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Candidates Meet Voters at Waitsburg Forum

NINE CANDIDATES RUNNING FOR FOUR OFFICES SPOKE AND ANSWERED VOTER QUESTIONS

By Emma Philbrook | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—Last week, on a balmy Wednesday evening, area voters pressed through the propped-open doors of Waitsburg's Town Hall to meet the candidates running for four positions in local, state, and national government. The forum was sponsored by the Waitsburg Commercial Club.

Nine candidates, grouped by the office they sought, were seated at folding tables along one wall as the audience settled into rows of folding chairs. Moderator Jim Davison explained the forum's format to the crowd over the occasional plaintive squeal of an unseen baby – each candidate would get four minutes to introduce themselves and explain why they were running; afterwards, members of the audience could ask questions to the candidates for each of the offices in turn.

"It's good to see that the democratic process is alive and well here in Waitsburg," began the first speaker of the evening, Mark Crider, who is running for Walla Walla County Sheriff. (The current sheriff, John Turner, is not seeking re-election.)

Crider, an Ohio native and former Eagle Scout, went on to recount his qualifications, including time spent as a Navy test pilot and a long career as an FBI special agent. Crider was offered a position with the Sheriff's office in March, and currently serves as the county's Undersheriff.



Photo by Emma Philbrook

Candidates appearing at last week's forum in Waitsburg posed for photos prior to the event. L to r, back row: Skyler Rude, Skylar Rude, Dan Mildon, Matt Stroe and Mark Crider. Front row: Dave Saulibio, Lisa Brown and Representative Bill Jenkin. Not pictured: Rebecca Francik and Everett Maroon.

Another sheriff candidate present was Matthew Stroe, who currently serves as Whitman College's director of security. A lifelong resident of Walla Walla County and parishioner of Waitsburg Christian Church, Stroe worked for the Sheriff's Department as a deputy from 2007 to 2011 and, following an on-the-job injury, as a crime analyst technician until he was hired by Whitman in 2013.

Stroe cited his position at Whitman as a valuable collaborative and team-building experience and stated that he wishes to fos-

ter more involvement with the area schools and build better lines of communication with the local government.

"This town, this county, has been a wonderful place for my family," Stroe said.

Candidates for both State Representative positions in the 16th legislative district were present. Republican Bill Jenkin, the 16th's current Position 1 representative and the only incumbent present Wednesday evening, spoke of his experience as a small business owner in Prosser and his desire to help area businesses thrive.

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Dayton Principal Candidates Meet the Community

SCHOOL BOARD WILL CHOOSE BETWEEN STEPHANIE KUBEJ, OF SPOKANE, AND KRISTINA BROWN, OF RICHLAND

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON--Stephanie Kubej and Kristina Brown are the two finalists for the Dayton secondary principal position, and they spent the day last Thursday getting acquainted with students, staff and teachers, and the community.

Kubej hails from Spokane, where she is an interim elementary principal at Balboa Elementary School. She has served as an assistant principal in the Spokane School District, two years as dean of students and PBIS Coordinator in the Bellevue School District, and has 17 years of teaching English at Bellevue High School to her credit. She has also served as an adjunct Communications Instructor at Renton Technical College, she said.

She has an M.A. in Administration, School Counseling and Education, and a B.A. in Journalism.

Kubej and her husband have two grown sons, and she says that having children herself has made her a better teacher.

"I love kids. They are the reason I get out of bed every day," said Kubej.

Kubej said she is tired of all the layers of bureaucracy in bigger school

districts and would love a chance to work in a smaller district.

"I would know all the kids. That to me sounds so much better," she said.

She plans to set priorities, do the best with the tools available, develop teacher leaders, enlisting parents and others to help, and she would rely on the counseling skills she has obtained in her career to do an effective job.

With regard to discipline, Kubej said expectations for behavior have to be set, with a focus on the student handbook, and there must be consistent, logical consequences for infractions.

Also, meeting with parents, providing incentives for the students, and sometimes just spending time with them to see what is going on, is useful in keeping kids from being truant, she said.

She was asked how she would help Dayton students develop multicultural awareness.

"Diversity makes us richer. It is important to give kids experiences. Diver-



Stephanie Kubej



Kristina Brown

WAITSBURG COUNCIL GIVES PARKS & REC DISTRICT GREEN LIGHT

Volunteers hope a revitalized district will help save the Waitsburg Fairgrounds and grandstands

By Dena Martin | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG – A vital and active parks & recreation department may or may not become a reality for Waitsburg, but the Waitsburg City Council agreed to give it a go. At their June 20 meeting, the council voted unanimously to request that Walla Walla County reactivate the Waitsburg Parks & Recreation District.

Approval was granted in order to give interested parties the time necessary to gather information on revitalizing the department and to submit it to the county in order to run a levy on the November ballot.

"Whether parks and rec is the silver bullet or not isn't so much the question. We do have to do something to keep families wanting to live here. So I'm glad we're at least trying to get this thing going," Council Member KC Kuykendall said.

"We need to give this option our approval in order to find out if it will actually fly, right? Otherwise, we are just kicking a can down the road," he added.

Council member Kate Hockersmith has spearheaded the revitalization effort and told the Council that there has been a good deal of interest, especially among younger community members, in getting the program up and running again.

Hockersmith submitted a list of interested volunteers, including Danielle Carpenter, Trevor Johnson, Jaimee Knudson, Beka Adams, Emily Adams, Anne Adams, Wyatt Withers and Justin Steagall. Their combined experience includes community activism, coaching, 4-H and FFA leadership, horsemanship and recreation.

Hockersmith said that Walla Walla Board of County Commissioners Clerk Conti Vinti told her

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TOUCHET VALLEY LIFE

NEWS BRIEFS

FREE BUSINESS ENHANCEMENT SEMINAR

Dave Mitchell, founder and president of the Leadership Difference, is coming to the Liberty Theater in Dayton on Monday at 5:30 p.m., to speak to retailers about practical, tactical and strategic tips for business enhancement.

This is a free community event. The doors will open at 5 p. m., and dinner will be served prior to the presentation.

For more information contact Kathryn Witherington, Economic Development Coordinator at the Port of Columbia at (509) 382-2577 or kathryn@portofcolumbia.org.

AWANA STARTUP MEETING JULY 17

WAITSBURG – The Waitsburg Christian Church is considering hosting an Awana child and youth discipleship program. Everyone interested in seeing an active Awana program in Waitsburg is encouraged to attend. The program will take a great deal of community support to get up and running.

Awana is an evangelical Christian nonprofit organization founded in 1950. The group strives to give children from every background and cultural setting a place to belong, build confidence and grow in Christian faith.

The community Awana meeting will take place at Waitsburg Christian Church on July 17 at 6 p.m. For more information, call (509) 337-8898.

FAMILY FUN POTLUCK AND WATER BALLOON FIGHT

WAITSBURG – Following this Sunday's service at the Waitsburg Christian Church, the community is invited to gather at Preston Park at 11:30 a.m. and join in a potluck and water balloon fight hosted by the Church.

Bring a dish to share and a bucket or two of filled water balloons. Come prepared to have fun and get wet in the biggest water balloon fight Waitsburg has ever seen.

MARQUEE RESTORATION



Photo by Ken Graham

A painter was at work Monday morning on the facade of the Liberty Theater in Dayton. Besides new paint on the front of the building, the historic marquee is being completely restored, including new neon lighting. The project is expected to be complete by mid-July.

Americanisms



"I can't change the direction of the wind, but I can adjust my sails to always reach my destination."

—Jimmy Dean

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BIRTHDAYS

July 6: Roger Beckel, Leo Cobb, Donna Groom, Milt Priggee.

July 7: Joann Willis, Margaret Wilson, Tim Presler, Lloyd Keith, Louie Branson, Tawnya Richards.

July 8: Allan Wilson, Rick DeVaney, Susan Archer, Aricka Huwe, Jerry Hall, Kylee Henry.

July 9: Michael Henze.

July 10: Bob Butler, Billie Leroue, Patricia Dunn, Roberta Osborne, Bob Swenson, Michael Kiefel, Rami Feryn, Al Thompson.

July 11: Susa Roberts.

July 12: Judy Townsend, Dick Surry, Lynette Newbill, Bill Duckworth, Deandra Smith, John Wood, Jr., Gayle Durkee, Bruce Anderson, George Downing.

CORRECTION: PRESCOTT WATER AEROBICS

In last week's Times we incorrectly listed the days of the week that water aerobics are offered at the Prescott Pool. Aerobics are from 7 to 8 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

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ASTROBLAST 2018



Photo by Michele Smith

Geophysicist Dr. Catherine Cooper talked about planetary volcanoes at the second annual Astroblast stargazing event on Friday, sponsored by the Dayton Memorial Library. The event was held at the Dayton High School football field. Dr. Marty Dunn discussed the planet Mars, saying Earth and Mars will be closer on July 31, than they have been in 60,000 years, except for in 2003 when they were slightly closer. Dr. Jeffrey Kissel from LIGO Hanford Observatory said since last year's discussion, three more black hole collisions have been detected, with the most recent being August 14, 2017. Three days after the August 14 event, LIGO recorded "an incredibly long wave", he said. LIGO recorded two neutron stars colliding 100 million light years away, in a corner of the sky with 30 galaxies in it. This was corroborated by 70 ground-based telescopes around the world and by the Hubble Space Telescope, he said.

LETTERS

EXPERIENCE OVER ORIGIN FOR WW CO. SHERIFF

Dear Editor,

"He's not from here." "He didn't go to Wa-Hi." "He doesn't even have a 509-area code." "I don't know him, so I'm not voting for him." These are all comments I've seen on social media or heard in public sphere regarding Mark Crider and the current race for Sheriff. The insinuation is that since Mark wasn't born here, didn't attend local schools, and has a different phone number, he isn't capable of being our next Sheriff. As an immigrant by way of the United Kingdom, I find this way of thinking ridiculous. The idea that somebody who wasn't born and raised here can't be an effective leader in our community and county is silly. We have doctors, teachers, law enforcement professionals, EMTs, local government leaders and business owners from all over the world residing in our county. Their expertise, qualifications, and experience only add to the rich tapestry that makes up Walla Walla County.

That's why I'm supporting Mark Crider for Sheriff. His ten years as a Naval Officer instilled in him an invaluable level of leadership skills. I appreciate Mark's service to our nation and know that time in any service branch fosters and molds the ability to work with a diverse group of people from across the country. His 22 years as an FBI agent brings an unmatched level of experience to the table. His advanced training in active shooter response, designated marksmanship, defensive tactics, and officer survival will make him a highly valued asset as our next Sheriff. But the kicker for me was the endorsement of Mark Crider by the Walla Walla Commissioned Deputies Association and the Firefighters Local 404. If our first responders trust Mark Crider to be our next Sheriff, well that just adds icing to the cake.

If you don't know Mark, go to a meet and greet and get to know him. If you can't make it, check out his campaign website. Let's look past origin and look at experience and qualification. Let's make Mark Crider the next Sheriff of Walla Walla County.

Laura Sedam
Walla Walla

MARK CRIDER IS BEST CANDIDATE FOR SHERIFF

Dear Editor,

I'll be the first to admit it. When Mark Crider first stepped into the Walla Walla County Sheriff's Office last Fall to interview for the position of Chief Criminal Deputy, I was skeptical. Who was this FBI agent from the Spokane Field Office? Sure, he'd been involved with our Office over the last few years providing tactical and firearms training to some of our members, but what made him think he could come on down and help lead our agency forward? Well after Mark opened his mouth and spoke for about thirty seconds, I ate a big piece of humble pie and was hooked. Mark Crider wasn't one of the D.C., good old boy agents. He had spent his career in the trenches of the field offices, first in Milwaukee then Spokane, working hand-in-hand with local law enforcement agencies. Check. He grew up in Ontario, Ohio, a town of about 4,500 people, and understood the issues that face any number of small towns across our country. Check. He served ten years in the U.S. Navy as an F-14 Tomcat pilot. He also served as an FBI agent in the War on Terror. As a Marine veteran of both the Iraq and Afghan campaigns, that had an enormous impact on me. When he laid out his experience with managing multi-million-dollar budgets, his training philosophy, his multitude of advanced training qualifications, and his views on leadership, I realized we had a man in front of us who could not only lead the operational side of the Walla Walla County Sheriff's Office, but had all the qualifications, and then some, to lead the entire office forward. The very next day, several members of our Office went to Sheriff Turner and suggested that Mark Crider would be a perfect fit for the Undersheriff position.

In a short time, Mark Crider has demonstrated that he is THE perfect candidate for Sheriff and that he will continue the long and proud tradition of total professionalism demonstrated daily by the deputies and support staff of the Walla Walla County Sheriff's Office.

Corporal Christopher Johnson
Deputy Sheriff
Walla Walla

CRIDER WILL SUPPORT HIS DEPUTIES AS SHERIFF

Dear Editor,

Two years ago, Sheriff Turner approached me and asked me a question about the next new hire. His question to me was "would you trust this guy in a gun fight; would he stand by you or run?" Little did I know he asked the deputies the same about me when I was hired.

I thought about the three candidates running for Sheriff and asked myself the same question, which is why I am choosing to endorse Mark Crider. Not so much for the gun fight situation, though it wouldn't hurt, since he is a firearms instructor. But I know he would support the split-second decisions deputies make daily.

Mark Crider has proven his integrity and morals when challenged by the largest law enforcement agency in the United States: the FBI. This particular episode involved a veteran who lost a hand during a training incident. The veteran dreamed of being an FBI agent from the time he was a young man. After being discharged from the military, his dream became a reality. After completing the basic testing process, he was accepted into the FBI training program. However, the FBI discharged the veteran saying he could not perform certain tasks because of his missing hand. Mark Crider was compelled to testify on behalf of the FBI and decided to support the terminated veteran because it was the right thing to do. This veteran is now an FBI Agent thanks, in part, to Mark Crider. The measure of a man is not what he does for his friends, but what he does for complete strangers.

I first met Mark Crider at a Designated Marksman Rifle (DMR) class he was instructing along with another FBI Agent from Chicago. This class was a week of nothing but drills and precision shooting. It was a world-class training opportunity and I was thankful to take part in it.

Mark Crider is the obvious and best choice for the position of Walla Walla County Sheriff. His service in the U.S. Navy and FBI has instilled in him advanced leadership and training abilities. Mark Crider's connections to both local-level and federal law enforcement agencies throughout the country will allow the deputies of Walla Walla County to enjoy greater training opportunities. This will significantly enhance the deputies' ability to continue professionally serving the citizens of Walla Walla County.

Jared Brown
Deputy Sheriff
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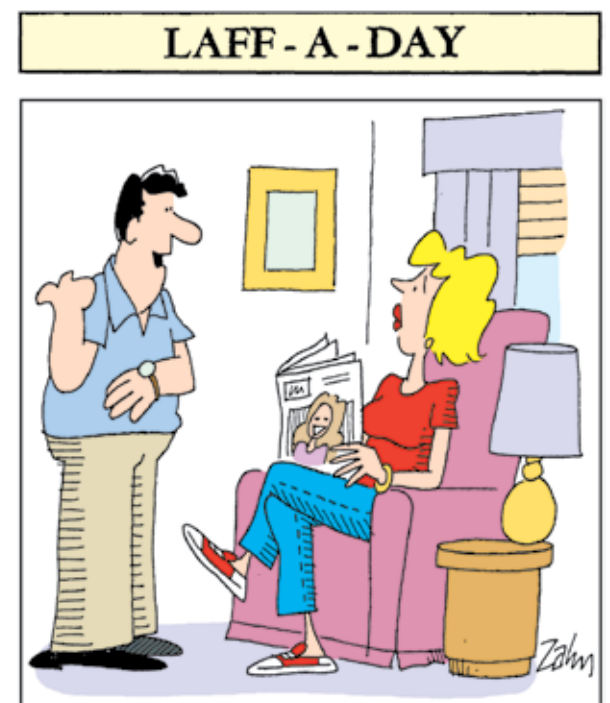
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"I'm glad I had that talk with Jimmy about the birds and the bees. I learned a lot of interesting stuff."

NEW LIVESTOCK SCALE



Photos Courtesy of Lisa Morrow
Renovations continue on the newly improved livestock barn at the Waitsburg Fairgrounds. The latest addition includes a scale, donated by Guy McCaw. Duke Morrow framed and installed the scale with the help of Brayden Mohney (pictured) and Jay Dimak. "We owe all our supporters a big Thank you!" said Pen Pals 4-H leader Lisa Morrow.

Ferrians to be New Liberty Theater Manager

FORMER WAITSBURG PASTOR REPLACES KIRSTEN SCHOBER, WHO HAS HELD POSITION SINCE 2011

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—Former Waitsburg Christian Church Pastor Mike Ferrians will become the new manager of Dayton's Liberty Theater at the end of this month. He will replace Kirsten Schober. Schober says she is leaving to enjoy a little time off before exploring interests she has in community development.

Schober has been the theater manager since 2011. She took the job after a stint as the executive director of the Kirkman House Museum in Walla Walla. She also managed the Liberty Theater in Ellensburg in the late 80s, and had produced some plays for Walla Walla High School, she said.

"I had been a patron at some of the theater's live shows, and enjoyed a few movies, here. I thought it would be fun to be a part of this community and take a trip down career memory lane," she said. "It turned out to be much more rewarding than I expected."

Schober said she has enjoyed the people she worked with: the board of directors, the show patrons, and the people involved in TVAC productions, most of all. "I am continually amazed by the creativity and energy," she said.

Schober said the timing is good, as there are several projects wrapping up at the theater including the endowment kick off and the exterior restoration.

"I am not going far, and I look forward to sitting in the auditorium enjoying the fruits of everyone's hard work," she said.

Touchet Valley Arts Council President Kris Takemura said Schober has brought



Mike Ferrians



Kirsten Schober

a wealth of experience to the theater from her work with nonprofits, along with her expertise in many areas, including grant writing, as well as her love of movies.

"Everyone who has been involved with the Liberty Theater, from board members, to volunteers, to patrons, will miss Kirsten greatly," Takemura said. We value our relationship with Kirsten and wish her all the best as she moves to the next chapter in her life."

Takemura added, "Mike brings with him many skills and talents along with his love of the theater, and we have confidence that Mike's abilities and qualities will help ensure the theater will continue to provide cultural opportunities in the Touchet Valley, and beyond."

Ferrians said he has been involved with the theater since 2002, when he participated in the fall musical production of "Oklahoma." Since then he has participated in a number of live shows, and directed a few, or helped with vocal music.

"I really look forward to helping TVAC advance its mission of promoting culture and arts in the community," Ferrians said. "I see the TVAC mission as central to a strong, healthy, and resilient community. I want to see the theater programs continue to grow and form a stronger bond with the people of the valley."

Ferrians is a native of Spokane. He and his wife, Melissa, have lived in Waitsburg for 28 years.

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sity can be integrated into the curriculum," she said. "Sometimes for the good of the kids we need to do something different."

Core values for her are forming positive relationships with all stakeholders in the community, creating strong partnerships between families and the community, preparing students for post-high-school success, providing high quality instruction and support for students, and analysis of school data as a regular process.

She said the words that best describe her are; student-centered, collaborative and fair.

If she is hired, Kubej said she would move to Dayton, if she can find an apartment to rent.

Kristina Brown lives in Richland and teaches 8th-grade ELA and History at Stevens Middle School in Pasco, and she has administrative credentials from WSU.

She has served on a committee developing high school ELA curriculum for the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction.

She is also a mentor for new, second year, and struggling teachers, and a positive behavior intervention leader, a past PTA President and a current co-

chair for Action Team Partners. She also teaches AVID, which is a college and career readiness program, and serves as a leader on a professional learning committee.

She serves, also, on a building committee for the Pasco School District, which is in the process of building four new schools.

"I have worn many hats in my building. I feel like I have quite a diverse background," Brown said.

Brown said a culture of respect should be established in the schools, beginning with the staff and filtering down.

She emphasized that the state has set social and emotional learning standards for students, and she talked about the importance of kids being safe at school.

"Every child needs to be in school," said Brown who doesn't believe in out-of-school suspension for students who are misbehaving.

She feels strongly about consequences for misbehavior, and she said she would consider having parents shadow students in school as a positive intervention.

"Parents are diamonds," she said.

Brown said one of her strengths is in the area of Special Education, and she has provided reading sup-

port to life skills classrooms.

If she is hired, Brown said she will have an open-door policy, establish priorities by building relationships, and will sometimes say no.

"I hung up my Wonder Woman cape a long time ago," said Brown, who plans to rely on the administration and staff for help. "It's an absolute balancing act. I know your secretaries are your best friend."

"I will face problems head on, as they come," she promised.

Brown said she and her husband have raised seven children, all grown.

"Dayton would be a dream job," she said. "We would want to move here and be a part of the community."

Brown said the words that best describe her are; trustworthy, agent for change, and compassionate.

The Dayton School Board will take Superintendent Doug Johnson's recommendation under consideration and vote on a selection, either on July 5, or on July 18, at a regularly scheduled meeting.

Members of the selection committee are teachers Shayna Hutchens and Jeff McCann, Elementary Principal Denise Smith, High School Secretary Angie John, School Board President Dan Butler and Superintendent Johnson.

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the next step was to ask council to approve the idea and ask the county to reactivate the department.

"We then appoint a two-member board and work down the line to appoint a five-member board. The board will come up with a mission statement, bylaws and budget and must submit that to the County. And the County runs the levy with the vote in the fall. So we won't know for awhile that we're actually up-and-running," Hockersmith said.

Kuykendall cautioned that, through the process, the department essentially becomes a county-administered entity.

"We are talking about potentially either transferring title to and/or at least giving a long-term use lease to city assets, so we want to walk through that process carefully on how it's going to be managed and what we're going to do. The last thing we want to do is for the City to turn over these assets and have it go backwards, or invite additional liability," Kuykendall said.

Operating as a district, there is a wide variety of options for both raising funds and in determining what the district will be responsible for, Hockersmith said.

She submitted a list of future possibilities that the district could oversee, including a walking/running trail on the Touchet River dike, a pocket park between the Anchor Bar building and Whoopemup Hollow Café, a garden and park at the old Waits Mill site, improved sprinkler systems at the cemeteries, grandstand and race track restorations, reintroduction of racing of some sort, equestrian and 4-H center at the fairgrounds, opening the Don Thomas Building for winter riding, fixing the leak under the pool and pool upgrades, pickle ball at the city park and the addition of a dog park.

Hockersmith acknowledged that there may be difficulty garnering public sup-

port for a tax levy on the tails of recent property tax increases. Other challenges she noted, include fairgrounds and grandstands renovations, getting groups interested in the fairgrounds to work together, repairing a leak under the pool and keeping the pool open on weekends.

Hockersmith said she has been talking with Prescott which has a very successful Parks and Recreation District.

"This group will not have to reinvent the wheel. Prescott is doing an amazing job, and they have offered to help," she said.

Mayor Marty Dunn expressed concern about the district's sample short-term plan, saying that it continued to leave assets such as the park, pool and fairgrounds under the city's care for several years.

"If we don't do something with this, we're just kicking the can down the highway again, for another year, or three, or five. I'm not seeing anything locked in concrete. As of right now, and the last council meeting, we have not seen anything different than what we've seen in the last year. I don't want to sit here and discuss this again next year," he said.

Kuykendall agreed with the concern, but said parks and recreation seems like the best path forward to generate new revenues and new blood to manage assets that the city doesn't have the budget to maintain.

"I'm at least encouraged at the potential parks and rec start and seeing some folks enthused and signed up. If we can just make that happen, and maybe some other things, like a partnership with an investor that might like to come and take the fairgrounds as a whole under their wing, parks and rec could manage that process well," he said.

"I agree," Dunn said. "If someone was able to do that we'd be sitting in pretty high cotton."



Bird sculptures by Jerry Poindexter. Clockwise from above: A display of Poindexter's work at the Wenaha Gallery. Yellow-headed parrot. Western tanager.

Courtesy photos

CAROLYN HENDERSON: TALK ABOUT ART

Jerry Poindexter's Wood Bird Sculptures

Birds. They come in all sizes and shapes, with plumage ranging from beiges and greys to outrageous color combinations that visually shout out their presence.

For woodcarver Jerry Poindexter, of Spokane, a truly well-carved bird sculpture is one that takes into account this uniqueness of each subject, and accurately represents the many and varied details of a particular species. To artistically replicate a black-capped chickadee, say, or a snowy owl, the artist needs to spend a lot of time researching before making the first cut in the wood.



Jerry Poindexter

In other words, you can't just wing it.

Poindexter, who serves as a judge in international carving exhibitions, and also enters them, has been a regular columnist at Wildfowl Carving Magazine since 2003. He writes a column addressing paint notes and bird measurements. He has also written two books, *Songbirds I* and *II*, compiling 50 measured drawings – patterns for other woodworkers to use – and gives classes on the intricacies of bringing a block of tupelo wood to visual life.

An array of Poindexter's carved birds is on display at Wenaha Gallery through July 14. The gallery is open Monday through Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Community Health Conversations

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON – The last of four Community Health Conversations took place in Dayton last week and drew a crowd of about 17 interested citizens from around the community.

Catherine Veninga, from the Community Council in Walla Walla, led the discussion, saying, "Today is all about the data."

Veninga presented data for established goals in demographics, education, economy, natural environment, and safety.

Columbia County Public Health Director Martha Lanman presented the goals in the category for health and wellness.

The goals are:

The ability to access a full range of health choices, regional healthy lifestyles, food, regional trail networks, and recreational facilities.

Quality health care should be affordable and accessible to all in the region.

Healthy food and nutrition and education available for all.

Increase access to quality mental health services and drug and alcohol treatment services.

Promote and support healthy lifestyles throughout the region.

Enhance quality health care and services for seniors, recognizing our region.

Lanman said the findings from the Community Health Conversations will be integrated into the local community health assessment, which will be performed by the Walla Walla County Dept. of Community Health. The assessment will be completed by late summer.

"[The Department of] Public Health will be organizing the community health improvement plan meetings and working with Walla Walla County Dept.

of Community Health to develop the Plan," she said.

Mary Campbell, executive director of the Community Council of Walla Walla, said talks began when the Community Council and Walla Walla County Dept. of Community Health heard that Walla Walla and Columbia Counties were going to hold the same type of conversation they had envisioned.

"Once we found the way to make sure that we could meet their needs, and ours, we began holding indicator sub-committee meetings," she said.

The subcommittees met in April to begin identifying the indicators for each priority group, said Campbell.

Campbell said the Community Council and the Walla Walla Department of Community Health has partnered with Blue Mountain Community Foundation, the Sherwood Trust, and the United Way of Walla Walla in these discussions.

LEGAL NOTICES

Superior Court of Washington, County of Walla Walla

In the Matter of the Estate of GARY F. BARKER Deceased. No. 18-4-00021-0 Probate Notice to Creditors (RCW 11.40.030)

The Designated Administrator named below has been appointed as Designated Administrator of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the Designated Administrator or the Designated Administrator's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the Designated Administrator served or mailed the notice to

the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.

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SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR CHELAN COUNTY

In the Matter of the Estate of

CAROL J. FRISBY, Deceased.

No. 18-4-00196-04 NONPROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS (RCW 11.42.030)

The notice agent named below has elected to give notice to creditors of the above-named decedent. As of the date of the filing of a copy of this notice with the court, the notice agent has no knowledge of any other person acting as notice agent or of the appointment of a personal representative of the decedent's estate in the state of Washington. According to the records of the court as are available on the date of the filing of this notice with the court, a cause number regarding the decedent has not been issued to any other notice agent and a personal representative of the decedent's estate has not been appointed. Any person having a

claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.42.070 by serving on or mailing to the notice agent or the notice agent's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the notice agent's declaration and oath were filed. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the notice agent served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.42.020(2)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice.

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The notice agent declares under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Washington on June 20, 2018, at Wenatchee, Washington that the foregoing is true and correct.

Notice Agent: /s/ Glenn R. Perry Glenn R. Perry Attorney for the Notice

Agent: David G. Visser WSBA# 41546 Address for Mailing or Service: Overcast Law Offices, PS Attn: David G. Visser 23 South Wenatchee Avenue, Suite 320 Wenatchee, WA 98801 (509) 663-5588 Court of Notice Agent's oath and declaration: Chelan County Superior Court Cause Number: 18-4-00196-04

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CANDIDATE FORUM - FROM P1

"I hate taxes," he said, "I hate regulation." He also touched on his time in the Washington State Legislature, noting that he currently sits on several committees, including the Business and Financial Services Committee and the state's newly-created Tourism Board. "Our district is all about tourism," said Jenkin.

Jenkin's Democratic opponent, Everett Maroon, was unable to be present in person due to a family medical emergency. He did, however, prepare remarks to be delivered by a campaign aide, noting that the reason for his absence was closely linked with his platform: "I'm running because I want to make healthcare significantly better in our state and especially in our community."

The Walla Walla resident co-chairs the Greater Columbia Accountable Community for Health's opioid advisory board and seeks a "larger-scale revamping of healthcare in our state." However, he noted that infrastructure is also an important concern. "I would love to be the first Democrat to get your vote," the representative quoted Maroon in his statement.

Three candidates are running for the 16th's Position 2. Dan Milton, a retired mechanical engineer and long-time member of the Kennewick School Board, quoted from the Declaration of Independence and the Gettysburg Address as he introduced himself. He stated that he was "willing to sacrifice some of my retirement to ensure that the citizens of Washington enjoy life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." Milton is running as a Republican.

Skylar Rude, a member of the Washington State GOP's executive board and former legislative aide to State Senator Maureen Walsh, said that "education is the number-one issue" and voiced his support for career and vocational training. He also called for a reduction in state spending and decried the recent increases in the minimum wage, saying "that's going to be problematic for us" here southeast Washington.

Rebecca Francik, the seat's lone Democratic contender and a 21-year member of the Pasco City Council, also touched on the issue of education. Drawing on her experience as a teacher, she said that she had "firsthand experience in the education system, and I do know how to improve it." She denounced "gridlock, polarization, and politicians that put party above citizens" to the crowd while assuring them that she was "no tax-and-spend Democrat...I've worked hard for every dollar I've ever earned."

Congresswoman Cathy McMorris Rogers, the Washington 5th District's member of the U.S. House of Representatives, was unable to attend the event, but the conservative side of the aisle was represented Wednesday evening by Dave Saulibio. A self-identified "Trump Populist Republican," Saulibio said that if elected he "will always give President Trump the benefit of the doubt and the first bite of the apple."

He aims to institute an eight-year term limit for members of Congress, eliminate pensions for retired Congresspeople, and advocate for a balanced budget. He stated that, unlike either of his major-party opponents, he would "have no IOUs" to donors.

Lisa Brown, the Democratic candidate for the 5th District congressional seat, began by expressing her belief that "we need a change in our nation's capital". Noting that she had helped start the state's rainy-day fund, which several state legislature candidates had praised in their speeches, she described herself as an "independent Democrat" and a "problem solver." She stated that her

platform includes affordable healthcare, student-loan relief, and protecting earned benefits such as Medicare and Social Security.

Her comments also touched on a recent national controversy: "We can track a package [from the time it leaves the factory] to your door," she said, "but we can't put separated families back together?"

Following the candidates' introductions, members of the audience were given the opportunity to ask questions, many of which centered on nationwide policy debates. All of the candidates running for seats in the state legislature were questioned about their stance on SSB 5444, a bill which would prevent individuals under 21 from obtaining assault weapons.

The Republican candidates were unilaterally opposed on constitutional grounds, while Francik noted the high taxpayer cost of anti-shooter security measures being taken in schools. "If you want to save the taxpayer money," she said, "we're going to have to look at [a measure like] that."

Another question was directed at the sheriff candidates concerning their stances on gun control. Crider, pointing to the legislative candidates, told the questioner that the sheriff's job was to enforce the law and that "these are the people up here you need to talk to about gun control."

"Respectfully," said the questioner, "I asked for your views."

"My view," replied Crider, "is that I'm sworn to uphold the law, and until those laws are changed that's what I'm going to do."

Stroe said that he concurred wholeheartedly with Crider, adding that he aimed to foster collaboration with the area's schools and law enforcement agencies in order to prevent gun crime more effectively.

Brown and Saulibio, the 5th District congressional candidates, were asked for their stances on President Trump's proposed tariffs, which some fear will adversely affect local farmers.

Brown stated that she was opposed to the tariffs and feared their impact on the local economy, noting that "Congress has the ability, constitutionally, to regulate tariffs, and I think they need to stand up and do that."

Saulibio, by contrast, stated that the tariffs were "just posturing" and added that in the long run "the world needs us more than we need the world."

A local issue no less contentious than the national ones was also broached when the state legislature candidates were asked about one area landowner's proposal to open a water-bottling plant on his land. Francik stated that it was a "complex question, because of course people have water rights," noting that she'd talked with local irrigators who had not been concerned and that ultimately she'd "need to have a hydrologist walk me through."

Rude stated that he felt "water is a state resource" but that in the end "the issue comes down to local zoning."

Jenkin, who said he had spoken with the parties involved, expressed a desire to "get more educated on it and I want to see where the state's purview will come into play".

Only Milton adopted a strong stance on the question, saying that "we need to assure that water that's in the valley is used by people in the valley" instead of being treated like a commodity.

Towards the end of the evening, Sheriff Turner questioned Stroe on his proposal to reestablish the disbanded inter-county drug task force, noting that it was a "state-funded task force" whose funding had been discontinued, and claiming that "there's no interest from the other counties". Turner, who



Photo by Emma Philbrook

16th District legislative candidate Rebecca Francik answered an audience member's question during the last week's candidate forum at Waitsburg's Town Hall.

has endorsed Stroe's opponent, Crider, also asked Stroe how he planned "to increase presence in schools beyond what we've already established" with the department's existing walk-and-talk program, which had brought about an "almost daily" level of interaction.

Stroe said that he had been in touch with law enforcement in neighboring counties and that they had expressed interest in reinstating the drug task force, for which he would seek out alternate sources of funding. As for the sheriff's department's presence in the area's schools, he was quick to emphasize that "I'm not saying that the deputies aren't doing their jobs" and stated that his plan was to "continue to build these relationships [in the schools] up...and continue to push that forward."

Crider, who was also asked to respond to Sheriff Turner's question, emphasized the value of the walk-and-talk program for gaining both familiarity with the student body and tactical

knowledge of the campus. He also expressed a desire to reinstate the drug task force, although he noted that "the only way we'll ever be able to fund a drug task force is with more deputies."

Both Crider and Stroe suggested partnering with the Walla Walla Police Department to gain access to more resources for the task force.

The forum officially ended at eight o'clock, although several of the candidates took the opportunity to stick around and chat with audience members. Outside the building, stacks of yard signs that had materialized, and the tables in the entrance hall were now weighted down with campaign buttons and glossy fliers.

After thanking the candidates for making the trip to Waitsburg, Davison turned to the crowd with a grin.

"I really think that you need to give yourselves a round of applause for such a civil interaction," he said.

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