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ADMINISTRATION

Regents to vote on new athletics budget plan

State law prohibits WSU from reporting deficit at end of year

By Dylan Greene and Ian Smay

Evergreen editor-in-chief and news editor

The WSU Board of Regents will decide on a proposed budget designed to address the over \$60 million deficit facing the athletic department at a meeting in Woodinville on Friday.

The group will also take action on three additional agenda items, including the budget and financing plan for a new human resources and budget system and a statement of commitment to the Elson S. Floyd College of Medicine.

The new budget plan released by WSU Athletics last week counts on student fees doubling by fiscal year 2022 to help address the more than \$60 million deficit facing the department.

The plan said the department will erase the annual debt by fiscal year 2023 but the cumulative deficit will reach \$84.9 million by then. The plan also

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LOCAL

Allsup certified for Republican county position

Local GOP leaders may prevent him from assuming role

By Ian Smay

Evergreen news editor

Former WSU College Republicans President James Allsup was certified as a Precinct Committee Officer on Saturday by the Whitman County Auditor's Office.

The position usually entails passing out campaign materials, supporting candidates and sometimes voting on party leadership depending on the district.

The news drew negative responses from some in the party, including Whitman County GOP state committeeman and County Commissioner Art Swannick.

"I in no way support fascism, neo-Nazism and any of the activities he's been involved with," Swannick said.

Allsup, who could not be reached for comment, has previously denied being a white nationalist and said he fully condemns racist groups such as the KKK and Nazism in interviews with Q13 Fox News.

Swannick said while Allsup was technically elected, he ran unopposed and may not be seated as party leadership could look to bylaws to explore legal

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We all scream for ice cream



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Brenda Barrio, left, watches her 3-year-old son Lucas Tatt-Barrio lick his strawberry ice cream cone inside Ferdinand's Ice Cream Shoppe on Tuesday. Ferdinand's is open 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and offers a variety of treats during the hot summer months to stay refreshed.

LIFE & LEISURE

Reaney Park Pool opens as summer kicks in

Area open five hours daily, renovations set for next two years

By Ryan Blake

Evergreen reporter

Pullman will officially open the community pool at Reaney Park to the public this Saturday.

City Recreation Manager Kurt Dahmen said the pool is a great place for the city's youth and families to go during the warm months of the summer.

"Hopefully our weather continues to cooperate and our season gets off to a good start with warm weather and people getting out to enjoy it right away," Dahmen said.

"Hopefully our weather continues to cooperate."

Kurt Dahmen

city recreation manager

The pool at Reaney Park will receive upgrades over the next two years. The city budgeted \$450,000 for improvements to the park in the \$2.4 million bond voters approved in February.

The project will include installation of a new pool liner and repairing concrete around the edges beneath. Dahmen said the original liner was pur-



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Reaney Park Pool will receive a new liner and repairs around the edges in the coming years as part of a bond approved in February. The pool opens 1 p.m. Saturday.

chased in 1997 and is at the end of its useful life of approximately 25 years.

Additionally, \$22,000 is budgeted for a 16-foot climbing wall to be installed after the repairs to the liner and concrete are made. The city may still purchase the wall in 2018.

The interior and exterior

restrooms and changing facilities are also set for renovations, Dahmen said. The renovations will all take place outside the pool season and likely be completed in 2019 or 2020.

A splash pad was added prior to the pool's opening in 2016, a \$737,000 investment by the city. Dahmen said the

pad has been successful in bringing families with younger children to the park who may not have been able to before.

Reaney Park is home to the Pullman community swim team, who is already breaking in the pool. The Barracudas are comprised of children 5 to 18

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Thursday 6/7

Campfire tales with local community members. The Latah County Historical Society will hold a campfire where local authors and artists will share stories from 7:30-9 p.m. at the McConnell Mansion, located at 110 South Adams Street in Moscow. The event is free, items to make s'mores will be provided and attendees are encouraged to bring blankets and camping chairs.

Friday 6/8

See a visual recreation of the planets in our solar system. The WSU Planetarium will host Planets Rock from 7-8 p.m. Friday and 5-6 p.m. Sunday in Sloan Hall 231. This event features a full-dome visual projection of our solar system along with music from the 1970s through 2000s playing in the background. Tickets are \$5 at the door and admission is free for children 6 years old and under.

To submit, email events to meditor@dailyevergreen.com. Preference will be given to events that are free and open to the public or are hosted by an RSO, and must include time, date and place.



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Tuesday

Welfare Check

SE Terre View Drive & Highway 270, 5:44 a.m. Officer responded to the report of an elderly male walking on the road toward the highway. He was unable to locate the subject.

Lockout

NW Ann Street, 7:42 a.m. Officer responded to the report of a subject accidentally locking her toddler in her vehicle while it was running. The officer was able to unlock the vehicle.

Animal Problem, Complaint

SE Glen Echo Road, 7:53 a.m. Animal Control requested a case for a report of a bird stuck in a fireplace. The officer was able to catch and release the bird.

Animal Problem, Complaint

NE Stadium Way & NE Valley Road, 8:47 a.m. Officer responded to the report of a dead rabbit on the sidewalk. She was unable to locate the rabbit.

Litter, Pollution, Public Health

SE Kamiaken Street, 9:30 a.m. Officer requested case for littering. Several couches were dumped on planting strips on College Hill. The Parks Department will remove them.

Animal Problem, Complaint

W Main Street, 10:09 a.m. Officer responded to the report of sheep creating a continuous animal noise and warned.

Theft, Other

NE Colorado Street, 10:22 a.m. Officer responded to the report of a stereo speaker theft.

Wheel Locks

SE Paradise Street, 2:15 p.m. Officer requested a case and attached a wheel lock to the vehicle in question due to unpaid parking tickets.

Suspicious Person, Circumstance

NW Deane Street, 4:03 p.m. Officer responded to the report of a suspicious circumstance.

Wanted Person

SE Spring Street, 4:05 p.m. Officer contacted the subject who had questions about a lease.

Traffic Violation

N Grand Avenue, 5:19 p.m. Officer responded to the report of a car weaving in and out of traffic, but was unable to locate the vehicle.

Found Property

SE Kamiaken Street, 8:13 p.m. A black Toyota car key was turned into the police department.

Welfare Check

NW Nye Street, 8:28 p.m. PPD and Pullman Ambulance responded and transported one to Pullman Regional Hospital.

Intoxicated Person

NE Stadium Way, 8:40 p.m. Officer responded to the report of an intoxicated person, but was unable to locate the subject.

In the Stars | Horoscopes

Today's Birthday —★★★★— Reach new levels of physical health and fitness this year. Envision abundance and plot your course. Unexpected twists unveil a mystery. Reap an abundant harvest this summer as changing educational priorities lead to a fascinating and exciting conversation. You can realize your dream.

Aries (March 21 - April 19) —★★★★½— Enjoy time for yourself. Get out for a while. You can manage your responsibilities and still have fun. Good news comes from far away.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20) —★★½— It's emotion versus reason over the next few days. Something you try now doesn't work. Discover a structural problem. Avoid assumptions and preconceptions.

Gemini (May 21 - June 20) —★★★★— Provide leadership to resolve a team breakdown. Hold meetings and group conversations to crowdsolve solutions. Delegate to perfectionists. Don't overextend. Monitor the resources.

Cancer (June 21 - July 22) —★★★★— The next two days are good for making professional decisions and moves. Resupply locally. Set a juicy goal, and go for it. Track progress.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) —★★★★½— Expand your terrain, and go explore. Stick to practical objectives. Take detailed notes to document your research. Sort the data. Prioritize firsthand experience.

Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22) —★★★★— Money is on your mind. Collaboration grows common interests faster. Don't rush into an expensive decision. Talk it over, and review all options.

Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22) —★★★★— Work with a partner to advance. Negotiate terms and compromise. Use your own good sense to resolve discrepancies. Have fun together.

Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21) —★★★★½— Physical action gets results. Maintain your health and fitness practices. Energize your work and labors. Build strong foundations, and keep to high standards.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) —★★★★½— Have fun with someone you love. Relaxation seduces you into romance, laughter, creative diversions and beauty. Indulge your heart's desire, and get playful.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) —★★★★½— Family comes first. Get into domestic projects and pleasures. Listen, and provide support for someone who needs to talk. Patience is golden.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) —★★★★— Write, research, study and share what you're learning with your networks. Your ideas are attracting attention. Get the word out.

Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20) —★★★★½— Focus on a profitable opportunity. Slow to avoid expensive mistakes. Clear up a disagreement about priorities. Follow rules and guidelines closely to advance.

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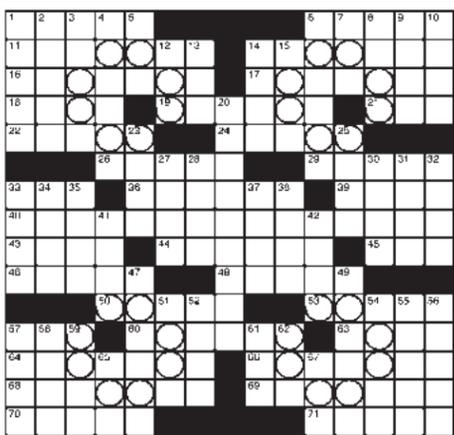
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Airport construction \$20M over projections

Official says university land cost more to buy than first anticipated

By Ian Smay
Evergreen news editor

Construction projects aimed at runway realignment at the Pullman-Moscow Regional Airport will go about \$22 million over their original projections.

Due to higher-than-estimated costs in areas such as land acquisition and drainage among others, the project which is 70 percent completed will finish much higher than their \$119 million project estimation in 2014, ending up at \$142.5 million, Pullman-Moscow Regional Airport Executive Director Tony Bean said.

Land acquisition represented the largest increase, accounting for approximately \$12 million in the extra costs, he said.

The difference in estimation versus cost came from the process the airport had to use to purchase the land using federal funds from the Federal Aviation Administration, who is providing 91.88 percent of funding with the remaining amount being covered by a number of local donors. However, these increased costs will result in only a little more than a \$140,000 addition to the funding match needed from the donors.

Bean said one of the main reasons the purchasing of land ended up costing more than estimated was due to the process by which an organization must go through to buy property using federal funds, which doesn't allow in-depth inspection of the land before making an offer.

"To make an offer we have to go get an appraisal and we have



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The costs for the construction projects at the Pullman-Moscow Regional Airport will be millions over the previous estimate due to things such as higher land costs.

to go actually make an offer to a landowner under the Uniform Relocation Act," Bean said. "You're asking a real estate specialist in the infancy part of it [to estimate], where you haven't gone on to the property and you haven't looked at anything ... you're making an estimate based on that."

Most of the land contributing to the rise in cost was bought from WSU, Bean said.

"When you actually get into negotiations and you start understanding what it is, that number can change and can change significantly," he said. "The costs with WSU were significantly higher than we programmed for the purchase of the property."

Along with the actual price of buying the land, some extra costs

came in the form of "uneconomic remainder," which occurs when a federally funded project must buy the remainder of a property, even if they don't need it, due to the small amount left unwanted being made unusable or useless because of the purchase of the majority of the plot, Bean said.

Another reason for the discrepancy between the estimate and the actual bid costs comes from soil work. The airport couldn't sample the portion of the land to be used that was covered by a creek, and the depth needed to reach bedrock for building purposes was deeper than expected, he said.

The airport also saw a larger increase in drainage work than previously expected. This, compounded with economic factors

such as higher costs for the parts used due to last year's hurricane season adding a lot of buyers to the market and the economy improving, led to the price hike, Bean said.

Another factor responsible for the new estimation is the fees associated with instrumental landing systems switching from local to FAA control, Bean said.

The project, which expects its final bid for a new taxiway to be finalized next year, will cause the airport to close from Sept. 8, 2019 until Oct. 3, 2019, Bean said, with commercial flights not resuming until Oct. 10.

Options for diverted flights during this time will be up to individual flyers, but Bean said options should be available in Spokane and Lewiston.

WSU to hold first Hawaii Alive! session

One-day program will reduce student travel, adds no cost to school

By Ian Smay
Evergreen news editor

WSU's New Student Programs will an Alive! orientation session away from the Pullman campus this Saturday.

The session, branded "Alive! in Hawaii," comes as an attempt to increase accessibility for incoming Hawaiian students and to allow them to attend a summer session, Amanda Morgan, director of New Student Programs, said.

"We were looking at our Alive! numbers and we saw that students that were coming from Hawaii," she said, "most of them tend to come to our fall Alive! program ... because it's expensive for them to fly and attend an orientation session in June or July, then also fly back again to move in."

The session will last for 12 hours at the Pomaika'i Ballrooms in Honolulu and contains almost all of the programs covered during the summer sessions on the Pullman campus, including signing up for their first semester of classes.

While students at the Hawaii session will miss the campus tour that comes along with the orientations held in Pullman, WSU will give these students a chance to learn about university resources during Week of Welcome and the first week of fall semester, she said.

"We try to take care of these programs so that everything will happen in those two instances with us," Morgan said. "Then, of course, we want them to participate in Week of Welcome activities."



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Future WSU students living in Hawaii will have the chance to participate in their Alive! orientation session in Honolulu, pictured here, instead of flying to Pullman.

The Hawaii edition, like all other Alive! sessions, will not cost the university any extra money as the orientation program is fully funded using fees paid by students and guests, she said.

While the student matriculation fee remains the same for this version of the orientation, guests will have to pay \$195, an increase of \$55 compared to Pullman sessions.

Morgan said the reason for this raise in guest costs comes from an effort to break even in the face of increased prices for things such as the venue and travel.

Students have shown excitement and gave positive feedback

in regards to the program, citing the increased accessibility as a positive, Morgan said. Currently, about 75 students and 70 guests have signed up for the session but more may attend and sign up the day of the event.

While feedback so far has been positive, the test run for this new version of the program will serve as a test for the future and while no problems have occurred yet, the department knows some challenges may arise from things such as the distance.

"It's just a little bit harder because I've never been to Hawaii," Morgan said, "and trying to make sure we are being mindful of a different location

that is really far away. So if we forgot something or if we miss something, it's not going to be easy to pick up the phone and say 'hey can you run this over.' We just don't have the luxury of being in Pullman."

The group traveling to Hawaii does not include any orientation counselors, but will comprise of a light staff of academic counselors, student volunteers mostly made up of current Hawaiian students and a representative from New Student Programs, she said.

The session is not projected to face any delays or issues stemming from the volcanic activity currently taking place in the state, but the group is continuing to monitor the conditions, Morgan said.

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ways to prevent Allsup from taking the position.

A spokesperson for the state's Republican Party said via email that an uncontested race is decided for the sole candidate after four days and no voting took place. The email also pointed out anyone can run for positions in either party due to Washington being a state where voters cannot register with a political party.

Washington State Republican Party Chairman Caleb Heimlich released a statement in response to the announcement of Allsup being named the PCO for the county's 129th district.

"The Washington State Republican Party condemns identity politics and any form of racism in the strongest possible manner. It is antithetical to our core values and stands counter to our goal of getting Washington back on the right track. We condemned this hateful ideology before, we condemn it today and will continue to condemn it in the future," reads the statement in full.

The Spokane County GOP also released a statement Tuesday evening distancing themselves from Allsup.

"Mr. Allsup has never been affiliated in any official capacity with the Spokane County GOP. His past statements, affiliations and actions are deeply out-of-step with the values of the Republican Party, as well as the values of the Spokane County GOP and our members," reads part of the statement.

The release went on to condemn "white supremacy, racism and bigotry in all forms." The message ended with a vow of support to Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers, R-WA, who also released her own statement via a verified Facebook account.

"I was disappointed today when I heard the news that James Allsup is being allowed to represent the Whitman County GOP. I don't have a relationship with him, but I know what he stands for. His actions and words do not reflect the values of the Republican Party or Eastern Washington," the beginning of her post read, before Rodgers disavowed the same ideas listed in the Spokane County GOP release.

Allsup garnered controversy after his attendance at the "Unite the Right" rally on Aug. 12 in Charlottesville, Virginia, which received heavy criticism for the prevalence of neo-Nazism and white nationalism among groups of protesters. A counter protester at the rally lost her life after being struck by a vehicle that drove into the crowd.

Allsup resigned shortly after the rally and many state legislators called for WSU to revoke the College Republicans' Registered Student Organization status. Some also called for the university to expel him. WSU carried out neither action.

The controversial figure also made headlines when the club erected a mock border wall on the Glenn-Terrell Friendship Mall in 2016.

Washington's primary elections, when PCO races would be voted on, take place on Aug. 7.



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Ray Templeton, owner of Redneck Seasonings, shows off the variety of spices he offers at the Moscow Farmers Market on Saturday.



MEET THE MARKET

Local vendor brings heat to Palouse

Templeton wears respirator to protect himself from spices he uses that range from mild to unbearable

By Chloe Grundmeier
Evergreen reporter

Ray Templeton, owner and founder of Redneck Seasonings in Moscow, started his business with the goal of providing spice-seekers willing to submit their stomachs and taste buds to a bit of suffering for the flavors they crave.

His son-in-laws were Templeton's original inspiration and taste testers.

"They're crazy heat freaks," Templeton said. "I wanted to make something that was too hot for them, and then I branched out with other unique flavors."

Redneck Seasonings currently produces and sells dozens of seasonings, from mild barbeque flavors to blends with the hottest peppers in the world. Templeton has to wear a respirator mask while creating the seasonings to protect his lungs from the "vile pepper powder infused air."

Most of these seasonings are flavors that can't be found in stores. Templeton's best-selling seasoning

Charon is another more popular seasoning that's main ingredient is vanilla infused sea salt.

"Vanilla salt is pretty hard to find in stores," Templeton said. "Charon has a sweet beginning with a lasting, haunting smoky flavor."

Templeton characterized several of his unique creations as difficult to describe.

"You have to taste it to understand it," he said about his Memphis Belle barbeque seasoning.

Redneck Seasonings also sells jerky flavored with the spice mixtures

"I wanted to make something that was too hot for them."

Ray Templeton
owner

over the past several years has been The Kraken, which he described as "ungodly hot."

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Helping children continue to learn throughout summer



Series provides live music, entertainment for families weekly

By Chloe Grundmeier
Evergreen reporter

To help keep children busy during the summer, the City of Moscow is partnering with the Latah County Library to present the Entertainment in the Park series starting today.

Over the month of June, Thursday evenings can be spent at the East City Park in Moscow enjoying family-friendly enter-

"This is a fun way for families to do something together."

Stacie Echanove
youth services manager

tainment and live music performed by the Moscow Arts Commission Band.

The Entertainment in the Park series is a part of the Latah County Library Summer Reading Program. All the aspects of the Children's Entertainment Series are educational and entertaining

COURTESY OF LATAH COUNTY LIBRARY

Children dab brushes on their hands to try out finger painting during a Summer Reading Program event last summer.

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MICHAEL LINDER | DAILY EVERGREEN FILE

WSU Board of Regents members Brett Blankenship, left, Ron Sims and Alyssa Norris listen to a discussion during the Regents meeting on Sept. 21 on the WSU Pullman campus. They will meet in Woodinville on Thursday and Friday.

WSU Board of Regents closes off public

While an open meeting is required, the Board will only allow call-ins for outsiders to hear discussion.

Editorial Board
The Daily Evergreen

The WSU Board of Regents will hold their last regular meeting of the 2018 fiscal year this week where they will address one of the most pressing issues facing the university in the form of the over \$60 million deficit facing the athletics department.

However, they have decided to hold this important meeting in Woodinville, almost 300 miles away from Pullman and the only way the public can access this meeting is through a conference call Friday.

The so-called “retreat,” held at the Manor House at the Chateau Ste. Michelle Winery owned by Regents Chair Theodor Baseler, only offers media availability for a scheduled one

hour and 45 minutes and the entirety of the Friday meeting is scheduled to last eight hours.

While the Board is entrusted with making key decisions on behalf of the students, staff, faculty and university community members at-large, it appears the group has decided that a public meeting doesn’t mean making it easily accessible to the general population and the students they represent.

This decision comes in clear opposition of the purpose of the open meeting laws in the state.

Other than being a horrible way to lead by example, this choice by the Regents comes in complete contrast to the multiple statements made by university administration touting their commitment to transparency. WSU faithful should be used to

this perceived nonchalant approach to convening near the Pullman campus as the Board will only hold a single meeting in Pullman this year, a feat which will be repeated again next year with two “retreat” locations yet to be determined for the 2019 schedule.

In 2017, three meetings were to be held in Pullman, but one was cancelled and another was a special meeting held by teleconference.

If the Regents want to show they truly have the best interest of the members of the WSU community at heart, they need to begin holding meetings regularly near the population most greatly affected by their decisions.

While Seattle, Spokane or Tri-Cities may seem like more attractive destinations for these meetings due to their more urban, metropolitan settings, the Regents must take in to consideration who will be affected by the choices made at these events.

While the group may technically be

satisfying their duties as state officials to Washington’s open meetings laws, the Board should not try to skate by in such a way. Transparency should be expected by all state officials and these university trustees should be held to the same standard, especially in the middle of an athletics budget crisis and university wide spending cuts.

The Evergreen would have attended this meeting, even with our abbreviated summer staff, if it had been in Pullman or even on this side of the Cascade Mountains.

It seems ridiculous to have to “attend” a public meeting, especially one where a decision will be made on a projected \$67 million budget deficit that could affect the university for years to come, by a conference call.

If the Regents want to be transparent, they should hold the majority of their meetings on the WSU campus and not in a winery owned by a regent on the other side of the state.

Candidates discuss the role of Whitman County Auditor

Fejeran: Election accountability



By Eric Fejeran
County auditor candidate
(prefers Democratic Party)

The auditor’s office requires big changes in order to make sure that every eligible voter has an equal voice.

It is not news to most people that rural county governments, Whitman County included, run on a very tight budget. This is no excuse for the previous shortcomings that the community

has experienced coming from the auditor’s office. Major audit findings, ballots sent to the wrong address and continually reduced office hours, the Whitman County community deserves more from their tax dollars.

In addition, many members of the community might not know that the auditor is responsible for county elections as well.

The role of the county auditor is quintessential to ensuring that elec-

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Jamison: More qualified personnel



By Sandy Jamison
County auditor candidate
(prefers Republican Party)

When most people hear the term “auditor” they immediately think of an individual who inspects and verifies the accuracy of a company’s operational and/or financial records.

While this is the true definition of a financial auditor, in Whitman County the term “auditor” encompasses so

much more.

The role of the Whitman County Auditor is to manage a variety of departments that serve the people of the county.

These areas of responsibility include voter registration, candidate filing, election balloting, document recording, vehicle and vessel licensing, marriage licenses, payroll functions, accounts payable functions and financial administration.

Several of the responsibilities noted

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to help children retain the skills they learned during the school year.

"Summer is really for the kids," Stacie Echanove, youth services manager of the Latah County Library District, said. "This is a fun way for families to do something together and build memories."

Kathleen Burns, the program coordinator for the Entertainment in the Park series, said she believes these evenings in the park are great for young families to just enjoy the outdoors together.

"Families can pack up a pic-

nic and enjoy the park and the playground," Burns said. "Plus, it gives the kids the opportunity to experience live music and entertainment, which is so important

"We often see school as work, but at the park the learning and growth is for our own personal benefit."

Albert Miller MACB director

for cultural growth."

After an hour of family friendly, educational entertainment, the MACB will take the stage to perform classic pieces the audi-

ence will enjoy, Burns said.

Albert Miller, director of the MACB, thinks it's important for the children to see how the music they listen to is made.

"If you don't go see music live you don't have the opportunity to appreciate it as much," Miller said. "Radio and listening to music at home is great, but we

get desensitized to how the music is created."

The Entertainment in the Park series begins at 6 p.m. starting this Thursday. The Children's Entertainment Series will take place at 6 p.m. and at 7 p.m. the MACB will perform. Admission is free and open to the public.

"These kinds of events are so great for the kids to learn when they're not in school," Miller said. "We so often see school as work, but at the park the learning and growth is for our own personal benefit rather than something we're forced to do."

Spice | Cont. from Page 4

Templeton creates. The beef jerky he sells is given high praise by anyone that walks by his booth at the market and has a taste, he said.

Other products Redneck Seasonings has put its spin on include teas, coffees and candies.

Templeton said the creative and unique aspect of creating any spice mixture that finds its way into his head is his favor part of the business.

Templeton has brought Redneck Seasonings to the Moscow Farmers market for the past several years and has become a staple of the event.

"I love getting to talk to people and meet my loyal customers," Templeton said. "At the market, I get to recommend flavors of my own creation that I think people will like and I really enjoy that."

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years old who compete with other teams from towns around the Palouse. Dahmen said 75 are registered for the team this season.

The pool will be open to the public daily from 1-6 p.m. start-

ing Saturday. Adults 18 years or older may use the pool for \$5 daily, seniors and children ages 4-17 can enter for \$3.75 and there is no cost for children 3-years-old and under that have an adult with them.

Daily household passes cost \$13.75 and season passes are available for purchase as well. Children 7 years old and under are required to be supervised at all times and a lifeguard is on-duty.

"As it warms up around the summer, you know everybody likes to go to the swimming pool," Dahmen said. "It's nice to have that locally here where residents don't have to travel outside the community for that."

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READER REACTIONS |

WSU Athletics releases budget plan dependent on student fees

Victor Small: "Hey athletics department, I get it, economics and statistics can be tricky subjects. I mean, who hasn't struggled with it am I right? But it's always better just to ask the prof for help instead of faking it and hoping nobody notices. #freshmantips."

Pat Bauer: "I'll trade a budget deficit for nine win seasons all day!"

Nathan Howard: "I just spent like 10 minutes trying to think of a funny way to complain about this, but then I've realized I've already used all my good Athletics burns the previous 10 times they've done this."

Rick Scott: "The actual cost of a sports pass is far less than other schools and is all-inclusive. Other schools charge more and limit passes to specific sports. If you don't want to pay for it, don't go. If you don't want the increased student fee, don't vote for it when it comes up on the ballot. It's really that simple."

Evan Pretzer: "At this rate, that money would be better spent building a mathematics college to help these idiots."

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are not financially or truly "audit" related. Yet, they are necessary and viable departments that must be managed within our county.

The lack of staffing is an issue within the auditor's office, especially in the licensing and elections areas. Both of these departments require that credentialed and licensed personnel handle the day-to-day operations, yet it is extremely difficult to recruit and retain certified people.

Where and how do they become certified? There are training courses, online classes and seminars that one can attend, but no true college courses or degrees that offer the required knowledge.

In order to effectively train the county's personnel in these

two areas, one must go off-site, effectively reducing the number of available employees needed to operate the customer service

It is extremely difficult to recruit and retain certified people in the office.

front-line desks for our county patrons. There are times when the auditor's office service desks are closed to the public because there are no certified personnel available.

While I have the financial, audit and accounting experience necessary to understand the financial functions of the

auditor's office, it is my goal to become certified and licensed in the non-financial areas, where necessary, so that I can best manage all of the departments under the auditor's office umbrella.

It certainly won't hurt to have another certified person help out in the licensing and elections areas and it would also enable other personnel to take the time off-site, as needed, to become certified. I don't like having the service desks closed during normal working hours and I believe that having more trained and certified personnel will help this problem.

Voters have the right to expect an efficient auditor's office, and it is my intent to honor that expectation.

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tions are carried out in an effective, non-bias and transparent process.

Whitman County is a very unique community. We have many generations of families who have called Palouse home, a large transient student population and everyone in between. The task of keeping track of every eligible voter is integral to a functional democracy.

When discussing what specific improvements can be made, I believe more can be done with voter registration of the students and new residents when they move to Whitman County.

Many students are first time voters and an on-site ballot service center would not only be informational, but would help the county better manage provisional ballots.

A previous state audit recommended that a third ballot service center be set up on the university campus, but has failed to be implemented. This additional ballot center will allow those on campus access to a local site to ask questions pertaining to the election process.

Currently, there are only two ballot service centers in Whitman County, one in

Pullman City Hall and another in the Elections Office in Colfax.

I hear these issues every year from students and members of the community and they are important to me. As chair of the local Democrats, I listen and learn of the frustration of new voters and community members.

One of the main issues I hear time and time again is not being able to find basic information such as how to change your address, what voting precinct or ward do I live in or who is my representative.

Much of this frustration, again, stems from not having

easily obtainable information.

The current Auditor's website, much like all of the Whitman County government pages, is a relic from 2007 and lacks basic information such as visual map of voting districts.

This information should be accessible and up to date for each and every resident of Whitman County, online and at the office.

There is no excuse for this lack of service, and the auditor's office needs to work with the county to update and organize its website with important information such as voting maps and

visible portals to quickly change or update your voter registration.

We are tired of reading of election mishaps every single year coming from the Whitman County Auditor's Office.

If the next Whitman County Auditor goes above and beyond in providing transparency and educational outreach it will be a step in the right direction.

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said the department will have a surplus of \$200,000 at the end of that fiscal year.

Regent Lura Powell said the board sees the importance of managing the deficit.

"We're very concerned about it," Powell said. "This is definitely something that's on our radar screen and we, along with President Schulz and the university administration, firmly believe it needs to be addressed as soon as it possibly can."

She also said the issue of the athletics budget has been discussed by the board the previous few years.

"There has been [discussion] in the past obviously because this has been an ongoing issue," Powell said. "Right away, President Schulz dove in even when he hadn't been here more than a couple months."

Powell also said she has seen some of Schulz's budget plans be successful already.

While the athletics budget was listed as an agenda item at the May Regents meeting, the group did not discuss the issue in-depth.

"It was mentioned that [the budget] was going to be put together," she said. "We had a briefing on the fact of the new legislation that was passed, that we were going to have to act specifically on the athletics budget."

Powell did not wish to comment on specific details listed in the proposed budget as she wanted to hear the briefing on the issue at the meeting in order to more deeply understand the items listed in the documents.

Joan King, WSU's chief university budget officer, said after athletics achieves a balanced budget, they plan on building their reserves and repaying the university's central reserves.

In the plan athletics will present to the Board of Regents, the department highlights four principles to "building a fiscally sound athletics program." The first principle states, "the WSU community must solve the challenges."

King said the department plans on implementing a mandatory student fee with approval from ASWSU. However, she said there is not currently a plan for how much the fee would charge each student.

"We are anticipating that we will work with our students to implement a new fee that has not been determined of course," she said. "Of course, we will have to work with our students before that could be implemented."

The ASWSU Senate would have to pass a resolution to put the fee to a student vote. In February, the ASWSU Senate struck down a proposal by Athletics to put a referendum on the ballot to make



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WSU Athletics budget deficit plan can be viewed at dailyevergreen.com.

the \$265 student sports pass mandatory.

"We are not here to make excuses," Director of Athletics Pat Chun said in a news release. "We are here to move forward, take fiscal responsibility and provide a world-class student-athlete experience."

The plan relies on increasing revenue by 27 percent by fiscal year 2023 "while continuing to contain expenses," according to a WSU news release. However, Chun did not name a specific area the department would look at to decrease expenditures.

In addition to ticket sales rising, Chun said during a news conference, the department plans on increasing fundraising donations.

"My personal belief is that fundraising is going to be our biggest opportunity," he said. "We've had significant increases in our Cougar Athletic Fund."

Chun also said the athletics has looked at sponsors to address their budget woes.

"We're looking at corporate sponsorship from a different lens right now," he said. "We've been engaged with some companies with some significant deals."

The plan also accounts for no increase in spending on food or facilities upkeep, with only small rises accounted for in recruiting, equipment, medical and insurance costs, marketing and travel. The department also did not project any future severance pay.

Athletics estimates ticket sales rising to \$11.5 million by 2023, up \$3 million from the estimated 2018 total. Sales rose by about \$900,000 from 2015-2017.

Chun said the department will look to a rise in attendance at men's and women's basketball.

"We have significant opportunity in both men's basketball and women's basketball," he said.

Chun also said they project the football team to remain competitive and continue to fill Martin Stadium to 90-95 percent of capacity.

In order to comply with state law prohibiting public universities from reporting a deficit in any department, various departments will transfer money to athletics by the end of the fiscal year, including over \$44 million from Housing and Dining. However, King said the money will go back to those groups at the beginning of the next fiscal year.

The department also plans on a \$3.2 million rise in coaches' compensation in the next five fiscal years, as well as a \$1.2 million hike in athletic administrator compensation.



DYLAN GREENE | THE DAILY EVERGREEN

Lightning struck this tree approximately 15 feet away from an outfield fence at the City Playfields during a softball game Sunday night, leaving a scar on the trunk.

Lightning hits tree during game

Strike ripped bark, branches from tree during weekend storm

By Ian Smay
Evergreen news editor

Lightning struck a tree bordering a softball field in use at the City Playfield during a thunderstorm Sunday.

A softball game was taking place when the lightning strike ripped bark off the tree, sending players into a frenzy, WSU graduate student Jordan Vossen said.

"After [the strike] everyone was pretty much running and yelling that everyone stay away from the trees and try to get out of there as fast as possible," Vossen said. "We all exited the field pretty quickly."

No one appeared to be hurt by the hazardous weather at the game, but Vossen said she could feel some effects of the strike even though she didn't directly see it.

"We all felt it, especially those of us who were on the field," she said. "I felt tingling all the way up my legs, but that's about it. Kind

of like when you get shocked by an electric fence."

Another player, Brenda Barrio, an assistant professor in the College of Education, said she was standing in the outfield approximately 40 feet from the tree with her back turned when the flash happened.

"It was very much a jolt," she said. "I don't remember exactly if it was an electric jolt or just because of the loud noise, but I dropped to the floor. Then I just ran."

The strike stripped a line of bark off the tree trunk on its way to the ground and small branches began to fall. However, the tree did not appear to catch fire, Vossen said.

The tree, which sits within about 15 feet of the outfield fence at one of the fields, remains standing. The scar, approximately 10-20 feet in length, stands out as the bark exposed by the strike is lighter than the rest of the trunk.

Vossen estimated the strike occurred at about 7 p.m. Sunday when the game was near its halfway point. She said she hadn't seen any lightning strikes or

heard any thunder claps prior to the incident.

However, Barrio said she had seen lightning earlier, but it appeared distant and there were little-to-no clouds above the fields at the time. She also said the walking path next to the tree was luckily empty, as anyone on the path would likely have been hurt.

Barrio also said most of the group left after the strike, although some stayed and snapped photos. She said the group plans on being more careful with weather in the future.

The National Weather Service recommends staying indoors and away from electrical appliances and windows during a thunderstorm. Other recommendations include seeking shelter if any thunder claps are audible, even if lightning cannot be seen, and staying in a car if a sturdier dwelling is not readily available.

NWS also suggests avoiding elevated lands, isolated or tall trees and metal objects such as dugouts if shelter cannot be reached in a timely manner.

Pilot dead after morning aircraft crash

from staff reports

A 64-year-old man died in an ultralight aircraft crash Wednesday morning on the Snake River near Lower Granite Dam.

A dam employee told Whitman County Sheriff's deputies he had discovered wreckage of a small aircraft crash during his morning commute at about 7:30 a.m., according to a press release from Whitman County

Sheriff Brett Myers. The caller said he saw parts of an aircraft at Boyer Park on his drive to work.

When officials from the Whitman County Sheriff's Office and Colfax Fire Department arrived to the scene, they discovered and identified Ronny Weston of Cheney dead in the wreckage. They determined Weston was the pilot and sole occupant of the aircraft, according to the news release.

Weston was flying a Solaris

16.8 ultralight aircraft he had recently acquired and took off from the airstrip in the park around 6:30 a.m., where officials believe the man had been camping with family members. Relatives told deputies Weston was an experienced pilot, according to the news release.

Officials have not released a cause for the crash or the death and the Federal Aviation Administration has been notified.

REPORTING BY IAN SMAY

Pullman PD receives drone certification

The Federal Aviation Administration issued the Pullman Police Department a Certificate of Authorization for drones.

The certification, which carries the full name of "Public Agency small Unmanned Aircraft System Certificate of Authorization," allows the department to license their officers instead of requiring them to earn a commercial FAA license, Chief of Police Gary Jenkins said in a news release Wednesday.

The department received permission to fly drones at night, according to the release. The COA also allows for operation in seven counties between Washington and Idaho. The counties in Washington include Adams, Asotin, Columbia, Garfield and Whitman, while the counties in Idaho are Latah and Nez Perce. Sheriffs in each county wrote letters of support for the operations.

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