

Colville finished with four hits.

The two wins for Posse over the weekend came after they dropped into the consolation bracket of the tourney with a 4-6 loss to Mt. Spokane in the Friday round on Mt.

Spokane's field.

Mt. Spokane batters had 11 hits in the game. They posted three runs in the first inning and managed to keep Posse from scoring until the locals scored three in the fifth to get within a run of the hosts.

Posse had just four hits in the game. Mitch LaVielle had two of the hits. Coulter doubled and Held singled.

Posse opened the district run July 18 at Mt. Spokane with a 9-6 win over the EV/CV combo club from Spokane Valley. They out-hit the valley team 12-11 and took the lead with a three-run rally in the sixth inning. Akesson pegged a two-run double for the big hit in the charge.

LaVielle, Brady Lees and Coulter each had two hits in the opening day win.

The locals then pegged a 2-0 mark in the tourney with a 7-5 win over Gonzaga in the Thursday round. They were down 4-2 until they tied it at 4-4 in the fifth and scored three in the sixth. LaVielle pitched the first six innings and Coulter finished. LaVielle also had two hits with a double.

The two early wins paired Posse with Mt. Spokane for the Friday round when they were knocked out of the winners bracket.

Legion A Cougars season ends

Playing on Thursday, July 19, the Whitman County Cougars lost 14-0 to Northern Lakes in the first round of the Washington Class A American Legion baseball tournament.

The Cougars then dropped into an elimination game against the Lewis and Clark Tigers.

Playing again at Spokane July 20, Lewis and Clark led 13-11 in the fifth inning when the game was called on account of darkness. The Tigers first led 9-0 before Whitman County put together a comeback.

The next day the game resumed. Whitman County tied it in the sixth inning

before Lewis and Clark scored two runs in the seventh to win 15-13, ending the Cougars' season. Leaders at bat for the local boys were Kian Ankerson, Jackson Meyer, Josh Greene, Elliott Lee, Anthony Becker and Kyeong Lim.

Whitman County began the district tournament with an 11-10 win over University July 18, when Nick Streng and Marcus Hill hit two-out singles in the top of the seventh to lead a rally.

The Cougars finished the summer with an 18-18 record.

Continued: Baseball

6-1, edge the North Stars 7-6 in the second game and then fall to the Stars 6-8 in the third game.

Parker Huber took the 6-1 win over Shadle in the first game. He allowed four hits, struck out four and walked three.

Grady Benton pitched the last inning and allowed zero to cap the win.

Cal Gregory hit a two-run single, and Payton Kallaher hit a two-run double in the second inning when the Pats moved out to a 5-0 lead.

Reece Chadwick had

the start in Sunday's second game when the Patriots pegged a 7-6 win over the North Stars with a two-run capper in the seventh inning.

Chadwick allowed four hits over the first five innings. Benton and Konnor Kinkade followed Chadwick on the mound, and Kinkade was credited for the win when the Patriots pulled it out in the bottom of the seventh with the last two runs.

Each team bagged seven hits. Catcher Gregory led the local bats with two

doubles, and Kyle Appel rapped two singles.

The Stars hammered 16 hits in the 8-6 win in the last game. The Patriots pitched Appel, Gregory and Chase Hayton in the closer which saw both teams running short of pitching arms after a long day of baseball.

The Stars took the lead with two runs in the first inning and kept it all the way until the last out.

The Patriots had nine hits in the closer. Zane Wilson paired doubles, and Parker Huber paired singles.

Saturday at Shadle the North Stars hammered 10 runs in the 11th inning to decisively end a game that was tied at 5-5 after regulation play. Final score was 15-6.

Each team finished with 13 hits in the game which lasted more than three hours. The Pats used five pitchers in the battle, with Kallaher getting the start.

The Patriots were booked into the Saturday



Parker Huber gets ready to put the tag on Jaeger Adams of the North Stars in the Saturday game.

battle after they had a nine-run rally in the Friday game to pull out a 11-8 win over Gonzaga. The Patriots trailed Gonzaga 2-8 before

they detonated in the final frame.

Chadwick, Gregory, Appel and Connor Parrish pitched the win.

Kinkade had three singles to lead the hitting. He had a two-run rap during the rally. Huber also hit two RBI singles.



The Patriots team leans on the rail at the start of Saturday's game at Shadle Park.

Continued: Colfax swim meet



Carson Massingdale finishes second in the 10-under butterfly race for SELW.

18 & under: 1. Bailey-S 1:24.75, 2. A. Huber-C 1:26.25, 3. Leinweber-S 1:37.06, 4. R. Huber-C 1:40.56.
Boys 12 & under: 1. Anderson-S 1:34.84, 2. Wigen-C 1:35.38, 3. Al. Burt-C 1:49.53, 4. Bailey-S 1:49.75, 5. Heglar-S 1:51.56, 6. Becker-S 1:53.28.
14 & under: 1. Anderson-S 1:25.12, 2. Sager-C 1:35.94, 3. Burt-C 1:47.88, 4. C. Krause-C 2:05.44.
18 & under: 1. Huber-C 1:24.09, 2. Overby-C 1:44.19.

BREASTSTROKE:

Girls 8 & under: 1. Kjack-S 31.69, 2. Ward-C 43.50, 3. Thomas-S 43.65, 4. Allison-C 45.22, 5. Loomis-S 46.56, 6. Little-C 49.90.
10 & under: 1. Anderson-S 28.25, 2. Hille-S 29.50, 3. Allison-C 33.63, 4. Waddell-S 40.25, 5. Huntley-S 40.32, 6. Booth-C 42.35.

12 & under: 1. Larsen-S 47.53, 2. Cocking-S 53.40, 3. Misner-S 53.72, 4. Wigen-C 56.54, 5. Thompson-S 1:29.13.
14 & under: 1. Booth-C 42.22, 2. Becker-S 42.38, 3. Kjack-S 43.75, 4. Heglar-S 44.09, 5. Bailey-S 44.97, 6. Clinton-C 51.53.
18 & under: 1. A. Huber-C 44.16, 2. R. Huber-C 48.65, 3. Booth-C 53.81, 4. Mac. Roberts-C 58.94, 5. Mad. Roberts-C 1:07.97.
Boys 8 & under: 1. Kroll-C 30.62, 2. Meserve-S 33.31, 3. Misner-S 36.46, 4. Becker-S 38.19, 5. Abraham Hoffman-C 43.38, 6. Cocking-C 44.00.
10 & under: 1. Massingdale-S 28.37, 2. Repp-S 28.63, 3. Becker-S 28.75, 4. Melhus-S 32.06, 5. As. Burt-C 33.53, 6. Thomas-S 33.91.
12 & under: 1. Wigen-C 46.69, 2. Anderson-S 51.28, 3. Burt-S 58.38, 4.

Bailey-S 59.94, 5. Heglar-S 1:02.36.
14 & under: 1. Anderson-S 44.22, 2. Sager-C 47.31, 3. Burt-C 57.19, 4. T. Krause-C 1:06.12.
18 & under: 1. Huber-C 42.81, 2. Overby-C 52.35.

BACKSTROKE:

Girls 8 & under: 1. Kjack-S 30.12, 2. Riddell-C 33.94, 3. Little-C 34.83, 4. Loomis-S 36.47, 5. Thomas-S 36.50, 6. Allison-C 36.97.
10 & under: 1. Waddell-S 24.00, 2. Davis-C 25.10, 3. Anderson-S 25.78, 4. Hille-S 30.09, 5. Huntley-S 30.90, 6. Sunisa Dial-C 34.66.
12 & under: 1. Haupt-C 46.34, 2. Misner-S 47.00, 3. Larsen-S 29.59, 4. Wigen-C 57.91, 5. Thompson-S 1:15.19.
14 & under: 1. Heglar-S 39.10, 2. Kjack-S 46.53, 3. Bailey-S 48.44, 4. Clinton-C 50.16.

18 & under: 1. Bailey-S 39.56, 2. A. Huber-C 42.66, 3. R. Huber-C 50.75, 4. Mad. Roberts-C 1:02.62.
Boys 8 & under: 1. Meserve-S 27.38, 2. Kroll-C 29.78, 3. Becker-S 30.50, 4. Riebold-C 31.75, 5. Little-C 33.75, 6. Misner-S 34.44.
10 & under: 1. Massingdale-S 22.96, 2. Ward-C 23.51, 3. Melhus-S 24.34, 4. Becker-S 24.97, 5. Thomas-S 25.97, 6. Huber-C 26.28.
12 & under: 1. Anderson-S 44.81, 2. Burt-C 48.16, 3. Wigen-C 49.00, 4. Bailey-S 54.03, 5. Heglar-S 59.93.
14 & under: 1. Anderson-S 42.37, 2. Sager-C 46.72, 3. Burt-C 49.75, 4. T. Krause-C 1:02.87, 5. C. Krause-C 1:12.22.

18 & under: 1. Huber-C 46.41, 2. Overby-C 56.41.

FREESTYLE RELAY:

Girls 8 & under: 1. SELW (Thomas, Organ, Loomis, Kjack) 2:11.00, 2. Colfax (Riebold, Bella McCully, Jillian Allison, Little) 3:06.63.
10 & under: 1. SELW (Waddell, Huntley, Hille, Anderson) 1:28.78, 2. Colfax B (Booth, Dail, Isabella Allison, Davis) 1:52.72, 3. Colfax A (T. Allison, Palmer, Ward, Riddell) 2:18.63.
14 & under: 1. SELW (Bailey, Misner, Larsen, Kjack) 2:35.09, 2. Colfax (Clinton, Booth, Cocking, Haupt) 2:37.35.

18 & under: 1. SELW (Bailey, Becker, Leinweber, Heglar) 2:16.19, 2. Colfax (Mad. Roberts, Mac. Roberts, A. Huber) 2:52.69.
Boys 8 & under: 1. Colfax (Hoffman, Cocking, Little, Riebold) 1:53.12, 2. SELW (Meserve, Damien Bouche, Misner, Becker) 2:18.44.
10 & under: 1. SELW (Becker, Garrett, Mathia, Massingdale) 1:45.31, 2. Colfax (Krause, Mackleit, Ward, Kroll) 1:51.31.
12 & under: 1. SELW (Heglar, Melhus, Bailey, Anderson) 2:44.41, 2. Colfax (Huber, As. Burt, Al. Burt, Wigen) 2:51.56.
14 & under: 1. Colfax (C. Krause, Al. Burt, C. Burt, Sager) 2:34.38.



Senior swimmers hit the water in the butterfly at Colfax. Zoe Bailey of SELW is closest to the camera.

Summer chinook fishing reopens

Stronger-than-expected returns of summer chinook salmon moving past Priest Rapids Dam have prompted fishery managers to reopen chinook fishing in

select mainstream pools and tributaries of the upper Columbia River.

Starting July 25, anglers can again catch and keep hatchery adult chi-

nook from Rocky Reach Dam to Wells Dam, and in the Wenatchee and Chelan rivers. In addition, the chinook fishery will open Aug. 1 from Wells Dam to Chief

Joseph Dam, including the Okanogan and Similkameen rivers.

The daily limit of hatchery adult chinook is two fish per angler.

Ward wins putts segment

Jacob Ward, 11, Colfax, topped the putting portion of the putt, chip and drive golf competition July 18 at the Golfand par-three course in Pasco. The event was a local round to qualify for the national event, which is sponsored by the PGA.

Ward finished with 55 points in the overall event, but fell short of qualifying for the sub-regional round for his age class. Points are awarded for all three events and the top point winners qualify to advance.

The putting segment requires entrants to putt from distances of six, 15 and 30 feet. Ward dropped the six-footer, came within a foot of dropping the 15-footer and three feet of dropping the longest putt.

Ward's sister, Kaitlynn, placed third in her age division in the chipping part of the competition. It required entrants to attempt three chip shots from 15 yards away from the pin.

They are the children of Spencer and Kris Ward.

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Mining Contaminated Waters to Increase Copper Supplies

The massive Berkeley Pit in Butte, Mont., is one of the world's largest superfund sites and has been described as a giant sink filling with metal-laden, acidic water from over 10,000 miles of underground mine workings.

It has been a ticking time bomb since 1982 when the mine owner turned off the pumps which kept the subsurface tunnels dry for miners. The pit has collected 50 billion gallons of toxic water.

While the rising pit water is a looming environmental threat if it seeps into the area's groundwater, it may be a new source of copper if a pilot plant pans out. However, if left unattended, there would be an environmental calamity especially since Butte's mining operations are located at the headwaters of the Clark Fork River—a major tributary of the Columbia.

The promising news is an experimental water treatment system started operation in March. Three million gallons of water is being pumped from the pit each day and sent to a treatment system which recovers copper, other contaminants and neutralize the water's acidity. The purified

water is discharged into Silver Bow Creek.

Operators hope to reclaim 100,000 pounds of copper each month which helps offset costs. If the experimental project works as planned, it will open a new way to help meet the growing need for copper and simultaneously clean up hazardous Super Fund sites.

With worldwide demand for copper soaring and there is new pressure to open new mines, expand existing ones, and add ore processing capacity—all of which have serious associated environmental challenges.

Copper, a highly efficient conductor of electricity, is widely used in traditional hydro, coal and natural gas electricity generation. With the onset of wind turbines, demand for copper has risen dramatically. The same goes for electric autos.

While wind power and electric cars dramatically reduce CO2 and greenhouse gases, copper mining and smelting require significant environmental remediation. Many of those abandoned open pits are similar to the Berkeley Pit containing billions of gallons of toxic water and smelting

ore creates toxic air emissions.

According to the International Copper Association (ICA), copper consumption is poised to dramatically increase as more parts of the world are electrified, more electric vehicles replace cars powered by internal combustion engines, and as coal-fired generating plants are replaced with wind turbines and solar panels.

Between now and 2040, ICA estimates a massive \$8 trillion globally will be spent on renewables as government policies around the world discourage the use of coal and gas which add greenhouse gases to our atmosphere.

The copper industry is a major contributor to the global economy. "Copper is more than just a mined metal; it provides jobs and promotes a higher standard of living. One ton of copper brings functionality in 40 cars, powers 60,000 mobile phones, enables operations in 400 computers, and distributes electricity to 30 homes," the ICA reports.

Demand for copper globally is set to jump 22 percent within five years because of increasing usage of the metal in electric

vehicles, solar and wind power sectors, Bloomberg reports. Usage in electric cars alone will increase demand by 1.2 million tons.

Nowhere is the growth in copper usage more evident than China. As it upgrades its industry to "smart factories," annual demand for copper is projected to grow by an additional 232,000 tons by 2025.

"We're in no danger of running out of copper," the ICA reports. Only about 12 percent of the known worldwide reserves have been mined and copper recycling rates are high. But mining and cleaning up the aftermath is problematic. Hopefully, what is happening in Butte will work and spread.

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FRANK WATSON

Children are our Future

My niece and nephew recently came to visit from the Midwest. They had never seen this part of the world, and I thought they would be impressed with the variety of ecosystems in Eastern Washington. Thus, I was a bit surprised when their initial request was to take a ride in "Uncle Frank's snazzy convertible." We mounted up, and I was about to start the engine when they asked for help with their seat belts. These kids, ages five and nine, were conditioned to buckle up before the car was put in motion. I was impressed with the results of quality parenting. I don't think the government should be responsible to make me wear my seat belt, but I think it is dumb not to, and I enforced this rule with my own children. I remember noticing that my son's car had the belt fastened behind the seat so he would not have to listen to the car's beeping reminder. He lost his driving privileges for a month. The lesson must have stuck, as he is adamant that his own children fasten their belts before he

moves the car. They didn't learn this valuable lesson in school.

Government programs cannot shape the future of our society nearly as much as parents. It is common to look to schools as the vanguard of America's future. There are basic problems with this thinking. Schools are very good at teaching science and literature, but parents are more influential in shaping morals and ethics. Additionally, experts with PhDs in education are often out of touch with the society they are trying to shape. Not long ago, academia decided that the USA should move towards the metric system. Towards this end, they began using metric in all school arithmetic and math texts. I was teaching freshman Algebra at the time and witnessed the unintended consequences. Students could visualize a pound or a foot. A pound was four sticks of butter and six feet was the height of a full-grown man. They had no reference, however, with metric measurements. They couldn't visualize 1.85 meters or 400

cubic centimeters. It was as if I was teaching Algebra in a foreign language. I had to write my own story problem using feet and inches in order to give the kids a fighting chance to learn the basics of Algebra. Government experts are frequently too far removed from the society they are trying to modify.

Most Americans would say they believe in following the law and, "Honesty is the best policy." In practice, however, we feel a real need to lock our doors and anything not nailed down is expected to walk away. That is not the case in all societies. I had the wonderful opportunity to teach English in the Japanese public-school system. There are no Robin Hoods in Japan nor any admiration for rebels. If you inadvertently drop something on the street in Japan, you can retrace your route and find it. No one picks it up. I dropped my wallet on my way to work one morning and went back 30 minutes later to find it lying on the side of a busy sidewalk. There are no home break-ins in Japan.

Doors are seldom locked. You can find vending machines that sell almost anything to include canned alcoholic drinks. If you are 21, you can buy a bourbon and coke in any subway station, but underage kids don't partake because it would be wrong. They have been conditioned to follow the rules much the same as my niece and nephew have been conditioned to wear their seat belts.

Could we condition future generations to be blind to skin color? Can we become a society that values personal honor above any gain that can be derived by lying or cheating? I think so, but government programs must be aimed at parents. Parents are in the best position to instill honor and decency in children.

(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

REAL ESTATE

Javier D'Acosta and Sarrah Marron, to P. Ronald and Sarah Wachter, unit at Tuscanny Condominium on Verona Drive, Pullman, \$330,000, June 29.

Anna Lou Anderson, Spokane, to Jacob and Valerie Weaver, Pullman duplex, NW Webb Street, Pullman, \$324,000, June 29.

Ginger Sorenson, McCall, Idaho, to Chris and Terri Badger, Colfax, house on S. Mill, Colfax, \$148,000, June 29.

P. Ronald and Barb Wachter, Pullman, to Ian Richardson, house on NW Linda Street, Pullman, \$310,000, June 29;

Warren Street Agriculture LLC, Bellevue, to Kyle and Chisato Taylor, lot in Whitman County Estates Kitzmiller Cluster A Short Plat, Pullman, \$105,600, June 29.

Curtis and Alissa Allen, Pullman, to Janet Perry and Jill Freden, house on SW Sanna Court, Pullman, \$329,000, June 29.

Itani Quality Homes, Pullman, to Dustin and Emma White, Pullman, house on SW Center Street, Pullman, \$283,750, June 29.

Wa WSU Holding LLC, Lafayette, Ind., to City of Pullman, two lots in Trinitas Short Platt for water tank and booster pump, \$49,100, July 2.

Kathryn and Martin Cerillos, Granger, to Miranda Rhinehardt, house on Lost Trail Drive, Pullman, \$250,000, July 2.

Eagle Fish Associates, Pullman, to TowerPoint Acquisitions, LLC, Atlanta, Ga., utilities site on NW Olson Street, Pullman, \$250,000, July 3.

Jesse Young and Larry Young to Bob

Young LLC, each a quarter interest in land parcels southeast of Almota, \$120,000, July 3.

John Coffey, Patricia McDonald and Adele Foster, Blaine, to Justin and Kathryn Heaton, LaCrosse, land along Little Goose Dam Road, northeast of Riparia, \$367,377, July 5.

Thunder Eagle LLC, Moscow, to Eric and Jacqueline Busch, parcel in Thunder Eagle Busch Pullman Airport Road Cluster A short plat, \$125,000, July 5.

Cecil and Angel Colyar, St. John, to Ethel and James Roberson, Wenatchee, land along Potts Road south of Lamont, \$225,000, July 5.

James and Joan Berdal, Colfax, to Jacob and Lacie Bunyard, Colfax former Lube Plus building on S. Main in Colfax, \$100,000, July 6.

John C. and Barbara Foltz, Dublin, Ohio, to James Michael Short, unit at Statesman condominium on State Street, Pullman, \$136,000, July 6.

Steven and Rebecca Camp, LaCrosse, to Chad and Nancy Startin, Colfax, land on Green Spot Road, southeast of LaCrosse, \$615,000, July 6.

Scott and Kelley Newell, Pullman, to Christopher and Rasheen Acree, house on NW Charlotte Street, Pullman, \$265,000, July 6.

Dallas and Allison Allredge, Weston, Fla., to Cody and Kristina Wilson, house on SW Panorama Drive, Pullman, \$347,500, July 9.

Harmony Davis, Colbert, to Alan Ekstrand and Jennifer Fung, Pullman, house on Old Albion Road, \$415,000, July 9.

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OPINION

Hey, thanks for voting freebie

Last Tuesday, three days before ballots for the primary election hit the mail, Washington Secretary of State Kim Wyman brightened the news keyboards with word that for the first time voters will be able to cast their ballots and return them through the U.S. Postal Service without having to ante up the cost of a stamp.

The second sentence of Wyman's report expresses thanks to Kim Wyman, Gov. Jay Inslee and county officials statewide.

The new "no postage" ballot return somehow suggests all those state and county officials around the state believe there's would-be voters out there who shun the election process because they are unable to pony up a couple of quarters.

Wyman reported she and Gov. Inslee announced an "historic agreement" to fund ballot returns this year with \$1.2 million in grants.

Wait a minute. Where did they get the \$1.2 million?

Wyman in her report added that she will ask the legislature in 2019 to make the free ballot funding permanent. The legislators will have to find the next \$1.2 million. It will probably come from the people who this week are checking spending options after saving those ballot quarters.

Jim Repp of Colfax, retired county auditor, can remember when voting in Whiman County was done at 91 precincts which were staffed by poll workers who were paid, by law, at \$2.10 an hour. The precinct number shrank to 54 when the system converted to punch cards.

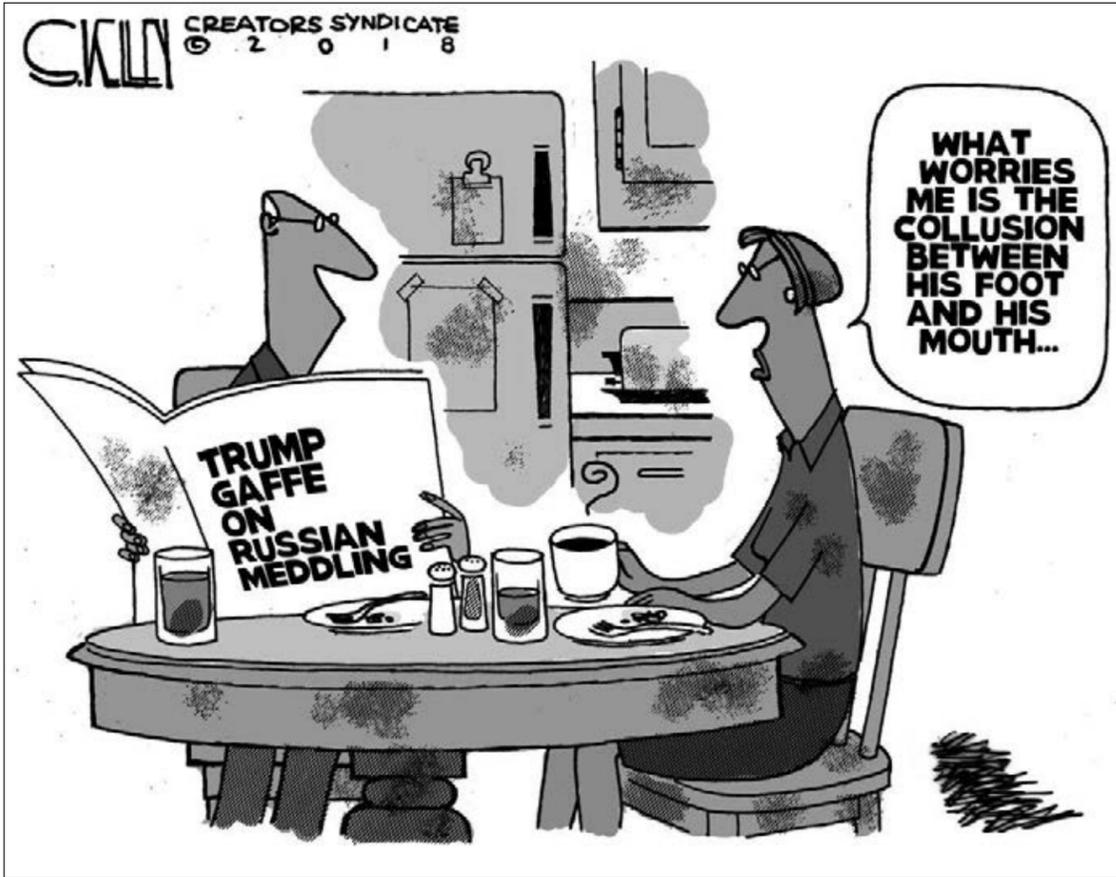
The ballots, and later the cards, were locked up in metal boxes for each precinct after the polls closed and taken to the auditor's office for the election night count. In big elections it sometimes continued past midnight, but the count was out and the election was done.

No stamps, no voting machines, no computer programming, no waiting a week. No news releases from the Secretary of State thanking the Secretary of State.

Repp reported he has already voted. He took his ballot down to the elections office and dropped it in the deposit box.

"They said thanks for voting," he reported.

Jerry Jones,
Gazette Editor



BOB FRANKEN

The Law's Country Club

Is it possible that only Ivy League law schools produce attorneys who have what it takes to climb to the top of this country's jurisprudence heap? This heap's pinnacle, of course, is the U.S. Supreme Court.

Apparently, we have evolved to a nation where the SCOTUS ivory tower is exclusively the Ivy tower. Even President Donald Trump, the rabble rouser in chief, is said to have factored in Brett Kavanaugh's Yale pedigree when he chose him for another new haven. Assuming the Senate complies, he will cluster with the Supremes: five Harvard, three other Yalies and one (Ginsburg) who attended Harvard Law before switching to Columbia. Kavanaugh would replace Anthony Kennedy, who is a Harvard alum, so Yale would pick up an elite seat. Isn't diversity great?

But are those universities so inherently superior, particularly when you consider the fact that Trump graduated from one (Penn), and George W. Bush got his degree from Yale? Maybe sometimes it just doesn't take. But is it that or is it that the Ivies are overrated, or that some of the others are underrated? Even if you set aside Stanford,

which many describe as just a West Coast Ivy, with Sandra Day O'Connor and William Rehnquist as alums, what about the University of Michigan or Virginia, not to mention Georgetown? They are among many with sterling programs. Those programs graduate scads of brilliant lawyers. But they're still not regarded as the super-elites. Maybe that's Ivy League self-serving PR. Maybe the critics are correct when they charge that the most important courses at any of them include Hubris, Entitlement and, most important of all, Networking. Look no further than the Supremes.

I remember sitting in a green room with a former news type who had escaped the frenetic ruffraff world of reporting, and now was enjoying the leisurely, elegant life as an academic at Princeton. What classes he taught obviously had to do with journalism. Making small talk, I insincerely commented that he must enjoy the stimulation of interacting with and molding fresh student minds, particularly the brightest of the bright, in an Ivy league school.

"Not really," he snapped, "Most of these kids just got into Princeton

because they did what they're told." He meant that they grew up excelling at sucking up to all their teachers; not making waves, and getting high grades as a result. Either that or they were admitted because the parents were willing to make a huge contribution to the already heavily endowed institution of higher learning.

What can get lost in all this is the common touch and common sense. When it is automatically assumed that brilliance can shine only overhead, we fail to illuminate the worthy experience of those who labor below. Life at the top is insular.

What we have created in this nation is a nearly impenetrable caste system. At the Supreme Court, society's rules are ultimately interpreted by justices who were indoctrinated by their education to protect the advantages of the ruling class. Yes, a number of them are progressive, a dwindling number. But their Ivy League advantage is really the disadvantage of intellectual inbreeding.

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

RICH LOWRY

Yes, the Supreme Court is Undemocratic

In an era of partisan polarization, it is rare to get agreement on anything, but about this there should be a consensus: The Supreme Court is an undemocratic institution whose power should be carefully circumscribed.

The right has long been of this view, and the left is suddenly and opportunistically partway there.

In an essay capturing progressives' newfound skepticism, Ezra Klein of Vox wrote that the Supreme Court "has always been undemocratic" and is now becoming even "more dangerous." This represents a welcome turnabout from cheering the high court's de facto legislating, although the left is about a half-century late to the insight that the court isn't a democratically elected legislature.

In the 1960s, the court became markedly more assertive, delivering a raft of activist decisions, especially on matters of criminal justice and sexual morality.

Progressives cheered all the while. They happily pocketed all the court-mandated policy changes to their liking, relieved of the burden of enacting them through democratic means.

Needless to say, the court was

never meant to be an unelected law-making body, and it has taken on such a highly charged role in our politics, in part, because it arrogated this power to itself.

The court's legitimacy comes from faithfully interpreting laws passed by the legislature and adhering to the Constitution that is the foundational governing document of the country, adopted and amended by "We the People." Anything else is a usurpation.

Progressives are, perversely, taking a hostile view of the court precisely when it may get a reliable majority of justices devoted to this vision.

Klein alleges that the court is becoming affirmatively "anti-democratic," meaning it isn't striking down democratically adopted voter rules and gerrymandered districts. Klein may oppose the Ohio law that purges nonvoters from the rolls, but there is a remedy readily at hand -- changing the law in Ohio.

If the left were serious about its new worries about an undemocratic court, it would welcome the prospect of overturning Roe v. Wade.

Indeed, the belief that voters in states will ban abortion or more stringently regulate it if Roe is over-

turned is the single biggest motivating factor in opposition to Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh. In other words, on this issue, the worry is that the court will allow too much democracy.

Of course, the court should act as a check on the popular will at times. But in doing so, it must limit itself to enforcing the law and the Constitution. This is the goal of originalism, which should be embraced by both sides as the appropriately modest view of the court's role in our republic.

But this would represent an enormous loss for progressives.

First, a court that no longer envisions itself as an instrument of social change wouldn't hand the left totalist victories unachievable in the political realm. Two, the animating vision behind the Constitution -- written by men with a strong suspicion of centralized power -- runs counter to the logic of progressive government.

So the left will bang on about the undemocratic court without changing its core belief that it is rightfully the vehicle for imposing its policies.

(RICH LOWRY is editor of the National Review.)

PET PEEVES AND OKEYDOKES

#!*!

County road crew not spraying weeds and mowing roadsides. Instead, tax-paying citizens are having to do this. What do our tax dollars do anymore - pay employee raises?

#!*!

Courthouse employees who park along Main and Island Street during their workday, making customers park far away to do their business inside.

#!*!

Bad rap given to former licensing department manager. She happened to be the most knowledgeable, kind, efficient employee in that office. Might want to do some "house-cleaning" elsewhere from now on!

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LETTERS

Best decisions

It is my pleasure to endorse Dan LeBeau for Whitman County District Court Judge. I have known Dan both professionally and personally since he began working for Whitman County 13 years ago and have found him to be a sincere, honest and fair person. Dan is extremely hard-working and committed to always making the best decisions with the information he is given. Observing him over the years, it is clear that he is both an honorable individual and a dedicated public servant.

I have heard Dan say, and I agree, that Whitman County will be in good hands regardless of who is elected judge; all three men are intelligent, qualified and would do a fine job. Dan, however, is an experienced public servant who has demonstrated his commitment to serving the people of Whitman County. His previous experience proves he is a good leader and will balance holding people accountable with giving them the chance to make better future choices. I would encourage you to go on Dan's website and read more about his unique life story and his vision for the future of Whitman County District Court.

I am proud to call Dan LeBeau my friend and co-worker and will be thrilled to see him be the district court judge for Whitman County.

**Sherri Aune,
Colfax**

Breadth

We support Rob Rembert for the Whitman County District Court. Rob has the breadth of legal experience that distinguishes him from the other candidates. Rob is fair, intelligent and open minded. These are all qualities that will make him a great judge for our Whitman County District Court.

**Kelly & Kathy
Brown, Pullman**

Best choice

Rob Rembert is the best choice for Whitman County District Judge. Here is why:

1. Rob Rembert has served as both Whitman County District Court judge pro tem and Whitman County Superior Court commissioner pro tem. Rob's experience in both civil and criminal law includes disputes of business, landlord-tenant relations, breach of contracts, collections and domestic challenges.

His opponents have little or no civil experience. As municipal court judges, their jurisdiction is limited to misdemeanor cases, traffic violations, city ordinance violations, etc.

2. Rob cares passionately for our Palouse communities, and has provided leadership to several vital committees and boards, including Pullman Chamber of Commerce, Pullman Education Foundation, Neill Public Library and others. When Rob commits, he is dedicated and dependable. He doesn't join for "resume building" purposes.

3. Rob is a patient listener, has great humility and is fair-minded.

If you want a Judge who is experienced, who has a deep knowledge of civil law, who is not judgmental or arrogant and who knows our county issues inside and out, then Rob Rembert is your only choice for Whitman County District Court judge.

**Carol Chipman,
Pullman**

For Rembert

With three candidates being considered in the Primary, I encourage voters to elect Rob Rembert.

As an attorney, Rob has more than 21 years of law practice in Whitman County. Rob's judicial serv-

ice includes Whitman County Court judge pro tem and Whitman County Superior Court commissioner pro tem. Rob has significant experience in civil and criminal cases.

Beyond the courtroom and the law practice, Rob has devoted countless hours serving our county and Pullman through organizations that include the Whitman County Civil Service Commission, Pullman Education Foundation, Neill Public Library and the Pullman Chamber of Commerce (Past President) through his time on the Palouse.

Honest, experienced, detailed, balanced and dedication to the law and the communities served are credentials Rob exhibits daily and those important for the integrity of this position.

**Douglas Cox,
Pullman**

Most qualified

Ballots are in the hands of Whitman County voters, and there is a very important primary race to be decided. I am voting for John Hart for Whitman County District Court judge, and I strongly encourage others to do so as well.

I believe John Hart is, by far, the most qualified candidate. John Hart is currently the Colfax Municipal Court judge and the only candidate with significant judicial experience. He is endorsed by Judge Douglas Robinson, the man who has held the district court judge position for 18 years, and someone whom I have a great deal of respect for.

Looking at Judge Hart's resume, he is the only candidate who has experience on all sides of the law, from interning in a prosecutor's office, to being a public defender and having his own practice. He is also the only candidate that has experience as a sitting judge and the only one that has heard all the cases routinely heard in district court.

In addition to his experience, I have spoken with Judge Hart about the way in which he runs a courtroom. Judge Hart believes in understanding the person and what brings them into the courtroom. He does not believe in a one-size-fits-all approach, instead realizing people have a wide variety of circumstances that cause them to come before him. I appreciate this view, and have confidence in Judge Hart's ability to be fair, patient and respectful of everyone who appears before him.

Judge Hart has volunteered in this community for the past several years, and I have seen first hand how much he has enjoyed getting to know the voters these past few months. When I have spoken to him about this campaign, he talks about how he has been energized by meeting people throughout the county.

Please vote for John H. Hart for Whitman County District Court judge.

**Alanna Hatley Ellis,
Pullman**

Long hours

I choose Rob Rembert as the next Whitman County District Court judge. This choice is based upon my first-hand knowledge of his nearly 22 years of practice as a civil litigation and criminal attorney with Irwin, Myklebust, Savage & Brown. In addition to earning my respect, Rob is held in high regard by his clients and peers, as well as judges and community leaders.

Did you know that approximately 37 percent of the cases heard in district court are civil? Rob's extensive civil experience includes business disputes, landlord-tenant, breach of contract, collection and

domestic disputes, from which he has developed a broad range of legal knowledge to effectively adjudicate the cases which come before this court. In addition to his intelligence, Rob's even temperament and patience when listening to others sets him apart as a quality candidate.

Rob and his wife, Jeannine, are long-time Whitman County residents with family ties to the Palouse going back to the 1800s. Both are well-liked in their community, where they have served long hours as volunteers in schools and libraries and for their church.

I most admire Rob for his integrity. I trust that his opinions are well-researched and within the law. Rob carefully considers his decisions and how they will affect others - qualities I strongly believe a judge must have to fairly and justly serve.

**Gail Gearhiser,
Pullman**

Rule of law

The framers of our Constitution weren't just a bunch of fellows plotting ways to get rid of annoying British overlords. They were educated, and beyond that, very smart. They knew that if they didn't put down some strict basic guidelines for this nation in its infancy; they would end up with something not unlike what they were fighting against. What then would be the point? What they came up with was genius - so basic and so effective, that nearly two-and-a-half centuries later it is still functionally the foundational law of the land.

American culture rests on what is called the rule of law. It is so deeply embedded in our unconscious that mostly, we don't think about it. It's an autonomic system that keeps our nation from being a collection of armed fiefdoms. Simply put, it states that the law is above everyone, and it applies to everyone, without exception. We go about our daily business, believing that we are protected by our rights and freedoms which are guaranteed by our Constitution. And, we are not wrong.

What keeps the Rule of Law working for us are the men and women who take on the responsibility for providing the judgments according to the laws we live under. These individuals study our laws, our rights and our responsibilities for keeping that order we depend on in our society. They become lawyers, and they work tirelessly to provide our towns and cities with fair and comprehensive representation and protection of individuals. And some of these men and women make the decision to take their passion and commitment to another level. They become judges.

To be a judge, I believe that personal integrity is the foundation for being a good one. That person has to have values - rules by which they live. He or she must have morals - an ability to judge others in the clear light of the law. And, finally, they must have ethics - professional standards. To be a good judge, a person must have all of those things, in abundance.

Dan LeBeau is such a man. In my experience as a very close friend, I have come to depend on him to reflect those qualities which would make him a good judge. I believe that an examination of his life would show that he is indeed a man of integrity, with deep values, unshakeable morals and a strict adherence to the ethics that are part of his job. He not only talks the talk, but he walks the walk. He is not only an exceptionally good man in his work life, he is a kind and considerate friend. He is both passionate and

compassionate. A man on whom you can depend. An unrepentantly honest man who will be true to the laws of our land and who will rule over his courtroom with wisdom and grace. As a judge, Dan LeBeau will guarantee that we can, indeed, here in Whitman County, depend on the rule of law.

**Penelope Gonzales,
Albion**

Requires listening

Rep. Joe Schmick is one of the most gracious men I have known in both my professional career and personal life. He's thoughtful and direct and tells you how things are. While he is soft-spoken, he doesn't sugar coat things and he carefully considers your input, even when he doesn't necessarily agree. I've found him to be very open and a wealth of knowledge about the issues facing our state government.

It was surprising to me, then, to see how rudely Rep. Schmick was treated by his opponent at the recent voter's forum in Pullman last week. His opponent came across as condescending, arrogant and made accusations that are unsubstantiated. That's not the kind of leadership I want representing me in Olympia.

Rep. Schmick knows the struggles facing our farmers and small business owners because he's been there himself. He knows the issues our small communities face, like meeting water and sewer mandates with dwindling resources. He understands that there are two sides to every story and the answers aren't as easy as spending more of our money.

It's easy to make promises when you don't know the obstacles or the balance required in a situation. Being a legislator is not an easy job. It is a job that requires listening more and talking less. Rep. Schmick has the character and knowledge to serve us well.

**Tammy Lewis,
Colfax**

Public servant

It is rare that we can select someone who is truly a public servant when we are casting our vote. We have this opportunity in the race for Whitman County District Court judge. One candidate has served extensively in our community, often in a leadership capacity. Attorney Rob Rembert has served on the library board (11 years,) education foundation (8 years,) chamber of commerce (6 years,) county salary commission (5 years) and others. This volunteer service has been given at the same time that he has been in local private law practice over the last 22 years.

Rob has experience in criminal and civil cases, employment matters, landlord tenant issues and more.

An effective and compassionate judge needs a depth and breadth of professional, community and personal experience. A judge also needs to be intelligent, calm and deliberate, all traits we've seen in Rob.

As Whitman County District Court judge, Rob will combine his commitment to public service with his experience in, and knowledge of, the law. We have no doubt that he will do an excellent job serving our community in this important role and we add our names to the many that are endorsing him.

**Jean & Jim Logan,
Pullman**

Continue the legacy

Whitman County District Court has been fortunate to have two outstanding judges for the past 35 years, Judge Douglas Robinson and Judge David Frazier. As the District Court administrator, I worked alongside both of these remarkable judges.

John Hart would continue this legacy as the Whitman County District Court judge.

As Whitman County District Court administrator for the past 34 years, I am very familiar with all of the candidates running for Whitman County District Court judge. Personally, I like each of them, but John Hart is by far the most qualified. He has served as the Colfax Municipal Court judge for the past six years. In addition, he has served numerous hours as pro tem judge for the district court over the last five-plus years hearing criminal, civil, small claims, protection order petitions and infraction cases. He has proven himself to be a patient, courteous and dignified jurist. He treats all who appear before him with respect and listens patiently to each individual. When sentencing criminal defendants, Judge Hart fashions a sentence that's both fair and holds the individual accountable for his/her actions and if the case warrants it, takes into account any public safety issues. In civil cases, he carefully listens to each party's testimony and thoroughly reviews the evidence presented before rendering a just decision.

Mr. Rembert's supporters have been publicizing that 37-40 percent of district court activity is civil in nature, excluding infractions. That estimate is incorrect. According to the Washington State Courts 2017 caseload statistics, there were 505 civil cases and 95 small claim cases filed last year which calculates to be 7.6 percent of Whitman County District Court's filings. Of those filings, there were only 15 small claims trials, just two civil trials and only 26 miscellaneous civil hearings the entire year. Protection order petitions are also civil, of which there were 85 in 2017. Compared to 3,637 other types of hearings and trials held, civil is an extremely small percentage of Whitman County District Court's activity.

Regardless, John Hart is the only candidate who has presided as judge over the entire range of cases heard in the district court. The caseload reports are available at www.courts.wa.gov for public review.

**Marlynn Markley,
Colfax**

Hymn sing

For anyone that wasn't there, you missed a wonderful hour of singing and listening to the ladies trio, men's quartet and The Harvester, with wonderful piano and organ accompaniment.

After a shy start to requesting hymns, it almost became a frenzy of requests, the crowd probably would have stayed and sang another hour.

Although it was a big crowd, it wasn't packed, so next time don't miss out. Onecho finished the night with homemade pie à la mode for all. It was a lovely summer evening.

**Doreen Riedner,
Colfax**

Can't lose

The race for District Court judge is one the residents of Whitman County can't lose. While any of the three candidates would serve the county well, my choice is Rob Rembert. I've worked with, or against all three candidates. Not only

have I worked in the trenches with them, I've had the pleasure of observing each of them.

As a lawyer, Rob has successfully represented both those who have been injured and those accused of crimes. He has done so for more than 20 years. This familiarity with both victims and defendants is a strength the other two candidates cannot match; it is this experience that makes Rob the most qualified. Certainly the scope of Rob's practice has trained him to hear all sides of an issue.

All three have served as judge at one time or another. Frankly, that metric does not mean as much in district court. There, the measure of a good judge is the ability to effectively listen to the individuals in order to understand, to empathize and yet remain independent. These are goals for all good attorneys - I suggest Rob is closer to achieving them.

Rob consistently has shown the ability to hear a given set of issues and then fashion a just resolution. It is this attribute that sets him apart in this race.

**John S. Snyder,
Palouse**

America first

Trump will destroy the rest of the world later, after he...

a) Guts enforcement of the clean air and water acts
b) Deregulates big banks and eviscerates consumer protection laws and agencies

c) Cuts taxes for the superrich while running up huge deficits and ballooning the national debt

d) Pardons Sheriff Joe Arapaio and the Hammonds gang of the Malheur standoff (among others) to show that the law doesn't matter if you're a Trumper

e) Puts people in charge of agencies whose avowed purpose is to put them out of business. (e.g. climate change deniers to head the EPA, private school profiteers in charge of public education)

f) Fires the Cybersecurity chief and doesn't replace him in the face of clear evidence from our intelligence agencies that Russia hacked our elections (which he doesn't believe)

g) Drives our farmers (among others) out of business with tariffs and a trade war

What next? Your guess is as good as mine.

**Steve Swoope,
Colfax**

A fair shake

I urge you to vote for Dan LeBeau for district court judge and here's why. LeBeau is the chief deputy prosecutor for the county and has been working for all of us for the last 13 years. During those 13 years, Dan has worked his way up through our courts - prosecuting all kinds of cases - from misdemeanors to rape and murder, as well as handling contract disputes and land-use issues.

Through all this, LeBeau has fought for justice - justice for victims and justice for the community, while also upholding his prosecutor's oath to protect the rights of every defendant. And in LeBeau's spare time, he's also the judge for the City of Colton.

As the county's prosecuting attorney, I've worked in front of many judges. Dan LeBeau is very qualified and has the experience I want in a judge - and I think you'd want that experience behind the judge's bench, too. LeBeau will strive for justice in every case - for the accused, for the community and for the victim. In other words, he'll give everyone a fair shake. Please vote Dan LeBeau for judge - for a fair shake.

**Denis Tracy,
Pullman**

Structural damage found in Public Service Building

BY WILL DEMARCO
Gazette Reporter

After learning an inspection found severe structural damage localized in two sections of the Public Service Building in Colfax, Whitman County Commissioners approved a resolution Monday for funds for emergency repairs.

In response to concerns raised by county staff, Evan Laubach of Reliant Engineering was hired to evaluate the building's structural integrity July 17. Laubach discovered a pair of hazardous, structurally inadequate areas in the building and reported his findings to county officials.

According to Laubach, an 14x8-foot section of the floor and subfloor located near the building's main entrance is "completely deteriorated due to moisture," causing two support beams to loosen from the floor above and one beam to break off all together.

"There is deterioration extending well beyond the limits listed ... the extent of which yet needs to be determined," Laubach said.

The floor area's foundation shows "definite signs of settlement," Laubach explained, which he noted is likely a result of cracks in the brick surface that allowed water to flow under the building rather than drain onto the sidewalk. This drainage has most likely been eroding the

structure's foundation since it was remodeled in 1975, according to Laubach.

"The floor ... is considered to have no structural integrity as to support loads typically expected, let alone meet any code," Laubach said. "The floor is dangerous and there is no reason to believe that the floor section would not fail partially or fully under its own weight."

Additionally, Laubach discovered a brick veneer wall section near the back of the building has broken free from its structural support and is likely being held up by its own accord.

"The brick work in and of itself appears to be in reasonably good condition, however, this section has moved in its entirety over time due to the deterioration mentioned [previously]," Laubach said.

Despite the extent of the damage, Laubach said the structurally compromised areas are non-weight bearing and do not pose a risk to the second level of the building.

"While there could be significant collateral damage to nonstructural items in the event of the floor collapse, there is almost no chance of it affecting the main support structure, and thus, would not affect the second floor even directly above the stated area," Laubach explained.

In approving the emergency funding, commissioners waived all bidding



requirements for the project and contracted Reliant Engineering to arrange repairs. According to Laubach, temporary shoring in the building's crawlspace will begin "as soon as feasibly possible" to prevent further harm. Reliant will conduct an additional investigation to establish a more comprehensive assessment of the damage and will work with county commissioners to draft a repair plan once the full scope of the project is determined.

There is currently no cost estimate.

"I'm just glad we caught it and nobody got hurt," Commissioner Art Swannack said.



Support beams under a section of the Public Service Building are deteriorating extensively due to moisture infiltration.

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Trial date set for Chapman

Tyler Chapman, 24, St. John, pleaded not guilty in superior court Friday morning to charges of possession of methamphetamine and possession of heroin. He has been scheduled for an Oct. 15 trial.

Chapman was one of two people arrested July 5 at an Oakesdale residence after deputies allegedly received a tip that drugs were being sold there.

The charges against Chapman were amended Friday morning in court to possession of the two drugs. He was originally charged last week with possession of the two drugs with intent to deliver.

Cody Varner, 21, who resides at the residence on McCoy Street in Oakesdale, pleaded not guilty to charges of possession of the same two drugs last week in court.

Free midnight swim session

Colfax swim pool Friday, July 27, will feature a free midnight swim. The swim will be from 8 p.m. until midnight. Sponsors of the event are Nielsen Insurance and Umpqua Bank, who will pay the city rental fee for operating the pool and for the lifeguard staff over the four-hour span.

Colfax midnight swims normally are sponsored by groups as fundraising events which involve admission costs. Part of the admission proceeds are required to go to pay the pool rental expense.

Games, prizes, music and treats for all will be part of the event, according to Steve Larkin, city parks director.

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PEOPLE

Visitors arrive as harvest begins

DUSTY
KAREN BROECKEL
Gazette Correspondent

Visitors for the first weekend of harvest at the home of Brian and Angela Broeckel included her parents, Guenter and Brigitte Scherwinski, Mountain Home, Idaho; Graham and Kim BeDell, Moscow; Alex BeDell, Las Vegas; Sami BeDell, Walla Walla, and Denise Kendall, Tacoma. Alex and Graham are staying this week to help out with harvest.

There will be no morning worship services at Country Bible Church on July 29 because church members will join other local churches at Schmuck Park in Colfax for "Church in the Park." Services begin at 10:30 a.m. Residents can bring lawn chairs or a blanket to sit on. Afterward, hot dogs, hamburgers and bev-

erages will be provided. Participants are asked to bring a side dish or dessert to add to the potluck. All are welcome.

Doug, Cheryl and Ashleigh Stueckle, Coeur d'Alene, were weekend visitors of David Stueckle.

Linda Hennigar and Di Brink attended memorial and burial services at Selbu Lutheran Church Monday for Dusty native Bonnie Ackerman Wigen who passed away in February. Wigen was born in 1934 to Ted and Florence Ackerman, local farmers. She was married to LaCrosse native Philip Wigen for 63 years. They had three daughters, Beth (John), Karen (Martin) and Sandra (Patrick). She is survived by her husband, daughters and sons-in-law, seven grandchildren and

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Gregory sisters excel at EWU



Madeline Gregory, left, a 2016 Rosalia High School graduate, was recently inducted into the Eastern Washington University chapter of The National Society of Leadership and Success. Majoring in applied developmental psychology, she started her junior year this summer quarter. Ella Gregory, right, is a full-time EWU Running Start scholar. She was on the EWU dean's list all three quarters during this past year. A former Rosalia student, she has finished her junior year at Cheney High School with a 3.794 GPA and won the Scholar-Athlete award for the district champion Blackhawks softball team. The sisters are both members of the Eastern Eagles Marching Band. Their mother is Julie (Dustin) McElfish of Lincoln, and their father is Trevor Gregory of Cheney.

Extend deadline for RMT calendars

ROSALIA
MIKE DAY
Gazette Correspondent

Rosalia-Malden-Thornton community calendar order forms are available at the Rosalia INB branch, Rosalia Coffee, Whole in the Wall Pizza, Rosalia Post Office and from Mike Day. The deadline has been extended until Aug. 15 and the calendars will be available by Aug. 31.

The calendars are \$8 each and all of the money will go to the Rosalia Community Float & Royalty Association to pay for scholarships, building and maintaining the community float and the Miss Rosalia and Mr. RHS programs.

BLM issues restrictions

The Spokane district for the Bureau of Land Management has issued fire restrictions for public lands in Whitman County and 19 other counties in eastern Washington. Caution is advised at all times when operating motor vehicles on roads or trails with vegetation or high grasses.

The public is asked to ensure that any campfires are completely extinguished and cold before departure from a camping area. Fireworks and exploding targets are banned.

University of Idaho lists area graduates

Area residents among 1,527 graduates who received degrees from University of Idaho were as follows:

Diamond-Roy E. Cochran, B.S. Electrical Engineering;

Palouse-Joshua M. Hust, Art & Architecture B.F.A., Studio Art & Design and Letters Arts & Social Sciences B.S., Psychology;

Pullman-Carlyn M. Kessenich, Law J.D.; Jeffrey A. Smith, Engineering Management; Jordan P. Jameson, Education, Health & Human Science M.S.; Kassandra L. Zwick, Law J.D.; Madison L. Moore, Agricultural & Life Sciences M.S.; Matthew J. Skeate, Letters Arts & Social Sciences B.A., English.

MY FAVORITE RECIPES

By Dee Bryson

Dee Bryson, St. Louis Style

This week gave me the opportunity to spend some time in a city that took me by surprise, while traveling to a work convention. Initially, I wasn't too excited to embark on this expedition in July to what I dubbed "St. Louis, Misery." Just the thought of the thick humidity and smothering heat were enough to squash any excitement. On top of that, my only other experience with this particular midwest town was one I didn't care to repeat. The expectations were somewhere between dreary and dismal.

Upon arrival, I braced myself for the choking humidity and blistering heat, only to be somewhat astonished to walk out of the airport greeted by a gentle, warm breeze with a slight kiss of moisture. The temperature was a comfortable, sunny 85 degrees by some miracle from mother nature. Furthermore, with a little research, my heart was softened when I found out fun facts like St. Louis was one of the first places in the country to manufacture shoes.

From the perspective of a woman who packed more shoes than clothes on this trip, it was a real turning point. St. Louis is full of fun facts, such as being the first U.S. city to host the Olympics. It houses the famous Budweiser Clydesdales, the St. Louis Cardinals, and its famously large gateway arc. The city also offers more free sight-seeing opportunities than almost anywhere in the United States, including the St. Louis Zoo and many

museums. Beyond that, the people are friendly and the aroma of food is tantalizing.

Perhaps it was the fact that I didn't have a car, and I had to walk my way around downtown, which proved to be a benefit, considering the security filled streets from Vice-President Pence being in town. Feeling the wind blow by my face and greet me with the rich aromas from the local flavors caused me to slow down long enough to take in the beautiful architecture and plentiful history that surrounded me.

Aside from the, "Naked Bike Parade" that I would prefer to burn out of my memory, it was a pleasant experience. It doesn't compare with the calm and peace that the Palouse has to offer, but I can say that I am looking forward to returning some day and enjoying a few more experiences in the great city of St. Louis, Missouri.

Recipes

ST. LOUIS BLUES PASTA

Recipe adapted from GeniusKitchen.com

1 lb. penne pasta
1/2 lb. bacon
4 garlic cloves, chopped
1 onion, chopped
1 tsp. salt
1 lb. collard greens, chopped and rinsed
1 (14-1/2 ounce) can chicken broth
1 Tbsp. wine vinegar
1 tsp. hot pepper sauce
1/2 cup parmesan cheese, grated

Cook pasta according



Gazette recipe writer Dee Bryson, right, with St. Louis street music artist, and co-worker Jorge Maldonado. Taken outside the National Blues Museum, St. Louis.

to directions, drain. Cook bacon in large skillet until crisp. Remove from pan, crumble and reserve bacon.

Pour off all but one tablespoon of bacon drippings.

Sauté garlic and onion in remaining drippings.

Sprinkle with salt. Add collard greens and stir to coat collard greens with bacon drippings. Add chicken

broth. Cover pan and simmer until collard greens are tender but not mushy, about 15 minutes. Stir in vinegar and hot pepper sauce.

Mix collard greens and pan juices with the cooked pasta. Sprinkle with parmesan cheese and chopped bacon. Ready in 20 minutes - serves four.

ST. LOUIS GOOEY BUTTER CAKE

from tidymom.net

This coffee cake is a St. Louis tradition, where the cake becomes the crust and holds a gooey cream cheese filling. It's generally served for breakfast, but can easily make an appearance on any dessert table.

For cake:

1 box yellow cake mix
1 large egg
1 stick butter or margarine, melted

For filling:

8 oz. cream cheese, softened
2 large eggs, beaten
2 cups powdered sugar

Preheat oven to 325 degrees F. Combine cake mix, one egg and melted butter. Press into a greased 9x13x2 inch pan with your fingers. Using an electric mixer, blend cream cheese, two beaten eggs and powdered sugar until smooth. Spread over first batter. Bake for 40-45 minutes, or until edges are brown. Dust with powdered sugar on top after cake has cooled.

Make this a day or so ahead of time, because when it's a day or two old, the gooey center firms up more. Prep time: 15 minutes, cook time: 40 minutes.

Phebe Akesson, Imel to wed



-- Goldie Akesson photo

Phebe Akesson, daughter of Val and Kevin Akesson of Steptoe, and Caleb Imel, son of the late Carl Imel and Sharon and Ed Kevins of Post Falls will be married at Onecho Bible Church Aug. 12. They will make their home at Mountain Home, Idaho, where Caleb is stationed in the Air Force.

Cotton Booker of Colfax wins International Junior Auctioneer title

Cotton Booker of Colfax was crowned winner of the 2018 International Junior Auctioneer Championship which features competitors ages 12-18 and helps cultivate and promote the next generation of auction professional talent.

Booker is the son of C.D. (Butch) and Jennifer Booker, Colfax. His father is the owner of Kincaid Real Estate in Colfax, and his family is affiliated with Booker Auction Co. in Eltopia.

Butch Booker won the International Auctioneer Championship men's division title in 2008. They are the first father/son duo to collectively hold IAC and IJAC titles.

IAC began in 1988, and IJAC began in 2007.

Both the IAC and IJAC were conducted as part of the NAA's 69th annual International Auctioneers Conference and Show, which took place in Jacksonville this past week.

IAC contestants must be 18 or older, a current NAA member, and registered for Conference and Show.

Right: Cotton Booker of Colfax won the 2018 NAA International Junior Auctioneer Championship July 20 in Jacksonville, Fla. Booker topped competition that features competitors ages 12-18 and cultivates the next generation of auction professional talent.



SENIOR MENUS

Week of July 30 - Aug. 3

COLFAX

Wednesday, Aug. 1: Fish fillet, baked potato, mixed vegetables, roll, birthday dessert.

PALOUSE

Wednesday, Aug. 1: Fish fillet, baked potato, mixed vegetables, roll, birthday dessert.

PULLMAN

Monday, July 30: Sweet and sour pork, rice, baked zucchini, fruit, banana bread.

Friday, Aug. 3: Fish fillet, baked potato, mixed vegetables, roll, birthday dessert.

ROSALIA

Tuesday, July 31: Barbecue beef sandwich, fries, coleslaw, fruit.

Colfax board hires Dunning as janitor

Colfax School board met Monday night for a short session and approved the hiring of David Dunning as custodian.

Superintendent Jerry Pugh noted Dunning was recommended for hire by Carrie Lipe, Colfax High School principal, and would start Tuesday.

The board will meet again Monday, July 30, when Pugh and Reece Jenkin, district business manager, will present the 2018-19 budget for board approval.

The board will also look over design schematics for construction planning at the high school and Jennings Elementary, following the \$18.9 million bond passed in February.

Ned Warnick, district architect, will present the drawings to the board.

If the board approves what it sees, design development will proceed in more detail, including breaking down construction costs.

Baronesse barley harvest day set

The third annual Baronesse Barley Harvest Day will take place Aug. 18 from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. about 10 miles north of Colfax, just off of Highway 195. Directions will be sent out to those registered a few days prior to the event.

This year, several breweries and distilleries that use Baronesse Barley will be on hand to provide samples. There will also be a live band, home brew competition and the combines harvesting nearby.

Registration is free. It is sought to get a head count because everyone will get a pint glass and so driving directions can be sent out.

Contact Kelli Collins at Joseph's Grainery. www.josephsgrainery.com

Lentil Festival seeks volunteers

National Lentil Festival at Pullman needs volunteers for the upcoming 30th annual celebration in Pullman Aug. 17-18.

The festival requires more than 250 volunteers.

Available positions include "Green Team" helpers, chili servers, parking attendants and other assignments.

Interested persons are asked to visit www.lentilfest.com/volunteer/ to learn more and fill-out the online application.

The volunteer program is sponsored by Pullman Vision Source.

Dahmen to show wooden art

"The Shape of Wood in the Inland Northwest," an exhibition which includes the best examples of work ranging from the traditional to the avant-garde, will be on display Aug. 4 Sept. 25 Dahmen Barn in Uniontown.

An opening reception will be August 4, 1 - 3 p.m.

"A wooden art exhibit is featured every other year and is one of our most popular and well-attended exhibitions at the barn," said Julie Hartwig, manager at the Dahmen Barn.

This exhibition features work from 20 artisans within a 100 mile radius of this area.

Pullman concert

Aaron Cerutti will perform country music next Wednesday, Aug. 1, at Reaney Park from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Katalina's Kitchen will serve food from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Neill finale fête set today at Reaney

Children, youths, families and caregivers are invited to join Neill Public Library's summer reading finale at Pullman's Reaney Park on today, Thursday, July 26, from 6 to 8 p.m. Games, activities, snow cones, Paddington Bear and Llama Llama and door prizes will be included.

Pre-registration is not required.

Births

WHITMAN COUNTY GAZETTE, JULY 26, 2018

At Pullman Regional Hospital

Weitz, Asher Michael, born July 13 at seven pounds, to Lily Thoren and Sam Weitz, Pullman. Paternal grandparents are Liz Ryan and Tim Weitz, Pullman. Maternal grandparents are Gary Thoren, Pullman, and Anji Thoren, Spokane.

Perez, Serenity Lynette, born July 18 at seven pounds, to Samantha Perez, Pullman. Baby joins brother Hunter, 2.

Mead, Kodi Mason, born July 19 at seven pounds, seven ounces, to Clarissa Scoles-Shewman, Harvard, Idaho, and Marvin Mead, Genesee, Idaho. Paternal grandparents are Shari and Marvin Mead, Genesee. Maternal grandparents are Andrea and Dick Rupe, Moscow, Idaho. Baby joins sister Haziell, 1.

Richards, Mila Jean, born July 21 at eight pounds, four ounces, to Blake and Jeni Richards, Asotin. Paternal grandparents are Tami VanDyke and Dan Harwood, Malden. Maternal grandparents are Chris and Colleen Akerblade, Asotin.

Woolpert, Miles Grayson, born July 21 at eight pounds, eight ounces, to Jeffery and Alexandra Woolpert, Pullman. Paternal grandparents are Kirk and Ruth Woolpert, Sunriver, Ore. Maternal grandparents are Bo and Zina Price, Albany, Ore.

LIBRARY CALENDAR

THURSDAY, JULY 26

Tekoa - 12 to 1 p.m. - The Grand Finale - Summer Reading Achievement Awards and Nerf Olympics. Bring your game face and summer reading logs.

Farmington - 2:30 p.m. - Book Club - Bring a snack and a friend for a stimulating book talk.

Colfax - 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. - Summer Dance Classes - Rising Stars Dance Classes for 18 months to 8 years and up.

Colton - 3:30 p.m. - Makey, Makey - Experiment with makey,

makey kits. You won't believe what you can do.

Albion - 5 to 7:30 p.m. - Fireside Chats - Join your neighbors at the library for tea and friendly chit chat. If you have any hobbies, bring them along too.

Colton - 5:30 to 7 p.m. - Bingo and Pie - Play Bingo, eat goodies, and win prizes with friends. All ages.

Malden - 7 p.m. - Ladies Paint Night - Take a break from the busy summer season with step-by-step painting.

FRIDAY, JULY 27

Rosalia - 10:15 a.m. - Animal Tunes - Explore animals sounds, read stories, make instruments, and learn how sound works. Afterward, families are invited to a Bring-Your-Own Picnic and games (dress to get wet.)

Malden - 6 to 8 p.m. - Teen Night - Celebrate Summer Reading with a cookout and dessert party.

SATURDAY, JULY 28

Colfax - 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. - Fitness Classes - Intensati at 9 and Kundalini Yoga at 10 Free for July.

Colfax - 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. - Block Party - Build with LEGOs, magnets, straws and more. All ages.

Rosalia - 6 to 8 p.m. - Teen Geodes and Graffiti - Crack into some geodes and

create your own graffiti art.

MONDAY, JULY 30

LaCrosse - 11 a.m. to 3 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 - Take a break from the heat and your busy schedule to relax.

Colfax Schmuck Park - 6 to 7 p.m. - Fitness Boot Camp - Carissa will whip you into shape with fast results.

TUESDAY, JULY 31

Colfax - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. - Drop-In Tech Time - You have questions, we have answers. Come see us.

Colfax - 2 to 4:30 p.m. - Facebook Basics and

More - Whether you're just getting started or already using Facebook, this class is for you. Learn navigation, profile creation, privacy settings, plus advanced user support.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 1

Colfax - 10 to 11 a.m. - Wired Wednesday - Explore robotics, circuit boards and more at open tech lab for kids.

Malden - 12 to 2 p.m. - Water Games - Come prepared to get wet and enjoy the sunshine. Snacks included.

THURSDAY, AUG. 2

Albion - 4 p.m. - Thursday Art - Kids, come on down to the library for arts and crafts galore.

Colton - 6 p.m. - Book

Club - Everyone is welcome to join in our lively discussion on "The Turner House."

Rosalia - 7 p.m. - Adult Rock Painting - Relaxing rock painting in air conditioned comfort. Grownups only.

For more information or to learn about future events, stop by your local library or call 509-397-4366. Summer Reading "Libraries Rock" is for all ages. Turn in by Aug. 31 to win.

Cont'd Dusty

her sister Patty. She was preceded in death by her siblings, Dee Doty and Gary Ackerman.

A week ago Monday, Ruby Krom Brown, native of Dusty, died at the age of 92. She was born to the late John, Sr. and Elizabeth Krom who farmed in the Dusty area. She is survived by her three children, Susan, Michael and Nathan and siblings Virginia Sanders, Joanne Kimmel, John Krom, Jr. and Claudia Marshall, as well as many nieces and nephews. Services are planned for some time in September.

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Nealey brothers defend title

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Tedd Nealey and brother Terry participated in the Washington State Senior Games in Olympia July 21 by playing on a

three-person basketball team. They defended their title from last year at this event by again defeating four other teams to win the gold medal in the 70-plus age bracket. They later attended the Mariner-White Sox baseball game in Seattle.

Court orders to extend inmate treatment

Extended treatment to regain competency was ordered Friday for Jason Tiplerbarragan, 27, in superior court. He has been undergoing treatment at Eastern Washington State Hospital since the court ruled he would be unable to assist his defense attorney at a trial of the charges

against him.

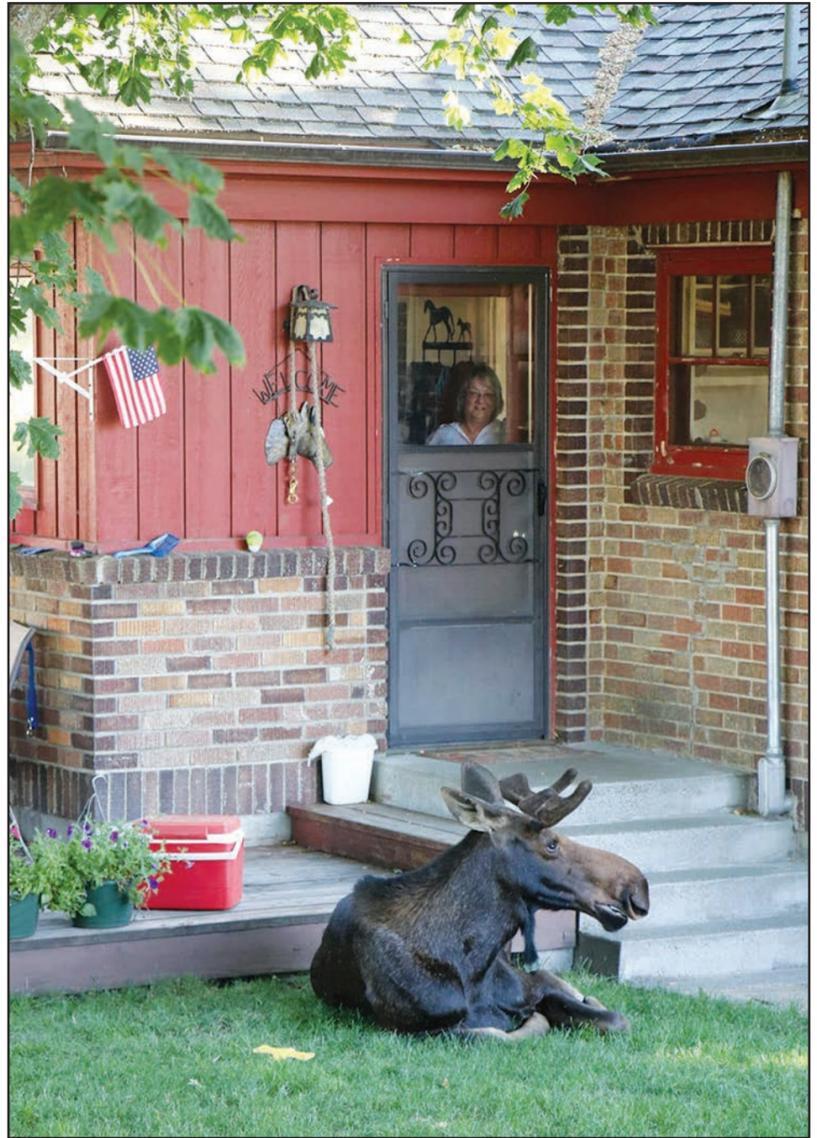
A 13-page treatment report on Tiplerbarragan, which was submitted to the court by the hospital, recommended additional treatment.

Tiplerbarragan is alleged to have pulled down a light fixture in his jail cell Feb. 19 and used it to batter

a utility window of the cell. He also allegedly spit on a jail staff member through a cell inspection window and threatened a jailer with a "shiv" made out of pressed and dried cardboard.

Next review of his status has been scheduled for Sept. 7 in court.

Moose visits Booths



--Eric Weitze photo

This moose was photographed at Mark and Kathy Booth's house, approximately one mile out of Colfax on Green Hollow Road. Kathy is visible at the door.

Bingo donation at The Courtyard



The Courtyard Bingo group donates its winnings of \$100 to the Colfax Pool. Accepting the check from Activity Director Dorothy Hulse are Colfax lifeguards Alisha Knee and Sara Whelchel. Bingo players, from left, are Bruce Kylo, Arlene Clauson, Alice Allenbach and Audrey Dood.

Signs of El Niño winter growing in the Pacific

Signs are growing that a disruption is brewing in the Pacific Ocean that could impact the region's upcoming winter, according to meteorologist Nic Loyd of Washington State University's AgWeatherNet. El Niño, the climate phenomenon triggered by periodic warming of ocean water in the tropical Pacific and influences weather that varies by regions throughout the world, appears to be coming back.

"A strong El Niño in the U.S. typically brings warmer than average winters to the Pacific Northwest, lots of rain to California and cool, stormy conditions to the southern-tier states," he said.

Scientists with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration recently announced a 70 percent chance of El Niño conditions from December through February, an increase from 64 percent predicted only a month earlier.

"Should an El Niño emerge, the Pacific Northwest could see warmer than normal temperatures and less snow at lowland levels and in the mountains," Loyd explained.

In winter 2015-16, one of the strongest El Niños on record threw the region off balance by causing unusually warm weather and a low mountain snowpack that contributed to drought conditions the following summer.

There's no way to know for certain if the now-developing El Niño will ultimately turn into a monster or a shrimp. El Niño is but one factor in a complex global weather machine, he said.

"Because a powerful El Niño has the potential to shape global weather systems, scientists will continue to assign probabilities based on observations and computational models, even during our dog days of summer," said Loyd.

State funds August ballot return postage

Registered voters throughout Washington have received ballots for the Aug. 7 primary election. Voters in every county can return their ballots via the U.S. Postal Service without having to pay for a stamp.

"Statewide voter participation is a huge priority and all Washingtonians deserve the best possible opportunity for their voices to be heard. By extending the convenience of postage-free ballot return envelopes to every voter in the state, we are leading the nation in providing access to democracy," Secretary of State Kim Wyman said.

This spring, Wyman and Gov. Jay Inslee announced an agreement to fund statewide ballot return postage for the 2018 primary and general elections via grants totaling \$1.2 million for county auditors in 38 counties.

Because the King County Metropolitan Council had previously agreed to fund postage for voters there, Wyman additionally called for the Legislature to reimburse the approximate \$600,000 cost King County will incur.

Wyman added that she will also ask the Legislature in 2019 to make postage-paid ballot returns permanent.

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Six-year plan set for county roads

BY GARTH MEYER
Gazette Reporter

Whitman County Commissioners approved a preliminary six-year transportation improvement plan July 16 for the county, updating the annual listing to cover 2019-2024, including a list of continuing projects and new items.

For the next three years, all projects are funded, with money still hoped-for in 2022-24 work.

In 2018, the plan's listed projects now completed, or being completed, include phase one of bridge ratings – 117 done so far – Farmington Road (asphalt) overlay and Sand Road paving.

Set for 2019 are countywide safety improvements – pavement markings, rumble strips and guardrail – funded from \$650,000 in federal money. Also, Almoda Road reconstruction, phase four will cover 4.5 miles of the ongoing road reconstruction project.

For 2020, the sole project is Almoda Road, Phase Three. The following year, road reconstruction is planned on 3.5 miles of Hume Road south of Oakesdale.

The next three years are not yet paid for.

"The six-year plan is somewhat of a wish list for what we'd like to do, if we can get the funding," said Mark Storey, Public Works director. "We'll try to get

money for these projects and we'll see if we're successful."

In 2022, the County aims for a countywide seal-coat and an overlay on Warner Road between Oakesdale and Farmington.

"The year we get started is not necessarily the year we finish."

-Mark Storey,
Public Works
director

Also, Country Club Road south of Pullman is marked to go from gravel to paved.

For 2023 the list includes reconstruction on Pullman Airport Road, Johnson area roads and Johnson Road.

In 2024, attention will move to Green Hollow Road near Colfax for reconstruction, and Lamont and Hardy roads (one road that becomes the other), for which work is slated for three-inches of hot mix asphalt.

As county road projects go from the design stage to construction, they often span more than one section of a six-year plan.

"The year we get started is not necessarily the year we finish," said Storey.

The longest held project on the 2019-24 list is the Pullman Airport Road, which has been on the list for five years.

For now, design and planning is underway on the next three years' projects.

"We have tons of funding in front of us, we just have to figure out how to build it all," Storey said.

125 years ago The Commoner July 14, 1893

John Hansen, the man who burglarized Myer's Saloon in Rosalia and who is now awaiting trial in the county jail, had a fresh lot of evidence raked up against him last Sunday. Hansen was captured in Spangle, and the constable who gathered him in permitted him to go into a dressing room alone for a moment before starting for Rosalia. On arrival at the latter place, very little lucre was found on Hansen, while it was thought that he would have considerable money on his person when captured. The constable thought the matter over and went back to Spangle and right to that dressing room. He searched around and found a board loose in the floor, and under it, tied in a handkerchief, was \$30 in coin. The handkerchief has the prisoner's laundry mark on it. Justice Bourn of Rosalia fixed Hanson's bond at \$100, but this figure will probably be raised when the matter is brought before the superior court.

75 years ago The Colfax Gazette- Commoner July 9, 1943

Children who played with matches were blamed for a late Monday afternoon fire that charred the rear of the building at E 110 Wall Street, occupied by Schneidmiller and Fairies implement dealers, and an adjoining shed owned by Mrs. L. E. Mechling. The fire, which was said to have started in a pile of discarded materials, was brought

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under control after 30 minutes work on the part of the firemen, who laid 600 feet of hose.

Richard E. Harrison, 19, Central Ferry, paid a fine of \$50 and costs in the justice court of O. H. Horton Tuesday morning when he pleaded guilty to the charge of driving under the influence of liquor. He also lost his driver's license for a year. Harrison damaged his car when he snapped off a telephone pole, dropping the wire across the highway, in an unsuccessful attempt to negotiate a sharp turn in the Colfax-Palouse road at the top of cemetery hill last Saturday.

"Unexpected company" dropped in on the Don Maiers, who live at N. 107 Deanway, at about 11 a.m. Wednesday and pretty well took care of the family garage for a few weeks. The "company" was a car owned by Randy Clark, who lives on Cherry Street - about 300 feet up the steep west hill from the Maiers - and it literally "dropped in" or rolled down the hill into the Maiers garage, making it fit for little more than kindling.

10 years ago
Whitman County
Gazette
July 10, 2008
Whitman Hospital and

Medical Center now has three collection boxes for used cell phones which will go toward helping soldiers call home. "It seems like a really good program," said Laurie Gronning, WHMC executive assistant.

Gronning found out about the Cell Phones for Soldiers program when she received a plastic bag with paid postage which came with a book order from Amazon.com. "We thought, 'Well, let's see if we can get a few cell phones rounded up and support our troops,'" she said.

Parades, picnics and a petting zoo will be the focus of Lamont's centennial celebration this weekend. The state's second smallest town has lined up a number of old-time games and events to celebrate 100 years of incorporation.

Name that tool



Three docents for the Perkins House need help identifying an old tool found in the Perkins cabin. Because it has sharp edges, perhaps for cutting, and no evidence of being near heat, it does not seem to be a branding iron. Perhaps it was used for cutting cabbage for sauerkraut? Send comments to nancy.rothwell@iCloud.com

FIRST THURSDAY 8.2.18



SIGN-UP ONLINE AT
EXPLORECOLFAX.COM

QUESTIONS?
COLFAXCHAMBER@GMAIL.COM

This is a Relay, Run/Walk, that starts in the Beer Garden on Spring Street. You'll follow the one-mile marked route and end up back at the Beer Garden to chug/drink a beer as fast as you can, then your next teammate will take off. Pop will be provided if you're not a beer drinker. The race will start at 7:30.

FOUR-PERSON TEAM REQUIRED | MUST BE 21 OR OLDER
\$25/PERSON INCLUDES: ONE BEER, T-SHIRT AND A RAFFLE TICKET

SUMMER FUN POPSICLE RUN

RACE STARTS
AT 6:30

Do you like to run? Do you like popsicles? Kids popsicle run is a great way for kids to have fun and stay active. You can put a team together or just have one person run. Each child will run, jog or walk a short distance on our designated route. Then do a short obstacle course in Eells Park. Return to the beginning, quickly eat a popsicle, then the next runner will go.

\$15/KID INCLUDES: T-SHIRT, POPSICLE AND A RAFFLE TICKET.
SIGN-UP AT EXPLORECOLFAX.COM/SUMMER-FUN-POPSICLE-RUN

CALLING ALL KIDS

BEER SOBER AT 6:30PM



Vendors at 3pm • Beer Garden at 5:30pm • Stores Open Late
Sign-up for the Popsicle Run & Beer Mile at ExploreColfax.com

!!!SHOP AND WIN!!!

Shop at participating businesses
Monday, July 30th – Thursday, August 2nd
to receive Raffle Tickets

RAFFLE TICKETS ENTER YOU TO WIN TICKETS TO SEE

RASCAL FLATTS
AT NORTHERN QUEST CASINO

DRAWING WILL BE THURSDAY, AUGUST 2ND AT 7PM ON SPRING ST.

BRIEFS

GALLEGOS SET FOR TRIAL

An Oct. 15 trial date was scheduled for Eli Gallegos, 60, in superior court Friday. Gallegos was arrested and jailed last Sunday, July 15, on an arrest warrant which was issued after he failed to appear for a pre-trial hearing on charges dating back to March 5. He has been charged with criminal trespassing and possession of methamphetamine.

He was allowed release from jail July 16 after posting bail.

TO PAY \$3,000 RESTITUTION

Kyle Lawson-Stevahn, 21, pleaded guilty to charges of third-degree theft and failure to register as a sex offender Friday morning in superior court. He was sentenced to 29 days in jail with credit for the same amount of time he has spent in jail awaiting resolution of the case.

He was charged with taking cash and parts last December while he was

employed at Evergreen Tire in Pullman. The investigation report said in addition to taking \$500 in cash, Lawson-Stevahn ordered parts on the company's account and then attempted to remove the orders from the records.

The failure-to-register charge alleged he had been ordered to register after a 2008 sex abuse conviction in Oregon. While investigating the theft charges from the tire store, officers learned Lawson-Stevahn had failed to register after moving to Pullman from Oregon.

He told the court he plans to move back to Oregon where he has lined up a job in a lumber mill and will be able to pay off the \$3,000 in restitution to Evergreen.

FACES THREE CHARGES

Formal charges of harassment with a threat to kill, third-degree assault and obstructing justice were filed July 18 in superior court against Randi M. Keene, 34, who was arrest-

ed Monday in Garfield and booked in the jail here. Her bond for pre-trial release was set at \$15,000.

Palouse Officer Joe Handley in his arrest report said he responded at about 3 p.m. Monday to a report of a woman making threats to kill. Keene was located on a back patio of the residence and began to walk away when confronted by Handley. The report alleged Keene had made a threat to kill people with a knife. At the time of the arrest the knife was not discovered.

Handley reported Keene ignored an order to get down on the ground, and in the ensuing struggle, she punched him three times in the right ear. The report said Keene also threw a beer can at Palouse Chief Jerry Neumann at the scene.

Keene was placed in handcuffs and also had to be hobbled after she allegedly attempted to kick, Handley said.

The report alleged Keene, who was listed as homeless, had been placed in a mental health/detox center last week, but had broken out by force.

BULLETIN COLUMN

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.

SMOKE RESPONSE AT DSHS

Colfax and Steptoe Fire crews Monday responded to a report of smoke at the Department of Social and Health Services building in the 400 block of S. Main Street. The fire report was relayed to the department at 2:02 p.m. by an alarm monitoring company.

Employees evacuated the building to the parking lot.

Colfax Fire Chief Craig Corbeill said fire crew members were at first unable to determine the source of the smoke. It was later determined to have been caused by a faulty electric motor located on the roof. The motor was part of the air conditioning system and linked to the building's duct system.

Crews from Avista and Harrison Electric assisted at the scene.

Corbeill said the motor was one of six included in the building's HVAC system, so the air conditioning continued after the faulty motor was out of service.

GRAFFITI ON GRAIN TANKS

Colfax Police Chief Rick McNannay Tuesday morning responded to a report of graffiti painted on grain tanks at Spokane Seed Co. on N. Clay Street.

The tanks were hit with red and green spray paint.

McNannay said the markings didn't appear to be any kind of tagging marks. One of the words written on the tanks was "Ha."

Police also received a report of markings made in the pump area in front of the Chevron station at the north end of Main Street.

Surveillance cameras show a woman using a marker late Saturday night. What appears to be a love note was written on one of the support poles for the canopy over the pump island.

SHERIFF'S POSSE OFFERS FAIR DISPLAY

A display of Whitman County Sheriff's Posse memorabilia will be added to the upcoming edition of the Palouse Empire Fair. Barb Kinzer,



Season opener

Harvest begins with wheat-cutting near Diamond July 24. More and more combines will appear around the county over the next month.

who organizes the Posse's parking service during the four-day run of the fair, told the fair board Monday night that the Posse has a special display case and would like to see it placed in one of the display barns at the fair. She noted Posse members and former members had photos and other memorabilia which could be displayed in the case. She added the display case could remain on the grounds, although Posse members would want to retrieve their items to keep them at home after the fair.

Kinzer reported the WSU Equine members will again assist with parking vehicles at the fair this year. She plans to meet with club members after classes resume at the university.

The fair compensates club members by offering use of the arena building for a one-day club event in October.

Fair Manager Janel Goebel presented board members with a fee schedule the fair will charge for use of facilities for next year. The fair for this year has kept with the prior year's fee schedule.

Top rental fee for the fair is a \$1,500 premium package for rental of the community building and grounds for three days. That package normally is used for wedding parties, with the first day used for decorating and other preparations.

One change for next year will be conversion of off-season vehicle storage from a monthly rate to a weekly rate. The weekly fee will be \$10 for a vehicle under 20 feet, and \$12 for vehicles 21 feet and over.

Among other topics, the fair plans to offer wi-fi services again this year. Wi-fi, which provides wireless internet connectivity, was offered at the fair for the first time last

year and proved popular.

DYW BOOKS 11 ENTRANTS

Washington Distinguished Young Women competition will be Aug. 4 this year at Pullman. The event will have 11 high school seniors from around the state competing for the title of Washington Distinguished Young Woman. Practices for the event will begin Tuesday, July 31.

The state event this year will move to the Pullman High School theatre after a long run at the WSU's Beasley Coliseum. Last year's state final at Beasley had 14 contestants.

Tayma Vanek, winner of this year's DYW contest at Colfax; Emily Schultheis of Colton/Uniontown, and Daphne Felsted of Pullman will be three county entrants among the 11 contestants.

Danielle Kallaher of Pullman is program chair.

Linda Felber of Salem, Ore., the Colfax entrant who won the America's Junior Miss title in 1964, will again serve as one of the judges. Babs Pfaff, Washington Junior Miss for 1973, will also be on the judging panel.

JAIL FOLLOWS TANDEM ARRESTS

James A. Taylor, 30, Colfax, was booked into jail early Sunday morning on probable charges of second and fourth-degree assault. Taylor was arrested by Colfax Police Officer Cory Alcantar.

The alleged victim in

the case is Lori Melissa Herne, 24, who was arrested July 20 near the Tidwell Road intersection with Highway 27 just north of Palouse. Herne was arrested on a probable charge of drug possession.

According to the arrest report by Palouse Officer Joe Handley, Herne was the driver of a vehicle recorded as driving 42 mph in a 25 zone. A search of the vehicle after the stop allegedly led to discovery of a needle loaded with methamphetamine in a metal Army box found in the vehicle.

Taylor was subsequently arrested after Colfax Police checked reports from Herne that alleged she had been assaulted by him. The last incident alleged he had grabbed her around the neck with both hands some time in January. Accounts from last year alleged she had been slapped and sustained a black eye in other alleged assaults.

MAN DIES IN GLIDER CRASH

At approximately 9 a.m. Saturday morning, EMS personnel from the Steptoe and Colfax Fire Departments were notified of a hang-gliding incident near the top of Steptoe Butte. Due to the extent of the injuries, Med-Star transported the subject to Sacred Heart Medical Center in Spokane. The patient, Don Croft, 69, Athol, Idaho, later died as a result of the injuries he sustained from the impact of the crash.

According to friends and family members, Croft was an experienced hang-glider.

At this time, the

Spokane County Medical Examiner's Office will assist in determining the exact cause and manner of death, according to Sheriff Brett J. Myers.

WORK ON BRIDGES NEARS FINISH

Work on the decks of five bridges along Highway 195 between Steptoe and Rosalia was scheduled to wrap up Monday. Temporary traffic control lights at the three work sites this weekend were set on amber caution mode, with both lanes on both sides of the bridges open for traffic.

Mark Allen, project engineer, said some striping work was scheduled at the sites Monday to wrap up the bridge work.

Work on the bridges started March 26. The finish went beyond the contract deadline, but contractor N.A. Degerstrom will be allowed credit for extra days because the bridge decks were found to be in worse condition than anticipated, and the contractor was allowed extra time to clear the deteriorated surfaces and to supply more concrete for them.

One bridge project is located just north of Steptoe. Three are located in a work zone located just south of Rosalia and north of the Highway 271 intersection. The fourth site is located north of Rosalia near the north Rosalia turnoff.

Degerstrom of Spokane was contractor for the project with the original bid at \$2.075 million.

During the project, the temporary traffic control lights alternated one-way traffic while crews worked on one side of the bridges. Traffic was switched to opposite sides once work was finished on the first sides.

Work continues on the passing lane projects which are located north of the Thornton Road intersection, north of the Babb Road overpass and in the Plaza area.

Finish date for the passing lanes is slated in mid-September.

FIRE RIGS ROLL TO WAWAWAI CANYON

Each fire district in the county Saturday evening was asked to send a truck to a range fire in Wawawai Canyon. Colton Fire District 14 responded to a report of three separate fires burning uphill from the south side of the road along the canyon. The fire consumed an estimated 400 acres before it was stopped.

The call to fire districts in the county went out at approximately 7:30 p.m. Approximately 40 firefighters and 22 trucks from around the county responded to the scene.

The fire was officially extinguished at about 12:30 a.m. Sunday.

Library Supporter of the Month

Garfield's *Inconvenience Store* & owner, Sonja Hall



Sonja (center) receives her award from Heather McArthur, Garfield manager and Kristie Kirkpatrick, Library Director

Making a difference in our libraries and in our community!

Sincere thanks from the Board, Staff and Friends of Whitman County Library

Whitman County Rural Library District
102 S. Main Street, Colfax, WA 99111

Looking ahead...

Oakesdale Community Presbyterian Church is excited to announce we will be participating in a joint worship service on July 29th with Colfax Baptist Church and other area churches!

We will be worshipping in Colfax at Schmuck Park beginning at 10:30 a.m. Dean Ellis will be leading the worship! There will be a potluck following the service and meat will be provided. Feel free to bring your favorite potluck side dish or dessert!

There will be no church service at the Presbyterian Church in Oakesdale on the 29th. Please join us in Colfax for a time of worship and fellowship in God's great outdoors!

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PULLMAN'S CRAZY DAYS AND MORE!

WEDNESDAY, JULY 25TH

Crazy Days Sidewalk Sale on Main Street
Pullman Farmers Market
240 NE Kamiaken 3:30 - 6:30pm
Concert in the Park - Reaney Park at 6pm
Dan Faller & The Working Poor

THURSDAY, JULY 26TH

Crazy Days Sidewalk Sale until 8pm on Main St
Music on Main - High Street Mall
The Cherry Sisters Revival at 6pm

FRIDAY, JULY 27TH

Crazy Days Sidewalk Sale on Main Street
Summer Movie Series: Paddington 2
Reaney Park at 6pm, movie at dusk
Historic Preservation Committee Self-Paced Tours
Tours begin at Brelsford Visitor Center, 7-9pm

SATURDAY, JULY 28TH

FINAL DAY
Crazy Days Sidewalk Sale on Main St

TRIVIA TEST
BY Fifi Rodriguez

- GEOGRAPHY:** Which is the shallowest of the Great Lakes?
- HISTORY:** Which Old West gunslinger was born with the name Henry McCarty?
- TELEVISION:** What was the name of the family car on "The Munsters"?
- LITERATURE:** How long did it take Tolstoy to write his epic novel "War and Peace"?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** Where were the first modern Olympic Winter Games held in 1924?
- SCIENCE:** What colors are mosquitos attracted to?
- GAMES:** How many pieces are in a double-six set of dominoes?
- U.S. STATES:** What is the nickname of the state of Maryland?
- MOVIES:** Which 1978 movie is associated with the cry "toga!"?
- MEDICAL:** What is the common name for the disease varicella?

Answers

- Erie
- Billy the Kid
- The Munster Koach
- Six years
- Chamonix, France
- Dark colors
- 28
- Old Line State
- "Animal House"
- Chickenpox



Animals Dig It!



Read the clues to fill in the puzzle with names of animals that dig:

I dig to bury bones. I have plenty of food, but I think it's still a way for dogs to keep other dogs from taking their food. Have **you** ever watched animals to see what they do? Have you noticed a squirrel digging to stash acorns? Or a bird pecking the ground, pulling out a worm and carrying it away to a nest to feed baby birds? **Animals dig to:**

- find food
- make a shelter
- hibernate or sleep during the cold months
- hide from other animals
- travel
- hide food to keep for later
- have their young

- have long slinky bodies, dig burrows for homes
- scaled reptiles, burrow underground for shelter, dig to hibernate
- mammals, dig with feet, claws, go underground to get roots, plants
- related to kangaroos, slightly larger than mice, dig for food
- mammals, leathery armored shells, dig to uncover grubs
- spineless animals, live underground, come out when it rains because it is hard to breathe
- have shells with hinges, burrow into the sand to keep from being eaten
- found in deserts in Africa, 20-30 live in large underground networks
- mammals that tunnel, making bumps in the soil (hills named after them)
- mammals with long snouts, dig up insects to eat, especially ants
- dig holes for shelter (hole that soldiers dig for protection is named after this)
- very large mammals, dig dens and drag in leaves and branches for bedding
- toothy mammals, dig shelters, called lodges, that are partly underwater
- like small squirrels, stripes on backs, burrow to hibernate and store nuts, seeds
- insects, dig lots of connecting pathways underground to join nests into colony

STRANGE BUT TRUE

by Samantha Weaver

* It was French playwright Albert Guinon who made the following sage observation: "There are people who, instead of listening to what is being said to them, are already listening to what they are going to say themselves."

* You may not be surprised to learn that, according to a poll conducted by The Associated Press, Americans hate math twice as much as any other subject.

* A study published in 2008 showed that the price of a pain medication had an effect on its efficacy. In the study people were given placebo pills, some at the regular price and some at a discounted price. Those who paid full price for the medication reported more relief than those who paid less.

* During Elizabethan times, it was customary in England for a wife to wear her wedding ring on her thumb.

* It seems no one can adequately explain the reason why women tend to strike matches away from themselves, while men tend to strike them toward themselves.

* Dominique Bouhours, a Frenchman who lived in the 17th century, was a priest, an essayist and a grammarian. The love of language may have been closest to his heart, though; it's been reported that the final words he uttered on his deathbed were, "I am about to — or I am going to — die; either expression is used."

* Those who study such things say that sea slugs have 25,000 teeth.

* The town of Waco, Texas, has an entire museum dedicated to the popular soda Dr Pepper. Even more surprising is the fact that it gets more than a hundred visitors a day, on average.

Thought for the Day: "It's hard to be religious when certain people are never incinerated by bolts of lightning." — Bill Watterson

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King Crossword

ACROSS

- Poke
- Beach stuff
- Part of the foot?
- Supplement, with "out"
- From the start
- In the vicinity
- Congratulatory slap
- Oodles
- Open
- Meadow
- G.I.'s dinner, for short
- Showing cleavage
- Computer acronym
- Stein or Stiller
- Life time?
- Swiss capital
- Staff
- Oven
- Swelled head
- "Explain, please"
- Major (Sirius constellation)
- Restrained
- Evergreen type
- Trawler need
- Tips over
- Ontario neighbor
- Gary Cooper movie

DOWN

- Biblical king who had Jezebel stain
- Related (to)
- Pleas
- Jungle expedition
- Doddering, maybe
- Fly's st.
- Lived
- Past-vow relative
- Ultramodernist
- House pet
- Day fractions (Abbr.)
- Surround
- Many millenia
- First son
- Aptly named fruit?
- Sawbucks
- 23-Down's victim
- Lily variety
- Boast
- Tarzan's son
- Beats
- Singer Akers
- Infinitesimal
- Written code
- Dead ringer?
- Bach piece, often
- Nixed, at NASA
- Entrance
- Uppity sort
- Recede
- Carnival city
- Ailing
- Debtor's letters

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINGOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Headset is missing. 2. Soda can is missing. 3. Hat is shorter. 4. Collar is missing. 5. House is missing. 6. Thermos is smaller.

MAGIC MAZE ● — HAM

J O N K D N A S G G E I F C Z
W U R P M L D D S J H E B C Z
X U S Q N E E Y L P J G O P E
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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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| Boiled | Cured | Radio | Stuffed |
| Bone-in | Devised | Smithfield | Virginia |
| Canned | Glazed | Smoked | Yule |
| Country | Picnic | Spiced | |

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 9 box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

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

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LEGALS

Legals

NOTICE OF CALL FOR BIDS FARMINGTON ROAD OVERLAY 2 C.R.P. No. 1000-12 WHITMAN COUNTY, STATE OF WASHINGTON

Sealed proposals for this project will be received by the Board of County Commissioners of Whitman County, State of Washington, at its office in the Whitman County Courthouse in Colfax, Washington, until 10:00 a.m. Daylight Savings Time, on Monday, August 13, 2018, at which time all bids will be opened and publicly read.

Each proposal shall be separately sealed in an envelope addressed to the Whitman County Board of County Commissioners with the name of the bidder and the project name written plainly on the outside of the envelope. (NO FACSIMILES ACCEPTED)

Detailed bid sheets and specifications may be obtained from the Whitman County Engineer at his office on the Second Floor of the Public Services Building, North 310 Main Street in Colfax, Washington upon payment in the amount of \$40.00 (Non-Refundable). The detailed bid sheets and specifications are also available for download at www.whitmancounty.org.

Whitman County in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. 2000d to 2000d-4 and Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Department of Transportation, Subtitle A, Office of the Secretary, Part 21, Nondiscrimination in Federally-Assisted Programs of the Department of Transportation issued pursuant to such Act, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises as defined at 49 CFR Part 26 will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, national origin, or sex in consideration for an award.

Handicap Access to the Whitman County Courthouse is available at the Mill Street Entrance.

This contract provides for the improvement of approximately 5.08 miles of Farmington Road, County Road No. 1000, from milepost 0.33 to milepost 5.41 by HMA paving, fog sealing, pavement markings, traffic control and other work, all in accordance with the Contract Plans and Provisions and the Standard Specifications.

DATED this 16th day of July, 2018
Maribeth Becker, CMC, Clerk of the Board 29/2

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING
A public hearing to review and adopt the 2018/19 Colfax School District No. 300 budget will be held Monday, July 30, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the District Office Boardroom, 1207 N Morton St, Colfax, WA. Anyone desiring to offer comments for or against any portion of the budget will be heard. Copies of the budget may be obtained by contacting the business manager's office at 397-3042. Reece Jenkin, Business Manager. 30/1

Legals

ORDINANCE NO. 466-N AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF GARFIELD, WASHINGTON, adopting Garfield Municipal Code Chapter 16.14, regulating the parking and use of recreational vehicles on residential property within the Town of Garfield. BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED by the Council of the Town of Garfield as follows:

Section 1. There is hereby adopted as Garfield Municipal Code Chapter 16.14 the following:

RECREATIONAL VEHICLES

Sections:
16.14.010 - Definitions
16.14.020 - Parking
16.14.030 - Temporary use on residential property

16.14.010 - Definitions. For the purposes of this chapter, the term "recreational vehicle" shall mean a vehicular-type unit primarily designed for recreational camping or travel use that has its own motive power or is mounted on or towed by another vehicle, including without limitation, travel trailers, fifth-wheel trailers, folding camp trailers, truck campers, and motor homes.

16.14.020 - Parking. The outside parking of unoccupied recreational vehicles is permitted on property with an established residence, regardless of use zone. Such parking shall be within the side or rear and shall not extend into the public right-of-way nor obstruct the clear vision area. An unoccupied recreational vehicle shall not be used for living quarters or business while parked or stored. Only one recreational vehicle will be allowed per established residence.

16.14.030 - Temporary use on residential property.
A. A recreational vehicle may be used as a temporary accommodation to allow the owner to construct a permanent residence or remodel an existing residence on the owned property. The use of the recreational vehicle shall be authorized with the written approval of the Town Council upon receipt of a site plan and construction schedule approved by the Town Council. Such use shall not exceed six (6) months in duration, unless authorized by the Town Council. The unit shall not be parked on, nor shall it in any manner obstruct, any public or Town right-of-way. The unit shall not be a nuisance to surrounding areas or neighbors. The unit shall only be placed on the site upon receipt of a valid building permit for the construction or remodeling work, and must be removed from occupancy within five (5) days of the receipt of a certificate of occupancy for the newly constructed or remodeled residence. No person other than the owner of the property and immediate family shall occupy the unit. The unit shall not be used as a temporary rental unit by the owner.

B. The use of one (1) recreational vehicle as a temporary accommodation for guests may be allowed on property with an established residential use, regardless of the use zone. The unit shall not be parked in any manner to obstruct public or

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Town right-of-way. The unit shall be located a minimum of five (5) feet from any other structure, and no stay shall exceed fourteen (14) days at any one time, or forty-five (45) days in any one-year period. Guests shall not interfere or be of any nuisance to the surrounding neighbors or community. If guests become a nuisance, the Town has the right to have the vehicle removed immediately. The unit shall not be skirted and the discharge of any holding tank water or sewage on the ground is prohibited. A fine of \$350.00 will result per each violation.
C. The use of one (1) recreational vehicle as a temporary accommodation for a period greater than allowed in subsection B, above, may be allowed at the discretion of the Town Council for the purposes of a medical hardship. The hardship must be as a result of an illness or medical emergency, with proof of the hardship submitted to the Town Council. The Town Council may approve the use for a period not to exceed six (6) months. The standards for placement of the unit shall be the same as provided in subsection B, above.

Section 2. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect five days after it, or a summary thereof, is published in the official newspaper of the Town of Garfield as required by law.
PASSED by the Town Council this 27th day of June, 2018

Jarrod Pfaff, Mayor
Attest: N. Whitesell, Clerk
Approved as to form:
Eric Hanson, Town Attorney
Passed: 6-27-18
Published: 7-26-18
Effective Date: 7-31-18 30/1

The Town of Oakesdale
is hosting a public forum to solicit public input for the Town's Water Use Efficiency (WUE) program, specifically WUE goal. The meeting will be 7:00 PM on Monday, August 6th before the regular council meeting at City Hall located at N 105 First, Oakesdale, WA 99158. Additional information regarding the Town's goal is available at City Hall. 30/1

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF
THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
IN AND FOR
THE COUNTY OF WHITMAN
IN THE MATTER
OF THE ESTATE OF
VIRGINIA L. MORGAN,
Deceased.
NO. 18-4-00071-38
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

Legals

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
July 12, 2018

**PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
DAVID W. MORGAN**

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TEKOA SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

A public hearing to review and adopt the 2018-2019 General Fund Budget will be held on Tuesday, July 31, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. in school district administration board room located at North 135 College Avenue, Tekoa, Washington. Anyone desiring to offer comments for or against any portion of the budget will be heard. Copies of the budget may be obtained by contacting the district office at 284-3281. 29/2

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF
THE STATE OF WASHINGTON,
IN AND FOR
THE COUNTY OF WHITMAN
SAND ROAD LAND COMPANY,
a General Partnership,
Plaintiff,
v.
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS,
DEVISEES, SUCCESSORS
AND/OR ASSIGNS OF WAYNE
B. KLEMGARD AND ELIZABETH
KLEMGARD, ALSO ALL OTHER
PERSONS OR PARTIES
UNKNOWN CLAIMING ANY
RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE, LIEN, OR
INTEREST IN THE FOLLOWING
DESCRIBED REAL PROPERTY
SITUATE IN THE
COUNTY OF WHITMAN,
STATE OF WASHINGTON,
TO WIT:**

A tract of land in the north half of the northwest quarter of Section 29, Township 14 North, Range 44 East, W.M., Whitman County, Washington, described as follows: BEGINNING at the northwest corner of said Section 29; thence east along the north line of said Section 29 1414 feet to a point 30 feet east of centerline of the existing county road; thence south 1°55' west 848.27 feet parallel with and 30 feet easterly of the centerline of said county road to the true point of beginning; thence south 88°05' east and running 150.00 feet to an angle point; thence south 2°24'25" east and running 315.92 feet to an angle point; thence south 86°40'20" west

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and running 150 feet to an angle point 30 feet from and perpendicular to the centerline of the existing county road; thence northerly along a line 30 feet from and perpendicular to the centerline of said county road to the true point of beginning. EXCEPT that portion of Ray Story Farms Inc., Short Plat No. 1, according to plat thereof, recorded under Auditor's File No. 643052, records of Whitman County, Washington, lying within the above-described tract of land.

Defendants.

**CASE NO. 18-2-00125-38
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION**
TO: The Unknown Heirs, Devisees, Successors and/or Assigns of Wayne B. Klemgard and Elizabeth Klemgard, also all other Persons or Parties Unknown Claiming any right, title, estate, lien, or interest in the hereinabove described real property situate in the county of Whitman, State of Washington, in the caption of this Summons by Publication: You have been sued by SAND ROAD LAND COMPANY, plaintiff, in the Superior Court in and for the County of Whitman, State of Washington, in the above-entitled case.

The nature of the claim against you is an action for title to the real property described in the caption of this Summons by Publication to be quieted in plaintiff, SAND ROAD LAND COMPANY, and defendants, the unknown heirs, devisees, Successors and/or assigns of Wayne B. Klemgard and Elizabeth Klemgard; also all other Persons or Parties Unknown Claiming any right, title, estate, lien, or interest in the hereinabove described real property situate in the county of Whitman, State of Washington, in the caption of this Summons by Publication, and that the plaintiff, SAND ROAD LAND COMPANY, be adjudged and decreed to be the owner in fee simple absolute of said real property. Any time after 20-days following the last publication of this Summons, the Court may enter a judgment against you without further notice, unless prior to that time you have filed a written response in the proper form, including the Case No., and paid any required filing fee to the Clerk of the Court at: Whitman County Superior Court, Whitman County Courthouse, Colfax, Washington 99111, (509) 397-6244, and served a copy of your response on the Plaintiff's attorney at: Cody R. Moore, Westberg Roepke Moore, PLLC, 530 S. Asbury St., Suite 2, Moscow, ID 83843, (208) 883-1520. A copy of the Summons and Complaint can be obtained by contacting either the Clerk of the Court or the attorney for Plaintiff. If you wish for legal assistance, you should immediately retain an attorney to advise you in this matter.

DATED this 13th day of June, 2018.
WESTBERG ROEPKE MOORE, PLLC
By
CODY R. MOORE, WSBA #49816
Attorney for Plaintiff 26/6

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Inaugural Redneck Beerfest & Golf Tournament booked solid



Mark Hall of Steptoe comes up with a "stance" that works with the ergonomic challenges presented by teeing off while seated on a commode.

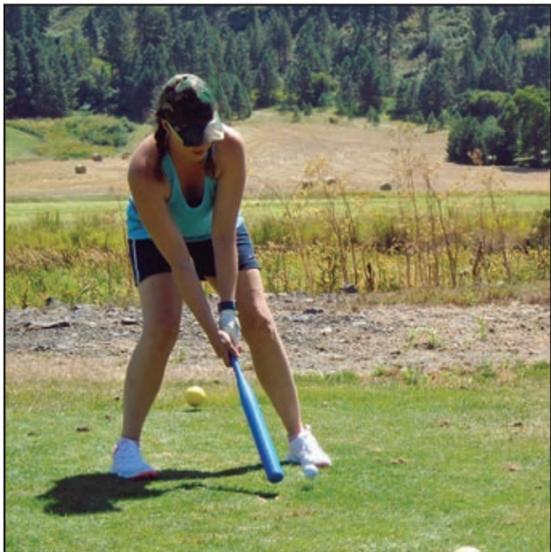
Thirteen teams of four golfers and 16 volunteers reported for the first Redneck Beerfest & Golf Tournament put on by the Colfax Downtown Association. It was a nine-hole scramble, each hole with a different theme and unique challenge. Approximately \$1,200 was raised for the associa-

tion. Golfers teed off from the first hole while seated on a toilet, got spun dizzy before teeing off at number two and so on. Before teeing off at number eight, contestants had to spin the Wheel of Fortune to determine their tee-off club, a pool noodle, baseball bat, pitching wedge, 2x4 or their foot.

The tournament was followed by a group dinner and awards ceremony, including committee selection of the "Best Dressed Redneck," Jennifer Morris and "Best Redneck Family Team." The Battered. Participants seemed to really enjoy it and asked, "where do you we sign up for next year?"



A strong turnout of 13 teams gathers for instructions from course manager Craig Gronning just prior to departing to their assigned holes for the shotgun start.



Becky Jewell of Moscow makes her tee shot with an aluminum baseball bat.



David Kofer of Palouse tees off with his foot and gets some nice distance, although he did pay in pain.



Allie Cofer of Palouse has more fun than success teeing off with a pool noodle.

A SECOND LETTER TO THE VOTERS OF WHITMAN COUNTY REGARDING THE POSITION OF DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

Previously, I wrote a letter of support endorsing John Hart for the position of District Court Judge. I do so again. In my first letter, I pointed out that John Hart, in his position of Colfax Municipal Court Judge for the last six years, had heard more than 2,500 cases, identical in type, to the cases heard routinely in the District Court. That number of cases is now closer to 2,600. In that letter, I neglected to point out that he has also heard hundreds of cases in the District Court while filling in for me at times when I was not available to preside over cases. These have included the full range of cases that come before the District Court and include criminal, traffic, small claims, protection order petitions, animal ordinance violations and civil cases. This extensive experience towers over the limited judicial experience of the other two candidates who, in actuality, have only rarely presided over a case.

Additionally, in his role as a Municipal Court Judge and Superior Court Commissioner, John has reviewed and ruled on dozens of search warrant applications at all times of the day and night, while in town and out of town, by landline, cell phone, and email. He has gone to Continuing Judicial Education training every year for the last six years and he has served on highly important judicial committees. Because of his excellent work and dedication to the profession, he has been endorsed by more than sixty judges, including four Washington State Supreme Court Justices. These endorsements are not just because they know him and like him as a person but, rather, are based on the respect he has garnered among his fellow judges based on the quality of his work as a judge. Many of these same judges have given John their financial support as well as reflected on the records of the Washington State Public Disclosure Commission website, www.pdc.wa.gov.

These are facts. They show that Judge John Hart has a degree of experience, training, involvement, and support that is simply unequalled by either of the other candidates. No amount of campaign spending, giant billboards or big-name supporters on behalf of the other two candidates can change these facts.

As I did before, I urge you to conclude that experience does matter. I ask you to decide that a candidate who has proven that he is an excellent judge is the best choice for the position of District Court Judge. I ask you to join me and VOTE FOR JOHN HART FOR JUDGE.

Thank you,

Doug Robinson, District Court Judge

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From left, Sharon Hall, Valoree Gregory and Sherri Swan throw back a tiny, cold one before getting underway at the first tee.

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