

## FINALISTS Opportunity for public input

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wants to see in a superintendent," he said. "I encourage everyone to please take the time to provide us with your feedback."

NWCSD retained the services of McPherson & Jacobson, L.L.C. to assist in conducting their search for a superintendent. The consultants reviewed, screened, and conducted background checks on 11 applicants. On Wednesday, Dec. 30, consultants presented seven applicants to the School Board with detailed background information on each applicant.

The School Board then selected three candidates as finalists.

Additional information on each of the candidates, their interview timeline and how to submit the approved feedback forms, visit the District's website at [www.nwasco.k12.or.us](http://www.nwasco.k12.or.us), where a link is provided under "announcements and latest headlines" at the top right of the page.

### Dr. Carolyn Bernal, Camarillo, Calif.

In her resume, Bernal states, "I am an aspiring female Superintendent committed to supporting and leading underserved student populations using my skills and knowledge to assist and support a school district with the development and



Carolyn Bernal

implementation of 21st century learning and providing a World Class Education to all students."

Bernal is currently assistant superintendent, school systems improvement, at Rio School District, Oxnard, Calif. She holds a Doctorate in educational leadership (2019), a Master of Arts with distinction in educational leadership and policy studies (2004) and a Bachelor of Arts in English with a Spanish minor (1994).

Prior to serving as assistant superintendent, she was director of human resources, also for the Rio School District. She has also worked as an elementary principal and teacher.

### Dr. Jeff Dillon, Caldwell, Idaho

In his resume, Dillon states he is "offering achievement in developing district leadership to empower and inspire staff to maximize their full leadership potential to best meet the needs of a unique and diverse district, built upon a strong foundation of TRUST."

Dillon is currently superintendent and principal for Wilder School District #133 in Idaho. He holds a Doctor of Philosophy in Education Leadership (2019), a Masters in Teaching (2001), a K-8 Teaching Certificate (2000) and a Bachelor of Arts in Behavioral Science (1992).

Prior to serving as principal and superintendent, Dillon was a K-12 assistant principal, summer school assistant principal, administrative intern and a seventh grade science and reading teacher.



Jeff Dillon

### Theresa Peters, The Dalles

In her resume, Peters states, "I wish to utilize my leadership, communication, and administrative abilities to serve the students, staff and community of North Wasco County School District as the superintendent. With over 16 years of teaching experience and 14 years in administration, all within our district, I bring multiple perspectives and a rich historical knowledge. My broad experience as a classroom teacher and specialist, my building and district-level experience in administration, including as interim superintendent, provide me with a strong foundation of educational leadership skills which I will bring to my role as superintendent."



Theresa Peters

Peters is currently the interim superintendent for District 21. She holds a Master of Science in Education (1996), a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education (1988) and holds a range of administrative licenses, all levels, through 2024. Prior to serving as interim superintendent, Peters was principal of Dry Hollow Elementary; Elementary Lead Principal for NWCSD; principal of Colonel Wright Elementary and District Special Education Coordinator for Chenoweth School District. Her teaching experience includes grade 5 at Dry Hollow Elementary and adjunct instructor at Columbia Gorge Community College, and taught at Mosier Elementary.

# Findley announces committee assignments

## Senator represents parts of Wasco County

VALE—Senator Lynn Findley (R-Vale) announced his committee assignments for the upcoming 2021 legislative session Dec. 29.

Findley will serve as vice chair of the Senate Energy and Environment Committee, and on the Senate Finance and Revenue, Joint Transportation, Joint Tax Expenditures committees and the Joint Committee on the Interstate 5 Bridge.

"I appreciate the Senate

leadership appointing me to these roles during the 2021 legislative session.

There are a number of critical issues we must address for Oregonians and I look forward to the work ahead to ensure the constituents of Senate District 30 are being served well and well represented in the legislature," said Findley.

In addition to serving on the 2021 Legislative committees, Findley serves on the Emergency Board and in July was appointed to Governor Brown's Healthy Schools Reopening Council and the COVID-19 Liability Work Group.

Findley represents Senate

District 30 which encompasses Malheur, Harney, Grant, Baker, Wheeler, and Jefferson Counties, as well as parts of Lake, Wasco, Deschutes, Clackamas, and Marion Counties.

He served as the state representative for House District 60 during the 2019 session before being appointed to the Senate in January 2020 and elected in November 2020.

Senator Findley can be reached at (541) 473-4029 or [sen.lynnfindley@oregonlegislature.gov](mailto:sen.lynnfindley@oregonlegislature.gov).

## Mosbrucker to lead Wash. House Public Safety Committee

Rep. Gina Mosbrucker, R-Goldendale, has received committee assignments for the 2021 legislative session and will serve as the lead Republican of the House Public Safety Committee. The committee considers issues relating to law enforcement agencies, crime prevention, criminal penalties and sentencing, impaired driving, registration and civil commitment of sex offenders, and adult correctional programs and institutions.

"It's an absolute honor and privilege to be named as the ranking member of this committee. Coming from a family with ties in law enforcement, I've long wanted to serve on

the Public Safety Committee. My father was a Clark County Sheriff's Department deputy reserve officer. I also carry a badge as a member of the Klickitat County Sheriff's Posse. Public safety is my passion," said Mosbrucker.

"Public safety is one of the most basic and important elements of government. It's essential that we keep our streets, neighborhoods and citizens safe. That will certainly be my primary goal," she added.

Mosbrucker retains a leadership position on the House Labor and Workplace Standards Committee as assistant ranking Republican.

The 14th District lawmaker

also has been chosen to serve on the House Capital Budget Committee. This committee considers the state capital budget which approves money for the construction and repair of public buildings and for other long-term investments, such as land acquisitions and transfers.

"Our citizens send a lot of their hard-earned dollars to Olympia in the form of taxes. As a member of the Capital Budget Committee, I will be their voice to ensure those dollars are returned to the district for important infrastructure," said Mosbrucker. The Washington legislative session begins Jan. 11 and will be conducted remotely.

## GLENWOOD NEWS

# Glenwood Church Kids Jam starts up on Jan. 22

By Mary Pierce

From the sounds of the fireworks in our valley, I would say a lot of people here really wanted to send 2020 out with a bang and eagerly welcome 2021. We can look forward to things getting better for us all in this new

year, for sure.

We have started 2021 with the students back to in school learning. I'm sure they are very happy to not have to sit in front of their laptop screens for several hours a day. Let's hope for the best for the remainder of the

school year.

Jennifer Hallenbeck announced that Kids Jam will start up again and invites all children in grades kindergarten through fifth to attend. This month's Jam will be on Friday, Jan. 22 from 6-8 p.m. at the church. The kids will

enjoy a fun night of games, awesome music, a cool Bible story, amazing, crafts and more. Kids Jam will be held on the third Friday of each month through May. Parents who haven't registered their kids can pick up a form at the post office and send it with

their kids to the Friday night Kids Jam.

Please keep in mind that, while inside dining is still not allowed in restaurants, both the Glenwood Station and Glenwood General Store continue to serve our community for delicious take-out meals.

Please support them as much as you can because they work diligently to serve our community and we can show our appreciation through by our support.

Please send any news items for next week's paper to [gmpierce09@gmail.com](mailto:gmpierce09@gmail.com).

## LYLE NEWS

# Lyle groups come together to celebrate holidays

By Mildred E. Lykens

The celebration of Christmas and the New Year got off right with 326 family members enjoying a bountiful amount of food from 107 boxes gathered and packed by the dutiful exertions of a few organizations in our area. The Lions Club was the home base from where the family vehicles lined up for the coveted boxes.

The food was obtained mainly by the Dallesport Fire department's food drive, from the generous local residents plus area food businesses. The cartons were filled by dedicated people who form the Lions Club, Lyle Good Food, Lyle Community Council and other residents that donated their time and effort, not to mention the muscle to tote those boxes out to the long line of vehicles that drove through the designated area. On a separate note, the Lyle Food Pantry is controlled by the weather and has to close when conditions are unsafe for travel. Otherwise their winter hours continue to be 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2-4 p.m. on the first and third Wednesday's of the month. These fine people and businesses deserve a standing ovation.

A major milestone in the Port of Hood River's progress to replace the Hood River-White Salmon Interstate

Bridge was reached in late November with the publication of the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement by the port, in partnership with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) and the Bi-State EIS Working Group. The diagrams shown in this publication depict a modern structure that is pleasing to the eye and will be successful to travel. Double lanes, with a walkway and viewpoint... it's going to be grand. This project has been a long time planning to which I hope this one gets passed the designing stage.

I'll speak briefly on the virus... by saying that masks aren't perfect, so if one can exercise at home rather than at a gym... or their work... or attend church remotely... it stands to reason you're reducing your risk. Many activities allow less risk, such as the lesser need of wearing a mask when going for a walk, jog or bike ride. The "social distance" rule outdoors is more important. One may also feel safer wearing the mask during the needed errands of shopping at a grocery store, pharmacy, etc., but all-in-all the standard rule still applies: Wear a mask, keep social distance and wash your hands often.

A longtime High Prairie resident, Elroy Wolff, passed away at his home on New Year's Eve, following a lengthy illness. Those who were fortunate to be his family, his friends, and his neighbors knew him as kind, gentle, and always willing to help wherever it was needed. Elroy was a veteran and a skilled craftsman, who built a legacy of structures with his talented hands. He was a lover of all creatures, from the tiniest spider to his beloved cattle. He leaves a large, extended family in the Lyle and Beaverton areas. His sweet presence will be deeply missed.

About the virus vaccine... I gleaned, with Renee's permission, from her informative "Dallesport Newsletter," information compiled by Rex Briggs; "Nearly 1 in 100 Americans have now been COVID Vaccinated — 69 percent or so to go to ensure herd immunity. If you are 65 or over (or are close to someone that is) consider

these stats: 1 in 206 of the 65-and-over Americans have died of COVID in the last 10 months; 1 in 118 of those 75 and older have died of COVID in the last 10 months. These are not great odds. But there is good news. The Pfizer and Moderna Vaccines are more than 95 percent effective, which means chance of surviving COVID goes way up for 65-plus. Research and recent experience shows side effects are mild for most people. The risk of anaphylaxis from the vaccine is less than 1 in 45,000. Friends, if you are 65-plus or have someone in your life that is, please line up your plans to get the vaccine. If you have questions, arrange to talk to your doctor. A lot of lives can be saved in 2021 with this vaccine, and we can have a shot of getting in-person school, church, theatre, restaurants, and more." So us "old folk" have to be more careful than the younger ones.

On Feb. 9, Lyle School District is asking voters to

approve a continuation levy for 2022 and 2023. This isn't a tax increase, it's the same amount voters approved for 2020 and 2021. (Although actual collections have been quite a bit less.) Although voters authorized the district to collect up to \$700,000 in local levy dollars in 2019 and 2020, the district collected \$590,696 in the 2019-2020 school year — which amounted to 13 percent of our total budget. That means nearly 13 cents of every dollar we spent as part of our day-to-day expenses in 2019-2020 came from our local levy. With levy funding, we are able to pay for staff to teach music, art, and career and technical education classes. Levy dollars also fund a support staff for a high-needs student population

and nutrition services and transportation costs. Without the local levy, we could not provide many programs our kids need and our community values. Funding for schools is more limited than ever and support more urgent. Please remember to vote on Feb. 9.

I was informed that in The Ruralite our neighbor Paul Strait will be 105 years old on Jan. 19. His daughter suggests sending cards to him at his home at 1025 High Prairie Road. A neighbor visited him before Christmas and stated that Mr. Strait was well. I'll bet he has a lot of history that he lived through that would be very interesting.

Submit your news to Mildred E. Lykens, 509-365-2273 or [lykensme41@gmail.com](mailto:lykensme41@gmail.com).

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**Majors (ages 11-12)**

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