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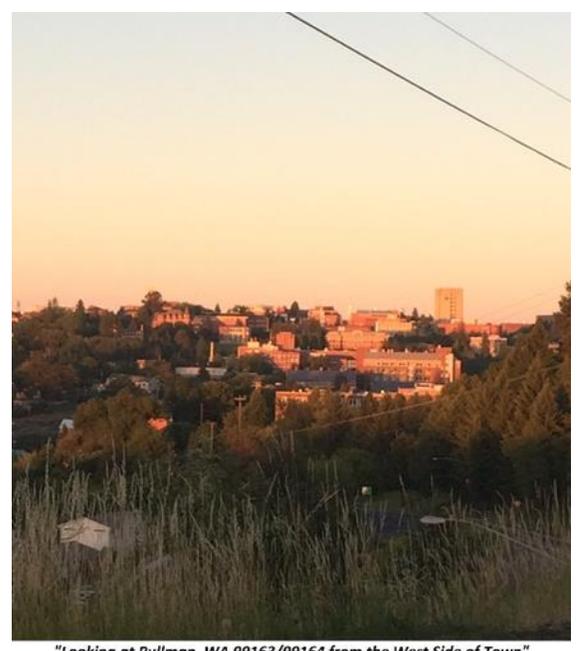
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Meet Dr. Omran Akasha

Linguist, Entrepreneur, English Teacher, Researcher, Founder and Director of *AETES 24*, Co-founder of *ALCO & Arabic School of Washington*

Washington State, USA; Worldwide

Dr. Akasha UNLIMITED!

Interview by: Andreas Gross, Feb 22, 2020



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Hi Omran! Thank you for agreeing to this interview today for *The Pullmanic*. Now, you and I are friends and have worked together as colleagues in the Pullman K-12 Public School System in the past – in fact, it was one of our conversations about welcoming newcomers to the Pullman Community back when we worked together in 2017 that inspired my recent launch of the [City of Pullman Portal](http://www.cityofpullmanportal.com) ([cityofpullmanportal.com](http://www.cityofpullmanportal.com)) website in the first place; but that's not what we are here to talk about today. Today it's all about telling your story to the Pullman Community. I know we will only just scratch the very surface of your lively and experience-filled past in our chat today; but at least we can give the community a little bit of a feel for who you are and what kind of story it is you have to tell.

Hello Andreas, I am happy to be her today. Thank you for having me! Well, to start off with, I am Dr. Omran Akasha. I have three children, two were born in Washington State. I was born and raised in a small town in southern Libya: Great Jamahiriya (Samno-Sebha). Sebha is located in the southern part of Libya. The climate there is generally very hot in summer and very cold in winter, but never snowy. The population, as of the 2011 census, was about 100,000. Most of the current residents came in from different cities, as did I. My family line originally came from Bani Walid (Warfella Tribe), which is located in the northwestern part of Libya, about 180 km from the capital, Tripoli. *story continues on Page 3*

Meet Mr. Anthony Haynes

By: Andreas Gross

Elementary school teacher Mr. Anthony Haynes is well-known amongst Pullman Military Hill families with school-aged children for his thought-provoking classes and endearing professional personality; but Mr. Haynes has not always been a school teacher, a job – indeed, a career path and way of life - he thoroughly enjoys now. Let's take a few minutes to get to know Mr. Haynes and what makes him tick! *story continues on next page →*

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Mr. Haynes grew up in Colfax and secured a job in Spokane with a medical lab as a young adult, a job he worked for 10 years. During this time, Mr. Haynes met his wife, who hails from Garfield. The couple moved to Pullman, bought a house, and started a family (they currently have two elementary-aged children as of when this article was published). Life was good – really good – but lacking that *true greatness* he longed for.

Mr. Haynes’s wife worked for (and still does) Pullman Public Schools and Haynes saw how much she enjoyed her job working with children. He started thinking about becoming a teacher himself. In 2015 he began that mission and enrolled in a teaching program with Western Governor’s University. He did his student-teaching in Palouse in 2016 and went on to join his wife with Pullman Public Schools very soon thereafter, securing a job as a 5th Grade Homeroom Teacher with the school district in the 2017-2018 school year.

Mr. Haynes loves where he currently is in life: his new career as an elementary school teacher and his life in Pullman with his parents close by (they now live in Pullman) and his wife’s parents (who still live in Garfield) close by as well. With the installation of new courts in Pullman in the Fall of 2019, he has taken up pickleball with his family as a new family activity. “We can hack pickleball,” says Haynes, “but full-on tennis, ummm, well, that’s a different story.”



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He loves the small-town life Pullman has to offer, with a generous amount of all the necessities and fun you would find in a big city still right at your fingertips. “You get nice, safe, quiet residential neighborhoods to live in, but then you also have major events like Cougar Football Games, which bring the whole town to life, and music concerts – which feature everything from fun local bands on to some pretty big names who come to play in Pullman,” explains Haynes. “There is everything you need to enjoy a happy and meaningful life with your family right here in Pullman!”

About teaching, Mr. Haynes says he enjoys the happiness and fulfillment of doing what he loves: helping others and working creatively with children.

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His favorite part of the job – no, ‘the life,’ more correctly – is being able to show kids how concepts and skills connect to the real world and seeing their eyes light up when they ‘get it’.

Being a new-comer to Pullman himself at one point in the past, some words of wisdom that Mr. Haynes would share with new families in the Pullman community would be to get involved with the community and take advantage of everything you can. Pullman really is “the best of two worlds – where the big city meets the small town,” says Haynes. “Take a walk through town in the winter and enjoy the Christmas Tree lighting every year in December. Play pickleball on the new courts [NOTE: if you don’t play, you can learn, it’s really easy to pick up, according to Haynes]. And, of course, you can’t forget the Lentil festival – a nationally-recognized event; with a whole-town parade to kick the event off with, it’s fun for the whole family. Experience Cougar Football – it’s more than ‘just-another over-and-done-game’ in Pullman, it’s a whole day’s worth – or more frequently a whole weekend’s worth – of game plus both official and non-official pre- and post-game events.”

Dr. Akasha Unlimited! (continuation from Page 1)

Great! Let’s talk a little bit about how you ended up here in Pullman: the land of the Hounds and Cougs. As I recall, this was something that just sort of happened all of a sudden – a ‘one of life’s adventures’ type of scenario, right?

Yes indeed! And the fact that I am still here, all these years later, is something I never would have imagined happening in my life in a million years if we had had this discussion 10 years ago – but yes, like you say, it was – and continues to be – ‘one of life’s adventures’ that I am happy to be actively participating in! My original plan was to return to Libya after completing my PhD at WSU; however, I was fortunate enough to find myself in this city that I love with the same kind of love I feel for my hometown and the other wonderful places I have lived in the world. I have many connections to Pullman; it is the city that two of my kids were born in, it is the place where I received my degree in Education, and it is the place where I met – and continue to meet – nice American people, so it is a nice place to be. My plan to come to Pullman started out after I was rewarded a scholarship in 2008 to complete a PhD degree in Education. After looking at various options and asking other friends, I was guided by a friend who was studying in Pullman, who had arrived just a few months earlier; so I decided to join him after doing some investigation into the city and WSU. At that time, things were going fast, I had to go to the US Embassy for my visa and all went very well, so in Oct 2008 I took a plane to the UK for an overnight transit stop before flying to Seattle the next day. It was about a 3 hour trip from Tripoli to London and then 10 hours from London to Seattle. I can’t forget the moment that I landed in Seattle, I was a bit scared to come to the USA because of what we had all been fed by the media back home about America; but meeting a nice Immigration Officer at the airport who admitted my family and I (we were just three at that time: my wife and my almost one year old child who is now almost 13) was a nice

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welcoming moment to see how nice things really are and how my assumptions based on what I had heard were all wrong. Then, the next day, we flew to Pullman and we have been living here ever since, except for my last visit in 2010 to Libya before the Arab Nightmare (popularly known as “The Arab Spring”) and it was a good plan to visit the country before it collapsed in 2011.

So, your original plan was to return to Libya after completing your PhD, but you stayed on? Would you care to tell us a little bit more about that?

Yes, let’s talk about that. I have been in Pullman since Oct 2008. I completed my PhD program in May 2014. After my graduation from WSU, I had no choice but to find some way to survive and live here until safety returned to Libya (which hasn’t happened yet). It was not my plan to stay here that long because what brought me here in the first place was WSU and the PhD program. Although I have a commitment to go back and work at the University of Sebha – which I’ll do when safety returns to the country – unfortunately at this time returning to Libya to live and work is not safe for myself or my family. Many of my colleagues were killed because of their loyalty, beliefs, color, race, in the process of being robbed, or even for no reason at all other than being caught in the crossfire at the wrong place at the wrong time. Many of you are probably aware of what is called the Arab Spring, but I would rather call it the Arab Nightmare. Libya is not a safe place to be anymore like it was before 2011. Many people are now suffering from lack of electricity, lack of basic life needs, lack of safety, and lack of authority to protect civilians. Thus, I prefer to stay in Pullman – this small town – rather than finding another place because it is the town where my kids were born and all of us in our family consider it “our town” here in America.

That is great to hear – the part about feeling safe and comfortable in Pullman, I mean; and what a testament to Pullman’s hospitality!

Yes, my family and I really got lucky with Pullman - a small family-friendly city with all the necessities to comfortably and happily raise children.

I like the K-12 schools here as well as Washington State University. I have been watching this town grow dramatically in the last few years. For example, the recent opening of a new two-floor grade school was a huge project that has added a 4th Elementary School to the local school district and will be able to provide a lot of support to children coming in to the Pullman Community from all around the world for years to come.

Pullman is a place that cannot be forgotten because of its nice people who always welcome all people despite their differences. I like the signs that hang in almost every corner of the city that say: “No matter where you are from, we’re glad you’re our neighbor”. Yet, the message is only written in three different languages: Spanish, English, and Arabic. These were three of the more major languages, apart from English, you could have heard spoken here in Pullman when I first arrived – and they still are major languages of the community – but I hope to see other languages included on such signs as well, such as Chinese, which has rapidly become a major language in the Pullman Community in recent years. Messages like this one on the sign have a huge impact on people of other cultures who arrive in the city “cold” – with few or no contacts and no friends or family around them. Having the chance to see a warm, welcoming message like that, written in your own language, immediately helps you not feel so isolated and is indeed a good starting point of welcoming others into the community. I’d like to express a big “Thank you!” to the Pullman Community as a whole for making things like this happen!

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I also like Neil Public Library, which provides a lot of resources and support to the community, providing a venue where everyone can come, learn, read, enjoy some quiet reading time with the family, and participate in different clubs and activities. Pullman is indeed a good and safe place to be.

Cheers to you, Pullman! Yeah, I hear you, Omran! I love Pullman, too! Let's talk a little bit about your career as an educator and academic. As I mentioned before for the sake of our readers, you and I use to work together in the local K-12 public school system. We were on the Elementary English Language Learning Team together, a position you still hold as of the date of this interview, but I know there is much, much more to your career in education and academia. I know you have degrees in both Computer Science and Linguistics and I know there is a story there!



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Yes Andreas, between 2001 and 2004 I had a chance to earn a degree as part of a 3-years Master Degree Scholarship Program in the UK. This program was divided into two parts: one part consisted of learning the English language and the rest of the program was the actual Master Degree part in English-Arabic Translation. Instead of spending a long time focusing on the learning English part, I completed my English language courses in less than 4 months; so, with that extra time left I decided to pursue an additional Master Degree – effectively, pursuing two Master Degrees at the same time. Thus, I earned an MSc degree in Computer Science from Bradford University and a MA in Translation from Salford University. My plan was to go back home to Libya and restart the same business I had done in the past, a Language and Computer Learning Center. However, I always put education first in my life, as seeking knowledge is my priority; thus getting another academic opportunity – a chance at a PhD program in the United States – was a good opportunity for me, which landed me here in Pullman, Washington.

Tell us about your personal views and Philosophy of Education:

Education is the best weapon that can be used to change the world and make it a better place. My philosophy is that we educators have one mission: to teach our kids and provide them with the necessary tools they need to build their future; to teach them how communicating and building a good relationship with each other can make our world a nice and safe place. It does not matter where you come from, it does not matter what you believe in, it does not matter what color your skin is or what kind of racial or ethnic background you come from – what *does* matter is that we all respect each other, believe in each other, and trust each other to be able to build our world together, the new global world of today.

I know you have an entrepreneurial streak in you, Omran. Would you tell us a little bit about that side of you, please?

I have run several small businesses in my life so far. When I was younger I ran a video rental store and even a photography studio for a while. More recently, I had a plan to return to Libya after completing my PhD at WSU to open a private school that could help new generations learn better – based on new philosophies, philosophies that treat education as a mechanism to help people grow, live better

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lives, and help each other. The school would have been based on the concept of a student-centered classroom where the voice of the students could be heard and respected; where teachers work as facilitators – not commanders – to provide their students with the necessary tools to achieve their goals and succeed in life. Although I was not be able to complete this dream because of the situation in the Libya, another opportunity opened up for me here in Pullman. Instead of a school in Libya, I founded the *Arabic School of Washington*, and I have had the opportunity to help those K-12-aged kids here in the Pullman-Moscow area who are members of the local Arabic-speaking community be able to continue to learn and grow in their first language while also learning English in the public schools – true bilingual learners! At *The Arabic School of Washington*, we hold classes for three hours on Friday afternoons where we teach our students Arabic Language and Language Arts. Students then receive homework to do during the weekdays in addition to other daily work. You can find more information about *The Arabic school of Washington* at www.arabicschoolwsu.com/english.

That’s awesome, Omran! Yes, I am well-acquainted with the good work the *Arabic School* does of keeping Arabic language and culture alive for the children of our Arabic-speaking community here on the Palouse, and I thank you for sharing this information with our readers about this valuable educational organization based right here in Pullman.

You are most welcome.

Thank you very much, again, Omran, for agreeing to this interview and giving the residents of Pullman a chance to get to know you better. As we wrap things up here with this interview, would you be up for telling us some of the kinds of people you are specifically looking to connect with and network with? Who knows – we might have people right here in the local community, or members of our worldwide readership, reading this newsletter looking to network with someone just like you?!

Translation, editing, and education are always my main focal points. Within those spheres, I am always looking for new opportunities for growth and development of ideas, one of which could be starting to publish new children stories, to talk and interact with children in their own world. I would like to help children all over the world connect – to let them speak to each other and give them an opportunity to build their futures together. I am always eager and open to meeting new people and networking with people who have similar goals as such.

Great! Wonderful, Omran! How can people interested in learning more about you and/or your enterprises and ventures contact you?

The best place to reach me is through my personal *Dr. Akasha Homepage*, available at <https://akasha.aetes24.com/>, or Google my name (Omran Akasha) to find more!

The City of Pullman is lucky to have you living here, Omran! Ladies and gentlemen, Dr. Omran Akasha!

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"Pullman's Historic Greystone Church Building, College Hill, Pullman, WA 99163"

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The Story Behind Pullman's Greystone Church Building 430 N.E. Maple Street By: Andreas Gross

As soon as you crest College Hill coming up from *Neil Public Library* or the new *Pullman Depot Heritage Center*, you are greeted by a beautiful stone building on 430 N.E. Maple Street – a historic landmark listed in The National Register of Historic Places since 1989 (you can view that listing [here](#)) and in the City of Pullman's History Registry since 2018. This is Pullman's iconic *Greystone Church* building, which now serves as an apartment building with awe-inspiring Romanesque Revival architecture and a really fascinating history.

As the story goes, Enoch Bryan, President from 1893-1916 of what is now known today as *Washington State University*, came to Pullman and noticed a large population of Presbyterians but no

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Presbyterian church. On July 1, 1898, the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., gave permission to the Spokane Presbytery to establish a congregation in Pullman. It is then reported that Bryan raised money to hire well-known local architect William Swain to design the church. The church was constructed in two distinct phases. The very first building, known affectionately as “*Hays Chapel*” after Reverend Dr. W.G.M. Hays, the first minister to serve the United Presbyterian Church in Pullman, was not made of stone at all; it was a simple wooden structure. The construction of the wooden structure was completed on April 16, 1899, at a total cost of US\$4,175; \$175 for the original purchase of the property lot and \$4,000 for the building and furnishings. That was Phase I. The original building opened its doors to a congregation of 40 in 1899, and by 1908 was already deemed too small for the ever-growing Presbyterian community in Pullman.

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"Historic Greystone Church Building, College Hill, Pullman, WA 99163"

In 1911, planning for Phase II began. William Swain was again hired to be in-charge of design, and construction of the *Greystone Church* building we know today kicked off with construction crews first breaking ground in May of 1913. With a seating capacity of 330, the large finished stone structure was formally dedicated on

October 18, 1914, having cost more than US\$50,000 to complete – quite a decent sum in 1914 money! Interestingly, the original wooden structure (*Hays Chapel*) was not demolished, but was instead seamlessly incorporated into the design of the new stone structure, per Swain’s careful planning from the beginning. The *Greystone Church* building served as the Presbyterian church in Pullman until 1963.

In 1963, the United Presbyterian Church sold the *Greystone Church* property to the Spokane Diocese of the Roman Catholic Church and moved their Presbyterian congregation to the current location at 1630 N.E. Stadium Way (current at the time of this writing). The Roman Catholics renamed

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the church building *St. Thomas More Chapel* and used it as a Catholic Student Center from 1964-1980. At the time of this writing, the *St. Thomas More Catholic Student Center* in Pullman currently exists at 820 N.E. B Street. The final church service held in the *Greystone Church* building took place on Easter Sunday 1977.

Between 1980 to 2004, the property had a succession of owners, many with grand visions of restoration/redevelopment that all ultimately failed. In 1988, *The Greystone Foundation* was founded with the intent of getting the *Greystone Church* listed in The National Register of Historic Places and buying the historic property to preserve the building. *The Greystone Foundation* was ultimately successful in getting the building listed in The National Register of Historic Places in 1989, but it failed to raise the money in time to buy the property before a new owner, who also ultimately failed to restore the building, snagged it.

Still under private non-institutional ownership after the turn of the millennium, the *Greystone Church* building was in such a state of disrepair by 2003 that it was declared a public safety hazard and active discussion began on plans for demolition – and that’s when the miracle happened. In 2004, Glenn and Melodie Petry of G&M Properties jumped at the chance to buy the property and actually follow through with restoration of the building.

With all sorts of grand and lofty visions of renovation and restoration as many previous owners had had, the Petrys ultimately stuck with what they knew best – and what works well in Pullman - apartments! As owners of more than 145 apartment units in Pullman already, the Petrys knew the apartment hustle well, but former WSU finance professional Glenn Petry and his wife wanted to preserve the historic building in all its former grandeur and give it in restored form as a metaphorical gift* back to the city they had built their careers in. Putting about US\$1.5 million into restoration and renovation, the Petrys created a unique 47-tenant-occupancy apartment building with apartments that feature the beautiful stone walls and stained-glass windows of the original church building. The lobby of the place even holds a small exhibit of memorabilia from the former church, including organ pipes and a Sunday School desk.

In 2018, the *Greystone Church* building was officially inaugurated into the City of Pullman's local register of historic places by the City of Pullman Historic Preservation Commission.



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Greystone Church Building - End Notes and Further Reading:

*A "metaphorical gift" in the sense that the Petrys wanted to restore and keep the original building in place as much as possible to serve as a beloved Pullman historic landmark for the city, residents, and visitors. Just to be clear, the couple's intent was not to actually transfer the property title to the City of Pullman.

Faith and imagination transform a Pullman landmark, article by Amy Trang in Washington State University's Washington State Magazine, Spring 2006.

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Apartments on the Corner of Oak and Opal Streets: Past and Present

By: Andreas Gross

Nestled on the corner of Oak and Opal Streets up on College Hill, there now stands a new, modern apartment building. What some people may not know, however, is that there have been apartments on this lot for more than just the past few years. Prior to November 2017, the month the 100-year-old^f structure was torn down, there were also apartments in this location – and here’s the story behind those apartments...

In October of 1956, Ken Gross, Sr., R.I.P., USDA Agricultural Extension Agent operating out of The State College of Washington (WSC)*, was transferred to Pullman by the Extension Service from his WSC branch posting in King County, Washington. After some house-hunting, Ken Gross and his wife Molly, R.I.P, purchased the spacious Oak Street corner property on College Hill that this article is written about for their family of 5 to live in (the couple themselves and their 3 children). At that time, a large 1917^f residential complex occupied the lot, consisting of a good-sized single-family home with separate basement apartment, a big

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wrap-around yard on all sides, detached garage, and a separate mother-in-law apartment – essentially a large house with two distinct apartments at that point in time.

Born and raised in South Dakota, Gross brought his family to the Northwest after World War II when he secured a job with the WSC arm of the USDA Extension Service in December of 1954. This same job would later take Gross to South Asia for two stints of collaborative agricultural research, development, and education work centered around the famous MexiPak strain of wheat that kicked off the worldwide *Green Revolution* of the 1960s; but that is all for another story. In the meantime, he settled and lived with his family in the classical World War I vintage residential structure that formerly stood on the corner of Oak and Opal Streets in Pullman, Washington.



"The Current Apartment Building on the Corner of Oak and Opal Streets, College Hill, Pullman, WA 99163"

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One of Gross's two sons remembers moving in as a child on Halloween of October 1956. He also recalls that his father bought the place from a Pullman postal worker, who was, to quote Ken's son: "known locally as the meanest man in Pullman" at the time. He sold the house to Gross and moved to Canada to await Armageddon, as Gross's son remembers.

In 1974, after moving to the then-unincorporated community known as Opportunity, Washington, in the Spokane Valley (now part of the incorporated City of Spokane Valley), Gross

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broke up the main house building of his Pullman Oak Street complex into 5 individual apartment units and ran the 7-unit apartment property (7 units include the original basement and detached mother-in-law apartments on the lot) as rental apartments until selling the property to his daughter in the early 1990s.

Mary Gross (now Mary Lopes) reconverted the main house back into a single-family living space and lived there with her family until she sold the place in 1994 to the Director of WSU Student Health at the time. The author of this piece remembers many fun childhood Summers with his cousins in that house in the early 90's. Not too many years after Lopes's 1994 sale of the place, *Coug Housing*, owned by Horizon Realty Advisors out of Seattle, bought the property and again operated it as apartments geared towards WSU students until 2017.

By 2002, when the author of this piece started as an undergraduate at WSU, the old family Oak Street house had already been reconverted back into student apartments and was occupied by WSU students. In 2003, the author made an appearance at the front door of the main house one day, politely explained who he was and his history with the property to the student residents living there, and was graciously given a tour of the main house. The author also gave the residents a "tour" down his own memory lane, telling his stories of childhood 4th of July summertime fireworks and barbeques in the backyard with his cousins, even recollecting the 4th of July in the 90s when the church down the street burned to the ground because of a fire caused by fireworks.

"The Former Apartments and Single-Family Home in 1968 (before the 1974 total conversion of the main house into individual apartments) on the Corner of Oak and Opal Streets, College Hill, Pullman, WA"



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Speaking of fireworks, in more recent history numerous people probably still (sadly) remember the famous – or, more correctly, infamous! – fight that broke out in the wee hours of the morning in the Summer of 2016 during a weekend house party on College Hill when a small group of students, who unfortunately happened to be college football players, started setting off fireworks at a raging house party on the corner of Oak and Opal Streets and things got horribly out of control. Yes, that happened here.

In October of 2017, the Gross Family got “the call”. In the true spirit of small-town hospitality, knowing that many family members of the long-time historic owners of the property currently lived in town**, *Coug Housing* graciously called to let the Grosses know that the old structures on the Oak Street corner lot were slated for demolition and a new apartment building was going to be built on the property. On October 18th, 2017, several family members, including Molly Gross (Ken Gross Sr. had passed away 13 months prior), congregated on the lot for “one last visit” to the old property and old family home before the demolition crews started in literally a few weeks later. The old structures were 100 years old at the time^f.

Oak and Opal Apartments - End Notes and Further Reading:

*In 1956, what is now officially *Washington State University* still had the official name of *State College of Washington*, often referred to as WSC - Washington State College.

^fThere has been some debate within the Gross Family as to the exact year-of-build of the old Oak Street House. From memory, many of us remember the date on the old property title to have said 1917; however, at least one living member of the Gross Family remembers the date as 1912.

**A number of members (and generations) of Ken Gross’s Family had moved back and were living in Pullman at that point in time, including Molly Gross, the widow of Ken Gross Sr. who had passed away only 13 months earlier. In October of 2017, these were the members of Ken Gross’s Family who were living in Pullman at the time:

-Luke Provo and Family (wife and two children, great-grandsons of Ken Gross, Sr.).
Luke Provo is the son of Mary Lopes, and the older cousin of Andreas Gross, author of this article.

-Mary Lopes (born Mary Gross) and husband. Mary Lopes owned the Oak Street house in the 1990s.

-Andreas Gross and Family (wife and two children, great-grandson and great-granddaughter of Ken Gross, Sr.).

-One of the two sons of Ken Gross Sr. and his wife, who are the parents of Andreas Gross.

-Molly Gross, Ken Gross Sr.’s widow at the time (already deceased by the time this article was written).

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Do you love pizza?

Pizza is one of my all-time favorite foods bar none! If you love pizza as much as I do and are always craving a slice no matter where you find yourself in this great big world of ours, here's a list of dedicated pizza parlors to get your fix in Pullman, Washington 99163/99164. Please note: there *are* other establishments, such as stores and other restaurants, that sell pizza in Pullman; this list only includes establishments that sell pizza as their primary/main offering.

Did I miss a pizza establishment in Pullman?! Contact Andreas at apgrossenterprises@gmail.com and let me know!

[Domino's Pizza](#)

845 N.E. Monroe Street, Pullman, WA 99163

[Little Caesar's Pizza](#)

413 N.E. Stadium Way, Pullman, WA 99163

[Porch Light Pizza](#)

200 N.E. Kamiaken Street, Pullman, WA 99163

[Pizza Hut](#)

1255 N. Grand Avenue, Pullman, WA 99163



[Pizza Perfection](#)

231 E. Main Street, Pullman, WA 99163

[Sella's Calzone and Pizza](#)

1115 E. Main Street, Pullman, WA 99163

[Papa Murphy's Take 'N' Bake Pizza](#)

1475 S. Grand Avenue, Pullman, WA 99163

[Pizza Pipeline Express](#)

In the WSU CUB (Compton Student Union Building) Food Court, Pullman, WA 99164

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This is a one-man-show and I've been trying my best! Did I fumble? Yikes! I am only human! Yes, you did read that right! If you can believe it, yes the year is 2020 and there is actually a real human being behind this newsletter! Did you notice an error or something that needs double-checking? It is not my intent to spread inaccurate information, misinform, or break the law in any way. If you see something that needs deleting, modifying, tweaking, changing, or otherwise looking into for any reason, please let me know so I can make the necessary changes right away.

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