



The Dallesport News

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February 2015

Sheriff Names Top Officers, Sets Goals



Klickitat County's newly elected sheriff, Bob Songer, has officially transitioned into his new role and made some big changes to the office's management team.

Songer takes the place of former Klickitat County Sheriff Rick McComas after defeating challenger Marc Boardman during the most recent election.

All staffing changes were effective as of Jan. 1.

"I considered employee morale, a more cost effective way to manage the sheriff's office, ways to increase employee staffing on the road and in the jail, labor relationships, plus other factors in making my decision on top-level management changes," Songer wrote in the release.

Among the most notable changes to the management of the Klickitat County Sheriff's Office was the ejection of now-former Undersheriff Boardman.

Songer has eliminated the undersheriff position entirely to pay for overtime in order to put more deputies on the road, according to the release.

Additionally, Deputy Pat Kaley will no longer be chief criminal deputy as he has been replaced by Detective Mike Kallio.

Eileen Porter has also been replaced as chief civil deputy by Deputy Robert Bianchi, who will be in charge of the Klickitat County Jail and civil unit.

Songer also added an administrative assistant position, which will be filled by Angel Hill, who will be responsible for assisting the sheriff in budget management, payroll, and other administrative duties, according to the release.

Additionally, Songer listed a few goals he wants to accomplish during the first 100 days in office, including re-establishing a range/timber deputy program, creating a citizen advisory committee to assist the sheriff with budgetary matters, and launching a "sheriff's posse" that would be involved with rural crime prevention activities, including an aviation program that Songer said will come at "no cost to the citizens of Klickitat County."

"The top priority of my administration will be a commitment to the citizens we serve and to the department employees who deliver the services the citizens demand," Songer wrote. *Reprinted with permission from The Enterprise.*

Book Review

by Judy Bane

"The Midnight Plan of the Repo Man"

by W. Bruce Cameron

Ruddick "Ruddy" McCann is a full time repo man and a part time bouncer in his sisters bar in Kalkaska, Michigan.

He once had a bright future in college football with expectations of a brilliant career in the NFL when an injury cut it all short. He ends up back home, an object of pity and scorn. He has settled for a lesser life and is just trying to help his sister make a go of their Dads old bar.

He begins to hear a voice in his head and at first, he thinks he is losing all his marbles. The voice finally convinces him that it is really real and things begin to spiral out of control.

He meets a girl he knows he could become crazy about, only to discover that the voice in his head is her long missing father, who was actually murdered.

The voice helps him solve this murder but he can't tell the cops because they will think he is crazy when he tells them that the voice in his head led him to the solution. Not to mention the ick factor of trying to kiss his new found love with her father right there on the sidelines.

A sweet romance, a murder mystery, a lazy but loyal dog and a town full of off the wall characters you can't help but love. This was a fun romp of a book that kept the story on the edge of normal and I was totally entertained by it.

Columbia Gorge Genealogical Society

February 14th, 2015

Monthly meetings are at 1:00 pm at the Columbia Gorge Discovery Center, lower level. No host lunch at Basalt Cafe at noon preceding the meeting. Program: **DNA and You – Questions Asked and Answered** -Sandy Bisset - Presentation and panel discussion on how DNA works and its relevance to genealogical research. Sandy Bisset: 541-298-1240 - \$1.00 suggested donation to help with cost of room rental.

Authors Dale

Brandenburger and C.B. Bernard at Klindt's

February 21, 2015 - 2pm

<http://www.klindtsbooks.com>

On Saturday, February 21st, 2015 at 2pm, Klindt's Booksellers will feature two Alaskan authors for an afternoon of reading and discussion. Both authors will read from their books and discuss the circumstances that drove them to further explore Alaska in their writing. Book signing, music and refreshments to follow.

Brandenburger's Alaskan novel is a mystery/thriller heavily influenced by his work for Alaskan Fish & Wildlife. *GRIZZLY TRADE* is a novel set in Alaska that goes beyond the old Jack London themes. Sliding seamlessly between pathos and humor, *GRIZZLY TRADE* is a raucous romp through the Alaskan wilderness.

CB Bernard's *CHASING ALASKA* is a nonfiction account of life in Alaska. When C.B. Bernard lashed his canoe to his truck and traded his life in New England for one in Alaska, he soon learned that a distant relation had made a similar trek north and west a century earlier. Captain Joe Bernard spent decades sailing the Arctic in his schooner *Teddy Bear*, enduring shipwrecks, horrific winters, starvation, and living among the Eskimo and Inuit.

Chasing the legacy of this explorer, hunter, and trader up the family tree, C.B. tracked his correspondence, located artifacts donated to museums, and recovered his journals, which he used as guides to his own explorations of his new home. Discover Alaska through the eyes of two men separated only by time in this moving portrait of the Last Frontier then and now.

CHASING ALASKA was a Publishers Weekly Top 10 Pick, a National Geographic top choice, and a finalist for a 2014 Oregon Book Award. Klindt's Booksellers 315 E. 2nd Street The Dalles.

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

***FREE wireless Internet access** inside the library and on library grounds.

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,

Open M Tu W

Th F Sat 10-6:30

Bookmobile

Fort Vancouver Regional Library

1-888-546-2707

Murdock Daycare-9:45 – 10:00 am

Tuesdays. Feb. 3rd.. & 17th.

Dallesport School- 11:45 – 2:45 pm

Wednesdays Feb. 4th. & 18th.



About the bookmobile

Each bookmobile holds approximately 2,000 frequently changed items, but the selection available to you isn't restricted to what's on the bookmobile. All books owned by the district, plus many more titles that can be borrowed from other libraries, are all available for your use. Just ask our staff for help finding what you need.

The bookmobile is a public library and contains a wide variety of materials for both adults and children. The library recognizes that parents have the primary responsibility for guiding their children's reading. Staff will be happy to help you find books and information you need.

You may renew library materials by calling your local library or toll free (from area code 509 only) 1-800-750-9876, or renewing online through the catalog.

If you need special accommodations to participate in programs, please call (360) 906-5106 or 1-888-546-2707 (toll-free from area code 509 only), or send an email to questions@fvrl.org.

ALL LIBRARIES CLOSED

Monday, February 16, 2015

All libraries and bookmobiles will be closed in observance of Washington's Birthday.

Community Council Corner

By Renee Briggs

Please join us for the next Council meeting on **Feb. 12th** at the Dallesport Community Center. At 7pm.

Remember to visit us online:

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

K.C.F.D. #6

Dallesport/Murdock Fire Department

February 21st. 7-10 am

Dallesport fire station

All proceeds go to the Dallesport Fire Department Building Fund.....

All you can eat

Biscuits, gravy & sausage

Endless Coffee & Juice...

\$5.00 per Person

Dallesport Water Dist.

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

Lyn Stevens DWD Clerk 541-980-6514,

or dallesportwater@gmail.com

Monthly meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 7:30pm at the Dallesport Community Center.

AARP Tax Aide

The AARP Tax Aide program begins. This year it will start on Friday, February 6th, and will be offered at The Dalles Center every Friday from 2:00 – 6:00 and every Saturday from 9:00 – 1:00 until April 11th. Make sure you bring the necessary documentation including: government issued identification, last year's tax return; Social Security card; records of any income; and records of your eligible expenses if you are going to itemize your deductions. In February it is pretty busy, but it usually slows down in March. The Tax Aide Program is available to all low to moderate income taxpayers and particularly those over 60

and is sponsored by the Mid-Columbia Community Action Program.

FREE SATURDAY FAMILY MOVIES

Columbia Cinemas
2727 W. 7th St., The Dalles
www.inthedalles.com
541-296-8081

YOUTH THINK
Promoting. Influencing. Empowering.
youththink.net

MOVIES START 10:00 a.m. SATURDAY
Doors Open at 9:15 a.m.
Doors Close at 10:10 a.m. or after the first 500 admitted.

YOUTH THINK will be collecting canned food donations at all movies!

FEB. 7th	
FEB. 14th	
FEB. 21th	
FEB. 28th	

MOVIES SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE

Historic Lyle Hotel Back In Business

A county hotel that has been clinging to its foundation for 11 decades and counting was not so long ago a dull, lightless, and rather bleak place. It reflected the result of the fractured relationship of its previous owners, and until the summer of 2014, it was nearly forgotten.

Then the [Lyle](#) Hotel was adopted by Richard and Trece Simpson, who are native to southern California. The Simpsons had stumbled across the hideaway when searching for a place to follow their dream-owning a bed and breakfast.

"I graduated from California Culinary Academy and have been in, around, and cooking for restaurants my entire adult life. Trece is a mother of three and, having prior management experience, she is perfectly suited to run the hotel." Richard, the hotel's head chef and Trece, the hotel manager, make the perfect owners for this hideaway.

As noted, the hotel had been abandoned for two years before the Simpsons purchased it. "The spiders owned the place. We were presented with the challenge of updating the kitchen,

dining room, lobby, and bar," says Richard. After five months of renovating and filling out paperwork, the Lyle Hotel Restaurant and bar is now running and open for business.

It is described as "a historic railroad hotel that has been newly remodeled," offering nightly stays and "local delicacies in the heart of wine country." It hosts wine tasting' fresh local beers and cider; small plates; weekend brunch; afternoon tea; and it has a banquet facility.

The Simpsons feel they have succeeded in the terms of revitalizing the place. "People walk in here and they love it, we've made it a comfortable place." The hotel features a comfortable place to spend a vacation and a taste of life here in the Gorge.

For more information, call (509) 365-5933 or go to thelylehotel.com

Obituary

Cecil Lavern Odom

Cecil Lavern Odom was born to John Marvin and Myrtle Ivy (Lease) Odom at Largo, Florida on February 3, 1929. He passed away at his home in Murdock, Washington on December 29, 2014 at the age of 85. Cecil was raised in Florida then joined the United States Air Force and moved to Spokane, Washington. On February 17, 1950 he married Lorraine Belle Carter in Walla Walla, Washington. Mr. Odom loved the outdoors, fishing, panning for gold, hunting and vegetable gardening. His greatest joy, however, was his family and time spent with them. Cecil was a member of the Lyle Celebration Center in Lyle, Washington.

Mr. Odom is survived by his wife Lorraine of Murdock; children Caren Buffum and Danny Odom both of Murdock and Larry Odom of Wyoming; eight grandchildren, thirteen great grandchildren and one great great grandchild.

A funeral service was held at the Lyle Celebration Center on Sunday, January 4, 2015 at 2:30pm with private interment at the White Salmon Cemetery. Gardner Funeral Home handled arrangements. To sign the online guestbook, please visit www.gardnerfh.com

**ORIGINAL WASCO COUNTY
COURTHOUSE - 1859**

**ORIGINAL
COURTHOUSE
REGIONAL HISTORY
FORUM
SERIES FOR 2015**



**Programs begin at 1:30 p.m. in the upstairs courtroom
of the 1859 courthouse, 410 West 2nd Place, The Dalles
behind the Chamber of Commerce / Visitors' Center**

Saturday, February 7

Japanese Families in the Mosier Area Prior to 1942

Dave Wilson, Mayerdale history researcher, presented a program worth repeating at Wasco County Historical Society's annual meeting last fall. Historic photos and family stories reveal a vibrant Japanese community on the Mayerdale Estate and nearby properties prior to the World War II internment.

Saturday, February 14

General George Wright, Defender of the Civil War Pacific Coast

Dr. Tom Edwards moved to Portland where he founded the Civil War Roundtable after retiring from Whitman College's history department. We observe the 150th anniversary of the end of the war with a program on George Wright who made his mark locally and went on to national fame during the war.

Saturday, February 21

Time and Change on Mount Adams

Professional photographer Darryl Lloyd grew up on the flanks of Mt. Adams. Over a lifetime he has hiked, climbed, guided and photographed almost every nook and cranny on the mountain. He is a rare witness to its dramatic changes and the ways people have used the area. He will share a remarkable collection of photos and stories including the first photographs of the mountain taken 100 years ago.

Saturday, February 28

Delivering the Mail: Wasco County Post Offices

Local historian Nancy Zopf has catalogued the many communities in our county that hosted, and sometimes were named after, local post offices. She will trace postal history from "Wascopam" days to the present and recount the ever-evolving means of delivering the mail.

Coffee and cookies will be served.

Become a member of Original Courthouse – help preserve local history!

LYLE SCHOOL DISTRICT #406

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

<http://www.lyleschools.org/wordpress/>

New Lyle School District Superintendent

Originally from Everett, WA. I received my Bachelor's degree from Western Washington University then headed north...way north, to Alaska where I worked for the Fairbanks school district for the next 22 years.

During that time I met my wife Sandy, completed a Master's degree with a Principal's endorsement and began raising a family. My experiences with the Fairbanks school district were many and varied. I taught physical education for 12 years, served two administrative internships, and worked as an assistant principal and principal for 10 years.

Alaska was a wonderful place to work and play. Our two children, who are now both in college, have fond memories of growing up with "much" snow and "many" moose. However, the call of family grew stronger as they grew older, and as many Alaskans do, we returned to our "roots".

Washington state has been a fabulous place to settle. The Cascade mountain range and Columbia river Gorge offers much of what I and my family enjoy in our recreational time. As a Nordic Ski Patrol volunteer I have found the hour drive to local snow (in most years) to be preferred to 7 months of shoveling it in my driveway. Our extended family is spread between WA, Ore. and Calif. so this area is a natural fit for us.

It is with great pleasure that I join the new Lyle school district team in pursuit of student achievement.

Brian L. Carter, Superintendent/principal Lyle public schools

Local Maintenance and Operation Levy

The Lyle school district is asking for your support of a Local Maintenance and Operation levy this February. Lyle staff and students are celebrating some good news this year and are excited to continue the work already begun towards increased student success. The good news is that with support from the community the past couple of years, Lyle schools have been able to protect staffing thereby keeping class size low, provided a new full time k-12 counselor, employed a full time high energy superintendent, hired three new highly qualified teachers, and a parent engagement specialist. Our commitment to your children also includes support for after school programs including study time and after school sports on both our campuses.

Passage of this levy would enable us to begin the process of updating curriculum in Reading, Math and Science. The timing of this couldn't be better. With focus at the state level in the common core, we realize the reality of not having a curriculum adoption in many years is hurting our teachers and our children. With your support we would not only be able to better address the common core, but also enrich our elective offerings by increasing opportunities in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) music, arts, and vocational education.

Please support your Lyle schools. Ballots are due FEB 10.

*Next school board meeting will be held on February 19, 2015
Support your school and attend a meeting.*



Chocolate Festival

February 7, 11:00am-6:00pm
Chef Demonstrations, Chocolate
Tasting, Shopping.
Lyle Activity Center- Lyle, WA

Flea Market at The Civic

February 8, 2015
11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

<http://www.TheDallesCivic.org>

Come in out of the cold! Fall/Winter Flea Market at The Dalles Civic Auditorium. Sunday, February 8th 11am to 4pm in the Community Room. Free Admission. Flea Market is open to anyone including organizations, church groups, artists, home-based businesses, etc. Tables are \$20 each. RSVP to Trish Neal 541-404-0724 by 48 hours prior to the event. Info and RSVP form online at www.TheDallesCivic.org under "Events" Doggone-It Hot Dogs and BBQ will be there.
323 E 4th Street, The Dalles, OR
FREE Admission

Find Your Valentine Party

February 6 - 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Break the ice at The Sunshine Mill's winter warm up. Whether you're single in the city or looking for a good time with your darling, countdown to Valentine's Day! Optional Speed Dating hosted by James and Mollie Martin!

Firepits with s'mores Free Appetizers
21 and over event
COPA-A-GRAM-STATION
Sunshine Mill Artisan Plaza & Winery
901 E. Second St. The Dalles.

Valentine's Wine & Chocolate Weekend

February 14, - February 16, 2015

<http://www.gorgewine.com>

Treat your Sweet: It doesn't get much sweeter than indulging in chocolate paired with the world-class wine of the Columbia Gorge! Join us for an unforgettable Valentine's weekend experience hosted at over 20 wineries in the wild beauty of the Columbia Gorge featuring chocolate and other sweet pairings, special releases, great discounts and more. Wineries throughout the Columbia Gorge

Second Saturday at WAAAM Air & Auto Museum

Feb. 14 - 9:00am - 5:00am

The Second Saturday of each month the WAAAM Air and Auto Museum opens the doors to roll out and run some of its antique airplanes and cars. Visitors watch airplane operations up close and may get to ride in old cars too. Open 9-5. Activities 10-2. Lunch 11-1. Free parking. WAAAM is located three miles from downtown Hood River at 1600 Air Museum Road, Hood River, OR 97031. Call (541) 308-1600 for more information or visit www.waaamuseum.org 1600 Air Museum Drive Hood River, OR

The Columbia Gorge Sinfonietta presents "The Bold, the Brilliant, and the Beautiful

Feb. 20th. 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

<http://cgoaonline.blogspot.com/>

Come experience the power of great orchestral music, as the Columbia Gorge Sinfonietta presents "The Bold, the Brilliant, and the Beautiful." The program includes the Oregon premiere (and only second performance worldwide) of Grammy-winning composer Austin Wintory's "Banner Saga Suite," stirring, Viking-inspired music with a cinematic flair. Dimitri Shostakovich's rarely performed Second Piano Concerto will feature local soloist Corin Parker. The concert concludes with Johannes Brahms' lyrical masterpiece, Symphony #2. The Dalles Civic Auditorium Ballroom 323 East Fourth Street The Dalles.

Friday, February 20th at 7 PM and
Sunday, February 22nd at 2 PM

Admission: \$10 donation recommended

Bone Soup-Benefit for Home At Last Humane Society

February 28 -- 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Annual fundraiser for Home At Last Humane Society - The Dalles Civic Auditorium 323 E. 4th Street The Dalles - Tickets \$20.00 each Contact Kristy Long: 541-296-5189

Spring 2015 Planetree Health Resource Center Health Lecture Series

All lectures are free and open to the public, and are held in the Deschutes Room on the second floor at Water's Edge, 551 Lone Pine Blvd., The Dalles.

All programs are from 7pm to 8:30pm. Your on-time arrival is appreciated. Call 541-296-8444 or register on this page.

Child care is available - \$2 per child. We look forward to seeing you.

Class Descriptions

These classes are always free but do require registration. (541) 296-1111

Living with Chronic Pain: Tools for Management

Tuesday, February 17th, 7-8:30p

Chronic pain affects almost one in five Americans on a daily basis. Chronic pain is the result of nervous system dysfunction and can last for years.

There may be a specific cause, but sometimes there is no clear cause at all. It can be crippling both physically and emotionally. But treatments can help.

Join Eric Holeman, PharmD, DAAPM and Lead Clinical Pharmacist, and Andy Roof, MPT, OCS, Lead Physical Therapist at MCMC as they talk about tools for treating chronic pain including medicines and non-drug therapies.

Mental Illness and the Family: How to Cope

Tuesday, Feb 24th, 7-8:30pm

It is estimated that 54 million people suffer from some form of mental illness in the US in a given year. Mental disorders are common and widespread. But most families are not prepared to cope with a loved one with mental or emotional problems.

Symptoms can include changes in mood, personality, and social withdrawal and can be emotionally draining for families coping with difficult behaviors.

Mary Zenorini, Behavioral Health Consultant of Columbia Hills Family Medicine & Pediatrics will discuss ways for families to cope when a family member is suffering from a mental disorder.

Dallesport- Murdock Community Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 AA Meeting @ Church 7:30pm Groundhog Day	3 Bookmobile Murdock 9:45-10am Senior Lunch Lyle 11:30am	4 Bookmobile Dallesport 11:45-2:45pm	5	6 Senior Advisory Board Meeting 10am Noon	7 First Saturday Breakfast Lyle Licns Club 7am-10am
8	9 AA Meeting @ Church 7:30pm	10 Senior Lunch Lyle 11:30am	11 Fire Dist Biz. 6pm Commissioners Meet 7pm Water Dist. Meet 7:30pm	12 Community Council Meeting 7pm	13	14 Happy Valentines Day
15	16 AA Meeting @ Church 7:30pm Presidents Day	17 Bookmobile Murdock 9:45-10am Senior Lunch Lyle 11:30am	18 Bookmobile Dallesport 11:45-2:45pm Ash Wednesday	19 School Board Meets 7pm - 8pm Lyle High School	20 Airport Board Meeting /am @ Airport	21 Fire Dist. Breakfast Fundraiser at Fire Hall 7-10am
22	23 AA Meeting @ Church 7:30pm	24 Senior Lunch Lyle 11:30am	25	26	27	28

Jan 2015

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Feb 2015

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DALLESFORT-MURDOCK COMMUNITY COUNCIL
P.O. BOX 8
DALLESFORT, WA 98617

www.dallesport-wa.org

BURN BAN has been lifted. Please be careful.

HOW ABOUT A DALLESFORT/MURDOCK COMMUNITY YARD SALE?

Are you ready for Spring? Well maybe not yet. Are you ready for something new and fun to do? A number of us have been talking about a community yard sale, either in our own yards or in the park next to the Community Building. We know that there is that huge driving sale in June from Lyle to Goldendale, but we thought it might be a good idea for us to just have our own. A meeting for everyone interested will be the evening of **March 16th at 7 PM** in the Community Building on 6th. Street. If you are interested, mark your calendar, and also call Elaine Kincheloe at 509-767-0699 and leave your number and a message. You could also sign-up for the meeting at one of the Community Council meetings on February 14 or March 12. There have been quite a few people that are interested in this event and think it would be fun. We may even sell hot dogs and our famous Ice Cream Cones! See you all soon at the March 16 meeting.

To have a Dallesport Newsletter delivered to your inbox each month, please email Renee Briggs at lrbriggs@gorge.net

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

Chairman:

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New website under construction

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

Dallesport Post Office

Dallesport Community Center

[Columbia Gorge](#) Regional Airport

Red Racer Cafe @ Airport

THANK YOU

To everyone who participated in our Community Survey this year. An extra special thank you to the following business and groups for their help:

Canyon Market -- Klickitat Post Office -- Lyle Mercantile -- Klickitat Schools -- Lyle Schools -- Lyle Country Café -- Dallesport Post Office

And all of our coalition members who worked hard to make sure we heard from as many people as possible! Want to learn more?? Join us at our upcoming Community Night to discuss results of our survey and next steps for our coalition. More details to be announced soon.