



Yelm Wedding Show 2013 is Sat. at Prairie Hotels

With the wedding season just months away, brides planning for the big event should gather Saturday to put the final touches on that perfect day.

Yelm Wedding Show 2013 is 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday at Yelm Prairie Hotel, 700 Prairie Park Lane.

Admission is \$6 and includes a swag bag filled with magazines and gifts. The event is hosted by Willow Spa & Nail Clinic, and sponsored locally by Prairie Hotel and Julie's Bakery.

Wedding experts and vendors from the Nisqually Valley will be on hand to offer services and ideas. Raffles for prizes will take place throughout the day and includes a chance to win a grand prize filled with wedding items.

Thurston County ranks ninth healthiest in WA

Thurston County was named the ninth healthiest county when it comes to community health out of the 39 counties in Washington state. The results were based on the annual County Health Rankings report released by the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute on March 20.

The County Health Rankings project grades counties across the country based on factors such as education rates, income levels, access to healthy foods and access to medical care.

The results are up from last year, when Thurston County ranked as the 14th healthiest county in Washington.

"Moving up from 14th to ninth in this ranking is the direction we want to go. It shows we're working hard in Thurston County to make this a happy and healthy community. But we can do better. We should work to be number one," said Karen Valenzuela, Thurston County Commissioner.

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RSE YouTube video case continues

Digital rights to Facebook accounts are the focus of upcoming hearing

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Issues of privacy, free speech and copyright are at the forefront of the court case be-

tween JZK, Inc. and Virginia Coverdale.

Members of a Facebook group comprised of former members of Yelm's Ramtha School of Enlightenment are asking Judge Gary Taybor to quash a subpoena seeking information from their



Knight



Coverdale

Facebook accounts in Thurston County Superior Court on Friday.

The group, called Enlighten Europa (EE), also seeks a protective order.

A lawyer representing the anti-RSE website Enlighten Me Free (EMF) and the site's owner, former RSE student Da-

vid McCarthy, filed a motion to strike all claims against McCarthy and all other unidentified defendants associated with his website.

The proceedings are part of the court case between Yelm channeler JZ Knight and Coverdale, who released videos on YouTube that showed Knight making disparaging comments about Catholics, gays and Mexi-

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WILD AT HEART



Photo by Pete Caster

Mexican gray wolves, Lorenzo, front, and Noel, mill around in their pin at Wolf Haven International on Monday afternoon in Tenino. More than 40 years ago the Mexican gray wolf, *Canis lupus baileyi*, had nearly disappeared from its natural habitat in the U.S. and Mexico.

Back to the wild

Wolf Haven honors 15-year anniversary

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The staff at a Tenino wolf sanctuary is hoping for pups of an endangered species this spring.

Wolf Haven International representatives do not like to talk about expecting because there is only about a 50 percent chance pups will be born, but a pair of Mexican gray wolves was caught breeding on the sanctuary's surveillance tape in February, according to Executive Director Diane Gallegos.

The news of the potential pups comes with the celebration of the 15-year anniversary of Mexican gray wolves being released back into the wild.

Though the nonprofit is this week commemorating the first captive-born Mexican gray wolves stepping out into the wild in 1998, Wolf Haven's involvement with the animals dates back to 1994 when it was selected to participate in the Species Survival Plan, a recovery program designed to oversee captive population management and enhance conservation in the wild.

In the mid-1970s the Mexican gray wolf had nearly disappeared from North America. Five of the rare species

were captured in the wild and another two from captivity formed the basis for the genetic restoration of the nearly extinct animals.

"We were part of that introduction," Gallegos said.

SINCE WOLF HAVEN got involved, it has produced five litters of Mexican gray pups and released two packs — 11 wolves — into Arizona's Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest. Some of the first Mexican wolves to re-enter the wild came from Wolf Haven, which is one of just three pre-release facilities for the species in the United States.

The public only sees four Mexican grays at the sanctuary.

"On tour are those wolves that are most comfortable around people," said Kim Young, the organization's spokeswoman. "This is their home. We're not a zoo."

The other seven, which could potentially be released back into the wild, are kept out of public view and Wolf Haven follows strict guidelines for their care.

"The idea is to prepare them with aversion to humans," Gallegos said.

Though none of the Mexican gray wolves on-site were recommended for release this

ABOUT WOLF HAVEN INTERNATIONAL

WHERE: 3111 Offut Lake Road S.E., Tenino

WHEN: October through March but closed in February Saturdays: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sundays: Noon to 3 p.m. Spring Schedule: Open six days a week starting April 1

TOURS: start every hour on the hour

PHONE: 360-264-HOWL or 800-448-WOLF

WEBSITE: http://wolfhaven.org

FACEBOOK: http://www.facebook.com/Wolfhavenintl?fref=ts

year, two were approved for breeding.

"WE HAVE one of the most genetically valuable males here," Gallegos said. "We're hoping to have pups this spring."

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Yelm's finest:

May named Officer of the Year; Baker also honored

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Two Yelm police officers were recognized for their service to the city on Tuesday.

James May was named Officer of the Year and Mike Baker was named Reserve Officer of the Year at Yelm's City Council meeting.

Police Chief Todd Stancil said the decision was unanimous for both candidates.

Baker has served as a reserve officer since 2004, Stancil said. He volunteered more than 250 hours to the police department in 2012, and has volunteered more than 2,000 hours since he began as a reserve officer.

Baker achieved Level 3 Reserve Officer status in 2010, Stancil said.

Stancil said Baker is currently the longest-serving reserve officer for the department, and is "very well respected among his peers in law enforcement."

"Mike has a very positive attitude and a great work ethic — two qualities that make me proud to have him as a young reserve officer and qualities that make for a successful human being in life," Stancil said.

May has been an officer with the Yelm Police Department since he started as a provisional officer in 1990, Stancil said.

He was hired as a full-time officer in 1994 and is currently the second-longest serving full-time officer in the department, he said. May is the senior patrol officer for the department and has served as the reserve officer coordinator for the past 13 years — a volunteer position that is "highly respected from the law enforcement community," Stancil said.

"Jim plays a crucial role

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