



The Dallesport News

Serving the Peninsula Communities of Dallesport and Murdock

January 2013



Dear Lyle School District Patrons:

We are working hard every day to provide an ever-improving quality education for all students. As part of our improvement efforts, we are involved in an intensive assessment process that includes setting goals for growth in student achievement.

As you know, the Lyle School District is facing some significant fiscal challenges and two failed levy attempts have compounded the situation. However, in February 2013, we are permitted to bring a levy request back to Lyle voters. If approved, the money could not be collected until 2014, which means our programs and services will continue to feel the impact.

Securing local levy funding is a critical step in helping the district regain financial stability. But we will continue to stretch every dollar and leverage our limited resources – with the promise to do our very best with what we have available.

This document provides important financial information about the levy and how the money is used. Please always feel free to ask questions and offer your feedback.

Sincerely,
Glenys Hill, Superintendent

Levy dollars make a big difference in the life of the Lyle student. Levy passage would enable us to:

- Hire more teaching staff and reduce class sizes
- Provide more class offerings for secondary students
- Provide more career and college guidance to secondary students
- Provide more targeted interventions for students in all grade levels
- Provide more support to our athletic and c-curricular programs
- Begin to regain financial stability

State Levy Equalization Funds

If the levy is approved, the district will receive over \$53,000 in levy equalization funds from the state of Washington. If the levy is not approved, the district will not receive these funds from the state.

About levies in Washington state:

Over 50 percent of voters must vote “yes” in order to approve this levy.

Levies can only be used for school operational costs and not for facilities or capital needs.

The state has traditionally paid for around 75% of total education costs in Lyle School District. Local levies help bridge the gap between state funding and the actual cost. As state funds for schools decrease, local levy dollars are imperative to maintain essential student programs and services.

The district cannot collect more money than is approved by voters. The total levy amount on the ballot is the maximum that will be collected.

Book Review

by Judy Bane

"A Wedding In Great Neck"

by Yona Zeldis McDonough

I love it when I read a book that I'm not sure about and it turns out to be a real winner. "A Wedding In Great Neck" certainly filled the bill this time.

A wedding has been planned and today is the day. It is going to be the dream wedding of the bride and it is the dream come true of the mother of the bride.

After a very rocky first marriage and divorce, the mother of the bride is finally married to a successful man who has fulfilled her every dream of a huge expensive house and all the trappings in Great Neck. She has worked hard to ensure that her youngest daughter will have her over the top dream wedding. The Big Day has arrived. Let the action begin.

As we all know, any large event is fraught with danger. This delightful story deals with many themes. Divorce, the successful new husband, the not so successful ex-husband, latent sibling rivalry that rears its ugly head at the most inopportune moment, the grandmother who just wants us all to get along even though we never have.

Start the day with family tensions that balloon bigger as the day goes on. One of the teenage girls of the family has been secretly struggling with her parents recent separation and is spiraling down into an emotional morass that she seems unable to control. She begins a chain of events that threaten to derail the perfect day and in the process of unfolding events, family tensions and secrets surface and escalate uncontrollably. The older sister of the bride is forced to look at her life from a whole new perspective and in so doing, begins a healing process for herself and her siblings.

This was a delightful romp of a book that had many unexpected moments of insights into family relationships. The characters are well developed and seemed like family to me. I think you would have a great time at the wedding in Great Neck.

Happy New Year!

Dancing With the Gorge Stars

The TV show "Dancing with the Stars" is coming to the Mid Columbia area - almost. The Mid-Columbia Community Concert Association is pleased to present the Utah Ballroom Dance Company performing Dancing with the Gorge Stars at 7 PM Thursday, January 10, at The Dalles Wahtonka High School.

Twenty professional dancers will perform standard and Latin ballroom numbers. The dance company, as a unique Mid-Columbia feature, will bring on stage, in front of three local judges, six of our own to dance with their teachers and counter part professional dancers. The local dancers are: Wasco Co. sheriff Rick Eisland, The Dalles city attorney Gene Parker, Hood River realtor Gavin McAlpine, law firm bookkeeper Kristi McCavick, Gateway Presbyterian Church secretary Tina Skeele and director of Mid-Columbia Health Foundation, Celeste Hill-Thomas. Concert attendees get one voting ticket at the door but may stuff their favorite's ballot boxes by buying more "votes" to insure they win the Mirror Ball Trophy.

This interactive production is the third concert of the current MCCA five concert season. Individual concert tickets, \$20 each, are available a Waucoma Book Store in Hood River and Klindt's and Columbia River Music in The Dalles. Tickets are also available at www.MidColumbiaConcerts.org. Come and enjoy an evening of great music, dance and vote for your favorite dancer.

No-Fee Music Downloads @ Your Library



[FVRL cardholders](#) can download up to three MP3-format music files each week to their home computers or devices via [Freegal](#). Explore thousands of songs from the Sony Music Entertainment catalog.

Free Saturday Family Movies

January 5, 2013

"Dolphin Tale"

January 12, 2013

"Happy Feet Two"

January 19, 2013

"Mirror Mirror"

January 26, 2013

"Madagascar"

Doors open at 9:15am - Movies start @ 10:00am. YouthThink will collect canned food donations. Columbia Cinemas 2727 W. 7th St. The Dalles

St. Mary's Academy Family Auction & Carnival

January 25, 2013 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM

<http://www.smatd.org>

Family Auction & Carnival - food, games, silent auction, balloon man, entertainment

Klindt's Bookstore 541-296-3355

315 E. 2nd Street, The Dalles

Hours: Mon. - Sat. 8:00 am - 6:00 pm

Sundays 11:00 am - 4:00 pm

The Dalles/Wasco County Public

Library 541-296-2815

722 Court Street, The Dalles

HOURS:

Monday-Thursday 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Saturday: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Closed Sunday

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White Salmon Valley Community

Library 509-493-1132 - Town &

Country Sq. White Salmon

Open Tuesdays 10:00 am - 8:00 pm

Wed.-Sat. 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

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Goldendale Community Library

(509) 773-4487

131 West Burgen Street

Goldendale, WA 98620

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Bookmobile

Fort Vancouver

Regional

Library 1-888-

546-2707

Murdock Daycare-9:45 - 10:00 am

Tuesdays Jan. 15th. & 29th.

Dallesport School- 11:45 - 3:00 pm

Wednesdays Jan. 16th. & 30th.



Community Council Corner

By Renee Briggs

Please join us for the next Council meeting on **January 10th** at the Dallesport Community Center. At 7pm.

The guest speaker this month will be Lyle School Dist.

Superintendent, Dr. Glenys Hill, who will speak about the upcoming school levy.

Remember to visit us online:

<http://www.dallesport-wa.org/>



The Children's Christmas party was a success and fun for all who attended. Cookies and punch were served along with ice cream. Each child was given a cup with inserts that

could be colored and taken home. Jim Wise made sure that Santa Clause would be there to have his picture taken with all the children. Santa handed out candy canes. Many thanks to the all the volunteers; Jim Wise, Elaine and Jack Kincheloe, Ping and Sophie Kilian, Nancy Moon, Renee Briggs, and Alice Mattox.

Welcome New Business Concourse A Café

Dallesport resident Barbara Rauch is now fulfilling her lifelong dream of opening her own café. Her café which is located at the Columbia Gorge Regional Airport will fill a need that we have had for sometime in our community. Breakfast and lunch is now available just around the corner instead of having to go across the river.

Barbara, who is an excellent cook, will be open Wednesday – Sunday from 8am-3pm. She will be closed Mondays and Tuesdays. However she will make an exception for parties of more than 6 if you call ahead and make a reservation.

Breakfast is the standard fare of eggs, bacon, waffles, pancakes, chicken fried steak, biscuits and gravy. For lunch try a fresh ground beef ¼ pound hamburger, a specialty sandwich, soup, or salad. Menus are available to take home for ordering take out.

Concourse A Café 501-980-5572.

Dallesport Water District

Dallesport Water District is beginning construction of the new second water Reservoir at the District property on 6th Ave. The new Reservoir which was required as part of the 2008 Water System Plan by Washington State Department of Health, is a 208,000 gallon glass fused to steel tank. The contract was awarded to Shearer and Associates of Vancouver WA, following a public bid in September.

This new reservoir is sized for increased fire flow and future growth and will operate in conjunction with the existing concrete Reservoir to provide Dallesport with over 315,000 gallons of water supply. This is the first phase of the District Water System Upgrades and will be followed by construction of a new Booster Pump Station and Water Filtration facility in the spring and summer of 2013. Funding for the improvements were provided by a 20 year 0.5% interest loan from Washington State Public Works Trust Fund and a 50% Reservoir/ Pump Station cost matching grant from Klickitat County, due to fire protection benefits for the new Airport Industrial Park. When completed in the summer of 2013, the combined projects will eliminate the rusty Iron/ Manganese from the water supply, providing a constant uniform water pressure to the area, and allow for over 1500 Gallons per minute of Fire fighting capability.

In other DWD news. Murdock has been selected as Klickitat County's No#1 Project for a Community Development Block Grant application for 2013. The application, (which is being written as we go to press) if successful would provide for an entire new Water system in the Murdock area that would provide Fire protection, a new source, Reservoir, and a continuous safe public water supply that would benefit the entire Murdock area. The ability to apply for these Federal Grant funds is made possible through the Low Income Survey that was conducted by Rural Community Assistance Corporation at the request of DWD in 2011. If successful the entire project would be a 100% grant funded improvement. DWD and Klickitat County will be notified in summer of 2013 of the application results.

Dallesport Water District Office 24 hr message phone is 509-767-4767

The District Clerk can be reached at 541-980-6514 or

dallesportwater@gmail.com

The District Manager can be reached at 541-980-6756 or

dwdmanager@qnect.net

Our 24 hr Emergency Phone is also 541-980-6756

The next meeting of the Dallesport Water District is scheduled for **January 9th, 2012** at 7PM at the Dallesport Community Center.

Goldendale GED Testing Services to End In 2013

GED testing services in Goldendale will end in April 2013, announced Susan Kerr, WSU-Klickitat County Extension Director.

“GED testing is switching from paper-based to a computer-based format, and the Goldendale testing center will not be in compliance with the new testing requirements,” she explained. It is possible that a for-profit testing entity might establish local services in the future. Until then, the closest testing centers will be in The Dalles, Hood River, Yakima, Pasco, Grandview and Vancouver.

“GED testing services were formerly provided through WorkSource, then assumed by the WSU-Klickitat County Learning Center in 1998,” Kerr explained. Since then, more than 350 people have taken at least one of the five GED tests and more than 250 people have earned their GED certificates locally.

“We have many people who have taken at least one GED test, but they will need to complete testing by Dec. 31, 2013 or all their scores will be lost and they will have to completely re-test.

Testing in Goldendale will cease by mid-April of 2013, so local residents in process should take their remaining tests as soon as possible,” advised Kerr.

GED testing in Goldendale takes place on most Fridays at 1 p.m. at 116 E. Main St. Those interested in testing should call 773-5817 to confirm testing will take place on a particular Friday.

The five-test series now costs \$150, but until the testing sites closes, Klickitat County residents can receive a scholarship for half of that fee, bringing the cost down to \$75. Students need to present a valid photo ID and a current Washington address to test.

Lyle High School Sports

HS Boys and Girls Varsity JV Basketball

- Wed. Jan 2nd**. Boys basketball ~ home game vs. Kennewick JV /frosh
JV boys- 1:00pm Varsity boys - 3:00pm
- Wed. Jan 9th**. Basketball ~ home game vs. Columbia Adventist
JV girls - 3:00pm JV boys- 4:30pm Varsity girls - 6:00pm Varsity boys - 7:30pm
- Fri. Jan 11th**. Basketball ~ home game vs. Yakima tribal
Varsity girls - 6:00pm Varsity boys - 7:30pm
- Sat. Jan 12th**. Basketball @ Sunnyside Christian
JV boys- 3:30pm Varsity girls - 5:00pm Varsity boys - 6:30pm
- Tues. Jan 15th**. Basketball @ Klickitat
Varsity girls - 6:00pm Varsity boys - 7:30pm
- Fri. Jan 18th**. Basketball ~ home game vs. Bickleton
JV boys- 4:30pm Varsity girls - 6:00pm Varsity boys - 7:30pm
- Sat. Jan 19th**. Basketball @ TLG @Glenwood
JV girls - 2:00pm JV boys- 3:30pm Varsity girls - 5:00pm Varsity boys - 6:30pm
- Fri. Jan 25th**. Basketball ~ @. Yakima tribal
JV girls - 3:00pm JV boys- 4:30pm Varsity girls - 6:00pm Varsity boys - 7:30pm
- Sat. Jan 26th**. Basketball ~ home game vs Sunnyside Christian
JV girls - 2:00pm JV boys- 3:30pm Varsity girls - 5:00pm Varsity boys - 6:30pm
- Tues. Jan 29th**. Basketball ~ home game vs Klickitat
Varsity girls - 6:00pm Varsity boys - 7:30pm
- Wed. Jan 31nd**. Boys basketball ~ @ Kennewick JV /frosh
JV boys- 5:15pm Varsity girls – 5:15pm Varsity boys - 7:00pm

Lyle Middle School Basketball

- Mon Jan 7th**. Basketball@ Glenwood 5:30pm
- Thurs. Jan 10th**. Basketball @ Trout Lake JV Boys 4:00pm
- Thurs. Jan 10th**. Basketball @ Trout Lake 5:30pm
- Mon Jan 14th**. Basketball ~ home game vs Klickitat 5:30pm
- Tues Jan 15th**. Basketball ~ @ Wishram JV 4:00pm
- Thurs. Jan 17th**. Basketball ~ home game vs Centerville 5:30pm
- Thurs. Jan 24th**. Basketball ~ @ Bickleton 5:30pm



LYLE SCHOOL DISTRICT #406

For the latest information on Lyle School District, visit the website for the school district.

www.lyleschools.org

There's LOTS of good news in Lyle Schools!

Academic rigor is our top priority and we want to give every Lyle student opportunities to experience success. We're celebrating the following achievements and look forward to MANY more! In the 2011-12 school year 81% of our 10th graders passed the state reading test and 85% the writing test. Our staff is receiving training this year in the new Common Core Standards for the State of Washington to ensure we are providing a rigorous curriculum in math and language arts for Lyle students. Our staff is receiving training this spring in the new state mandated Teacher Principal Evaluation Project (TPEP) designed to improve student and teacher performance. Discipline and academic policies are being revised at both of our schools to reflect increased expectations and accountability for Lyle students. Lyle has a robust community volunteer program that brings hundreds of extra hours of support to Lyle students at no cost to the taxpayer. Lyle participates in a 21st Century Grant which provides after school learning opportunities for students who need additional help with homework. Every class at Lyle is taught by a teacher who meets federal highly qualified guidelines. We have been successful in having qualified middle school students sign up for "Promise" scholarships which cover their tuition to a Washington State College.

2013 Mid-Columbia Middle and High School Students Art Exhibit

The Dalles Art Center is announcing the upcoming Mid Columbia Juried art exhibit for Middle and High School Students. The exhibit will run Tuesday, February 5 through Saturday, March 2, 2013. Entries will be accepted Tuesday, January 29 through Saturday, February 2, 2013.

- * Only one entry per student will be accepted
- * Students must reside and attend school in the mid-Columbia region
- * Entries must be the students own work (original encouraged and preferred)
- * Flat work must be neatly presented and ready to hang on a hook.
- * Sculptures and 3-D work must be ready to display on a pedestal

Entry forms are at The Dalles Art Center, Mid Columbia Middle and High Schools and www.thedallesartcenter.org

Closing reception will be at The Dalles Art Center on Saturday, March 2 from 2-4pm. Cash awards will be presented at the reception for Best of Show, Judges' Choice and Peoples Choice. Sponsoring the show and awards is Ernie's Locks and Keys and Kiwanis. The Dalles Art Center is located at 220 E 4th St., The Dalles, Phone 541-296-4759

Please join us for the next Community Council meeting on January 10th. at the Dallesport Community Center. At 7pm. The guest speaker this month will be Lyle School Dist. Superintendent, Dr. Glenys Hill, who will speak about the upcoming school levy.

***Next school board meeting will be held on January 24, 2013
Support your school and attend a meeting.***



[Your Official Gear.com](http://YourOfficialGear.com)

Part of the proceeds from each sale are returned to our school to support student activities.

A direct link to the site is located on the lyleschools.org website.

Lyle Alumni Website

www.alumniclass.com/lyle

Deputy Sheriff Announces Intention To Run For Sheriff In 2014

by Lou Marzeles

In an interview with The Sentinel last week, Robert Songer, a current Klickitat County Deputy Sheriff and a 40-year veteran of law enforcement service, announced his intention to run for Klickitat County Sheriff in 2014.

"It is some distance away," Songer admits. "I've given it some serious thought, and I've been thinking about it for a while. I have had some people approach me, citizens in the community as well as officers within the department. I had heard rumors that there might be other people running as well. I thought, "Well, if I wait until the 11th hour to announce, then I'll miss a lot of opportunity and supporters I might have gotten who would have gone with someone else. So that's one of the motivators to run, and come out early and announce."

Songer currently serves as the county's Timber and Range Deputy for the Sheriff's Office, a position he has held since 2000. As Timber and Range Deputy, Songer and one other range deputy patrol 1,700 square miles of Klickitat County. His previous law enforcement career includes stints as Undersheriff of Clark County for more than 20 years and another four years as Chief of Police in the city of Elko, Nev.

At Elko he headed a 52-employee department with an annual budget of \$3.2 million. As second in command in Clark County, Songer worked in a department with 281 employees, 130 sworn officers, 104 corrections officers, and managed an annual budget of \$14 million. He also supervised the 350-bed Clark County jail and managed the county sheriff's media and public affairs activities.

Songer is announcing his decision to run for Sheriff even as he is employed by a sitting sheriff (Rick McComas). He says he advised McComas both of his decision to run and his intention to hold an interview with The Sentinel beforehand. Songer adds that he will not get into department business or issues.

"I want to stay above that, to be quite honest with you," he says. "But morale is not the best, and that is one of the factors, one of the reasons I am running. I believe I can make a change within the department for the positive. I believe I have the experience with a number of

years in law enforcement, including 14 years in top management of law enforcement. I have handled budgets."

He adds that he does not speculate on whether or not McComas will run again. "The only person who could answer that is the sheriff," he says. "But probably the second reason I'm announcing now is in the event that he doesn't run. I need to announce early, let the public in Klickitat County know that I am interested. Ultimately, of course, they're going to make the decision on who gets the job. But I believe I can make a difference."

Songer wants to bring a number of innovations to the sheriff's office. "One of the things that I'd really like to see, and I'm prone to doing that in my past positions," he says, "is community policing. That means you have the community more involved in the department. You involve the community through various programs.

As an expansion to crime prevention, you put on training for crime-watch captains. You have citizen ride-along programs, so they can get a feel for what the departments are doing. I believe strongly in community involvement."

Public involvement in a police department, Songer feels, is a key factor in how successful it is. "If the department does not reach out to the public and get their involvement in the agency—because they own the agencies; they pay your salaries—short of that, there's a lack of communications between the citizens and the departments, and you're not going to be very effective," he says. "In my opinion, if you have citizen involvement within your agency, and you have the various community policing programs, such as the crime-watch program, and you get the citizens involved, you would have a much better and more effective law enforcement agency."

Community surveys about the performance of the sheriff's department would also be useful, Songer considers. "One of the first things I would do is a survey," he states. "I would send out an evaluation survey for the department. I would go through the press to do that, put on a half-page survey. People could respond anonymously if they want; sometimes you get more honesty that way. But have them respond back. What they would like to see the sheriff's department do for them? Do they think the sheriff's department is not delivering the services that they expected? And to be critical and straightforward with that

information. Gather that up, have a time limit, have a response period to get it back to the sheriff's office."

While he's not big on committees—sometimes they can be counterproductive, he feels—he still thinks they can be useful on occasion. "For example," he contemplates, "one of the things I intend to do as soon as I was to be elected is, I would create an advisory committee. It would be a cross-section of respected citizens throughout Klickitat County."

Evaluations from such a committee could be very helpful for a sheriff, Songer feels. "Say you sit down with this committee, and they evaluate," he says. "Ultimately the sheriff is going to make the decisions; that's where the buck stops. The people elected that sheriff to be responsible to make those decisions." He feels that officer safety especially cannot be compromised. "But I think the sheriff can make better decisions if he has input from the community."

Songer places high emphasis on transparency in the sheriff's office. "I am a firm believer that the tax payers are paying for that department," he states. "Obviously if we're into an investigation, there will be certain things that will be confidential pending that investigation. But as far as the operation of the department, there's nothing confidential about that."

Training in a sheriff's office is of critical importance, Songer feels—along with wanting to do the right thing. With Klickitat County officers, Songer considers, they are already among the best. "I would stack the men and women in this department up against any of the other departments I have worked with," he says. "They are that well trained. And in order to minimize liability, you have to continue the training. It's an ongoing process. So those are the other high priorities."

Songer adds that maintaining regular communication with the media is important as a way to keep the public informed. "I believe the public has a right to know," he says. "If an arrest is made, there should be a daily log that the press has access of who was arrested, what the charges were, if there is a pending investigation. They can't go into much more detail than that, but the media at least has to have something to go with."

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Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Dallesport-Murdock Community Calendar

HAPPY NEW YEAR

JANUARY 2013

6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	AA Meeting Church 7:30pm	Senior Lunch Lyle 11:30am Fire Dept. Business meeting 7pm	Dallesport Water District Meeting 7pm Fire Commissioners Meeting 7pm	Community Council Meeting 7pm		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	AA Meeting Church 7:30pm	Senior Lunch Lyle 11:30am Bookmobile Murdock 9:45am-10:00am	Bookmobile Dallesport School 11:45 - 3:00pm		Curbside Recycle	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	AA Meeting Church 7:30pm	Senior Lunch Lyle 11:30am				
27	28	29	30	31		
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DALLESFORT, WA 98617
www.dallesport-wa.org

Printed copies of our newsletter can be picked up
at the following locations:

Dallesport Community Center
[Columbia Gorge](#) Regional Airport
Murdock Market
Dallesport Elementary School
Lyle Middle/High School
Columbia Hills RV Park on Hwy 197
Gilmore Fish [Smokehouse](#)

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Dallesport-Murdock Community Council
Meetings on the second Thursday, 7pm
At Community Center on 6th Street Dallesport

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***Sentinel Calendar Features Images
from Area Photographers***

The [Goldendale](#) Sentinel's 2013 community calendar is the first of its kind, a full-color, 11 x 17 wall calendar with images drawn from area photographers.

The calendar is available now at The Sentinel office for \$6.45, including tax. The price beats most store-bought calendar options and is entirely locally produced.

Area photographers whose pictures are included in the calendar are: Penny Bailey, Diana Notestine, Clinton Cummings, Jeanne Morgan, Cindi Berkshire, and Lacey Gorrod.