

ACCURACY MATTERS

■ Wrong time

The Moscow SMART transit board will meet at 11 a.m. today at the Intermodal Transit Center. The wrong time was published Saturday on Page 3A.

■ Podcast not affiliated with church

CrossPolitic is a podcast created and recorded by Christ Church members but not directly affiliated with the church. A story on Page 1A of the April 3 edition contained incorrect information due to a *Daily News* error.

LOCAL BRIEFS

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IDAHO

What issues are important to you?

Idaho's May 15 primary will feature several important statewide, district and county races, and the *Daily News* would like to get a better feel for what questions you have for candidates, what you would like to know about the candi-

dates, and what issues and challenges facing the state and county you feel are most important. Please email your questions and comments to editor@dnews.com, and we will do our best to address as many of them as possible.

MOSCOW

Olympian Kristin Armstrong to speak at the UI

Kristin Armstrong, a three-time Olympic gold medalist, will present "Committed to Excellence" at 6 p.m. Wednesday in room 106 of the Agricultural Sciences Building.

Armstrong, a UI alumna, won the gold in the cycling time trial in three consecutive Summer

Olympics — in Beijing in 2008, London in 2012 and Rio in 2016.

She currently serves as women's high-performance director for USA Cycling.

The talk, which is part of the Margaret Ritchie Distinguished Speaker Series, is free and open to the public.

Clearview offering free skin analysis

Clearview Eye Clinic and Aesthetics is offering free skin analysis for guests from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Friday at the clinic at 2500 W. A St.

The clinic is bringing back the Reveal Imager,

which shows sun damage, brown spots, red areas and more.

Those interested in a free skin analysis should call the clinic at (208) 882-4662. Limited space is available.

Palouse Prairie fourth-graders to present theater programs

Palouse Prairie Charter School fourth-graders are spending this week in an intensive arts-based literacy workshop with the Mentor Artists Playwright Program. The young authors will present their works at 6 p.m. Friday at Moscow High School.

The MAPP is based out of Los Angeles. Its founder

and director, Thomas Kellogg, is leading the students in theater games and writing workshops to write monologues with themselves as the main character in a metaphor of an animal or force of nature.

Local and regional actors will perform the works created by the students this week.

Human Rights Commission to present 'Food Chains' documentary

The Moscow Human Rights Commission will be showing "Food Chains" at 6:30 p.m. today at the Kenworthy Performing Arts Centre.

The free film showing is co-sponsored by the HRC, the Moscow Food Co-op

and the University of Idaho Office of Multicultural Affairs. Following the film, the commission will host a panel of speakers to comment on the movie and answer questions.

Doors will open at 6 p.m.

Garden club to meet Wednesday

The Moscow Garden Club is hosting its April

then David Benschoter, the "apple detective," will

Fraud charges dropped against WSU assistant professor

Staff report

The criminal case against an assistant professor at Washington State University accused of allegedly defrauding federal research agencies out of more than \$8 million has been dismissed.

According to federal court documents, the U.S. Attorney's Office in Western New York dropped the charges

against Haifang "Harry" Wen, who is still listed on WSU's website as an associate professor in the Civil and Environmental Engineering Department on the WSU Pullman campus.

Wen, his brother Bin "Ben" Wen, and Bin's wife, Pang "Jessica" Wen, were all arrested in February 2016 for allegedly spending the research funding on

themselves.

The three were accused of falsifying letters of support and investment, providing false information in grant proposals regarding businesses, employees, facilities and matching funds and investments. They were also accused of falsifying reports showing how research funds were expended.

Barbara Burns, the

spokeswoman for the U.S. Attorney's Office, was unable to be reached Monday for comment on why the case had been dropped.

Bin Wen pleaded guilty in February to the charges. He faces several years in prison and restitution when he is sentenced. Pang Wen has also entered into a plea agreement with federal attorneys.

A chance to ROAR toward a career

WSU launches program for students with intellectual, developmental disabilities

By Taylor Nadauld
Daily News staff writer



Barrio

Washington State University is launching a new, non-degree seeking program to prepare students with intellectual and developmental disabilities to pursue a career.

Called ROAR — Responsibility, Opportunity, Advocacy, and Respect — the two-year, postsecondary program is sponsored by WSU's College of Education, although students enrolled in the program may pursue a career in any discipline.

Brenda Barrio, co-founder of ROAR, said the program is open to applicants ages 18 through 29 who have been diagnosed with an intellectual or developmental disability and have a desire to pursue a career. All accepted applicants will pay in-state tuition. Applications opened April 1, and four students will be chosen to begin classes this fall, with cohorts of 10 students to be accepted each year after.

From there, students will determine a career path they are interested in and audit pertinent classes

from WSU faculty, Barrio said. They will also be encouraged to seek internships and will be involved in workshops, specialized training seminars, career development and on-campus living at the Chinook Village to encourage independent living and social interaction on a level similar to the typical four-year college experience.

Barrio has two main goals for students entering the program: first, that they become both independent and a part of their community; second, that they become employable in a career they desire.

Barrio said there is a need for such a program at a four-year college level anywhere west of the Mississippi.

"There are only seven other programs like the ROAR program around the country, so there's a huge, huge need for that, but especially on the west side of the country," Barrio said.

An assistant professor of special

education within WSU's College of Education, Barrio co-founded the program with fellow special education assistant professor Don McMahon. Paula Groves Price, associate dean for diversity and international programs, also helped spearhead the program on an administrative level, Barrio said.

The colleagues began developing the program three years ago after they saw a need not only for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities, but for fellow students, faculty, and staff to benefit from a program. Barrio said the program will provide opportunities for people with and without disabilities to work together.

"Right now, we're pushing for increased diversity at WSU," Barrio said. "This gives everybody an opportunity to truly experience working and being around people with disabilities that has not been done before."

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Celebrating 50 years of preservation

Panel discusses importance, effect of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act on Idaho's waterways

By Garrett Cabeza
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About 50 people sang happy birthday and celebrated the 50th anniversary of Congress' Wild and Scenic Rivers Act on Monday night at the University of Idaho College of Law building in Moscow.

A four-person panel, including Idaho Rivers United Executive Director Kevin Lewis, Advocates for the West Board President Linwood Laughy, Idaho River Adventures Owner Dustin Aherin and Chris Noyes, Wild and Scenic Rivers program man-

serve certain rivers with outstanding natural, cultural and recreational values in a free-flowing condition for individuals to enjoy.

The act safeguards the special character of these rivers.

Aherin said the middle forks of the Clearwater and Salmon rivers in Idaho were two of the original eight U.S. rivers designated as part of the NWSRS.

In order to protect rivers in their free-flowing state, Noyes said the presence of dams are prohibited in Wild and Scenic River sections.

While Idaho has about 108,000 miles of river,

rivers are protected under the act.

"These rivers are actually rare and really special," Noyes said.

Lewis said Idaho's Wild and Scenic Rivers provide great economic benefits to the state.

He said tourists visit the Middle Fork of the Salmon River, partly because they like the fact it is designated under the act.

Aherin said there are many eligible Idaho rivers still waiting to be designated under the act after decades of becoming eligible.

"The Lower Salmon is a section of river that really should have been designated a long time ago," Aherin said. "For whatever reason, it was carved out, and the main Salmon was designated."

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Chris Noyes

Wild and Scenic Rivers program manager

ignated," Laughy said.

Lewis said designating more Wild and Scenic Rivers will only benefit the state, especially from an economic standpoint. He said the act is probably one of the best pieces of U.S. conservation legislation Congress has ever passed.

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