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# SCHOOLS

## WPS Gear Up College and Career Fair a great success

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White Pass School's Gear Up program hosted its third annual College and Career Fair. White Pass School Gear Up director, Maureen Foley, said, "The fair was amazing! Students received so much information to help them with planning their futures." There was a total of 46 vendors, and the seniors from Pe Ell High School attended. The vendors consisted of colleges from all over the state, local businesses and military booths. Wema Fairhart Slyer said, "I think it's wonderful, it provides a lot of opportunities. I believe it's a well-rounded event." Students had a great source of information for whatever path they are looking for after high school. Deedee Orr from Central Washington University told us, "It definitely introduces students to what they want. It's nice for

them because they get to make connections that will help with their future." Students had a great time and it appeared the vendors did also. Katie Clark from Digipen was excited saying, "It's really cool to see all the variety!" She has been to lots of career fairs in the past and said ours had a lot more variety than some of the others. The White Pass Ski Resort spread the news that they are currently hiring. If you are interested, they have full and part-time jobs available. White Pass Ski Resort employees were excited about the career fair stating, "I think that the career fair is good for exposing kids to options they might not know are available." "And also, the communication skills practiced will be helpful. The turnout of schools and employers was very good. I really liked the inclusion of other schools." This year, White Pass, Morton, Oakville and Pe Ell were invited to attend. Pe Ell was the only one able to attend and we were thrilled about their appearance. As a thank-you to our vendors, a potato bar



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Students from White Pass and Pe Ell high schools attended the Gear Up College and Career Fair at White Pass Junior/Senior High School recently. Students had the opportunity to talk with professionals in a wide variety of industries and businesses.

lunch was provided by Mrs. Fuch's class. In years to come, Maureen Foley is excited to continue to expand the Colleges and Careers Fair by providing even more vendors, more schools and more community people. We look forward to even more people benefiting from the event. Anyone interested in participating next year, either as a vendor or participant, is asked to contact Maureen Foley at mfoley@whitepass.k12.wa.us.

## WPS November Athlete of the Month Bleu Aron



Bleu Aron

Bleu Aron is a senior at White Pass High School. Bleu was asked to step in as quarterback while Leytan Collette was out. He faced the challenge bravely and had an awesome game leading MWP to a victory over Raymond. He had a 40-yard pass to Hunter Hazen. He has been a part of student government since seventh grade. He is currently the senior class vice president. His plans after high school are to be a sports broadcaster or a video game developer.



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Kelly Pakar and her horse, Willow are members of the Lewis County Search and Rescue Posse.

## WPS November Student Spotlight

Kelly Pakar is a junior at White Pass High School, she is actively involved in the community and her school. She plays volleyball, is FFA president, and junior class secretary. Kelly is a member of the Lewis County Search and Rescue Posse. Kelly and her horse, Willow, spring into action when duty calls. If someone is missing, injured or in need of help, Kelly and the other Search and Rescue are called in to assist. Kelly

and mom, Jessi Pakar use their knowledge of the area and horse skills to help those in need. This summer they responded to three separate incidents all ending with success. Kelly said her most satisfying rescue was up Snowgrass Trail because of the view and knowing the people got out safely. Kelly said, "I joined search and rescue so I could help others when they're in need by using what I love doing, trail riding on Willow."

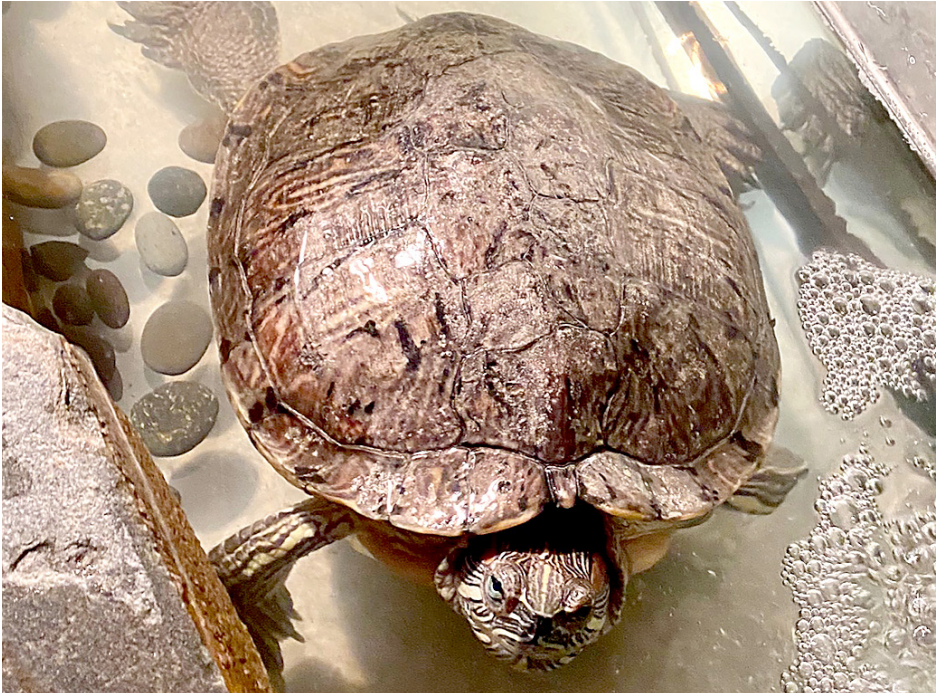


BY EDITH WEISS

## Drama class presents 'No Body to Murder'

Twenty members of the White Pass High School theater arts class, and a few student volunteers, present "No Body to Murder," a comedy with zany characters that follow the mysterious murder of aerobics instructor Billie Body during a storm and a power outage. Inspector Black is on the scene in search of the escaped convict. He has his job cut out for him. Billie has been struck from behind and stuffed in the window

seat. Who-done-it? Garth, the ax-wielding Gardner? The cook, who can't cook? The doctors who want her endorsement in their body-building serum? Bernard the bad mime who is desperately in love with her? Join us 5 p.m., Friday, Nov. 19, at The Roxy Theater in Morton, and find out who could do such a thing! Thank you to the Roxy board for letting us perform. There will be a donation box for the Re-roof the Roxy project.



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## Shell power

Myrtle was donated to the junior high science class on Sept. 5, 2021. She is a 10-year-old Red-Eared Slider. As a class, we voted on her name. However, we originally thought she was a he, and his name was Marvin. Once "he" laid an egg we realized we had made a mistake and now the turtle is Myrtle and loved by all. Everyone is excited when they find a bug so they can come and feed it to the turtle. She is the highlight of the day for many of the kids and staff.

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