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WEEK

COLUMBIA CO.



STEEL DRUMS

Tri-Cities steel drum band will perform free concert in Dayton Saturday.

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WAITSBURG



CHRISTMAS

Waitsburg's Hometown Christmas was a success.

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SPORTS



BASKETBALL

Bulldog boys dominate St. John 64 - 36.

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SNUGGLING WITH SANTA



Photo by Dena Wood

Three-week-old Grace May Quigg of Dayton enjoyed her very first visit with Santa at Waitsburg's Plaza Theater during Hometown Christmas on Sunday afternoon. Visiting children received a bag of goodies and a smile from Jolly Old St. Nick as they shared their Christmas wish lists.

Dayton School Board Okays Capital, M&O Levy Measures

\$1.46 MILLION FOUR-YEAR M&O LEVY WOULD REPLACE EXPIRING \$1.3 MILLION M&O LEVY

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—During their regular meeting on Dec. 2, the Dayton School Board heard from Superintendent Doug Johnson about the proposed capital projects levy and replacement M&O levy. The directors approved resolutions for both levies, to appear on the February, 2016 ballot for voter approval.

Johnson said the current \$ 1,300,000 M&O Levy covers such items as materials and supplies, operating costs, maintenance, salaries for teachers and administrators beyond state support, athletics and activity costs, food services support, salary for support personnel positions beyond state support, and payroll benefits for above described positions. It also provides for the cost of the Career and Technical Education program.

The proposed replacement M&O Levy includes an increase in the levy amount from \$1.3 million to \$1.46 million, to be collected in 2017 through 2020.

According to Johnson, additional funds from the levy would support costs involved in hiring a K-12 school counselor, give increased funding for maintenance and repairs, and counter the effect of inflation associated with personnel costs, supplies, and other operating expenses.

Johnson said the 2017 estimated rate for the proposed M&O levy is \$2.03/1,000 of assessed value. This compares to a rate of \$2.02/1,000 in 2015 for the current \$1.3 million levy.

In 2018 the estimated rate is \$2.09/1,000. In 2019 the estimated rate is \$2.15/1,000, and the 2020 estimated rate is \$2.21/1,000.

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LEOS, LIONS STOCK RESOURCE CENTER SHELVES

With BMAC matching donation, Leos bring in a ton of food (literally!)

By Dena Wood | THE TIMES



WAITSBURG – The Waitsburg Resource Center shelves are filled to the brim following a food drive sponsored by the Waitsburg High School Leos and the Waitsburg Lions clubs.

The Leos and Lions collected just under 1,000 lbs. of non-perishable food items which Leos advisor Gabe Kiefel says will be matched pound-for-pound by the Blue Mountain Action Council. Add that to the 300 pounds Preston Hall students recently donated, and the resource center will receive well over a ton of food.

Kiefel said the Leos Club organized the Dec. 1 food drive as a competition between classes. Students from each grade bundled up and faced sub-freezing temperatures while going door-to-door soliciting donations. Lions Club members shadowed students with pick-up trucks to haul food and ensure safety.

In just two hours, the freshmen came in first with 298 lbs. of food.

The junior class gathered 273 lbs., the seniors gathered 253 lbs., and the sophomores brought in 151 lbs.

Lions Club member Walt Gobel, Leos President Timber Frohreich, Leos Vice President Jacob Dunn, Kiefel, and High School Principal Stephanie Wooderchak helped organize the drive. Lions Jack McCaw and Dan McKinley helped cook food at the Lions club building after the drive for everyone that participated, and many members from both clubs helped with the event.

“Everyone agreed that the event was a tremendous success and that the spirit of service continues to be a wonderful part of the Waitsburg community,” said Kiefel.

CHARGES AGAINST ARCHEOLOGIST DISMISSED

Richard Lyman must write apology letter and stay off federal land

By Dena Wood | THE TIMES

DAYTON – Charges have been dismissed against the last of three archeologists charged with theft and destruction of prehistoric artifacts from the Umatilla National Forest and Wenaha-Tucannon Wilderness in 2013. Charges were dismissed against Richard Lee Lyman in a plea agreement filed in Columbia County Superior Court on Dec. 2.

Lyman, 64, is a professor and chair of the department of anthropology at the University of Missouri. On July 22 he was charged with second-degree theft and second-degree malicious mischief, and making false statements to a public servant, based on a United States Forest Service investigation.

Those charges will be dismissed without prejudice if Lyman drafts and sends a letter of apology to the Nez Perce Tribal Council and the U.S. Forest Service. He is also required to conduct no archeological work on U.S. federal land for 365 days.

Lyman was originally charged with violating the Archeological Resource Protection Act by removing and transporting artifacts from lands recognized as Nez Perce tribal-ceded lands. Lyman's associates, Matthew T. Boulanger and Dave N. Schmitt, were charged with second-degree theft and second-degree malicious mischief relating to the same incident.

The archeologists all entered not guilty pleas and requested dismissals, stating they obtained required permits and permissions from the state and performed surface reconnaissance in accordance with “Fulgham 1989,” the Umatilla National Forest cultural Resources Inventory Plan.

The charges against Schmitt and Boulanger were dismissed without prejudice on Sept. 16.

TOUCHET VALLEY LIFE

TRIMMING THE TREE



Photo by Ken Graham

Waitsburg first graders, aided by Doug Hinds of Pacific Power, added their ornaments to the city Christmas tree last week.

NEWS BRIEF

“CHRISTMAS ALLELUIA” CANTATA

DAYTON – The Dayton United Brethren Church choir will perform the cantata “Christmas Alleluia” on Sun., Dec. 13 at 8:30 a.m. and again at 9:45. The church is located at 1106 S. 4th St. in Dayton and all are invited. For more information call 382-4009.

PIONEER PORTRAITS

Ten Years Ago December 15, 2005

Retiring Port of Walla Walla Commissioner Ken Jantz was honored as a Life Member of the Washington Public Ports Association during its 2005 annual meeting in Tacoma recently. Jantz, of Waitsburg, has served on the commission for 24 years.

“The Sound of Music” was received by an appreciative Waitsburg audience at the Waitsburg High school Auditorium last weekend. Mike Ferrians played stern Capt. Von Trapp who falls for his childrens’ governess, Maria, played by Shelly Franklin.

Support for many worthwhile community projects is provided by the Waitsburg Lions Club’s annual Christmas Smoked Turkey Fundraiser. The 40-year-old club recently finished smoking a few hundred of the juicy birds at its local cook shack.

Twenty-Five Years Ago December 13, 1990

Drs. Chuck and Kennie Reeves have returned to this area to take over the veterinary medicine practice of Aaron Horowitz of Dayton. They took over the responsibility October 1, 1990. The two D.V.M.s practiced in Dayton from 1974 to 1977 then moved to St. Helens, Oregon where they stayed for five years.

Jim Wills, former Waitsburg resident, received some publicity recently in Campus Life, a publication from the Spokane Community College. The writer, Alan J. Rathbone, discusses a trip around campus with Jim. Object: to identify barriers for handicapped students on campus. The writer comments: “Jim Wills, who has been disabled for the last 20 years, showed us that he has developed a way with doors that works well but is also very dangerous; he simply sticks his foot out and punches his way through.

Fifty Years Ago December 16, 1965

Cl. William M. Mantz stationed at Fort Richardson, Anchorage, Alaska, is one of the 55 Army colonels approved by the White House for promotion to temporary brigadier general next year. . . Mantz is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Mantz of Waitsburg.

Waitsburg Stores will be closed on Saturday, December 25 for Christmas and January 1, 1966 for New Year’s Day. Beginning in January, Retail Store Closing hours will be 5:30 p.m. until further notice.

Waitsburg’s venerable barrister and State Representative returned this week from a gigantic \$450,100 lawsuit in Seattle. Vaughn collected some big city scalps to hand in his wigwag – shades of Clarence Darrow! (He must have worn his brightest red suspenders to the final summation!)

Seventy-Five Years Ago December 20, 1940

Byron Neace met with a painful accident at his home late Monday evening when he closed a door on his right hand.

Lack of patronage caused by this hectic holiday season coupled with the present epidemic of severe colds, caused C. T. Laidlaw, of Dayton, owner of the Plaza Theatre, to close down Monday night for an indefinite period.

The potluck supper which forms an important part of the Community Christmas party will be held Saturday, Dec. 21 between 6 and 8 p.m. at the Odd Fellows Hall. Just pack up your bib, some sandwiches, salad or cake and come to the hall.

Lt. Joe F. McCown, 29th Engineers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Emory McCown, is now located at Yakutat, Alaska, having just recently been transferred to that place.

One Hundred Years Ago December 24, 1915

Nominations to the Senate at Washington for postmasters include Grover C. Houtchens of this city, for the position here to succeed Miss Anna Arnold, republican.

Hell in Europe, famine in Mexico, indifference and plenty in the United States. Funny old world, this.

Born in this city, Thursday morning Dec. 23, to Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Neace a girl – a very nice Christmas present.

A good time was had by those who attended the dance given by John Clodius Tuesday night. Coffee and sandwiches were served.

The basket social held at the Alto school house Saturday night was very nice. They had many good numbers.

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago December 19, 1890

Telegrams received in St. Paul on Dec. 15 confirm the report of the killing of Sitting Bull, his son Black Bird and four other hostiles, together with seven of the best police under Captain Fecht.

Lewis Cox this week received the very unwelcome news that someone had burned about \$300 worth of hay on his ranch north of Snake River. It is supposed that the contemptible work is the doing of parties who were opposed to sheep being wintered in the neighborhood.

Touchet Valley Weather

Dec. 9, 2015

Waitsburg's Seven Day Forecast

Wednesday Rain Likely High: 54 Low: 38	Thursday Rain Likely High: 49 Low: 35	Friday Partly Cloudy High: 43 Low: 33	Saturday Cloudy High: 47 Low: 34	Sunday Mostly Cloudy High: 43 Low: 31	Monday Partly Cloudy High: 44 Low: 31	Tuesday Partly Cloudy High: 45 Low: 32

Weather Trivia

Does all rain hit the ground?
Answer: No. Some precipitation evaporates before it reaches the ground.

Weather History

Dec. 9, 1987 - The fifth storm in nine days kept the northwestern United States wet and windy. Winds along the coast of Washington gusted to 75 mph at Oceans Shores and the northern and central coastal mountains of Oregon were drenched with three inches of rain in 10 hours.

Local Almanac Last Week

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Precipitation
Monday	25	23	44/32	0.00"	0.27"
Tuesday	28	23	44/32	0.00"	0.63"
Wednesday	29	24	44/32	0.13"	-0.36"
Thursday	58	24	43/31	0.04"	0.371"
Friday	54	36	43/31	0.01"	0.374"
Saturday	57	35	43/31	0.00"	-0.3"
Sunday	57	46	42/31	0.09"	

Data as reported from Walla Walla

Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
New 12/11	7:24 a.m.	4:06 p.m.	5:22 a.m.	3:27 p.m.
Wednesday	7:25 a.m.	4:06 p.m.	6:21 a.m.	4:08 p.m.
Thursday	7:26 a.m.	4:06 p.m.	7:18 a.m.	4:56 p.m.
Friday	7:26 a.m.	4:06 p.m.	8:12 a.m.	5:50 p.m.
Saturday	7:27 a.m.	4:06 p.m.	9:01 a.m.	6:50 p.m.
First 12/18	7:28 a.m.	4:06 p.m.	9:45 a.m.	7:55 p.m.
Monday	7:29 a.m.	4:06 p.m.	10:24 a.m.	9:02 p.m.
Tuesday				

CLASSIFIEDS

HELP WANTED

Temporary Employee: Walla Walla County Farm Service Agency seeks a temporary employee, for general office duties. Position located in Walla Walla, WA. Min. qualification; U.S. citizenship; high school graduate or equivalent. Health benefits are available. Apply in person at the Farm Service Agency Office at 325 N. 13th St. Walla Walla, WA. Applications will also be accepted by email: kelly.betts@wa.usda.gov or fax: 1-866-843-6123. Contact County Executive Director Kelley Betts with questions at (509) 522-6347. Applications must be received in the Farm Service Agency Office, by 4:30 P.M. on Monday, December 14, 2015. USDA is an Equal Opportunity Employer

PRESCOTT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 402-37. 2015 – 2016. Classified Opening: Para Educator 6.75 to 7.75 Hour Day. Bilingual Applicants are Encouraged to Apply Classified Applications are available online: www.prescott.k12.wa.us. Please submit Letter of Interest to: Mr. Brett Cox, P. O. Box 65, Prescott, WA 99348. Position open until filled. The Prescott School District

provides continuous notice that it does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, creed, religion, age, veteran or military status, disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a person with a disability and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The district’s Section 504 Coordinator is Susan DeRuwe, 849-2217, located at 207 South A Street, Prescott, WA 99348. The district’s Title IX Officer and Coordinator for State Civil Rights Law is Brett R. Cox, 849-2217, located at 207 South A Street, Prescott, WA 99348. Date Posted: September 24, 2015 Job Posting #: 2015.16.7

The Walla Walla County Conservation District is accepting applications for an Assistant Manager in Training who, if successful, will be converted to District Manager effective June 1, 2016. This interim position will provide the incumbent with training by the retiring District Manager. The District Manager provides leadership to the Walla Walla County Conservation District which is a locally-lead grant-funded entity governed by a board of supervisors and

represented at the state level by the WA State Conservation Commission. The District’s multidisciplinary staff works with diverse stakeholders, landowners and partnering agencies using state and federal funding to protect and restore natural resources on private land through voluntary incentive based programs. Applicants must have a demonstrated successful track record in team building, grant writing, project management, contracting, and a strong commitment to natural resource stewardship through voluntary programs. Minimum requirements include Bachelor’s degree in natural resources/earth sciences, engineering, agriculture or related field plus a minimum of 3 years experience. This is a permanent, full time position with a competitive salary

(\$55,000-60,000) plus district benefits. A one year probation period will apply to this position. Applications will be accepted through December 31, 2015. A complete job description can be seen at <http://www.wcccd.net/news>

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For sale. Small starter home on corner lot. \$45,000. Owner will carry contract. (509) 520-5114.

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Dayton School Board Opening

The Dayton School District Board of Directors is accepting applications to fill the District 2 position due to the resignation of elected Board Member Michelle McCleary. For more information please see our website at www.daytonsd.org or call the District office at 509-382-2543. Applications available on-line or in the District Office.

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

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Living Nativity

Bruce House Museum (Main Street, Waitsburg) 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Enjoy the nativity and enjoy hot chocolate and cookies.

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Waitsburg Resource Center

106 Preston Avenue 9-11 a.m. The Center provides food and resources to families in the Waitsburg and Prescott School Districts.

Coffee & Craft Prescott Public Library 1 p.m.

TCSBA Steel Drum Band Concert Faith Chapel (653 Wagon Rd., Dayton) 2 p.m.

Karaoke The Tuxedo Bar & Grill (Prescott) 8 p.m.

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“Christmas Alleluia” Choir Cantata Dayton United Brethren Church (1106 S. 4th, Dayton) 8:30 and 9:45 a.m. All are invited to attend one of two “Christmas Alleluia” choir cantatas.

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Waitsburg Story Time Weller Public Library 10:30 a.m.

Dixie School Board Dixie Elementary School 6 p.m.

Waitsburg City Council Work Session Lions Memorial Building 6:30 p.m.

Waitsburg Winter Concert WHS Auditorium 7 p.m.

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Dayton Library Story Time Dayton Memorial Library 10 a.m. Storytime is free to the public and no library card is needed.

Prescott Library Story Time Prescott Library 10:30 a.m. Crafts and stories geared to preschool children, but all ages are welcome.

Waitsburg Senior Round Table Waitsburg Presbyterian Church 11:30 a.m.

Dayton Senior Round Table Senior Center (403 E. Patit St.) 12 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Call 382-2836 to RSVP by the day

prior.

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Dayton Historic Preservation Commission Planning Commission Boardroom 6 p.m.

Waitsburg Elementary Winter Program WHS Auditorium 7 p.m.

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Waitsburg Commercial Club Whoopemup Café Noon

Prescott Friends of the Library Prescott Library 7 p.m.

Waitsburg City Council Waitsburg Fairgrounds 7 p.m.

Christmas Cookies and Classics Liberty Theater 7 p.m. A free showing of Home Alone and a drawing for holiday treats.

POLICE NOTES

Waitsburg

Dec. 4 Window of business shot with B.B. gun on 100 block of Main Street.

Dec. 5 Driver cited for driving while suspended in the third degree, during a traffic stop on Taggart/Maple.

Dec. 7 Two-vehicle collision on Main and W. 4th St. Driver of vehicle causing collision was issued an infraction for failure to stop at a stop sign.

Prescott

Dec. 7 Generator, air compressor, toolbox, and tools taken from shed on 100 block of N. “E” St.

Dayton

Nov. 28 Vet needed for injured dog on 300 block of E. Main.

Nov. 29 Hatch open on car with no one around on 200 block of E. Main, made contact with owner. Joel Ballard, 23, Dayton, booked into Columbia County jail on charges of assault in the third degree, domestic violence. Children playing with cell phone, repeatedly calling 911; contact made with parents. Found a set of keys on US-12 MP377.

Nov. 30 Report of individual possibly receiving Social Security fraudulently; under investigation. Two storage units on US-12 MP 363 broken into; under investigation. Report of juvenile female runaway who later returned home on her own.

Dec. 1 Cow in roadway on Tucannon Rd, MP 10; unable to locate owner. Craigslist fraud. “Buyer” sent check in excess of price and told seller just to cash it and send him the balance; under investigation. Robert Kay, 28, Idaho, cited for theft in the 3rd degree for stealing property of the Dayton Depot. Two vehicles contacted for negligent driving on US-12, MP 364.

Dec. 2 Report of a vehicle spinning “brodies” in the street. Cited for negligent driving in the 2nd degree. Report of a dog bit on 700 block of E. Patit. Juvenile bitten on the head. Report forwarded to animal control officer.

Dec. 3 Report of loud argument at Country Village, determined to be misunderstanding. Steven Noble, 29, Dayton was booked into Columbia County Jail on a warrant and then bailed out.

Dec. 4 Fifteen to 20 vehicles, scattered throughout town, were prowled overnight. In some cases multiple cars were hit in one location. Items taken included: change, Ipod, chargers, DVD player, RADAR detector, GPS, head phones, knives, spotting scope, gym bag, flashlights, gloves and hats, prescription medications. All vehicles were unlocked.

Dec. 5 Possible drug activity involving juveniles reported on 600 block of S. 3rd. Unable to locate. Report of a suspicious vehicle repeatedly driving by a residence in Starbuck. Contact was made with vehicle owners who were looking for lost dogs. Citation for driving while suspended in the 3rd degree on SR-261, MP 6.

BIRTHDAYS

December 11: Carl Baker, Robert Ezell, Tim Mayberry, Niko Matthee, Caleb Solis.

December 12: Ernest Brunson, John Archer, Allen Huwe, Chad Fry, Dawn Ronning, Patricia Thomas, Ben Antonius, BethAn Wood.

December 13: Patsy Weber, Marilyn Wilson, Elena Perry, Richard Done, Donald Thiery, Helen Duckworth.

December 14: Shirley Wilson, Joy Leisure, Susan Herion, Heather Harris, Jay Lewis, Sasha Sickles, Imbert Matthee.

December 15: Agnes VonCadow, Jason Henderson, David Hevel Jr., Carl Smith Jr., Stacie Huwe, Betty Young.

December 16: Katie Ford, Perry Dozier, Samantha Henze, Christopher Holmes, Lesli Crawford, Kenna Larson.

December 17: Matthew Ted Baker, Rex Munden, Jane Butler, Merle Bickelhaupt, Kerry O’Brien, Chelsea Logemann.

Church Directory

Waitsburg Presbyterian Church
504 Main
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m.
337-6589
Rev. Bret Moser

Waitsburg Chapel
320 W. 2nd
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship 6 p.m.
Bible Study
Wednesdays 7:30 p.m.
337-6235
Rev. Jimmie Daves

Waitsburg Christian Church
604 Main St
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m.
Each Sunday
337-8898

School Lunch Menu

Breakfast listed first. Fruits & vegetables, non-fat chocolate milk and 1% white milk are offered with every meal.

11: Cook’s Choice; Cook’s Choice
14: biscuit & Gravy; Orange chicken, Stir Fry Veggies
15: Continental Breakfast; Grilled Chicken Nuggets, Potatoes
16: Longjohn; Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza
17: Continental Breakfast; Cook’s Choice

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COMMENTARY

**KEN GRAHAM:
FROM THE PUBLISHER**

A Hyperlocal View of the World

“Hyperlocal” has become a popular term to describe the kind of news that newspapers like The Times present to our readers. Here’s a definition of the word from Wikipedia:



Hyperlocal connotes information oriented around a well-defined community with its primary focus directed toward the concerns of the population in that community. The term can be used as a noun in isolation or as a modifier of some other term (e.g. news).

The “well-defined community” that The Times serves is actually a group of communities we call the Touchet Valley.

We take great pleasure in getting to know the people of Waitsburg, Prescott and Dayton and the rural areas around them, and sharing their stories with our readers. But we believe the “concerns” of our readers encompass more than just local news.

We’ve recently begun presenting opinion pieces and interesting stories (or at least ones we find interesting) from the Washington Post on this page. We do this, in part, because we think there are a lot of stories on national, and even international, topics that are of “concern” to our readers.

We also do it because the Post, under its new ownership by Amazon’s Jeff Bezos, had created a cost-effective and user-friendly way for newspapers like ours to easily peruse and download a huge amount of quality content. Heck, we could fill this newspaper three times over or more, just with their stuff. And it would probably be pretty interesting.

Of course that wouldn’t be “hyperlocal.”

Our plan is to choose a couple of stories a week. One will usually provide an interesting take on a current political topic, and the other may be of more general interest.

This week we include a short opinion piece on some of the successes and failures of congress this year, as well as the results of a study showing that people who take a more positive view of aging show fewer signs of mental deterioration. (Have I mentioned how much I love getting older?)

I invite our readers to tell us what they think of the stories we present from the Post and, of course, anything else you like or dislike about what you read on these pages.

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Congress Gets a Positive Year-End Review

By Jonathan Bernstein, Bloomberg News

I jab at the majority Republicans in Congress when they don’t do their job, so I should give them credit when they do.

A five-year highway bill has been sent to the president. That’s something Republican Congresses since the 1990s (and the Democratic ones in 2007-2010) have found difficult to do. Bloomberg View columnist Barry Ritholtz makes a reasonable argument against the way the bill is funded, but I agree with Kevin Drum of Mother Jones on this one: Muddling through is good enough.

Up next is an education bill. Legislators have had revising or replacing No Child Left Behind on their to-do list for years. This Congress is getting it done, with just a final Senate vote remaining.

In both cases, Republicans in the House and Senate demonstrated the ability to compromise and cut deals to get much of what they wanted, even if it wasn’t everything they hoped for.

There was also the agreement reached earlier on raising the debt limit and funding the government for the next two years. Now all they have to do is pass full-year appropriations to keep the government running before a shutdown deadline on Dec. 13.

If only the rest of this Congress’s record was as solid.

The continued backlog in the Senate on dealing with Barack Obama’s judi-

cial and executive-branch nominations continues to be a disgrace and a significant failure of competent government.

Another problem is the lack of tough and constructive oversight of government. Instead, we have plenty of partisan “investigations,” whether it’s the Select Committee on Benghazi or the new Planned Parenthood committee or Representative Lamar Smith’s efforts to harass scientists.

Nor has Congress done its job on foreign affairs. It has still failed to pass any authorization for the war on Islamic State (or, alternatively, to forbid that war).

And this list includes only the tasks already on the legislators’ agenda, whether they wanted them there or not.

When it comes to taking on new challenges, the record is dismal. Whether it’s climate change or mass shootings or health care or economic growth or immigration or other important challenges the nation faces, this Congress has either ignored them or offered only conservative platitudes, without any real effort, let alone legislation, to address them.

Still, something is better than nothing. So good for Republicans for ending this congressional session on something of a positive note. Let’s hope they resolve to improve their record next year.

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NEGATIVE STEREOTYPES ABOUT AGING LINKED TO INCREASED ALZHEIMER’S RISK

By Tara Bahrapour, The Washington Post

Old people are absent-minded.
Old people are grouchy.
Old people can’t learn new things.

If you believe these stereotypes, you may be at higher risk for Alzheimer’s, two new studies show. The studies, published in a paper Tuesday in the journal Psychology and Aging, show that people who have negative beliefs about aging are more likely to have brain changes associated with Alzheimer’s disease.

Looking at healthy, dementia-free subjects from the Baltimore Longitudinal Study of Aging, the nation’s longest-running scientific study of aging, researchers found that the volume of the hippocampus - a part of the brain important for memory, measured by an MRI - declined by three times as much among those who hold negative stereotypes about aging, compared to those who do not.

The researchers also looked at brain autopsies of subjects from the same group and among those with negative aging stereotypes they found significantly more of two markers associated with Alzheimer’s: amyloid plaques, which are protein clusters that build up between brain cells; and neurofibrillary tangles, protein strands that build up between brain cells.

The subjects were interviewed about

their views on aging long before the onset of dementia: the first group averaged in their early 40s when their views were measured and the second group’s views were measured an average of 28 years before the autopsies, when most were in their late 50s or early 60s.

The link between negative views and brain changes is likely due to an increased stress response, said Becca R. Levy, associate professor of public health and of psychology at the Yale School of Public Health and the paper’s lead author.

In an earlier study Levy conducted, people exposed to negative beliefs about aging had an increased heart rate and blood pressure response when talking about stressful events in their life. Positive age stereotypes, on the other hand, can act as a buffer for stress, she said. Studies have shown that stress can contribute to pathological changes in the brain.

The new research is the first to show that a culture-based psychosocial risk factor relates to these Alzheimer’s biomarkers, and could have profound implications about the messages American society sends regarding old people.

“Children as young as 4 take in the stereotypes of their culture,” she said. “It would be great to start quite young, in kindergarten or even pre-k, to start reinforcing positive stereotypes, bring-

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Employee Compensation is Still Under Review

WAITSBURG COUNCIL WILL HOLD A SECOND WORKSHOP ON DEC. 14

By Dena Wood | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG – The Waitsburg City Council will take a fourth attempt at reaching an agreement on issues surrounding employee compensation, at a workshop for that purpose on Dec. 14 at 6:30 p.m.

At October’s council meeting, City Administrator Randy Hinchliffe was given the go-ahead to prepare the city’s 2016 preliminary budget with adjustments to city employee pay and benefits. Council members K.C. Kuykendall and Marty Dunn were absent at the October meeting.

When the preliminary budget came before council at the November meeting, with all council members present, there were enough questions regarding the adjustments that a workshop was slated for Nov. 30.

Council members were still unable to reach a consensus at the Nov. 30 workshop which Hinchliffe said was attended by several city employees. Instead, the council scheduled the work session for Dec. 14.

Issues up for consideration include whether or not to base wages on Association of Washington Cities averages, raising the cap on the amount the city will pay toward insurance to offset employee cost increases, institution of longevity benefits, and a possible adjustment to the current six-month waiting period for benefits to kick in.

NEWS BRIEF

CITY COUNCIL DATE CHANGE

WAITSBURG – The next regular meeting of the Waitsburg City Council will be held Thurs., Dec. 17, rather than on Wed., Dec. 16. Meetings are held at the Lions Memorial Building at the Waitsburg Fairgrounds at 7 p.m.

The agenda will include a public hearing on the 2016 city budget. Citizens are invited to present evidence in favor or opposition of the proposals. A complete copy of the budget and resolution is available at Waitsburg City Hall.

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ing older role models into classrooms.”

The finding could also change the way scientists interpret culture-related Alzheimer’s disease data. Whereas the difference in diet has been suggested as an explanation for why the Alzheimer’s rate in the United States is five times that of India, the discrepancy might alternatively be explained by a cultural comparison, the paper said, noting that “India has a tradition of venerating elders. . .whereas the United States has a prevalence of negative age stereotypes.”

Tara Bahrapour, a staff writer based in Washington, D.C., writes about aging and generations.

Letters Welcome

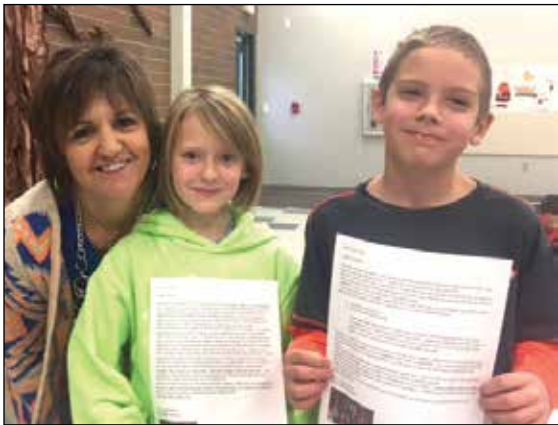
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TOUCHET VALLEY NEWS

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Courtesy Photos

Waitsburg Elementary School Students of the Month for November are: (above left) Third Grade: Alyssa Hollingsworth and Cooper Selph with Mrs. Henderson

(above) Fourth Grade: Cyson Morris and Josh Reser (left) Fifth Grade: Blake Jones, Levi Boudrieau, and Natalie Teal with Mr. Kiefel



WAITSBURG MAN PLEADS NOT GUILTY

Tyler Judd faces Jan. 12 trial date for child rape and drug charges

THE TIMES

WAITSBURG – Waitsburg resident, Tyler P. Judd, 32, entered a plea of not guilty to child rape and drug charges at his arraignment in Walla Walla Superior Court on Nov. 30.

Judd, a registered sex offender, was arrested in Walla Walla on Nov. 17 and, according to police documents, admitted to having sex with a 15-year-old girl and supplying her with methamphetamine. In a separate incident, Judd is accused of selling methamphetamine to a confidential informant earlier this year.

Judd is charged with Rape of a Child in the Third Degree, a Class C felony punishable by five years or \$10,000 or both; Communication with a Minor for Immoral Purposes, a Class C felony punishable by 5 years or \$10,000 or both; Distribution of a Controlled Substance to a Person Under the Age of Eighteen, a Class A felony punishable by life imprisonment or a fine of \$50,000 or both; and Delivery of Methamphetamine within 1,000 Feet of a School Bus route, a Class B felony punishable by 10 years or \$25,000 or both.

Judd is currently being held in the Walla Walla County Jail on \$50,000 fine. His trial is set for Jan. 12-13, 2016.

COURT NEWS

Columbia County Superior Court
Dec. 2, 2015

Arraignments/Pleas:

Gary Marshall, 60, Burbank, WA; Pleaded not guilty to attempting to elude a pursuing police vehicle, a Class C felony. On Nov. 28, Marshall was allegedly clocked by radar at a speed of 88 mph. at mp 363 Hwy 12. Marshall allegedly outran the pursuing police vehicle into Waitsburg and pulled into a driveway on E. 3rd St. Marshall allegedly repeatedly refused police orders to stop and show his hands. After being tazed and dry stunned, he was tripped to the ground, restrained, and arrested. He was released on a \$2,500 unsecured personal recognizance bond.

Dante A. Brown, 19, Dayton; Accepted a plea agreement, pleading guilty to one count of delivery of a controlled substance (meth). Dante, who requested to be called Martinez, was originally charged with two charges of delivery of a controlled substance within 1,000 feet of a school or public park. Brown was released from jail on personal recognizance and is scheduled for sentencing on Jan. 20, 2016.

Joel O. Ballard, 23, Dayton; pleaded not guilty to assault in the third degree. Ballard, who lived at Patit Creek ARC is accused of assaulting a fellow resident on Nov. 29. The victim, who allegedly briefly lost consciousness after striking his head on the sidewalk, was taken to the hospital and found to have light bruising on the crown of his head and an abrasion on his knee. Ballard cannot return to Patit Creek ARC and is being held in Columbia County Jail on a \$10,000 surety bond.

Trials Set:

Hector Vela, 53, Dayton; charged with one count of distribution of a controlled substance to a person under 18 years of age, one count of delivery/manufacture/possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver, and one count of possession of over 1 oz. of usable marijuana. Trial set for Feb. 4-5 2016.

Other Legal Action:

Jared J. Mings, 32, Starbuck; Did not appear to have trial date re-set. Mings is charged with trafficking in stolen property and second-degree theft. Mings is in DOC custody; prosecution continued to Dec. 16, 2015.

Calling all Quilts

DAYTON – The Dayton Historic Depot is planning an exhibit next year of quilts made by people living in Dayton and Columbia County. This will be the third consecutive quilt show hosted at the Depot.

In 2014, quilts in the collections of the Depot and the Boldman House were on display. In 2015 historic quilts owned by people living in Dayton and Columbia County were on display.

The new exhibit will begin in January and will run through December. Quilts will be on loan to the Depot for the exhibit.

Quilts can be of any age and any style. They could be brand new and contemporary; they may be older and traditional; they may be newer but based on traditional patterns.

The common theme is that the quilts are all made in Dayton or Columbia County by people living here.

This 2016 exhibit will be an opportunity to show trends in quilting in our modern times, a continuation of the historically important activity of quilting for women in our country.

If you would like to include your quilt in the exhibit, please contact Tamara Fritze, manager of the Dayton Depot, at 382-2026.

NEWS BRIEF

COOKIES AND CHRISTMAS CLASSICS AT THE LIBERTY THEATER

DAYTON – Dayton's Liberty Theater is hosting its annual Christmas Cookies and Classics night Dec. 17 at 7 p.m. The evening includes a free showing of Home Alone as well as a drawing for holiday treats and a raffle for a hobby horse.

Raffle tickets are \$1 each. This year's film is sponsored by Columbia County Transportation.

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After School Task Force Seeks Mentors

PROGRAM'S GOAL IS TO PROVIDE ACADEMIC AND SOCIAL SUPPORT FOR KIDS

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—For many months, a task force of committed parents and community members has been working to develop an after school program for children in the Dayton School District.

The goal for creating an after school program is to provide academic support and promote social, emotional, and physical development through collaborative community development.

At a Strategic Planning Workshop in October, task force members gained clarity about how to proceed with developing a viable program.

Some key strategic objectives for moving the process forward are: Identifying the target population, devel-

oping a community collaborative, designing a program that carries out the vision, gaining financial clarity, and creating an operational plan with student-focused content that empowers family participation.

At their meeting on December 1, the After School Task Force identified several objectives for the next few months.

A survey of students will be made to assess their willingness and ability to participate in a program and assess their interest in topics and activities. Funding will be looked at more closely. And a resource list of community members who are willing to share their time, talents, and expertise with students will be compiled.

This resource list will be a valuable tool as the Task Force moves forward with developing activities and unique educational opportunities for children in the community.

If you have a special skill that you are willing to share, please contact the Coalition for Youth and Families at 382-1511 or email Peggy Gutierrez at pgutierrez@columbianet.com.



Courtesy Photo

The Tri-Cities Steel Drum Band, Bram Bratá, plays at a festival in Seattle in 2014. The band will perform a free concert at Faith Chapel in Dayton on Saturday. Donations for the Dayton Food Bank are welcome.

STEEL DRUM BAND RETURNS TO DAYTON

Popular Tri-Cities band will perform a free holiday concert Saturday

THE TIMES

DAYTON – Anyone looking for an energizing, non-traditional, dose of holiday spirit is in luck! The Tri-Cities Steel Drum Band Association (TCSBA) band, Bram Bratá, will perform a free Christmas concert at Faith Chapel (653 Wagon Rd., Dayton), formerly Harvest Christian Center, on Saturday from 2-3:30 p.m.

The Tri-Cities drum bands Bahuru, Baduku, Bram Bratá, and OK2Botay are known throughout the Columbia region for their fun, musically rich performances.

The steel drum band performed a summer concert in Prescott Park and the marimba band performed during Waitsburg Celebration Days last May. The Waitsburg Celebration Days committee hopes to bring both the marimba and steel drum bands to Waitsburg during the 2016 Celebration Days weekend this spring.

Bram Bratá, which will play this weekend, is the TCSBA senior steel drum band and has played at Faith Chapel each December for the last several years.

"They are amazing. This is a holiday concert you won't want to miss," said Dayton resident and musician Tanya Patton.

According to the TCSBA website, the name, Bram Bratá, is derived from two Trinidadian slang words meaning "an unexpected party." Audiences find this a fitting name as they enjoy the challenging and varied repertoire of Caribbean, soca, jazz, popular, and even classical music.

The band is directed by Ben Leggett who also arranges or writes most of the music. Bram Bratá has performed in Hawaii, Disneyland, and at Caribbean Music Festivals in Oregon and British Columbia.

"It's a tradition. Bram plays here very December. Come hear all our Christmas music – it will make you feel like you went on a tropical vacation," says band member parent, Luisa.

The concert is free but food donations for the local food bank are gladly accepted.

LEVIES - FROM P. 1

According to Johnson, cost estimates for the replacement M&O Levy are conservative. He said they are based on the potential change in the county's assessed property value due to tax base from the wind turbines. Utility property appreciates and depreciates at different rates, and is determined by the state, he said.

The current estimates reflect value changes as turbines age, he explained. He said, estimates are thought to be the largest change possible, but he hopes the actual cost could be lower.

Johnson said that in 2008 the District proposed an M&O levy which was approved with the estimated cost of \$2.25/1,000, but the actual cost per thousand never reached that rate, and taxpayers paid a lower amount of \$2.02/1,000 in 2015.

Johnson also discussed the Capital Projects Levy at the school board meeting. He said the levy includes \$75,000 budgeted for ongoing technology improvements. This portion replaces the current technology levy which expires next year.

Johnson said \$437,500 would be collected for 2017 at an estimated rate of \$0.61/1000. \$437,500 would be collected for 2018 at an estimated rate of \$0.63/1000. \$75,000 would be collected for 2019 at an estimated rate of \$0.11/1000, for technology only, and \$75,000 would be collected for 2020 at an estimated rate of \$0.11/1000, for technology only.

Johnson said the Capital Projects Levy would address facilities improvements some of which are updating the communication system, making roof repairs, and installing exterior doors.

The school board approved some reductions and cuts from the original list of projects, and more cuts may be made after current repair costs are fully known. Some of

the funds for the projects will come from the increase in M&O funding, Johnson said.

Athletic combine with Waitsburg

A discussion about a possible athletic combine for football was held on Nov. 24 between representatives of the Waitsburg School District, and the Dayton School District, according to Johnson.

He explained that both schools have experienced declining enrollment with smaller numbers of students in athletic programs.

Johnson said that two years ago the Dayton School District moved to eight-man football, due to low turnout. Since that time participation has not increased enough to return to eleven-man competition, and a combination with Waitsburg could solve the problem, at least for the next few years, he explained.

Johnson said there are lots of challenges to work out before a combine can be made. He pointed to issues around transportation, scheduling games and practices, personnel, and even the location of homecoming, and which uniforms the team will wear.

Johnson said the school representatives feel it is important to continue the conversation about combining football programs. He said that Waitsburg Secondary Principal and HS Athletic Director Stephanie Wooderchak, Dayton High School Principal Paul Shaber, and Athletic Director Heather Clarys will meet with both school boards in January for further discussion.

Johnson said action could be taken by each of the school boards and results known sometime in February.

The District 9 Leagues would need to approve the plan, and the plan would need final approval from the WIAA, he said.

Johnson also said other sports might benefit by combining, pointing to cross country track, soccer, wrestling, and golf.

"We have to remember that the activities are for our students, and we should do nothing to prevent opportunities for kids," said Johnson.

School Board Vacancies

At the same meeting the school board accepted a resignation from Michelle McLeary for Board position # 2, and declared the position vacant. The board hopes to identify an applicant, and appoint someone to the position, at the December 16 meeting.

The board also accepted a resignation from Marchand Hovrud for Board position # 3 and appointed Dan Butler to that position. Johnson said Butler will serve a two-year term, and that he could run for re-election in November of 2017.

Katie Leid was also sworn in at the outset of the meeting. Leid's position is the at-large position formerly occupied by Joe Huether.

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A Heartwarming Hometown Christmas

A column by Dena Wood

I have fond memories of my oldest son and I selling hot dogs and cookie-in-a-jar mixes at Hometown Christmas years ago, while raising funds for him to participate in the Sasayama Sister City exchange program.

It's not that I love standing behind a booth selling things – I don't. It was the support and encouragement we received from the community, which helped make his once-in-a-lifetime trip a reality, that still warms my heart.

As I strolled through Town Hall during last weekend's celebration, I realized that not much has changed, even ten years later. Of the vendors present, several were first-time businesses gently testing waters of entrepreneurship. Others were service or non-profit groups seeking community support.

And Waitsburg is great at showing support.

Nathaniel Murphy, of Mary's Candies, was front and center at this year's event, with a wide selection of homemade confections. Last Hometown Christmas, at the urging of a few friends who had been impressed with his salted caramels, Nathaniel debuted a few candies at Town Hall.

Today, just one year later, he and his wife, Erin, work from a storefront at Blue Mountain Station and sell their candies in seven retail locations from College Place to Dayton. Murphy says he has shipped candy to Seattle, Spokane Valley and North Carolina, and that a coffee shop in Estacada, Ore. will soon be selling his caramels.

Nathaniel said he sold an "amazing 90-100 lbs." of candy during Hometown Christmas this year and is incredibly thankful for the supportive community that has helped Mary's Candies succeed.

Clarence Stearns, of Mr. C's Smokin' Co., manned a booth just around the corner from Murphy and is un-

doubtedly hoping for similar success. Stearns made his first appearance at Hometown Christmas this year, showcasing his smoked cheeses.

Stearns, who waves at passersby while selling produce from the front of his Preston Ave. home in the summer months, now has a smokehouse out back where he is licensed to smoke cheese and meat. He says he has already smoked cheeses for Dayton's Little Dipper Dairy and The Umapipe Creamery. Stearns also processes wild game.

Food items weren't this year's only startups, however. Ashley Katsel was on hand representing her cleaning business, A's Amazing Cleaning. She started the business earlier this year and specializes in residential, commercial, and construction cleaning.

Kahla Wood, of Dayton, and her business partner, former Daytonite, Robin McQuary-Billow, of Lewiston, had fun showing off It Works!, their health, wellness, and skincare business. "This has been our first big event. It's been really fun and we've met a lot of people," Wood said.

Girl Scout Leader Brandi Hollingsworth said her Troop had worked hard making goodies to sell in order to raise money for the girls to attend scout camp this summer. And organizations like the Waitsburg Booster Club and Alumni Association, Eastern Star, and Friends of the Library were all on hand raising money for their worthy causes that give back to the community.

As one who has been (briefly) on the other side of the vendor table, I am grateful for the encouraging, supportive community that Waitsburg is. A few dollars spent at a booth or a few minutes of conversation with a budding entrepreneur may have more of an impact than you know. You may be helping make dreams come true or warming hearts for years to come.



Photo by Dena Wood

Top: Girl Scouts (l to r) Alyssa Hollingsworth, Zarabeth McGowen, Laney Crow, Brandi Hollingsworth (leader), Angie Crow (leader), and Emylee Williams sell treats to pay for summer camp.

Above: Karen Huwe (l) and Lisa Winnet sell raffle tickets to raise funds for the Waitsburg Alumni Association.

A Hometown Holiday



Photos by Dena Wood

Clockwise from top left: Cooper Smith enjoys his first visit with Santa. Jaylynn Gleason, Jamie Gleason, and Kylee Henry enjoy decorating cookies at Town Hall on Saturday. Swine Swagger 4-H Club won People's Choice and the third grade's Abominable Snowman won grand prize in the FFA Festival of Trees. Woody's Pig Roast and the Columbia County Fair made a fine showing during Sunday night's lighted parade. Celebration Days Queen Devon Harshman led off the parade. Brad Green, Karsyn Russell, and Anna Miller entertained the crowd at Town Hall.



RESOURCE CENTER WILL SERVE STUDENT LUNCHES

STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP DURING WINTER BREAK

By Dena Wood | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG – When the Waitsburg School Board approved the district's 2015-16 schedule, high school principal Stephanie Wooderchak expressed concern that the two-week holiday break might leave some students without adequate nutrition during a time when family resources are already stretched tight by holiday expenses and heating bills.

Thanks to the Waitsburg Resource Center, that is no longer a concern. Not only will children be able to enjoy a healthy lunch at no charge, they'll also have a warm place to socialize and spend a bit of time each day.

Resource Center Board Chair Pam Conover said recent monetary donations from the Waitsburg Car Club, The Waitsburg Lions, and \$2,000 from AmericanWest Bank, have helped make the lunch program possible.

Lunches will be served, paper-bag style, in the Waitsburg Christian Church Dorcas room at 11:30 a.m. on Dec. 21, 22, 23, 28, 29, and 30. Meals will not be provided on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve, and New Year's Day.

The resource center worked with Waitsburg schools' food supervisor Susan Wildey to purchase pre-packaged food items. Typical meals will consist of a sandwich, applesauce, cookie, crackers, and milk.

Doors will open at 11 a.m. and children are invited to play board games or do craft activities until 11:30 when lunches will be handed out on a first-come, first served basis. Children will eat at the church but are welcome to take any uneaten food home with them.

The Waitsburg Resource Center serves families in the Waitsburg and Prescott school districts. The volunteer-operated center performs a wide range of services in addition to providing approximately 1,000 lbs. of food to families in need each month.

The center provides schools with backpacks of hygiene and school supplies, provides snacks for the summer reading program, sponsors mobile dental van visits and supports special projects such as holiday meals and food basket programs.

Most recently, the resource center board has been considering the purchase of emergency supplies, such as blankets, flashlights and batteries, to be stored for use in the event of a city-wide emergency such as a flood or power outage.

Anyone interested in learning more about the Waitsburg Resource Center, volunteering, or sharing community needs, may stop in at the center during operating hours on Thursday from 2-4 p.m. or Saturday from 9-11 a.m. The center is located at 106 Preston Ave. on the side of the Banner Bank building. Contact Pam Conover at (509) 337-8876 with any questions.

Bulldogs Dominate St. John, 64-36

KLECK LEADS DAYTON BOYS TO FIRST WIN IN OVER A YEAR; FIRST WIN FOR COACH HUTCHENS

By Ken Graham | THE TIMES

DAYTON — The Dayton boys' basketball team gave their new coach, Will Hutchens, his first victory in their first outing this year, beating St. John-Endicott at home, 64-36.

Junior guard Ben Kleck, who missed all of last season with an injury, led the Bulldogs with 31 points, including two three-pointers.

"It was a good confidence builder for the team," Hutchens said of the win. "We've got a lot of things we still need to improve, but you can't ask for a better first game than that."

The Bulldogs took a 32-22 lead into halftime and then outscored the Eagles 19-6 in the third quarter on their way to the lopsided win.

"All eight guys contributed," Hutchens said. "Ben shot well. Zach (Waggoner) was all over the boards. Jeff Tate and Zech Bryan did well for their first varsity starts. Tanner Bren had some nice passes on the break."

Hutchens also praised his team's ability to adjust in the second half. "Their point guard, Adam Blakeley, had 15 of their 22 points at halftime," Hutchens said of St. John's leading scorer. "He's quick and smart, and no one seemed to be able to slow him down. Fortunately, we defended him better in the second half."

For the game, Kleck made 12 of his 24 attempts from the field and was five for six from the free-throw line. Waggoner scored 14 points, including a three-pointer. Bryan scored 11, going four for seven from the floor and three for four from the line.

Overall, the Bulldogs shot 41% from the floor and 63% from the line. They outrebounded St. John 34-28.

"We have a tough week coming up, with Pomeroy on the road (played Tuesday) and Liberty at home on Saturday night," Hutchens said. "We'll have to rebound better and play tougher defense than we did (against St. John) if we want to compete with both of those teams."



Photos by Ken Graham

Left: Dayton's Ben Kleck puts up a three-point shot during the first half of the Bulldogs' win Saturday. Kleck scored a game-high 31 points, including two three-pointers. Above, Dayton's Zech Bryan (32) gets an elbow in the face as he fights for a rebound. Lane Wilkening (21) looks on.

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Dayton 17 15 19 13 — 64

ST. JOHN (36) — Blakely 7-14 5-7 19, Webb 0-2 0-0 0, Bailey 0-0 0-0 0, Lundberg 3-11 0-0 7, Fox 0-0 0-0 0, Anderson 0-2 0-0 0, L. Bailey 4-8 0-0 8, Parrish 1-13 0-2 2. Totals 15-49 5-11 36

DAYTON (64) — Helm 0-3 1-2 1, Tate 0-2 0-0 0, Vance 1-4 0-0 3, Kleck 12-24 5-6 31, Bryan 4-7 3-4 11, Bren 0-2 0-0 0, Waggoner 5-15 3-7 14, Wilkening 2-2 0-0 4. Totals 24-59 12-19 64

3-point goals — SJE 1-7 (Lundberg), Day 4-12 (Vance, Kleck 2, Waggoner). Total fouls — SJE 17, Day 10. Fouled out — SJE (Anderson) Technical fouls — none. Rebounds — SJE 28, Day 34. Turnovers — SJE 22, Day 19

Dayton Girls Edge St. John, 40-33

SHAYLA CURRIN HAS 11 POINTS AND 16 REBOUNDS TO LEAD LADY BULLDOGS

By Ken Graham | THE TIMES

DAYTON — The Dayton girls' basketball team notched its first victory Saturday night, beating a tough St. John team, 40-33, at home.

The Lady Bulldogs were led by juniors Shayla Currin and Sidney Andrews, who each had 11 points. Currin also pulled down a career-high 16 rebounds.

"I'm pretty sure that's the most rebounds by a player in a game in my time here," said Dayton coach Clayton Strong.

After trailing 12-8 at the end of the first quarter, Dayton came back to lead 19-18 at the half.

Strong said he was pleased with his team's play, though they still have room to improve. "They played hard, and that's what we asked for," he said. "But this game won't be making the highlight reel."

The Lady Bulldogs shot a disappointing 12 for 62 from the floor. However,

they outrebounded St. John, 33-29.

Dayton was missing two of their top players Saturday, including senior Madison Mings, who is out with a knee injury until January, and Jocilyn Fullerton, who had a previous engagement as Walla Walla County Fair Queen.

Strong said he was pleased with the play of the girls who are new to the varsity squad, including Alexis Wanlarbkam and Kianna Price. "They handled it really well," he said, "and I know they'll all play better as the season goes on."

Dayton traveled to Pomeroy Tuesday night, and will host Liberty on Saturday.

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ST. J-E (33) — J. Ray 2-7 0-4 4, Schmick 0-1 0-0 0, L. Dickerson 3-7 0-0 7, K. Ray 0-3 0-0 0, G. Dickerson 3-7 4-5 10, Glorfield 2-13 0-2 4, Corder 4-13 0-4 8. Totals 14-51 4-15 33

DAYTON (40) — Phillips 2-9 1-2 5, Andrews 4-13 2-2 11, Price 0-1 0-0 0, Becker 1-11 5-12 7, Wanlarbkam 1-6 2-4 4, Currin 3-17 5-8 11, Laughery 0-0 0-0 0, Bryan 0-0 0-0 0, Moore 1-5 0-2 2, Fortner 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 12-62 15-31 40

3-point goals — SJE (L. Dickerson). Total fouls — SJE 20, Day 16. Fouled out — none. Technical fouls — none. Rebounds — SJE 29, Day 33 (Currin 16)



Photo by Ken Graham

Dayton's Shayla Currin goes up for a layup during Saturday's game.

LADY CARDS FALL TO PIRATES

THE TIMES

POMEROY — Following a win against Prescott on Fri., Dec. 4, the Lady Cards fell hard in an away game against the Pomeroy Pirates on Sat., Dec. 5. The Pirates took the lead from the beginning and never let up, ending the game with a win of 46-19.

High scorers for the Cardinals were juniors Taylor Hays and Analisea Araya, with five points each. Hays made the only Waitsburg three-point goal. Sophomore Tayler Jones scored four points; senior Caitlin Mohny and junior Lexi Brannock added two each, and freshman Devon Harshman added the final point.

The Lady Cardinals play Liberty-Spangle at Liberty on Tues., Dec. 8 followed by a two-day tournament at Mac-Hi on Dec. 11-12.

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GIRLS BASKETBALL, BOYS BASKETBALL, WRESTLING

Wrestling Program Has Good Turnout

8TH GRADE AND FEMALE
ATHLETES ADD DIVERSITY

By Dena Wood | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG – Cardinal wrestling coach Lanny Adams, in his fifth year with the program, is pleased with the turnout for this year's team and excited about the possibilities for the season ahead. A new assistant coach, eighth graders competing at the high school level, and the program's first female wrestler should make for an interesting year.

Ten boys and one girl have been hitting the mats in preparation for the season ahead. In addition to many returning faces are two eighth grade boys, one girl, and two new Waitsburg students, sons of the new assistant coach, who happens to be Adams' brother.

In November, the Waitsburg School Board, at the request of an eighth grade student and supported by the high school wrestling team, voted to allow eight graders to wrestle at the high school level. Carlos Norris (113) and David Lewis (120) are taking advantage of that opportunity.

Norris has been learning the fundamentals through the MatBirds youth wrestling program for years and Adams is more than excited to have him on board.

Waitsburg's female wrestler, Loren Negron (105), is not only new to Waitsburg, but to the U.S. as well. Negron, a freshman, moved to Waitsburg from the Phillipines, where she was raised. She was homeschooled while her dad was on active duty in the military.

Adams said Negron, who weighs in at a mere 103 pounds, has studied eight different martial arts. She recently had her wisdom teeth out and just started contact practices last week.

"It will be a nice transition for her from martial arts to wrestling. A lot of the throws and shots will transfer through," Adams said.

Adams said Negron will wrestle with the boys at some meets, but that sub district, regional and state competitions all have a girls' tournaments, but they are not divided by school size such as 1A or 2B.

Also new to the team this year is Assistant Coach Chad Adams. Chad and his family moved to Waitsburg, this year, from Suncrest, Wash., where his kids attended Lakeview High School. Chad has been involved in wrestling and coaching since he was five, Adams said.



As the seven-years-old brother, Adams coached his younger brother throughout Chad's high school wrestling career. In turn, Chad has coached his two sons, Ky, a freshman, and Joe, a junior, throughout their wrestling careers.

Adams said both Ky and Joe have experience with many wrestling styles including collegiate, Greco, freestyle and U.S.A. Joe placed eighth at the State 1A wrestling tournament in his freshman year.

Returning wrestlers include seniors Tristan Newman (285) and Tyler Hoffman (285); juniors Devin Newman (138), David Just (145), and DeJay Lalka (137), and sophomore Joe LaRue (152).

"This should be Tristan's fourth trip to State and this time he's got his eye on the podium," Adams said. The state heavyweight contender is the first Waitsburg wrestler to compete at the State level. He placed fourth at State in 2014, but got knocked out of the Mat Classic championships early last year.

Adams has high expectations for both of his heavyweights, Tristan and Hoffman. "It would be nice to have two 285 lb. competitors at State this year and they have the potential to do it," Adams said.

In fact, Adams thinks he has a shot of taking as many as six or seven wrestlers to the state competition this year. Adams said the team performed "exceptionally well" at the Dec. 1 Takedown Jamboree in Columbia-Burbank, with most of the guys coming out 2-1 and Joe Adams winning 3-0.



Top: Assistant wrestling coach Chad Adams watches as Waitsburg wrestlers practice their holds.

Above: Eighth grader Carlos Norris practices a take down on Ky Adams as Joe Larue (l) and David Just face off in back.

Adams is looking forward to the team's first tournament at Spangle High School on Sat., Dec. 12.

"This will give us a chance to compete against some of the larger teams from up north that we won't see again until regionals – Hanford, Clarkston, Cheney. It's good to have that larger-school experience. We should have some athletes who make it to the finals and bring home some medals," Adams said.

CARDINALS CAN'T KEEP UP WITH PIRATES

TURNOVERS,
3-POINTERS SINK
WAITSBURG BOYS
IN 1ST GAME, 70-51

THE TIMES

POMEROY – The Waitsburg boys' basketball team struggled Saturday night against a fine-tuned Pomeroy attack, and came up short, 70-51.

The Pirates drained ten three-pointers during the game, including several at key moments in the fourth quarter to put the game away. The Cardinals also gave up multiple turnovers.

"Their press really got to us," said Waitsburg coach Tavis Crittenden. "A lot of their points came off turnovers."

Crittenden said he was happy with his team's performance in their first outing of the year. "We did a lot of things right," he said. "There were a lot of jitters out there, being the first game, and Pomeroy has an outstanding team."

The Cardinals were led by Kyle Gradwohl, with 18 points, including four threes. Mark Montgomery added 17 points. Jacob Dunn led the team in rebounds with 13. He also had five blocked shots.

"We need to get Jacob to shoot a little more," Crittenden said. Dunn was one for three from the field, sinking a lone three-pointer for his only points. "He was doing a great job handling the press and trying to get the ball to the open man." Dunn also had five assists.

The Cardinals were to travel to Spangle to Play Liberty Tuesday night. They play Friday and Saturday in Milton-Free-water at a tournament at Mac-Hi.

LEGAL NOTICE

Public Notice

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that there will be a Special Meeting of the Waitsburg City Council on Monday, December 14, 2015, at 6:30 p.m., to discuss the 2016 City Budget and corresponding personnel manual updates that impact the budget.

IN ADDITION, the regularly scheduled Council meeting planned for December 16th has been moved to December 17th, 2015 at 7pm at the Waitsburg Lions Club Building at the Waitsburg Fairgrounds.

All interest citizens are invited to attend the meeting and present evidence in favor or opposition of the proposals. A complete copy of the budget and resolution are available at City Hall 147 Main Street, P.O. Box 35, Waitsburg, WA 99361 or (509) 337-6371. Written testimony may be forwarded to the Waitsburg City Council, P.O. Box 35, Waitsburg, WA 99361.

Dated this 8th Day of December, 2015

City of Waitsburg
By: Randy Hinchliffe, City Clerk

The Times
Dec. 10, 2015
12-10-m

Cardinals Take Tigers in First Game of Season

Freshmen and sophomores are high scorers

THE TIMES

PRESCOTT – The Lady Cardinals basketball won their first game of the season against the Prescott Tigers on Fri., Dec. 4 on the Tiger court with a score of 65-26.

The Cards dominated the first quarter, ending with a score of 17-0, with freshman Devon Harshman scoring 10 Waitsburg points.

Prescott freshman Briseida Ayala made the first Tiger goal at the top of the third – a

three-pointer that brought an enthusiastic Prescott crowd to its feet. Prescott warmed up to score 12 points in quarter two, ending the quarter at 37-12, Waitsburg.

The Cardinals maintained their lead throughout the game, ending quarter three at 57-20 and quarter four at 65-26.

Top scorers for Waitsburg were Harshman with 19 points and sophomore Chloe Pearson with 11 points. Junior Taylor Hays with next in line with nine points and scored Waitsburg's lone three-point goal of the night.

Briseida dominated the Prescott scoreboard, making 16 of the Tigers' 26 points, and three, three-point buckets. Freshman Flores Nayeli brought in four points, with senior Ruby Rosales adding another three.



Photo by Dena Wood
Prescott's Briseida Ayala makes for the hoop as Caitlin Mohney keeps a tight guard.

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E½E½ of Sec. 4, and to authorize irrigation of 94 acres, ALL WITHIN T. 6 N., R. 36 E.W.M.

(2): For 35 gallons per minute, 18 acre-feet: The applicant proposed to change the point of withdrawal to a well located within the SE¼NW¼ of Sec. 31, to change the place of use to lands within the E½W½ of Sec. 31, and to authorize irrigation of 18 acres, ALL WITHIN T. 7 N., R. 37 E.W.M.

Any protests or objections to the approval of this application may be filed with the Department of Ecology and must include a detailed statement of the basis for objections; protests must be accompanied by a fifty dollar (\$50) recording fee and filed with the Cashiering Section, State of Washington, Department of Ecology, PO Box 47611, Olympia, WA 98504-7611 within thirty (30) days from Dec. 17, 2015.

Any interested party may submit comments, objections, and other information to the Water Board regarding this application. The comments and information may be submitted in writing or verbally at any public meeting of the board held to discuss or decide on the application. This application will be on the board agenda during its regular meetings to be held on the first Wednesday of each month until completion of application. Additionally, the Water Board may receive written comments or information provided within thirty (30) days from the last date of publication of this notice, said written comments or information to be provided to: Walla Walla County Water Conservancy Board, attention Alan Kottwitz, P.O. Box 1506, Walla Walla, WA 99362. Note: This notice does not constitute notice of a meeting for the purposes of the Open Public Meetings Act, RCW 42.30.

The Times
Dec. 10, 17, 2015
12-10-e

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA

In the Matter of the Estate of
William J. Emerson
Deceased
NO.: 15-4-00239-1
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS
RCW 11.40.030

The Personal Representative named below has been appointed as Personal Representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the Personal Representative or the Personal Representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the Personal Representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(3); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of this notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both decedent's probate and non-probate assets.

DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: December 10, 2015.

Kevin Renz,
Personal Representative

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Attorney for Personal Representative
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509-522-6800

The Times
Dec. 10, 17, 24, 2015
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Public Notice

The Walla Walla County Water Conservancy Board will hold its regular meetings for the year 2016 on the first Wednesday of each month at 2:00

PM at the Walla Walla County Public Health and Legislative Building, 314 West Main, Room 213, Walla Walla.

The Times
Dec. 10, 17, 2015
12-10-g

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA

In the Matter of the Estate of
Alvin O. Knopf
Deceased
NO.: 15-4-00244-7
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS
RCW 11.40.030

The Personal Representative named below has been appointed as Personal Representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the Personal Representative or the Personal Representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the Personal Representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(3); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of this notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both decedent's probate and non-probate assets.

DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: December 10, 2015.

Cora L. Edwards,
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OFFICIAL CALL FOR BIDS: Aggregate for Maintenance Rock

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received at the Walla Walla County Commissioners Office in the Commissioners' Chambers, County Public Health and Legislative Building, 314 West Main, P.O. Box 1506, Walla Walla, Washington until 10:30 A.M. on Monday, January 11, 2016 and will then and there be opened and publicly read.

Aggregate for Maintenance Rock (14,400 Tons for Walla Walla County Delivered to Stockpiles)

Complete bidding information and specifications are available on request from Gerald Mason at the Department of Public Works, 990 Navion Lane, P.O. Box 813, Walla Walla, Washington 99362.

Bids must be sealed and plainly marked:

"SEALED BID - Aggregate for Maintenance Rock"

THE BOARD OF WALLA WALLA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS SUBMITTED.

For the Board of Walla Walla County Commissioners:

By: Randy L. Glaeser, P.E.
Director/County Engineer

Advised: "The Times"
Waitsburg, Washington
99361
December 10 & 17, 2015

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PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

RCW 11.40.030
NO. 144000934

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON

FOR WALLA WALLA COUNTY

In re the Estate of
ALETHA DARLENE LAWSON
Deceased,

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE

The above Court has appointed me as Personal Representative of Decedent's estate. Any person having a claim against the Decedent must present the claim: (a) Before the time when the claim would be barred by any applicable statute of limitations, and (b) In the manner provided in RCW 11.40.070: (i) by filing the original of the claim with the foregoing Court, and (ii) By serving on or mailing to me at the address below a copy of the claim. The claim must be presented by the later of: (a) Thirty (30) days after I served or mailed this Notice as provided in RCW 11.40.020(1) (c), or (b) Four (4) months after the date of first publication of this Notice. If the claim is not presented within this time period, the claim will be forever barred except as provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective for claims against both the Decedent's probate and non-probate assets.

DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE:
November 7th, 2013

/s/Barbara Jo Lawson
Personal Representative
P.O. Box 657
Boring, OR 97009

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Dec. 10, 17, 24, 2015
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The budget committee for the City of Prescott is working on a budget for the fiscal year 2016, starting January 1, 2016 and ending December 31, 2016.

By order of the Council the second public hearing will be held on this matter on Monday, December 14, 2015 at 7 pm in the Prescott City Hall, located at 108 South D Street.

Linda Vannoster,
Clerk-Treasurer
City of Prescott

The Times
Dec. 10, 2015
12-10-k

NOTICE OF FINAL BUDGET HEARING

The Council of the City of Waitsburg is working on a budget for fiscal year 2016 starting January 1, 2016 and ending December 31, 2016.

The Council will hold a final hearing on this matter at the regularly scheduled Council meeting on Thursday, December 17, 2015 at 7:00 p.m., or soon thereafter, at the Waitsburg Fairgrounds Facility Lions Club Memorial Building, 349 E. 10th Waitsburg, Washington, at which time the meeting will be open for public discussion on the proposed 2016 budget. Copies of the proposed budget are available at Waitsburg City Hall, 147 Main Street, Waitsburg, WA or on the City's website www.cityofwaitsburg.com.

Dated this 8th day of December, 2015

City of Waitsburg
By: Randy Hinchliffe, City Clerk

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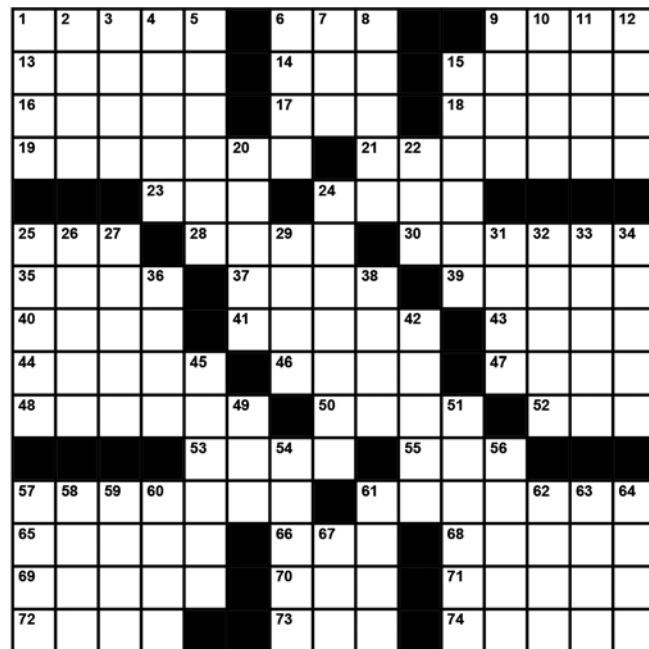
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