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Kittitas Valley Wind Farm
A wind power farm 12 miles north-west of Ellensburg began operating on Dec. 15. The Kittitas Valley Wind Power Project was developed by the international firm Horizon Wind Energy. The type of energy, which has few negative environmental effects, will provide a green source of power for Ellensburg and surrounding areas.

Air Pollution
On New Year’s Day, the Washington Department of Ecology issued a stage one burn ban due to cold, stagnant air in Kittitas Valley, trapping smoke pollution near the ground. Air quality on Jan. 4 reached “very unhealthy” levels, raising the ban to stage two, restricting wood burning to those who only have wood burning as their only source of heat. The air quality was so poor at one point during the ban that Ellensburg was monitored to have the second worst air quality in the state. The ban expired Jan. 7 after air quality improved.

Spices
For some students, marijuana’s classification as an illicit substance is such a bummer. Some students get around this by smoking Spice, a substance that is marketed as an incense but can be smoked to produce many of the same effects as marijuana. The product is now being pulled from stores over concerns that it can be just as, or more powerful than actual cannabis. With a THC-like ingredient, Spice can be up to four or five times more potent than ordinary marijuana.
Local Albertsons bids farewell Employees say goodbye to their loyal customers and each other

BY PETER O'CAIN
Staff Reporter

When Albertsons closes its doors this February, Ellensburg will lose more than just a grocery store, it will lose a staff of grocers who care about their customers and the community.

"We're the one store in town where our customers know us by name and we know them by name," said grocery manager and CWU graduate Mike Nethery. "I think you'd be hard-pressed to find that anywhere else in town."

That same sentiment is felt by many Albertsons employees.

"I'm going to miss my customers a lot because I've got a lot of regular customers who will only go through my line," said senior biology major Theresa Scott. The Albertsons employees are also particularly close with each other. They can often be found smiling, joking and conversing all at once.

"I'm going to miss my people. Not just my customers, but my co-workers," Nethery said.

Jackson got her job at Albertsons nearly two years ago when she first began studying at CWU and has made the majority of her friends at work, making the closure all the more painful.

"It sucks. I love it here. I feel like I'm losing my family," Jackson said. "It's really heartbreaking that we're losing our friends, more than our store."

It's not just the thought of missing their customers that makes the closing so hard on the employees, it's also the way Albertsons treats its employees.

Paul Bell, Central graduate, has worked at Albertsons for six and a half years. He suffers from tremors and speech issues but has received considerable help from the benefits offered by Albertsons.

"Working at Albertsons has allowed me the opportunity to get the help I need," Bell said. "There have been times when Bell has needed to leave work early because he was having speech issues. There have also been times when he's needed to take six months off because of his health. Despite his condition, Albertsons has always kept him on."

"They've been really good about helping me," Bell said. "This has been a really helpful community."

Now these employees who have treated their customers with courtesy and respect and have received the same treatment from Albertsons are staring down the barrel of unemployment.

Bell isn't sure what's next for him after Albertsons closes. He said he's going to try to stay with the company but it doesn't know how likely it is that he'll be able to do so. "They've got a hiring freeze pretty much company wide," Bell said. "But they're trying to help relocate those who are displaced."

Nethery and his wife Crystal, who also works at Albertsons, hope to remain employed after the Ellensburg branch closes.

"We're in the same boat," Nethery said. "We've got to get employed somewhere."

Jackson is required to take evening labs for her major and needs to find a job that can accommodate her schedule.

"I pay all of my rent and bills through the money that I make here," Jackson said. "It's better than the food in the SURC."

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Albertsons Employee

EAT FRESH

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New Provost for Central
University taps Oregon for new administrator

BY HAYDEN RAPP
Staff Reporter

Starting Feb. 1, Marilyn Levine will join the Central Washington University faculty as Provost/Associate Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs. Levine is currently the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Eastern Oregon University in La Grande, Ore.

President James Gaudino announced the decision to hire Levine last week in a campus community email.

“I am pleased to announce that Dr. Marilyn Levine has accepted the position,” Gaudino said.

Levine received her undergraduate degree at San Diego State University in 1978 and received her master’s degree in history at the University of Hawaii in 1978. She completed her Ph.D. in history at the University of Chicago in 1985 and continued postdoctoral research at Qinghua University in Beijing, China. In 1987, Levine began her academic career as an assistant professor at San Diego State University in the Center for Asian Studies and then moved to an assistant professor position at the Lafayette College in 1988.

In 1989, Levine started her 16-year career at Lewis-Clark State College in Lewiston, Idaho. She began as an assistant professor in the Division of Social Sciences and by 1992 she had been promoted to Associate Professor. In 1996, she was promoted again to professor and from 2001 to 2005 she held the positions of Chair of the Division of Social Sciences. One year later, Levine accepted the position of Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Eastern Oregon University. Levine has helped develop programs such as Global Culture, Modern Languages and Environmental Studies.

Paul Stayback, Vice President for Academic Affairs in the AS-CWU-BOD works directly with the Provost. Stayback was also on the hiring committee responsible for finding a new Provost. “I had the opportunity to get to know Dr. Levine during the hiring process,” Stayback said.

“She was praised highly by the BOD at Eastern Oregon and is purported to be an individual who has the needs and interests of her students.”

Paul Stayback
ASCWU-BOD VP for Academic Affairs

While enjoying the three day weekend, don’t forget the man who is nationally commemorated on Monday: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Events today to honor and commemorate Dr. King’s work include:

6 p.m. – Walking With King
Candle light memorial march in honor of Dr. King. SURC pit.

7 p.m. – We are the Dream
Keynote speaker Dr. Breym Hazlitt, SURC theatre.

Continuing throughout the week:

An photo exhibit of Dr. King will be displayed from Jan. 12-17 in the SURC.

While temperatures range from 127 degrees in the summer and dropping well below freezing in the winter, the crossing for illegal immigrants on the United States — Mexico border can be fatal.

Enrique Morones, president of Border Angels and human rights activist, says that two immigration die every day trying to cross the border.

“They are human beings,” Morones said. “The same thing is happening today, we have to stand up and say it’s immoral.

“The basic assumption for all the self-governing is that an expectation of this place, of this university, our centers and this campus,” Gaudino said, “has to be based on excellence.”

In 1985 and 1988, Levine received her master’s degree in history at the University of Chicago and her Ph.D. in history at the University of California. Levine has held a variety of roles while at Eastern Oregon University, including College of Arts and Sciences.

“So it is a unique opportunity for the Provost to work at Central in the area of economic development, research and graduate studies. He will also be responsible for the CWU Research Foundation, the goal of which is to foster economic development in the region.

“Dr. Quirk has been a pleasure to work with,” Stayback said. “He is a strong student advocate, fair minded and a straight shooter. He’ll be greatly missed, but whatever role he plays I’m sure he will be quite successful and his students will benefit.”

Throughout her career, Levine has worked on over four dozen articles, including two books. She is involved in creating websites for community service, teaching and research and has delivered over 140 public speeches and workshops. She has received numerous grants for her research along with multiple awards for teaching excellence. Levine’s international reputation in the academic community has resulted in invitations for her to make presentations in Australia, Germany, Hong Kong and Taiwan. Gaudino is confident that Levine’s accomplishments meet the needs of Central students.

“Marilyn has successfully integrated online teaching and provided leadership in creating a new general education program… Her understanding and vision for the division of academic and student life aligns with my goals,” Gaudino said. “Please join me in welcoming Marilyn to CWU!”
Worst case scenario

After years of brutal cuts in state funding, yet another year of tuition increases is on the way

Think tuition is too high and class sizes are too large now? Just wait until next year.

The budget news out of Olympia is dire. A Central Washington University will certainly take another cut out of the already decimated state budget for at least the fourth time in three years.

How bad is the state budget? Last month, the lame-duck legislature met to slash another $700 million from the $11.4 billion state budget. Higher education is to a productive workforce and a strong economy.

"At this point, I’ve lost any hope in the legislature to up and realize how essential higher education is to a productive workforce and a strong economy."

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A seamless integration of amateur and professional art work decorated the interiors of Ellensburg businesses as part of the First Friday Ellensburg Art Walk last week. On the first Friday of every month, businesses show they are participating in the art walk with an A-frame sign outside their door. They invite students, residents and other artists to come check out some of the artists in the community and abroad. Edward Jones is one of the local businesses participating in the event. It displayed a wide range of photographs from the Ellensburg High School photography class. There were over 300 photos that were submitted to be shown at this location alone. Of those 300, only 60 were chosen to be displayed. Marylin Wilbanks, a piano teacher, found a special connection with a photograph of the Sydney Opera House by Chase Ellinger. Seeing that photo brought back several memories of her family vacation there not long ago.

“It’s great to see what the kids are doing in school,” Wilbanks said. Ellinger took another striking picture of a young baby cougar whose head was visible through a snow covered bush that had lost its leaves for winter.

“It’s cool to see a high school student took [the photo],” said student Thomas Snedeker, age 7.

Professional photographer Douglass MacArthur, was at Edward Jones admiring the student’s photos. He also participated in selecting the 300 photos would be put on display.

“These are the up and coming photographers that will be replacing us when we retire,” MacArthur said.

Across the street from Edward Jones, the Clymer Museum featured professional artists who focused on oil and canvas painting rather than photos. Hita von Mende of Vashon and Charles Fulcher of Great Falls, Mont., were there proudly displaying their works.

Von Mende’s paintings in this show were painted to a Western theme, so most of her paintings were of horses or country scenes. Each painting was warm and unique in its own way. Looking at each painting it was easy to find something appealing to any eye.

Von Mende said she does not have a set time to complete each painting.

“A painting that comes together in a day is a thrill,” Von Mende said.

“But that does not happen often.”

Charles Fulcher, another painter who had his works displayed at the Clymer Museum, mostly had paintings of farm animals, with an interesting twist. Many were done with such precision that they looked real, but the color scheme was completely different from the animals’ traditional colors.

Fulcher chose bright outlandish colors in his paintings that could put an HDTV to shame. Even though they are bright, they are aesthetically pleasing.

The next art walk will be on Feb. 4 from 5 – 8 p.m.

More information and a list of participating businesses can be found at http://www.ellensburgarts.com/art_walk.html.
Suicide prevention speaker spreads tale of hope

Kevin Hines devotes his life to raising awareness about mental health issues

BY PIN CONNOR

Kevin Hines stood on the rail of the Golden Gate Bridge for 40 minutes, tears streaming down his face as he contemplated ending his life. He had resolved to seek help if someone were to talk to him and ask him what was wrong. When the only woman to approach him ignored his obvious distress and instead asked him to take her picture, Hines’ mind was made up. He took the woman’s picture and hurled himself from the bridge, 245 feet streaming down his face while he contemplated ending his life. He had resolved to seek help if someone were to talk to him and ask him what was wrong. When the only woman to approach him ignored his obvious distress and instead asked him to take her picture, Hines’ mind was made up. He took the woman’s picture and hurled himself from the bridge, 245 feet down.

Hines has devoted his life to speaking publicly about the perils of mismanaged mental health and the psychology behind suicide. "No man or woman is an island," Hines said. "The world has the power to save a life." Hines doesn't just have a message for those with mental health issues, or just for the depressed and suicidal. "This is a presentation aimed at every background possible," he said.

Friends of Emmet is currently touring with Hines. They're a four-piece Irish rock band who discovered Hines’ story through the HBO documentary on Hines, "The Bridge." The band was moved by his story. They wrote a song, "Crying About," about the day of Hines’ attempted suicide, made it to him, and struck up a lasting partnership.

"It tells the story of hope, and more importantly, it says you can find a semblance of peace in your life," Hines said. "Whether through personal anecdote or music, this project is working towards making the interface and confusing emotions associated with suicide intelligible.

Friends of Emmet allows Hines’ experience to reverberate beautifully and cohesively through the lyrics of their song, "As the morning light glosses on the bay. The greyhound bus leaves for the pier. And the people you pass on the way. Speak a language that isn’t clear if only everybody could realize what you’re saying.

There might be a chance for you here. A chance for a life to be saved." For more information about Hines and the work he’s doing, he sure to check out www.kevinhinesstory.com.

MORE THAN A BOARD SHOP

MOSAIK boarded on 4th and Pine is one of three MOSAIK shops in Eastern Washington. The shop goes beyond offering boards, shoes, clothing, and accessories by giving the skating community an area to congregate.

THE NEW NARROWING HAUNT

Club 301 opened 13 months after the Oak Rail closed for numerous alcohol-related violations.

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You might argue that there’s not much to do in Ellensburg aside from playing Call of Duty or World of Warcraft, but when you’re microbiologist with class with the week. Giving the game a new adventure.

Not that I advocate getting super intoxicated, I don’t. But going out for a few drinks is all right in my book. If you’re at least 21, got money to spend and you actually have the right to be downtown, except for a few.

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At least once before beating the game. The only issue is with Adam’s authorizations to be responsible for you. But until then, try and hold off the booze at least until the weekend or whenever your homework is done. And please, if you see me in a bar on the weekend this quarter I am going to pick them up and bring you money.

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By Iris Dimmick

If not properly trained, it’s likely that the fresh meat will get substantial fishnet burn if attempting a tomahawk stop during a bout. If this sounds like strange cooking advice to you, it’s not roller derby. The Rodeo City Rollergirls, a non-profit community league of skaters, is hoping to change that.

Three times a week, the gym floors of Nicholson Pavilion and Ellensburg High School are exposed to a new kind of contact and the wheels and sweat of more than 40 women, the derby girls. Most of these girls are considered “fresh meat” during a three-month probation period. Once trained, skaters can participate in scrimmages and “bouts,” playing for points and championships.

A “fishnet-burn” occurs when flesh and fishnets meet the floor at top speeds, leaving distinct markings on the thighs, shin and knees of those who fall victim. A “tomahawk stop” is a term for an advanced way for a skater to stop rolling by making a 180 degree turn and use of the skates’ toe break.

“We’re here to kick some ass,” said Lacey Hughes, a mental health counselor and one of the more advanced skaters on the team. She laughed and glided toward the ring, inclined on the floor with small orange cones and a large, movable red oval.

Over 80 girls attended the first information session for the league in October, and now with over 50 registered skaters, most of the girls have been practicing since the Rodeo City Rollergirls league was formed to provide a safe environment for women to learn, train and work on a regular schedule of intra-league bouts after that.

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The Rodeo City Rollergirls make it clear that there is more to roller derby than mini skirts and hip checks. The 2009 movie, “Whip It” starring Ellen Page, contributed to the resurgence of roller derby culture in Portland. She was part of the first roller derby league in Ellensburg.

Blake was first exposed to the roller derby phenomenon in Portland. She was participating in a cancer awareness walk when suddenly, “two girls fly by on roller skates,” Blake said. “They were exhibiting a virtute in roller derby. The girls needed to be trained before the bout to avoid injury. I participate in the sport with Seana Blake, CWU primatology major, and Vice President Seana Blake, CWU primatology major, immediately point to each other when they are asked to name the founder of the Rodeo City Roller girls who wants to skate, but hasn’t been able to afford skates yet. However, these girls still show up for final meeting in October, and now with over 50 registered skaters, most of the girls have been practicing since the league’s board of directors met—practice various techniques of the game.

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"This roller derby is such a tight fit for non-trad students at Central," said Blake, 37, who is returning to school after a two-year break.

"There is no mandate on what the girls wear, as long as they wear the required safety gear. When Towner started participating, her outfit covered almost every inch of her body, she said. At a recent practice, she wore a t-shirt, shorts and leggins.

"I became more comfortable with my body," Towner said. That feeling has transferred to other areas of her life and has made her less shy.

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"It's like trying to herd a tsunami," Blake said. 

With much of the non-profit business status paperwork and registration forms out of the way, the skaters are optimistic the league will continue well into the future.

"We’ve all done phenomenonal things for each other," Towner said.

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Central falls to 12th-ranked Alaska Anchorage

OVERTIME VICTORS

Jamar Berry pours in career high 31 points in 91-86 overtime victory

BY SCOTT KALMUTH
Sports Reporter

The Central Washington men’s basketball team edged the Northwest Nazarene Crusaders last Saturday in an overtime victory with a score of 91-86.

The game was played at the Crusaders’ Johnson Sports Center, where the Wildcats made it their sixth straight win. The Wildcats’ record now stands at 4-1 in the Great Northwest Athletic Conference and 11-2 overall.

“We had a good first half,” said head coach Greg Sparkling. “They went on a good run on us, but then showed our maturity in the end to pull the game out in overtime.”

Senior guard Jamar Berry had a career day, scoring a career high 31 points, becoming the first player to score over 30 points for the Wildcats since January 2009. Berry was 9 of 18 from the field, while shooting 6 of 8 from three-point range.

“We got a lot of help in the second half, allowing them to come back,” Johnson said.

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The Wildcats will continue on the road for the next two weeks. Next Thursday CWU will face Seattle Pacific University at 7 p.m. The Falcons currently sit in sixth place with a 2-2 GNAC record, while Central sports a 1-10 record and currently sits in second place in conference play.

“I got in my zone for the first time all year, but I’m more excited about getting a win,” Berry said.

The game started with a battle between the two teams going point for point until the Wildcats were able to outscore the Crusaders towards the end of the first half, going into halftime with a score of 39-26.

The Crusaders came out strong in the second half shooting five three-pointers and going on a 25-8 run.

“We have got to limit team’s runs,” Sparkling said.

The Crusaders led the Wildcats for the majority of the second half until Berry made six three-pointers late in the half to gain a 76-71 lead for the Wild- cats giving them a 10-point lead in regulation.

“We had a great first half, we thought we would be able to make a statement,” Berry said. “We came out sluggish in the second half.”

“We kind of let up in the second half, allowing them to come back,” Johnson said.

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“We were able to bounce back the way we needed to,” said junior forward Jody Johnson, who recorded a game-high eight rebounds while scoring 17 points off the bench.

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“With Berry out of the game, we were able to work together and my shots went through,” Jacobson said. “I think we all just tried to work hard and keep working hard,” Gordon said. “Hopefully we will turn things around.”

Gordon, who led the team with 13 points, attributed her scoring to her team’s hard work.

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The other high contributors for the Wildcats were starting guards Nneka Payne and Lucy Rattler with 12 and 10 points respectively.

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Despite the good performance the end result was still a loss and Jacobson knows they have much to work on.

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After the loss to the Nanooks, the Wildcats stayed up north to face off with number 12 ranked Alaska Anchorage. Central lost 65-45 to the Seawolves last week, dropping to their fourth straight loss falling to 3-7 overall and 0-5 in GNAC play.

After setting a school record with 53 three-point attempts in the loss to the Nanooks, Central was only able to take 37 shots in the entire game against Anchorage. One area that Central did well was from the free throw line shooting 15-19, good for a percentage of 78.9.

The only Wildcat to reach double figures was one of the few returners, Junior guard/forward Sophie Russell who was able to score 12 against the tough Alaska- anchorage opponent.

Central hosts another nationally ranked opponent tonight in 17th ranked Seattle Pacific University at Nicholson Pavilion. After that, Montana State Billings University will pay the Wildcats a visit on Saturday. Central will be looking for their first win in GNAC play.

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Central Washington University Sports

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Bighill named All-American, earns victory in Cactus Bowl

BY KEVIN PROCTOR
Sports Editor

One of the finest athletes that Central has ever produced, senior football star Adam Bighill wrapped up his four-year career at Central last week in the D-II Cactus Bowl in Kingsville, Texas. Decorated with accolades, Bighill capped off his lengthy list of awards with an appearance in the All Star game.

On Dec. 15, Bighill was named to the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) Division II All-American Team. Bighill is the third Central player to be selected as an AFCA D-II All-American in the last three years.

Bighill helped shut down the opposing offense, holding the Blue Devils All Star team to a mere six points, while his team earned a 28-6 victory last Friday. For the game he recorded 4 tackles, including 1 solo and 3 assisted.

In 2010, Bighill was the unquestioned leader on a defense that held opposing teams to 17.2 rushing yards per contest in the last 5 games, while also posting 3.5 sacks and even scoring 3 touchdowns on the season.

The list of accomplishments accumulated by the senior linebacker is both long and equally impressive, including GNAC co-defensive player of the year and a unanimous selection for the 2010 all conference team.

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Hawks’ historic playoff win draws parallels to ‘95 Mariners magic

The last time the Hawks were in the playoffs was in 1995, a season that saw them win just two games. But the team had a spark, a sense of possibility that we all felt.

During that season, the Hawks played the defending WORLD CHAMPIONS, the New York Yankees. They still had Mattingly. They were still the Evil Empire. It was still an impossible feat that no one gave the Mariners a chance.

And finally the most famous part of Northwest sports history, “The Double” likened to one of the greatest runs in NFL history. We might not have realized what we were watching it, but that’s what this was. Marshawn Lynch probably won’t have the lasting career in Seattle that Edgar had, but he’s definitely made his mark.

Basically, what I hope Seahawks fans take away from this is just appreciate it. Don’t whine about draft picks, don’t hate on them because they’re 7-9. The post-season is a privilege, especially for us up here in South Alaska. With a very winnable game coming up, this week in Chicago, there is a good chance that Seattle could host the NFC Championship game.

With just two wins away from a Super Bowl, we have no reason to complain.

And if we don’t win?

Saturday’s game was worth it all. I finally remember what it’s like to cheer. Just like Jeff Sullivan of LookoutLanding.com said this week, just because the Mariners didn’t win the World Series doesn’t take anything away from Game 5.

Just because the Seahawks don’t win in Chicago next week doesn’t take anything away from the biggest playoff upset in NFL history. And just because we might not win a Super Bowl doesn’t take away from Marshawn Lynch delivering “The Double” of my generation.
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