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## EDUCATION

# Letters reveal controversial past for PSD's Kramer

**Attempt to unjustifiably remove principal, other ethical issues reported at last position**

By Ian Smay  
Evergreen news editor

Letters and documents sent to members of the Pullman School Board and Superintendent Bob Maxwell in April 2017 outlined a number of allegations of unethical behavior carried out by Assistant Superintendent Roberta Kramer during her

eight years as superintendent at Riverside School District in Chattaroy, Washington, near Spokane.

The letters and documents were sent by Donna Skoog, an English and drama teacher at Riverside High School for 28 years before her retirement in 2014, who said she sent the documents in light of the ongoing

actions in the Pullman School District involving faculty concerns with district administration.

Issues raised in the documents range from placing Riverside High Principal John McCoy without due process, pressuring of school officials and knowingly seating an ineligible board member. The letters and documents were sent to Maxwell, community members, board members and various fac-

ulty in the district, Skoog said.

After speaking with Skoog, McCoy and former Riverside Athletic Director and Assistant Principal Marty Friedman, the Evergreen reached out to Kramer in an attempt to allow her a chance to comment on the allegations and the current

issues in the school district. Kramer declined to comment on any part of her time at Riverside School District.

"It's not appropriate for me to talk about Riverside School District," Kramer said.

Maxwell, who also attended the interview with Kramer and PSD Communications Coordinator Shannon Focht, said he did not remember



Kramer

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## 2018 Washington State Primaries



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Candidate Dave Saulibio said he supports President Donald Trump 100 percent and leans on experience.

### VOTING

18-day voting period starts Friday. Primary drop boxes close at 8 p.m. on Aug. 7.

### HOW TO VOTE

Poll booths, ballot boxes will be available at several locations. Mail-in ballots must be postmarked by Election Day.

Visit Whitman County Auditor website for more information.



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Candidate Lisa Brown hopes to bridge the divide between Republicans and Democrats in Congress.

### 5th Congressional District

# Brown, Saulibio discuss platforms in Colfax

**McMorris Rodgers absent due to session of Congress, opponents differ on policies related to tariffs, abortion**

By Ian Smay  
Evergreen news editor

Two candidates and a candidate's spokesperson for the Washington's 5th Congressional District's House of Representatives seat pled their cases to voters during a forum Tuesday night in Colfax.

Democrat Lisa Brown faced-off against Dave Saulibio of the Trump Populist Party and Ethan Small, who represented incumbent Cathy McMorris Rodgers, R-WA, as her southern field coordinator.

The forum began with opening statements from each of the three, which represented one of the only times Small could speak on Rodgers behalf, as he wasn't allowed to answer questions.

"I am sorry to miss the chance to be with you in person, but Congress is in session and voting this week," Small read from Rodgers prepared opening statement.

The rest of her opening remarks covered her record in Congress, including boosting military salaries and pushing expansions for health care for children. The statement also threw an attack at Brown, stating the Democrat had a "record of raising taxes."

Brown opened by saying she decided to run to bring about change in a district represented by a multiple-term congresswoman.

"I'm running because we need a change in our nation's capital," Brown said. "I am annoyed by a broken government run by a partisan congress."

She said she wants to focus on defending Medicare and Social Security, lowering drug and medical costs and working for bipartisanship.

Saulibio, whose past experience includes owning a private business and

“The world plays football and we play baseball. We don't hit back.”

Dave Saulibio  
candidate

years at Boeing, described his views as being in full support of President Donald Trump.

"I am a Trump Populist Republican," Saulibio said. "It means I support Donald Trump 100 percent."

The first question dealt with breaching dams on the Snake River, which

has been a topic of discussion for many years. Brown said the real discussion should be about who gets to decide whether to breach them.

"The real question is who makes the decision about the dams," she said. "I believe that decision needs to be made by the region and the stakeholders, not by Congress."

Saulibio said he would want a business analysis before making a decision on the dams, but he would not favor removing them unless there was good reason.

Current trade concerns over rising tariffs were also addressed. Saulibio said he supported what Trump is doing, which he stated several times during the questioning period.

"On international trade, the world plays football and we play baseball," he said. "We don't hit back."

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Football could learn a thing or two from rugby to avoid concussions.

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## Three county judge candidates plead cases at forum

**Trio agreed on most questions, said all would do well in role**

By Ian Smay  
Evergreen news editor

The three candidates for the Whitman County District Court judge seat vacated by retiring judge Doug Robinson responded to questions at a forum held by the League of Women Voters of Pullman on Wednesday night.

Colfax Municipal Court Judge John Hart, Whitman County Chief Deputy Prosecutor Dan LeBeau and Pro Tem Whitman County District Court Judge Rob Rembert faced questions for approximately an hour from the public on topics ranging from court room concerns to sentencing.

“We need it not now, we needed it 10 years ago.”

John Hart  
judge candidate

The candidates oftentimes agreed with each other, including when the issue of court security arose, with all three stressing the lack of such safety in Whitman County courts.

“There’s a court rule that says we have to have court security, and frankly, here in Whitman County we don’t even come close,” Rembert said. “I’m seriously concerned the only thing that’s going to change that is if somebody actually gets injured or shot.”

Hart echoed these sentiments, adding it had been an issue for a long time.

“We need it not now, we needed it 10 years ago,” Hart said. “It’s



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Candidates John Hart, left, Dan LeBeau and Rob Rembert listen to the moderator before giving their opening statements at a candidate’s forum held in the Neill Public Library on Wednesday evening.

just a matter of funding it.”

LeBeau summed up the groups feelings as the last to answer.

“It’s unanimous, we don’t have any security,” LeBeau said.

A question that drew similar yet different answers from the group came when the three were asked why they should be

voted in as judge over their opponents. While all three said they were qualified, their reasoning for being the better pick differed.

LeBeau said the decision comes down to “personality and demeanor.” He also said his experience in judicial work has given him the right mindset to make fair judgements if elected.

Rembert also pointed to experience among other characteristics.

“I have the experience, background ... and bedrock to well-rule in this county,” Rembert said.

Hart was the final one to answer the question and said his record speaks for itself.

“I believe I can use my experience to make a difference,” Hart said.

Another topic covered during the forum dealt with alternative sentences for offenders. Hart, who received the sole endorsement given by judge Robinson,

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## City Council discusses future of plastic straws

**Sale of bonds for new city hall, projects also received approval**

By Carmen Jaramillo  
Evergreen reporter

The future of plastic in Pullman is a conversation City Councilmember Eileen Macoll thinks we need to start having.

At Tuesday’s City Council meeting, Macoll said it’s time to start a dialogue in Pullman about single use plastics and sustainable recycling, two topics which have recently been in the national spotlight.

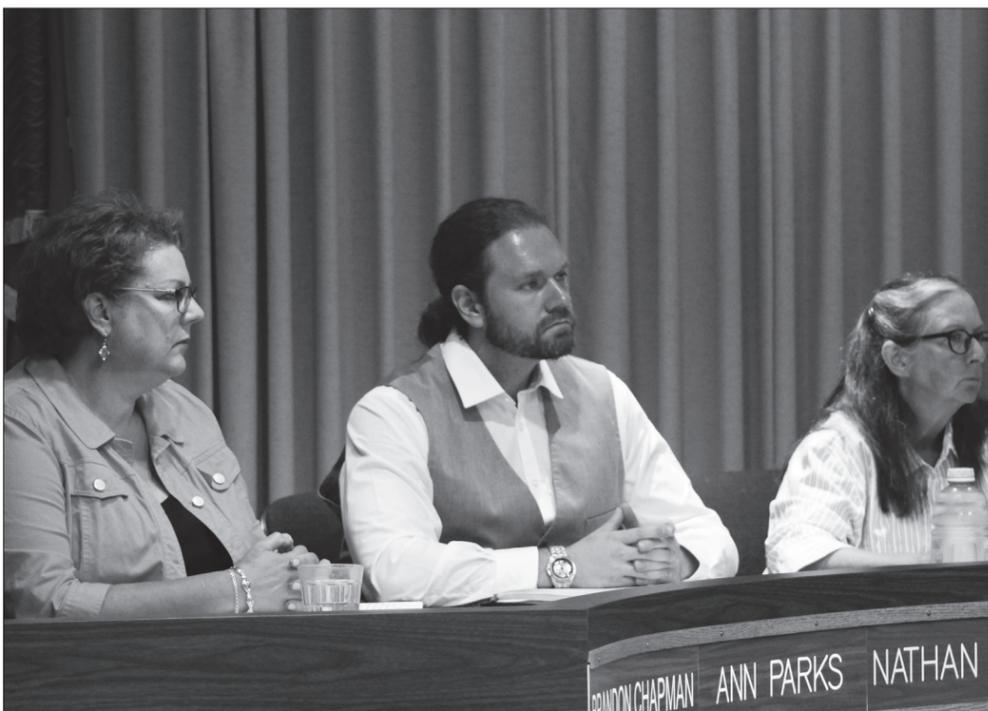
“This is something I would like to start a conversation about, start a topic about and see where the community sits on it,” she said. “I would like to see Pullman become an early adopter of some sort of control measure.”

For now no action has been taken, but Macoll said the council may want to consider a town hall to hear a diversity of opinions about plastics in Pullman.

Seattle became the first major U.S. city to ban single use plastic straws and utensils on July 1, according to the Seattle Public Utilities. Several national businesses have vowed to no longer use plastic straws including Starbucks, American Airlines and Marriott International.

The council also unanimously passed an ordinance allowing the issuance of bonds for a new city hall and other capital projects approved by voters in February.

City of Pullman Finance Director Leann Hubbard presented the bond ordinance and



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Councilmembers Ann Parks, left, Nathan Weller and Eileen Macoll listen to discussion regarding local ordinances approved at Tuesday night’s meeting.

explained last minute changes that allowed the bonds to be sold privately or publicly.

Originally the city had planned to offer the bonds publicly, City Attorney Laura McAloon said, but a last minute offer from Umpqua Bank for the entire \$12,900,000 bond required a revision to the ordinance in order for the sale to be approved.

McAloon said this change to the ordinance does not guarantee the city will move forward with the private placement but

instead gives the city time and flexibility to make a decision.

“We brought revisions to the ordinance to say give us the option to do whichever one we deem in the best interest of the city based on the financing proposals,” McAloon said.

From the adoption of the ordinance, the city has 12 months to issue the bonds.

The council additionally passed two resolutions for rezoning two plots of land in the Sunnyside neighborhood south of Old Wawawai Road.

One resolution allowed the change of a 2.8-acre plot of land from a residential zone to a commercial zone. The second allowed the change of a 6.8-acre plot of land from a single-family residential zone to low-density family residential zone.

Both rezoning proposals were submitted by Germain Farms LLC and were the subject of a public hearing on June 27. The City Planning Department unanimously agreed at the meeting to recommend both rezones to the City Council.

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Brown said she did not support withdrawing from trade agreements without an alternative in place.

Both candidates supported the continuation of research into agriculture to help further improve practices in the region.

As for taxes, Saulibio said he supports Trump’s cuts and would be open to even further tax breaks, while Brown said Trump’s bill did not address the “erosion of the middle class” and was too focused on cuts for corporations.

Another issue the two differed on was abortion. Saulibio supported a pro-life view due to his Catholic upbringing while Brown, who said she was also raised Catholic, supported a women’s right to choose and funding for family planning services.

The forum ended with a question asking the candidates how they planned on bringing the country together. Brown said the conversation needs to be shifted away from what divides us.

“I think its more important than ever that we reject labels and that we get together and talk about what we have in common more than what divides us,” she said.

Saulibio said special interests would make it hard for people to work together, but suggested the implementation of term limits and the stripping of pensions for those in Congress to “drain the swamp,” a phrase popularized by Trump.

The full field includes five candidates, which will be narrowed down to two after the primary.



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Pierce County Diamond Jaxx pitcher Cole Benson, 18, throws a pitch in the 17-and-under championship game July 8 at Bailey-Brayton Field.

## Series brings baseball, business to Pullman

**Eight tournaments for different age groups take place during summer, event aims to boost local economy**

By **Ryan Blake**  
Evergreen reporter

**T**he crack of the bat can be heard echoing beneath the brilliant pink Palouse sunsets on any given night, as the current generation of players add their names to the 126-year-old legacy of baseball at WSU.

The Palouse Summer Series has given kids the opportunity to compete at college venues like Bailey-Brayton

Field for the past 15 years.

Scott Parrish, series owner and director for the past eight years, said the tournament is distinct in what it provides its participants.

“The thing that makes it the most unique is getting to play on WSU’s Bailey-Brayton Field and having the opportunity to play in front of the WSU coaches,” Parrish said.

The series was created to bring in high level talent from around the state and help the Pullman economy during

the summer months, Parrish said.

Throughout the summer, eight separate tournaments take place, ranging

“It is truly an amazing experience to see the kids’ expressions.”

**Dean Pierce**

Diamond Jaxx head coach

in age groups from 14-and-under to 19-and-under. The year’s series began June 1 and wraps up July 22.

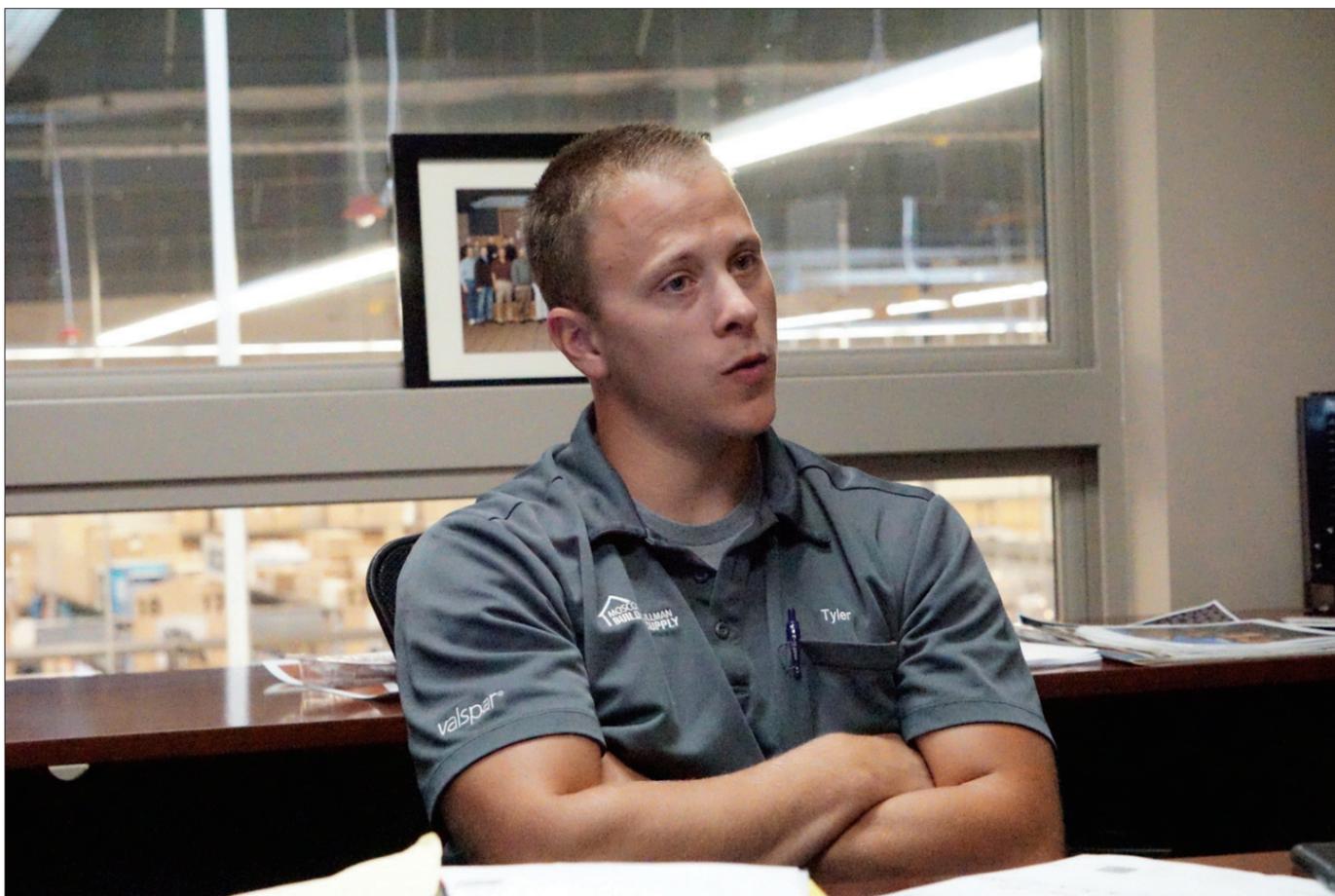
Some weekends the series uses up to three fields, including McDonald Park in Colfax, Harris Field at Lewis-Clark State College in Lewiston and Bailey-Brayton Field.

Dean Pierce, head coach of the Pierce County Diamond Jaxx, who won the 17-and-under championship July 8, said he entered his team as soon as they were old enough to play and have participated each of the last three years.

“The director and staff at the [series] put on what I believe to be one of the best events in Washington,”

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## Community building supply celebrates 60th anniversary



ANA MARIA ALANIZ MENDOZA | THE DAILY EVERGREEN

Tyler Garrett, vice president of operations, discusses the impact Moscow and Pullman Building Supply has had on the community and the tradition of the family run business Monday at the Pullman Building Supply.

**Barbecue, discounted items will be offered to customers of business**

By **Chloe Grundmeier**  
Evergreen reporter

Moscow and Pullman Building Supply has thrived and grown on the Palouse for decades and will be celebrating its 60th anniversary this weekend.

The business started as a “tiny, Podunk store in Moscow,” in 1958, said Tyler Garrett, vice president of operations and the Pullman general manager.

“We’re not a big box store here just to make big bucks.”

**Tyler Garrett**

VP of operations

Garrett’s father Pat purchased the store from his step-grandfather, making Garrett a part of the third generation of the family business.

“We’re family-owned and we care about our communities. We’re not a big box store here just to make big bucks to send to big CEO’s somewhere else,”

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WSU men's rugby club faces off against St. Andrews University in a scrum. Players often go with minimal or without head protection.

## Football can look toward rugby for safety

**Sport has a dangerous dependence on padding which results in more head-to-head collisions**



By **Hanah Goetz**  
Evergreen opinion editor

**T**he condition of football players has been under contention for years, but not in terms of physical fitness. Instead, the problem lies with the abundance of concussions and the long-term effects that come with them.

In 2016 alone, concussion injuries increased by 58 percent, according to ESPN.com. This year the NFL is once again changing the way they approach this diagnosis, including increased medical staff on the field during games to identify injuries as

they occur. Despite this, many players have been known to return to play despite concussion protocol and teams have been fined for failing to bench the player at risk.

Even with these changes, we still see issues that affect the players long-term. Tyler Hilinski was the latest victim when an autopsy revealed he had chronic traumatic encephalopathy, a degenerative brain disease, at his death.

Though it is a factor, the problem I see isn't so much in the level of care but in how the sport itself is played.

This is where we should turn to the sport across the pond known for its own breed of contact sport — rugby.

Amber Stotts, a member of the WSU women's rugby club team, said that football is known for its dependence on padding.

"You see people leading with their heads a lot more and also a lot more grabbing than actually blocking," Stotts said. "In rugby, there isn't that dependence because all we have is a mouth guard, sometimes a scrum cap for some head protection and occasionally you'll meet someone with joint issues that will use like a shock shirt or padded compression shorts, but those aren't common."

Stotts said that the difference is not only in the padding, but also in the way the football players tackle.

"There is a different style of tackle used in football, where it tends to be in a higher body position and trying to stop their forward motion, she said. "While in rugby it's using the opponent's momentum to carry them down. It's a lot like the motion of a take-down in wrestling."

Stotts said she has had only one concussion in her seven years of play.

"Concussions are very serious deals in every sport but especially in [rugby]

where there isn't head protection," she said. "Coaches are trained to be aware of concussions symptoms and players generally have to be checked by a medical professional and be cleared for return."

Rugby tackling has been noticed. Boise State University hired three former rugby coaches to help their players perfect the safety of their tackling technique.

While it's true we can't count rugby as the safest game on the planet, where spinal injuries from scrums and untrained players cause problems statistically, we can still look to it to modify football to where our players can be much safer.

We don't have to imitate rugby completely, but we can afford to learn from it.

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## New affordable housing could be a disaster for Pullman market

**Programming, development could force families to remain in poverty for support**



By **Saad Nabil Ali**  
Evergreen columnist

**C**onfirmation of plans for the new affordable housing project in Pullman, promoted by the Community Action Center, has had many relishing in its potential.

"Our goal at CAC is to help every Whitman County resident improve their ability to be in stable housing and to increase long-term self-sufficiency," said Jeff Guyett, executive director of the CAC in a statement reported by the Moscow Chamber of Commerce.

The funding, a whopping \$800,000 granted by the Washington State Housing Trust, was awarded to the CAC

for meeting the requisite criteria for building affordable housing.

"We considered a combination of factors, including a delayed capital budget, the current affordable housing and homelessness crisis around the state and the high level of project readiness displayed in the 2017 application pool," said Corina Grigoras, managing director of the housing finance unit at the Washington State Department of Commerce.

Under the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program,

funded by various federal and state agencies, low-income families will be able to receive rental assistance and accommodations for as long as they qualify.

But with no limit to the period of participation, families are backed into a corner with essentially no incentive to exit these housing programs.

The CAC surely means well in its pursuits to provide affordable housing for low-income households. However, from an analytical stand point, it would appear that the main driving forces of

these projects are not rooted in necessity, rather stemming from the ability to undercut the market, stunt income mobility and induce low-income households to perpetuate the cycle.

Since the WSDOC reflects a decrease in homelessness over the past couple of years in Pullman and the greater Whitman county area, this cannot be the reason for the continual growth in affordable housing projects.

The poverty rate in Pullman  
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Pierce said. "We have participated in way too many events to count or remember and the players and families, I believe, will always remember playing in the [series]."

Parrish estimated he needs up to 30 workers for the summer series to assist in a variety of tasks, including field maintenance and selling apparel.

Pierce said his players and their parents never get tired of playing in the series.

"It is truly an amazing experience to see the kids' expressions the first time they step on the field," Pierce said. "We had several kids that this was their third time playing and they were just as excited this time as the first. The parents enjoy the experience as much as the kids. It's not often you get play on a major college campus."

**Faculty brings Weight Watchers to campus**

**Group meets weekly to stay healthy, reduce stress, encourages people at WSU to join**

**By Chloe Grundmeier**  
Evergreen reporter

WSU wants to offer its faculty, staff and students as many options to stay healthy in ways that work for them. One wellness program that helps Cougs lose weight and stay healthy is the Weight Watchers at Work group.

The WSU-Pullman branch of this group was started last September and meets on campus during lunch so those involved don't have to go out of their way to get the help and support they need.

Anita Young, an administrative assistant in the College of Hospitality and Business Management at WSU, started the group after discussing her weight concerns with others in

her department. She quickly realized having a group at work would be convenient and beneficial to her and many of her colleagues.

"The group provides support and encouragement and absolutely no competitiveness," Young said. "We can talk about our own struggles and exchange ideas for how to find success. Plus, we all really enjoy the social aspect of getting to spend an hour with people who are going through the same things we are."

Susan Cao, a CAHNRS project specialist, joined the group in January and has lost just under 50 pounds in six months thanks to the group.

"I learned about eating habits and how to make better food choices," Cao said.

The group has become a way for her to find self-care and "me time" every week, Cao said.

"I'm working with so many other people and have a lot of responsibilities, at home I'm a wife and a mother," she said. "But Thursdays at lunch are when I really get to take care of me."

Cao said this self-care time is important for everyone to find because during stressful times in life health can take a backseat and bad eating and exercise habits can form.

Cao has personally seen many college students allow these bad habits to form during their time at WSU, causing them to gain "the freshman 15." Cao and Young both want students to know they are welcome to attend meetings and join the group so they can reduce these habits.

"It's so much easier to stop habits right at the beginning of

when they start," Cao said. "The freshman 15 is real and sometimes it can make students even more stressed and unhappy. It's much harder to get back to good choices decades after they've been solidified than right when they're forming."

The WSU Weight Watchers at Work meet at noon every Thursday in Todd Hall 339. Prospective members are encouraged to attend one meeting for free before paying the Weight Watcher fee which costs around \$150 for the 12-week program that starts July 26. The meetings are open to any WSU faculty, staff and students.

"It's a great sense of community. I think of it as a lunch date that talks not only about weight loss but anything else in our lives," Cao said. "Weight loss is something most people can't do alone, so doing it with a group of friends makes it much easier."

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Garrett said. "You don't usually see a company of our size that's locally owned and contributes to the community the way we do."

To celebrate this anniversary, the building supply will hold store-wide sales at both of their locations, as well as a complimentary barbecue to thank the community for their business and loyalty for so many years.

"We're proud that we've lasted 60 years and we're still going

happy and healthy," Garrett said. "We want the community to know that and celebrate them as well because they are a huge reason of why we're still around."

Jessica Hastriter, director of marketing and advertising for the company, said their customer service sets them apart from chain hardware stores and has allowed them to thrive for so long.

"Our customer service is great,

everyone on the floor knows what they're talking about," she said. "We sell a lot of the same stuff as Walmart right up the street, but our employees are experts and can teach you what you need to know."

Garrett said another reason the company has lasted is it's been able to satisfy customers' demands.

"If we see a need in the community we try to fill it, so we can

bring a value that isn't here to Pullman and Moscow," Garrett said. "We provide a lot of services you can't find elsewhere in the community, and many of them we started doing ... because it was what the community wanted."

During the celebration, nearly everything in the stores will be on sale including items that have never been discounted throughout the 60 years of operation, such as lumber and roofing.

The sale will take place all day Saturday at both building supply locations. The free barbecue will be available 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at both stores as well.

"The sale and barbecue is just a fun celebration for us to give back to the community," Hastriter said. "We're sharing our success and thanking them for their business that has helped keep us going for this long."

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## Brown asked to remove WSU logo from ads

**Clara Oliver:** "But it's OK for Leach to say the stuff he says. Interesting."

**Noreen Ryan:** "Clearly some people don't understand branding, trademarks and copyrights. You can't use the logo without permission."

**Daniel Stuart Hoffman:** "The university should enforce that consistently."

**Beth Blanks Hindman:** "Yup. Can't have it appear that WSU is taking sides, or is endorsing her candidacy. She certainly can talk about her work as chancellor of WSU-Spokane, though. And good reporting, Ian Smay."

**Stephen Mutch:** "Companies pay big money for the use of WSU branding. And political campaigns aren't exempt from needing to have that permission. And that was the purpose for my inquiry. Not employees or former employees making person political statements. She was already asked to refrain from using logos, but proceeded to anyways."



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Lisa Brown was contacted by WSU for her use of the school's logo without permission.

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is around 25.9 percent, making it one of the poorest cities in Washington, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

This figure, however, has never been adjusted for the students that attend Washington State University and make up a substantial portion of the population.

"Because the census treats students living apart from their families in off-campus households ... it has been recognized that in communities with high numbers of post-secondary students relative to total population

poverty figures are distorted," according to the League of Women Voters of Pullman.

When accounting for this distortion, the numbers are rather telling.

"For the city of Pullman the adjustment was from a poverty rate of 44.8 percent to one of 20.9 percent," the league reports.

Unemployment has also generally been listed among the reasons for the surge of these developments, but this has no statistical bearing either.

Just this year, Forbes ranked

Pullman as the No.1 manufacturing small city in the nation.

"[Pullman] has 60 percent more industrial jobs per capita than the national average and since 2007 has more than doubled its industrial employment to nearly 2,800," Forbes reports.

There's no ability to take advantage of the economic gains offered in Pullman long-term without being withdrawn from programs like Section 8, which allow low-income people to remain in subsidized homes.

"Participants are responsible for reporting changes in income

or household make-up. Failure to do so can result in termination from the program. These must be reported, but depending on the amount and how the funds are used, they may not affect the rental assistance," the league reports.

Ultimately, having subsidized housing inherently creates surpluses in the market, generating inefficiency that would cause property value to decline dramatically.

Artificially increasing the demand for these affordable housing projects by undercut-

ting the market will lead these very people to be confined to the required income for continued support, subsequently bringing about an even greater divide among income earners overtime.

However helpful these projects may seem, they are not necessary for a flourishing economy that would otherwise provide for the people of Pullman.

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## Kramer | Continued from Page 1

receiving the letter or its contents. Maxwell also said the recent complaints made against the administration surprised him and they plan on working to address the situation.

### Failed attempt at principal removal

Skoog had been retired for about two years when she received a call on a spring day from McCoy, who was one of her friends from her time at Riverside. McCoy had called to tell her he had suddenly been placed on leave.

"He tells me, 'Did you know I was put on administrative leave,'" Skoog said. "I asked why and he told me he didn't know."

However, McCoy would soon learn the reasoning; Kramer had placed the principal on leave for allegedly talking about a student's actions in an inappropriate sexual nature, referring to special needs students in offensive terms and making fun of a male student who had dressed effeminately.

McCoy vehemently denied the claims, but the issue had quickly turned into a full-blown scandal. He said the incidents in question never happened, and the first accusation arose from him raising concerns at a meeting over the placing of elementary students with high school students after a member of the latter had reportedly carried out inappropriate actions on a bus with children.

The rest of the story reads like a screenplay; private investigators were hired by both sides, board meetings were packed with concerned community members and tears were shed, McCoy and Skoog said.

"I've watched things on

Netflix like that," Skoog said about the situation. "It's like 'oh my goodness, wow.'"

After the initial claims made against McCoy were investigated and turned out to be false, he said Kramer insisted on finding a reason to fire him.

"You stay out on administrative leave, I'm going to dig until I find something," McCoy said Kramer told him on the phone. "You stay home until we find something."

In the end, after school board meetings packed with community members and Spokane media, McCoy was fully-absolved of the allegations, and eventually reinstated to his post in Aug. 2016, according to KHQ. The investigator hired by Kramer and the district did not find sufficient evidence, while McCoy's investigator helped build a strong enough case that multiple witnesses ended up recanting their statements, McCoy and Skoog said.

During the investigations, Kramer had told faculty they were barred from communicating with board members or attending their meetings, Skoog and McCoy said.

The aftermath of the scandal proved disastrous, as multiple board members resigned in the months following the end of the investigation and the decision to reinstate McCoy. Kramer soon left the district to take her current position in the Pullman School District.

"All the board members are gone but two," McCoy said.

He said Kramer's departure marked a change that the community saw as necessary for the district.

"With Roberta leaving, the community breathed a huge sigh of relief," he said.

### Staff pushed into unethical positions

McCoy said he felt the attempt to oust him from his position as principal may have been due to disputes between him and Kramer over disagreements about various decisions.

One came when a dispute arose over the dates for the District 7 championship cross-country meet. McCoy, Skoog and Friedman all said Kramer wanted the meet to happen on a Friday and Saturday, which would have eliminated the first day of scheduled contests on Thursday.

After District 7 Director Russ Brown refused to schedule it as Kramer wished, Friedman and McCoy said Kramer instructed them to support her in a vote to not renew Brown's contract because he "wasn't doing his job."

"I told her I had been vice president of District 7 for 15 years and I think [Brown's] done really well," Friedman said.

He went on to ask Kramer why she felt Brown wasn't performing satisfactorily, which Kramer didn't have an answer for, he said.

"She said 'I know he's just not doing it,'" Friedman said. "I told her I wasn't going to vote against him because he's doing his job."

He said this angered Kramer, who eventually told Friedman they wanted him to leave his post as assistant principal and instead focus on his athletic director duties as the district wanted to go in a different direction.

Although it meant taking a significant pay cut, Friedman accepted what was basically a demotion, which he said was a

good decision looking back.

"I wanted to get away from her so bad I was willing to do that other deal," Friedman said.

Skoog also said she suffered from Kramer's pressure to carry out questionable actions. Kramer's son was one of Skoog's students and was struggling academically, which Skoog said worried Kramer when state testing rolled around.

Kramer asked Skoog to give her son extra attention and coaching for the state tests, sometimes crossing into unethical and possibly illegal territory, Skoog said.

Skoog, who outlined this issue in one of her various letters, said she was afraid of losing her job if she did not carry out Kramer's requests.

"She would not stop getting in contact with me, it was frightening," she said.

However, this was not the only run-in Skoog had with a tough decision forced by Kramer, as the administrator also forced her to reinstate a National Honor Society student back in to the club despite repeated rule infractions.

Skoog ended up resigning from her post as NHS advisor after submitting to Kramer's requests.

"It made me sick that I did it," Skoog said.

### Ineligible board member causes meeting outburst

Through investigations in the attempt to remove McCoy from Riverside High School, it was revealed that a board member had been seated despite living outside of district boundaries.

While conducting interviews in to McCoy's past in an attempt to proactively discover



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any blemishes on his record that could be used by the school board, it was discovered that a board member may have lived out of the district, McCoy, Skoog and Friedman said.

The board member had been informed by Kramer that legal counsel approved of the person's eligibility due to the member owning property in the district, McCoy said.

It was shown at a board meeting that the by-laws did not allow for anyone living outside of the district, which the investigator proved through photos of them mowing lawns and living in a house in Spokane instead of Chattaroy, McCoy, Skoog and Friedman said.

The member stormed out of the meeting in tears, insulting the community member who had called them out during their departure, the three said. The member in question then insulted a child of the community member in the hallway outside of the meeting.

"[The board member] passed by [the community member] and said, 'You're an asshole,'" Friedman said.

McCoy said it was following this incident that Kramer resigned.

After all was said and done, McCoy said the school district went back to normalcy, passing two school levies by large margins after being unable to get one passed for years.

Personally, McCoy said he just wanted to resume his duties as principal.

"I could have chosen to sue the whole district but I decided to stay here," McCoy said.

## Judge | Cont. from Page 3

said these types of sentences are integral to the system.

"Alternative sentencing is why judges are important," Hart said.

He also said judges should be focused on preventing offenders from reappearing in court due to future violations.

Dan LeBeau said the different sentencing categories allow for judges to be versatile in an attempt to treat each case correctly.

"All of these things are good tools a judge can use," LeBeau said.

While the sentences may be less harsh, LeBeau added the alternatives are not "free passes."

Rembert said he saw the greatest value in alternative sentencing in how it allows defendants to rehabilitate.

"It's important because frequently it give those offenders a chance to evaluate what got them into court," Rembert said.

One of the judges will be eliminated from the race in August as the primary elections narrow the field down to two for November's general election.



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Pullman Deputy Fire Marshal Tony Nuttman examines damage to a red 2007 Chevrolet Impala that caught fire near the Holland Terrell Library parking garage Tuesday.

## Car catches fire on Stadium

from staff reports

A red 2007 Chevrolet Impala caught fire near the Holland Terrell Library parking garage Tuesday evening.

The car caught fire at about 5:21 p.m., Pullman Deputy Fire Marshal Tony Nuttman said. In addition to the driver, there was at least one passenger in the Impala when the flames began but no one suffered injuries from the incident.

The car came to rest while turning on to the library parking garage road off of Cougar Way.

The fire started in the engine compartment, but Nuttman said the exact cause could not be determined.

"Vehicle fires are very difficult to investigate when it's in the engine compartment," he said.

The totaled Impala was the only car involved. The operator of the vehicle, who wished to remain anonymous, said he

was just driving to work when the flames began and the steering wheel locked.

The passenger, who also wished to remain anonymous, said there was no signs pointing to why the fire under the hood started.

The driver said they were happy they had not entered the garage before the flames began as other cars parked near them could have been engulfed had it started a few minutes later.

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