## **Changing of the guard in Perrydale**

Veteran teacher named as assistant principal after McCartney retires in June

**By Jolene Guzman** The Itemizer-Observer

PERRYDALE — Longtime Perrydale teacher Dan Dugan will be the school's assistant principal starting next year.

Dugan will be replacing

Dugan will be replacing Perrydale High School/ Middle School Principal Shelia McCartney, who after eight years at the school will retire in June. She announced her retirement in March.

"Dan has been an amazing asset to Perrydale as a teacher, mentor and coach," said Perrydale Superintendent Eric Milburn Friday when the hiring was announced. "His passion for the education of students is overwhelmingly contagious, and I look for-

ward to working with him as an administrative team." Dugan has been a

teacher and coach at the school for 18 years, and has served as athletic director and president of the



teachers' association in the past. He also student-taught at the school for two years.

Dugan said he has worn "a lot of hats," years in the school and community. "This is an opportunity to

have another hat and keep

working at a school I love," he said. Dugan was selected by a

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opportunity to stay where my heart and passion lies will be an incredible experience."

— Dan Dugan

"I bleed red and

black. Having this

hiring committee of members of Perrydale's staff and administration. He said he had a good feeling about his interview with the committee.

"I think my excitement for Perrydale and the community was felt by the people in that room," he said. Administrative positions

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year, with Milburn serving as K-12 principal and Dugan as K-12 assistant principal, instead of having a high school/middle school principal.

Milburn and Dugan will meet over the next few weeks to divide duties between the two of them.

Likely high on the list of priorities will be hiring three new staff members: one for Dugan's position, a Spanish teacher and an agricultural teacher.

Dugan said he's happy teaching will still be among his responsibilities.

"I'm excited for this opportunity," he said. "I bleed red and black. Having the opportunity to stay where my heart and passion lies will be an incredible experience." **DHS** dispels rumors

DALLAS — Dallas High
School Principal Steve
Spencer isn't sure where the rumors regarding Saturday's prom started, but he's sure of one thing: they are just rumors

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No, Dallas High School is not banning same sex couples from prom. No, administrators are not requiring girls to send photos of themselves in their dresses for dress code approval prior to buying prom tickets.

Spencer said those exact accusations began to spread on social media over the weekend, resulting in questions from concerned parents and students.

"It's truly just rumors," Spencer said. "Wherever it came from, it's a good reminder that you are accountable for what you post

Itemizer-Observer staff report on social media."

On Sunday, Spencer outlined the real prom rules on the school's Facebook page in hopes of dispelling the myths

In truth, the school requires a student's prom date to be at least old enough to be in high school and not 21 or older. Dresses must be in compliance with the school's dress code.

Spencer said Alicia Scherer, a junior and DHS' Associated Student Body public relations manager, also tried to combat the rumors, responding by posting the correct information. "I thought she did a really good job taking on a difficult topic," he said

Bottom line about prom from Spencer's perspective? "We want you to have

"We want you to fun," he said.

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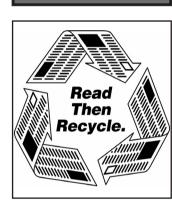
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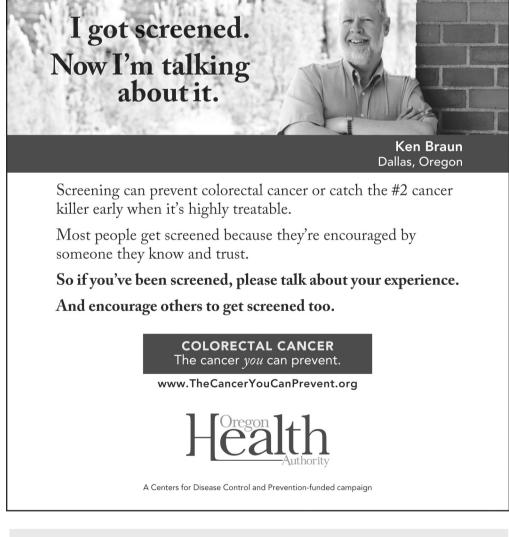


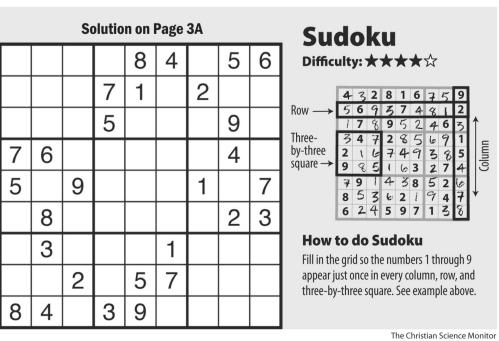


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