



The Dallesport News

Serving the Peninsula Communities of Dallesport and Murdock

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No Resident Representation

This is a letter to the Editor written in December 2013 and published in the Goldendale Sentinel

In 2010 at the request of Klickitat County through the Planning Department, the Dallesport/Murdock Community Council was asked to revise the sub-area plan for their community. A committee was appointed by the council chairman, and after many meetings a revised plan was approved by the council. The revised plan was submitted to the Klickitat Planning Commission through the Klickitat County Planning Department. Nine revised copies were submitted, in September 2010, under a cover letter signed by the Dallesport/Murdock Community Council Chairman.

Several months went by before a meeting date was set by the Klickitat County Planning Commission to address the submitted revision of the sub-area plan. As the committee chairman and council chairman were presenting the plan, it became obvious that the Planning Commission had not reviewed the plan submitted by the community council. A committee member had given the Planning Commissioners an early draft that was not approved by the community council. The major difference in the early draft and the one submitted by the council was the use of the word “designate” for each of the different land uses. The community council members and the majority of residents from Dallesport/Murdock preferred not to “designate” lands for a particular use, but to indicate what the current uses are.

The early draft was given to the Planning Commission by a resident of the sub-area that owns significant acreage with gravel resources. By “coincidence,” there are members of the Klickitat County Planning Commission that also own gravel mines. The use of the word “designate” has advantages for those who own lands with gravel resources.

Even with all the previously cited information and the testimony offered by Dallesport/Murdock residents at several public hearings, the board chose to ignore what their constituents wanted. In November of 2013, the board approved the Planning Commission’s version of the Dallesport/Murdock sub-area plan. So much for consideration of what community residents want in their plan.

Jack Kincheloe - Dallesport-Murdock Community Council

An earlier letter was written the Klickitat County Planning Commission back in May of 2013

See page 5 of this newsletter.

Book Review

by Judy Bane

“Beautiful Day”

by Elin Hilderbrand

Everything should be falling into place for the beautiful Nantucket wedding that will unite the Carmichael and Graham families but instead, things are falling apart. If only Jenna's mother had left instructions for what to do about divorce, affairs, and other matters of the heart.

Jenna's late mother left The Notebook, a detailed plan of the perfect wedding for the daughter she would not get to see walk down the aisle. Jenna's older sister helps organize everything strictly according to the Notebook but things begin to fall apart as the wedding looms closer.

The older sisters divorce has left her more than skeptical about marriage and her secret relationship with an older, unsuitable man has her questioning love. The bride's father is reevaluating his recent remarriage. And the groom's mother has married the same man twice—a man who left her to have a child with another woman (a woman who has also been invited). Add some misbehaving bridesmaids, errant groomsman, and the threat of rain, and the perfect weekend might instead turn into a perfect storm.

Before the guests head for home, love will be questioned, scandals will arise, hearts will be broken and healed. This is a touching journey into the heart of marriage, what it means to be faithful and how we choose to honor our commitments.

WGAP To End Food Delivery To Food Banks

At a board of directors meeting Dec. 5 and in response to declining funding, Washington [Gorge](#) Action Programs (WGAP) elected to end its long-time service of delivering food to the three food banks in [Klickitat County](#) and one in [Skamania County](#). The food banks relied on the deliveries for the no-cost food they distribute to individuals and families in need.

As the distribution center for food banks in the counties, WGAP has delivered food to the food banks since 1999. As often as needed, WGAP would load pallets of food into their large trucks,

drive to the food bank location, and help unload.

“The 2014 distribution center budget was \$12,100 over-obligated,” WGAP stated in a press release. “These continual reductions have happened at a time when both need and costs have increased.”

Linda Schneider, WGAP Executive Director, explained that the cost of insurance, fuel, maintenance and repairs averages \$15,000 annually. That average does not include any staff time for loading, driving, and unloading. WGAP has no other grant funding that can be applied to this program. The majority of donations WGAP receives go to support the local food bank, unless the donor has designated the funds for a different program.

Over the last four years WGAP has made some difficult funding decisions: eliminating both life insurance for full time staff and employer retirement contributions. Two years ago, the agency reduced all staff from 40 hours per week to 36. The agency is closed on Friday.

This decision has been the most difficult, WGAP's press release stated, because it will directly impact the food banks that WGAP has helped for so many years.

WGAP plans to meet with all of the food banks to develop solutions to their individual delivery needs. The change will not happen immediately, but will occur as each food bank finds a delivery method. WGAP will maintain their dry storage warehouse and their freezer and refrigerated spaces. Food will be stored in these facilities until food banks can pick it up. WGAP will not let a food bank run out of food, but it emphasizes that options and solutions need to be developed as soon as possible. *Reprinted with permission from the Goldendale Sentinel*

7 Foods to Keep You Young

1. Olive oil

Fats in olive oil lowers the rate of heart disease and cancer. Olive oil also contains polyphenols, & antioxidants that may help prevent age-related diseases.

2. Yogurt

Yogurt is rich in calcium, which helps stave off osteoporosis and contains "good bacteria" that help maintain gut health and diminish the incidence of age-related intestinal illness.

3. Fish

Fish is an abundant source of omega-3 fats, which help prevent cholesterol buildup in arteries and protect against abnormal heart rhythms.

4. Chocolate

Chocolate is rich in flavanols that help preserve the healthy function of blood vessels. Maintaining youthful blood vessels lowers risk of high blood pressure, type 2 diabetes, kidney disease and dementia.

5. Nuts

Nuts are rich sources of unsaturated fats. They're also concentrated sources of vitamins, minerals and other phytochemicals, including antioxidants.

6. Wine

Drinking alcohol in moderation protects against heart disease, diabetes and age-related memory loss.

7. Blueberries

Compounds in blueberries (and other berries) mitigate inflammation and oxidative damage, which are associated with age-related deficits in memory and motor function.

Klindt's Bookstore 541-296-3355

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Hours: Mon. – Sat. 8:00 am – 6:00 pm

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Murdock

Daycare-9:45 –

10:00 am

Tuesdays Jan. 14th. & 28th.

Dallesport School- 11:45 – 3:00 pm

Wednesdays Jan. 15th. & 29th.



Community Council Corner

By Renee Briggs

You have probably noticed all of the activity going on at the airport as you drive along Dallesport Road. If you are interested in finding out what is going on then please attend the January Community Council meeting. Airport Managers **Chuck Covert and Rolf Anderson** will attend our next meeting and give an update on the progress of the airport business park.

They have been working on this project for a number of years with the County, and would like to address any concerns and answer any questions anyone might have.

Please join us for the next Council meeting on **January 9th** at the Dallesport Community Center. At 7pm.

Remember to visit us online:
<http://www.dallesport-wa.org/>

Visit From Santa

There were about 50 children and their parents who attended this year's annual Children's Christmas party at the Dallesport Community Center. Santa is a close friend of Jim Wise and Dallesport got to have a special visit from Santa. The children enjoyed receiving candy and gifts from Santa Claus while having their photos taken. They also enjoyed the ice cream cones, cookies and punch. We thank all of the volunteers who took the time to make this party special to our children. Volunteers were Jack and Elaine Kincheloe, Ping, Phillip, & Sophie Kilian, Gage Mattox, Nancy Moon, Jim Wise, & Renee Briggs.

Dallesport Water Dist.

Dallesport Water District has begun the groundbreaking on the new Booster Pump/Fireflow/Treatment Facility located next to the Dallesport Post Office. The facility when completed in May of 2014 will provide removal of the iron/manganese that has plagued our water system for so many years and increase Fireflow protection from 500 Gallons Per Minute, to almost 2000 Gallons Per Minute at a steady pressure of 70 PSI.

The Columbia Gorge Regional Airport Industrial Park Project will include a new 12" watermain from the 6th Ave DWD Reservoirs to the New Industrial Park located East of 3rd Ave and Dallesport Rd. for both water service and fire protection. Cost for these improvements

are being borne by a CGRA Grant, Klickitat County and The Dalles.

Commencing in January DWD will begin changing over to billing only property owners for water service and not renters as was the previous policy. We are hoping to have all billing changes implemented by February. If you are a renter or have rental property served by DWD please call Summer Beeks, DWD Clerk at 541-980-6514 for further information.

DWD recently signed the Community Development Block Grant Agreement with Klickitat County for the New Murdock Water System. The Engineering Selection, archaeological work and design will be commencing in early 2014.

If you have any questions regarding your water system, please feel free to contact us

Dave Griffin, DWD Manager 541-980-6756, or dwdmanager@qnect.net
Summer Beeks DWD Clerk 541-980-6514, or dallesportwater@gmail.com

Breakfast Building Fundraiser Saturday Jan. 18th. 7am French Toast Dallesport Fire Hall



Cascade Singers January 11th and 12th

Wagner & Holiday Favorites" January 11th and 12th Saturday at 7pm and Sunday at 3pm. Zion Lutheran Church, on 10th and Union St. Free admission but will gladly accept donations. Postponed from Dec 3rd.

Beginning Sewing Class

January 3, 2014 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

The Wasco County 4-H Leadership Club invites the public to join them in sewing burp cloths for mothers of babies born at MCMC. All fabric and sewing supplies will be provided. This is a great learn-to-sew activity.

For more information, contact Lynette Black, OSU Extension Service, 4-H Youth Development at lynette.black@oregonstate.edu or call 541-296-5494

A's Sewing Shoppe 422 E. Second Street The Dalles

New Year Bazaar @ Shaniko Schoolhouse

January 4, 2014 - January 5, 2014

The Shaniko Schoolhouse will host indoor markets and bazaars every month through March to raise money for school improvements. Shaniko, OR Contact: 541-489-3434 info@shanikooregon.com

4th Annual Dam Eagle Watch

**January 11, 2014 - January 12, 2014
7:30 AM - 12:00 PM**

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers invites area residents and visitors to catch a glimpse of the American bald eagle at the fourth annual Dam Eagle Watch.

The Dalles Dam Visitors Center just north of I-84 at exit 87. Turn east onto Bret Clodfelter Way and follow the road to the visitor center. Contact: 541-506-7819

St. Mary's Family Auction and Carnival

January 31, 2014

St. Mary's Academy The Dalles Contact: 541-296-6004

Get Enrolled in Health Care Insurance

January 18th. 3 - 6pm

White Salmon Valley Community Library, 77 NE Wauna Ave, White Salmon, WA

January 25th. 10am - 1pm
Goldendale Community Library, 131 West Burgen Street, Goldendale WA

CEO Switch At KVH Signals Continued Movement On Strategic Goals

[Lou Marzeles](#) The Goldendale Sentinel

Klickitat Valley Health (KVH) has a new CEO, home-grown here in [Goldendale](#).

Leslie Hiebert, who had served as the hospital's CFO, assumed her new role last week, as KVH said goodbye to John White, who had served as CEO for close to three years. White took a position as CEO of the Shriners' Children's Hospital in Honolulu. Both outgoing and incoming CEOs spoke with The Sentinel about the transition.

"First and foremost, [Goldendale](#) has been very kind to me personally and to my family," White says. "People were nice to us. When I met everybody here, I really liked it." White says the experience in [Goldendale](#) was good for everyone, including his sons, Miller and Will. "Once Miller got in high school," White recalls, "it was awesome. He learned a lot and it was a great experience." The Whites were thinking of the Running Start program for both sons, but opted rather to have them go to Hawaii Prep Academy-if they earned their own way there. "We said to them 'If you earn it, you can go back. I can't afford to send you there, but if you get a scholarship then you can.' So they both tested very well and they both got scholarships to go back." And suddenly the Whites were premature empty-nesters, something they weren't prepared for. The chance to be closer to their children was a primary factor in White's accepting the Honolulu position, along with the fact that securing a senior executive position in one of Hawaii's only 26 hospitals was a significant accomplishment.

White feels KVH got a lot done in recent years and hopes the community feels the same. "We did a good job, working on this strategic plan that we've just been executing ever since the last two years on big projects," he says. "Golden View Terrace [GVT] being one of the first ones, and then the EMS district almost coming into conclusion in the next month or so, general



surgery, the hospice program, the relocation of the clinic into the GVT building. Just lots and lots of things on the list I'm proud to say we got done, as a team, as a community."

Hiebert talks about continuing the progress. "We have several big IT projects," she says, "so we will be implementing electronic records in the clinic. We are scheduling out and hopefully going live in the spring with that. There will be several upgrades and adding modules

to the electronic health records in the hospital in order to meet Stage 2" of a required three-stage transition to electronic records.

"There are a lot of good things with [the transition]," Hiebert points out, "but it takes time and a lot of effort and resources. This is a small hospital; our resources are limited. We have three IT staff, two clinical informatics, nurses, and this will all be done in-house."

Part of the technology is to support the increasingly complex process of medical coding. Numerical codes are used to document specific treatment.

"It's trying to reduce the actual art of care into a number," White says, "for example: a complex laceration, three layers, on your left index finger. There's a code for that; there didn't use to be." Presently there are 10,000 codes for treatment, but that number will soon grow to more than 70,000, reflecting greater levels of detail. "They want to know exactly, which requires additional provider documentation that the coder captures and puts a code to," White continues. "Then we have to bill with that code, so it's a training issue for providers to be able to document it the way it needs to be done for the coders to capture it." White adds that the process provides health care providers more opportunity not to pay for services. "They can look at all the medical records and say, 'Well, you didn't bill for that, so we aren't going to pay.'"

Moving the KVH clinic to the GVT building is a project still awaiting

completion, revived after initially being told changes required to the building would be too costly. "The information we got from the regulatory agency and department of health that it was going to take some major changes in the building," White says. "They said at the time we had to replace the fire sprinkler system, which in that building would have been almost impossible. So we went back to the Washington State Hospital Association and said, 'If you want an example of what's wrong with health care in Washington, you don't need to look any further than this. We have a clinic that's outdated and too small, we have a building that well suited and can be economically remodeled to make the switch and prove a whole bunch of this, and yet we can't do it because of the rules. What's wrong with this picture?' They went on our behalf back to the Department of Health and said, 'Oh, we gave you the wrong advice. We told you the wrong the rules; you really don't have to use these rules.' It's really up to the [City of Goldendale](#), because we are in city limits. That was good news and happened about this time last year." The news is especially welcome in light of the fact that the clinic represents about 25 percent of KVH's business, with about 18,000 visits each year.

Then there is the EMS district which we've been working on a lot, and we still have a lot of hard work to do," Hiebert says. "We almost have the state license for the ambulance, but it's a little bit of a balancing act because one of the hospital districts has to give up their ambulance license for another one to be issued, because we can only have two for the county. In order to do that and have a license issued, we can't apply for a Medicare number, an enrollment number to bill, until we have a license." In order to accommodate this requirement, Skyline Hospital in [White Salmon](#) will relinquish its ambulance license, though it will lose no ambulance service, since everything will fold into the new hospital district serving most of [Klickitat County](#).

The hospital is more fully prepared to serve patients requiring hospitalization.

Hiebert says it reached almost maximum capacity very recently. "We had a day last week when we had 16 patients in the hospital," she recalls. "We have never, in my 10 years here that I remember, had that many patients in the hospital. Our capacity is 17, so we are almost full. Part of it is the season, but part of it is the hospital's program. We are now able to take care of sicker patients, which has been a great boost for the community."

The hospital's surgery program has also proved enormously successful, as patients avail themselves of the opportunity to have surgery performed locally by a physician based and living here.

Hiebert sees challenges ahead for the hospital building, which is approaching 70 years of age. "The building is in very good shape," she says, "however, it's almost 70 years old, and there's a point where the state's expectation for technology-they are going to say, 'You can't keep driving this old car. You're going to have to buy a new one at some point.' That's something we collectively have to grapple with. I don't know what the answer is; but that's not next year or probably five years. I'd say about 10 years from now. There is no reason not to start thinking about it, sort of entering the public mind. If we want to have acute care services in [Goldendale](#) long-term, it's going to mean finishing the job we started with the emergency

department, laboratory imaging, and all that piece. It's a major decision point strategy-wise and community-wise." Hiebert looks forward to the journey. "I was thinking back to when we sat down five years ago," she says, remembering her interview with The Sentinel when she first came to the hospital. "I feel the same way that I felt then. I think I told you then that [Goldendale](#) is my home. I love the people, I love the community, and I want to be here. If this is how I can be here in the community, it's something I want to do." Being CEO at [KVH](#), she states, is not a mere stepping stone to other career accomplishments. "No," she says. "This is where I want to be."

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This letter was written in May of 2013 to the Klickitat County Planning Commission

Dear Klickitat County,

In response to your Memorandum and Preliminary Staff Reports with particular attention to the GMA Mineral Lands Review:

The Dallesport/Murdock Community Council in Public Meeting on May 9th, 2013 appointed Don McDermott to make the following comments and to ask the following questions on behalf of the Council;

The Community is concerned that our recommendations to not use the term "Designate" but rather use the term "Identify" in regard to potential mineral resource lands as we have presented in our Comp Plan submission. We have made it clear that the term "Designate" is not without adverse consequences for our residential community. The opinions of the County Prosecutors have been brought to your attention in that we are not required to use this term as Klickitat County had the choice not to "opt in" to all requirements of the GMA. Minimum requirements of GMA do not require "Designation" of resource lands contrary to the assertions of special interest parties interested in protecting their mining activities from public protest. Fully planning counties require restrictions on adjacent area ownership notifying landowners that usual mining activities are existing or have the potential to exist and that expectations of many objectionable activities related to transportation, blasting, rock crushing and dust emissions are usual and customary. Much of the mineral resource land in Dallesport and Murdock identified in the Loen report is extensive across the urban area and adjacent to residences. Of critical concern are the places that have been identified by the Comp Plan Committee as the only reasonable places available for expansion of urban growth.

A question for the Commissioners and the Planning Department that must be answered is "How would "Designation" impact the rights of residents to object or legally prevent nuisance activities associated with mining in our community and will restrictions or notifications be attached to our deeds and diminish our property rights of quiet enjoyment?" Such restriction or notification will reduce our property values.

We are on record as objecting to changes to our Comp Plan submission especially with regard to changing our use of the term "Identify" to "Designate". The Planning Commission has submitted a revised plan that is contrary to the will of the public. The Dallesport/Murdock Comp Plan is submitted without changes by the Planning Commission. At the last public hearing the Commissioners confessed to not understanding the implications of the word "Designate" and we hope that full understanding is possessed by all three elected Commissioners for the upcoming meeting. As always, the protection of the public is our mission.

Don McDermott
Chairman, Dallesport/Murdock Community Council

LYLE SCHOOL DISTRICT #406

For the latest information on Lyle School District, visit the website for the school district.
<http://www.lyleschools.org/wordpress/>

Happy New Year

School will resume on Monday, January 6, 2014.

Basketball season is in full swing. Check the school Calendar for game schedules.

High School Baseball and Football Coaches Needed

Lyle High School is looking for a Boys Baseball and Boys Football Head Coach. Anyone interested should submit a Letter of Interest to the Lyle district office.

Special Education ESA

Lyle Schools provides support services for students who are eligible for Special Education, Title I program services and the Learning Assistance Program (LAP). These special program services are coordinated through Educational Service District 112 in Vancouver, Washington. These programs operate under Federal and state regulations, which are also supervised by the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction. Parents or guardians with concern regarding their child's need for special services may contact the superintendent or a classroom teacher for more information.

Approved Adopted Policies and Procedures

- [ESA Member 2161 Special Education Policy \(pdf\)](#)
- [ESA Member 2161 Special Education Procedures \(pdf\)](#)
 - [Child Find Procedures \(Word\)](#)

Web Resources

- [ESD 112 Special Education Services](#)
- [Washington State Special Education](#)
- [Title I and Learning Assistance Program \(LAP\)](#)

*Next school board meeting will be held on January 23, 2014
Support your school and attend a meeting.*



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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.alumni.class.com/lyle

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Dallesport-Murdock Community Calendar

January 2014

Dallesport-Murdock FireDept. KCFD#6
630 Central Ave. P.O. Box 215 --767-1252

Dallesport-Murdock Community Center 6th Ave. -- P.O. Box 8
Community Center Rental -- Contact: Renee - 767-2316

5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	AA Meeting Church 7:30pm	Senior Lunch Lyle 11:30am	Dallesport Water Dist. 7pm Fire Dept. Business @ 6pm Commissioners Meet @7pm	Community Council Meeting 7pm Good News Club 2:30 - 3:30	Curbside Recycle	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	AA Meeting Church 7:30pm	Senior Lunch Lyle 11:30am Bookmobile Murdock 9:45am-10:00am	Bookmobile Dallesport School 11:45 - 3:00pm	Airport Board Meeting 7am @ Airport Good News Club 2:30 - 3:30		French Toast Breakfast Fundraiser at Fire Hall 7am
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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DALLESFORT-MURDOCK COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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DALLESFORT, WA 98617
www.dallesport-wa.org

BURN BAN has been lifted.

WGAP Food Bank

1250 E Steuben Street, Bingen

Open Tuesday and Thursday 8:30 am - 3:30 pm (closed 12 - 1 lunch)

Home Energy Services, Energy Assistance, Weatherization

Home Energy Services(509) 493-2662

During the winter months, low-income individuals and families can be helped with heating their homes through this program. Assistance is provided on a first come, first served basis for a variety of heating sources. Applicants must live within the two county area and have a utility account in their name.

Weatherization (509) 493-2662

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At Community Center on 6th Street Dallesport

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Columbia Gorge Regional Airport

Concourse A Cafe

Murdock Market

Columbia Hills RV Park on Hwy 197

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Dallesport Post Office