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Photos by Russ Knopp

(Top) Students and their parents were honored for their hard work so far this DW football season on Senior Night. (Bottom left) Newly renovated commercial kitchens at the Waitsburg School District Open House held Oct. 19. (Bottom right) The Kenneth M. Zuger Field House dedication ceremony.

Columbia Co. Planning Commission Denies Bitcoin Mining Application

PLANNING DEPT. SAYS THE PROPOSAL IS INCONSISTENT WITH GOALS OF COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—The Delany Room was packed on Monday night as the Columbia County

Planning Commission heard from the public and from stakeholders interested in a Site Plan Development Agreement Application for a proposed bitcoin mining center to be located on Columbia Rural Electric Administration property east of Dayton.

After a short presentation from Leonard Ruff, the architect for the applicant, Eastern Mineland LLC, and followed by a lengthy Q&A session, the three members of Planning Commission present deliberated on the merits of the bitcoin mining center and voted to deny the application.

County Planning Dept. staff had recommended denial of the application based on inconsistency with the policies and goals of the Columbia County Comprehensive Plan.

“There is no bias here,” said Planning Director Meagan Bailey. “As the Planner I have reviewed the applicable codes and I do not find it is a good use for our land.”

Bailey said the proposal did not meet the goals for carefully planned growth, preserving small town character, or protecting the county from businesses with unwanted en-

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Commissioners Adopt Final Comp Plan Update Docket

PLANNING COMMISSION REMOVES TWO PROPOSED CHANGES AFTER NEGATIVE RESPONSE

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—Columbia County Planning Director Meagan Bailey presented a list of 10 final docket items for inclusion in the 2020 Comprehensive Plan update to the board of county commissioners last week.

However, Docket Items 8 and 9, which drew the most negative response from the public during an October 8 planning commission meeting, were removed.

Bailey told the commissioners that Docket Item 8 was a request from the planning staff to revise the AR-2 minimum parcel size, which is a 10 acre/dwelling unit maximum density, and is more commonly called the “4 in 40” zone.

Bailey said the reason for the request was because the 4 in 40 standard is difficult to track administratively, given its malleability.

In theory, three one-acre lots and one 37-acre lot can be divided from a 40-acre parcel, which meets the legal requirements of this zone, said Bailey.

“However the intent is potentially dismissed in this proposal, as we are creating numerous small acre lots,” she said.

Tracking and determining the point where you measure the existing and proposed density is another problem, Bailey said. She said planning staff requested to be allowed to review this standard, to set a minimum lot size, and retreat from the density standard.

“The intent here was to offer more predictable growth, and to provide clearer lot dimension regulations for future subdivisions, if the public agreed with our interpretation of the intent of the code,” she said.

Port Executive Director Jennie Dickinson who was at the Oct. 8 planning commission meeting warned that some of the resource lands in AR-2 areas, which are timber and grazing areas, are too small to divide.

A comment was made that without a zoning map to look at it was difficult to ascertain exact locations.

Docket Item 9 was a request from the planning staff to possibly amend the A-1 zoning code to lower/change the current 40 acre lot size minimum in the agricultural zones, for the purpose of preserving Prime and Unique farmland, which is

COMP PLAN- PAGE 7

Transportation Manager Robanske Placed on Administrative Leave

CCPT COMMISSIONERS HAVE NO COMMENT ON REASONS FOR ACTION, OR DURATION

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—The Columbia County Public Transportation Board of Commissioners has placed General Manager Dwight Robanske on paid administrative leave without giving any explanation as to what is being investigated, or why.

County Commissioner Mike Talbott said that an investigation will begin this week when attorneys from the state risk pool are brought up to date on the issue.

“We don’t know anything, and we’re not going to know anything, until they make their decision,” said Talbott.

Meanwhile the CCPT staff will cover duties normally performed by Robanske, with oversight from Steve Mertens, the CCPT Finance Officer, and from CCPT Commissioners.

In January 2017, Robanske following 16 years as a Columbia County Commissioner, took over as interim manager of CCPT in March, 2017, after the former general manager was placed on administrative leave, pending an investigation into various claims made from within the transit agency.

Early this year Robanske was appointed permanent General Manager.

TOUCHET VALLEY LIFE

NEWS BRIEFS

BOOGRASS ON SUNDAY

WAITSBURG—BooGrass, a Halloween-themed concert and silent auction, will be held Sunday at The Plaza Theater at 4 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and are available at the door.

BooGrass will raise funds for the Touchet Valley Acoustic Music Project to continue teaching music, as well as help with the June, 2019 planned trip for Switchgrass Delta to travel to Ireland. The group will visit an Irish music school as well as the Westport, Ireland bluegrass festival.

TVAMP is a project of the non-profit Rural Youth Enrichment Services based in Waitsburg. TVAMP teaches local kids to play stringed instruments with an emphasis on bluegrass music. The group currently has enrolled 22 youth aged 7 to 21.

More information can be found at the TVAMP/RYES website at www.ruralyes.org.

TRICK OR TREAT AT THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE

DAYTON—Parents of Columbia County are invited to bring their little ghouls and goblins to the Columbia County Sheriff's Office Halloween afternoon for trick or treat goodies again this year.

For the eighth year, Sheriff Rocky Miller, his staff and volunteers are again offering trick or treat goodies the afternoon of Oct. 31, between 3 and 5 p.m. Volunteers will be at the front steps of the Columbia County Courthouse during those hours distributing bags of goodies donated by the Patit Valley Grange and members of the community.

For the sixth year, members of Columbia County Fire District #3 will also be on hand with emergency vehicles on display, as well as free hotdogs to feed hungry trick or treaters.

FALL HARVEST PARTY

DAYTON—Sunday, October 28, 2018
Waitsburg Christian Church 6th and Main Street
Games 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. inside
4:00 p.m. Trunk or Treat outside the church
All are welcome

COLUMBIA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION OPENING

COLUMBIA COUNTY—The Columbia County Planning Commission is seeking to fill a vacancy in the District 3 seat. The planning commission addresses issues related to zoning, land use and development regulations, and is currently working on the county comprehensive plan update. This is an ideal opportunity for an interested individual to give back and have a voice in the community.

Regular meetings are held the second Monday of the month at 5:30 p.m. at the Planning Department office. The commission will meet on the second and fourth Mondays while the comprehensive plan is being updated. Interested parties must live in District 3, which is the west side of the county. A district map may be found at <http://www.columbiaco.com/DocumentCenter/View/4219>. The open term is to fill an unexpired term, with a term end date of Dec. 31, 2019.

Interested individuals should send a brief bio and cover letter to Planning Director Meagan Baily via email at Meagan_bailey@co.columbia.wa.us or mail to: Planning Department, 114 South 2nd Street, Dayton. Please call the Planning Department at (509) 382-4676 with any questions. Letters will be accepted through Nov. 9.

DAYTON CITY PLANNING COMMISSION OPENINGS

DAYTON—The City of Dayton Planning Commission has two vacancies, providing an opportunity for engaged and motivated city residents to provide input and give back to their community. Regular meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Planning Department office. The vacancies will fill incomplete terms, both ending March 2022.

Interested individuals should send a letter of interest to Planning Director Meagan Baily via email at Meagan_bailey@co.columbia.wa.us or mail to: Planning Department, 114 South 2nd Street, Dayton. Letters will be accepted through Nov. 9. Please call the Planning Department at (509) 382-4676 with any questions.

STORYTELLING PRESENTATION THURSDAY

DAYTON—The Columbia County Rural Library District and Humanities Washington are inviting the public to a conversation with story teller and artist Rituja Indapure about the power of storytelling. The talk will begin at 6 pm. on Thursday in the Delany Room and is free to the public.

Indapure's presentation is called "The Healing Tale: How stories can move us beyond shame."

She will demonstrate how sharing deeply personal stories releases darkness and leads to creative channels and, ultimately, crosses cultural barriers to create societal healing.

Americanisms



"If more politicians in this country were thinking about the next generation instead of the next election, it might be better for the United States and the world."

—Claude Pepper

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BIRTHDAYS

October 25: Judy Skillings, Jacqueline Glover, Jody Peck, Christine Penner, Debbie Moore, Alfred Ritter, Al Peters, Lizzette Crawford.

October 26: Paul Wolfe, Ed Bird, Payton Ng, Dick Buerstatter, Dennis Averill, Jackie Brock, Daniel Pettichord, Jason Delp.

October 27: Warren Talbott, Nichole Zuger, Rod Bailey III, Quincy Larsen.

October 28: Mary Senter

October 29: Daniel Reese, Kaia and Ania Larsen, Paul Presler, Nicholas Lodato, Seamus House.

October 30: Judy Bradley, Barbie Thompson, Ken Colby, Cindy Hofer, Robert Peddinani, Meghan Conrath, Aryn Davis.

October 31: Virginia Nichol, Ben Lincoln, Pami Wallis, Sarah Henze, B.A. Keve.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

FROM

The Times

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SAVE THE DATE: Fashion Flea Market, October 27, 1-4pm First Congregational Church. Purses, jewelry, scarves, shoes, ties, etc. If you would like to donate any of these items, please email me at teenyumcmnn63@gmail.com

The hardest thing about any political campaign is how to win without proving you are unworthy of winning.

Adlai E. Stevenson

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COMMENT

LETTERS

SUPPORT URGED FOR SHOCHET

Dear Editor,
I am writing to urge you to support Cathy Loftus Shochet for Columbia County Treasurer.

Cathy has all the necessary experience to be the next Treasurer. She has been the Chief Deputy Treasurer for 3 years which makes her extremely well qualified to move up to the Treasurer position. She already knows all the routines and computer systems that are used in the Treasurers' office so there would be a seamless transition to Treasurer. Cathy recently received training in the new systems that will be implemented at the office.

She has extensive experience in the business world and working with large budgets. Working in the aerospace industry, she acquired the ability to use complex software systems and work within a large organization. Management skills were necessary at her position in the staffing industry. She utilized these skills as the Port of Columbia Auditor.

When you go into the Treasurer's office, you find that Cathy is pleasant and helpful.

Cathy already has the skills and experience to be the Columbia County Treasurer. I urge you to support her for Columbia County Treasurer.

Leah Stockton
Dayton

SUPPORT URGED FOR CRIDER

Dear Editor,
As the race for Walla Walla County Sheriff continues, I keep seeing and hearing how the Sheriff's Office needs to go back to the way it was. Why would some of the citizens of Walla Walla County want the operations of the Sheriff's Office to go backwards? Even though there have been changes at the Sheriff's Office throughout the years, the last eight years have seen improvements that help serve the citizens of Walla Walla County better. Deputies have also benefited from this with more training, better equipment, hiring of quality people, and bringing back the K-9 units. I have been with the Sheriff's Office for the last 27 years, working as a Correction Officer, Reserve Deputy, and a Patrol Deputy for 20 of those years. I have experienced these changes first hand. Mark Crider has the experience and qualifications to continue moving the Sheriff's Office forward into the future. So please join me in voting Mark Crider for Walla Walla County Sheriff.

Brian Bush
Waitsburg

Letters Welcome

The Times invites readers to share their thoughts on our Opinion Page. Letters to the Editor can be emailed to us at editor@waitsburgtimes.com, or mailed to The Times at P.O. Box 97, Waitsburg, WA 99361. Letters can also be hand-delivered to our office. Deadline for letters is Tuesday at noon.

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I ENDORSE DAIN NYSOE WITH NO RESERVATIONS

Dear Editor,
Awesome!

I'm writing today to encourage you to support my nephew Dain Nysoe for Columbia County commissioner. Yesterday I was driving around and ended up at the ranch, the home where I grew up. It's so beautiful here! Everywhere you look there is a panorama of color, blue sky, the mountains: it's awesome. It's great to be home: this is where the heart is.

Dain grew up here too and he loves it like I do. One of my early memories of Dain is when he was a kid and I was driving wheat truck: he would flag me down, "Stop, stop, stop!" Along with his two younger red-headed freckled-faced brothers--- they all wanted a ride along to Turner. Now you would wonder why: we were thirsty, it was hot, it was dusty, but it

was fun! Unlike my siblings (who still rode horses to school), like me, Dain rode the bus down Lewis Gulch and the Patit to school in town. We shared the same experiences, the same values and the same love of family and home!

I'm the oldest one alive who has known Dain since he was born! I can endorse Dain with no reservation and total confidence! I know Dain will always put the best interest of the County and its citizens first. I have watched Dain grow into the mature, honest, and fine man he is today. I'm marking my ballot for Nysoe, the best person for the job! I hope you will do the same.

I'm a proud loyal resident of Columbia County.

Dwyla Donohue
Dayton

FOR LOVE OF COMMUNITY, VOTE FOR BROWN

Dear Editor,

I personally know three people, owners of businesses on Dayton's Main Street, who left them—closed them or otherwise got out—to take jobs with public agencies that offered benefits that included health insurance. I also know three others--young, talented employees of Dayton businesses--who left those jobs to take employment with public agencies that offered benefits that included health insurance. And I count three storefronts on Dayton's Main Street that were occupied by private sector businesses, but after lying empty for some while, were occupied by public agencies. They're our public agencies, yes,

and we need them, but do we need them to locate on Main Street?

There may be more; you may know of instances I don't know about. This has been a slow shift over several years. And my heart sank a little with the news of each event. Dayton has a really quite wonderful core of people who take pride in local initiative and putting local effort into adding value, beautifying and making this community thrive. But this issue of health insurance cannot be solved locally; it's directly linked to what happens in congress.

How long is long enough to go on assuming that sending a Republican to congress is good for

business and not make the connection to this creeping attrition going on in the business of our Main Street before our very eyes?

We can only know what Lisa Brown says and that she would contribute very strong political and institutional experience to the congress. But we do know from 14 years of actual experience what Cathy will NOT do if we send her back and that she's saying as little as possible about it in hopes we'll do that yet again.

I say for love of your community, break this cycle and send Lisa Brown to Congress.

Marilyn Putney
Dayton

SUPPORT URGED FOR NYSOE

Dear Editor,

At the AAUW Candidates Forum in Dayton, both of the Columbia County Commissioner candidates appeared to be intelligent, conscientious and likeable citizens. The obvious and most important difference, however, was their level of administrative experience.

The County Commissioner position is not a political position - - - it is an administrative position. Commissioners are expected to raise and wisely use funds from a variety of sources, administer a budget of about \$15 million annually, manage a lot of county employees and their activities, and respond to the needs of all the county's citizens.

While some of the county's budget comes from local taxes, a lot of it now comes from city, state, federal

and other sources, much of it through complex agreements that need to be applied for and negotiated with other government agencies. This is not the Columbia County of 1950.

Dain Nysoe has had many years of successfully administering a variety of private and public positions, including large budgets and staff. His opponent appears to be a nice a guy, but he does not have much experience.

If you wish Columbia County assets to be funded and administered efficiently, I suggest voting for Dain Nysoe.

Thank you,
Val Kiefer
Dayton

CRIDER IS CLEAR CHOICE

Dear Editor,

In these last few days before Election Day I've been thinking about respect. In a recent letter to the Union-Bulletin editor a man wrote that he didn't think being a fighter pilot would make Mark Crider a better sheriff. Crider served this country for 10 years as a Naval aviator, commanding men & women and managing million-dollar budgets. He obeyed orders from superiors while looking out for the welfare of his troops. That is leadership, and that is what will make him a better sheriff than his opponent. Crider served his country in the US Navy and in 22 years at the FBI. He deserves our respect, as do the other men & women in the Sheriff's Dept. Another letter compared sheriff's deputies to the brown shirts of Nazi Germany. In the sheriff's race

the majority of the deputies and many of their spouses have taken an enormous risk by speaking out in support of Crider to be the next sheriff. And this person compared them to Nazis? That was completely disrespectful to people who put their lives on the line for us every day for low pay under dangerous working conditions. We should respect those deputies' right to be led by someone they respect, someone who has more & varied experience than they do, someone who has the discipline, knowledge, and leadership skills to protect them and all of Walla Walla County. Someone who gained those skills in the military & in law enforcement. The training & experience Mark Crider brings to the sheriff's office could not be learned on the football field or in security at an expensive private college.

Mark Crider's opponent makes much of the fact he was born & raised here. Much is made that his father was in law enforcement here. But that father wasn't born here, and yet he was hired here. Why the hypocrisy now? We should respect all Walla Walla County residents, whether they got here yesterday or 100 years ago. We should respect the fine officers of the sheriff's department by voting for the person the vast majority of them endorse as their clear choice for our next sheriff: Mark Crider. He is honorable, kind, intelligent, innovative, funny, and very good in his leadership role at the Sheriff's Office. Cast your ballot and do the right thing. Please.

Virginia Romine
Waitsburg

WHY I SUPPORT MARK CRIDER

Dear Editor,

I support Mark Crider for Walla Walla County Sheriff.

I was born in Mexico and came to the United States in 1990 at the age of 10. I have lived in Walla Walla since 1992 and attended Walla Walla public schools; graduating in 1999 from WA-HI. As a legal resident, I served in the Marine Corps for four years and received an honorable discharge. After my enlistment, I worked 6 years for BMAC conducting community outreach work as a neighborhood organizer for Commitment to Community. I've worked as an intervention specialist at both Edison and WA-HI; where I also coached 9th grade soccer. In 2015, I took a job at the Juvenile Justice Center as a Juvenile Detention Officer. In 2016, I accepted a job as a Sheriff's Deputy with Garfield County. I worked in Garfield County just short of two years before accepting a deputy position with the Walla Walla County Sheriff's Office. I have been a Deputy here for over three months and feel honored to serve the Walla Walla Valley and its residents.

I want readers to ask themselves if I would be considered local; if I am qualified to protect them as I was not even born in the United States let alone in Wal-

la Walla. I want readers to ask themselves how did I serve in the Marine Corps as a legal resident and then work for BMAC, the Walla Walla School District, Juvenile Justice Center, and now a Deputy Sheriff for Walla Walla.

When serving this great country, I was never asked where I was from. I was a Marine and that's all it took for people to know where my core values stood. I was hired as a deputy in Garfield County because my life experiences said something other being local. Garfield County did not hire me because of their Spanish speaking population. They hired me to serve and protect the citizens of Garfield County and to uphold Washington State Law.

I have done my homework as I have always done before deciding what's going to affect my family's life. I was not born here, I am not local. I spent many years to be where I am and sacrificed years to be here. I am a proud deputy with the Walla Walla County Sheriff's Office and am my own person. I am supporting Mark Crider for Walla Walla County Sheriff.

Federico Diaz
Deputy Sheriff
Walla Walla County Sheriff's Office



Courtesy photo

The Columbia County Public Health Department received a grant from the state to purchase car seats and boosters for families with financial need. Chelsey Eaton, Program Coordinator for the health department, demonstrated the ease with which an AED can be used.

Public Health Department Receives Grant for AEDs, Car Seats and Boosters

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—Chelsey Eaton has been busy since beginning work three months ago as the program coordinator for the county public health department.

Eaton said the health department just received a grant for \$6,000 from Puget Sound Energy Foundation to purchase automated external defibrillators (AEDs) replacement batteries and pads, for the ones already in use, and for training personnel in how to use them in real life situations.

"I went around the community and quite a few were expired," said Eaton.

Many agencies in the county already have AEDs. For instance, there are AEDs at Ski Bluewood, in the county courthouse, at the senior center and in the lobby of the Sheriff's Department, said Eaton.

The plan is to place AEDs at the county fairgrounds, at the golf course and at The Club, and to keep them up to date.

Eaton said she found the best price for the AEDs from a company called Heart Smart. The cost for each AED is \$1,245 and the pads are \$144 each, she said.

"It's been a lot of fun to research, get the training, and feel confident you are doing it right," she said.

Eaton said she is also going to receive training in Kennewick next month for certification as a car seat technician.

The health department has received a \$5,000 grant for car seats and boosters through the state Child Passenger Safety Program. The goal is to reduce the number of deaths from serious injuries to children resulting from traffic crashes on Washington state roads.

"I believe we are going to be able to purchase car seats for anyone who needs one," said Eaton.

She said the distribution will be to families with financial need. A certified car seat technician will demonstrate their proper use, she said.

Dementia: It's Everyone's Business

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FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

Financial Preparedness

As we saw last session, the Legislature diverted \$700 million away from the Budget Stabilization Account (aka BSA or Rainy Day Fund). A 2007 constitutional amendment, which was approved by the voters, requires automatic transfers to the BSA. Based on a legal technicality, that automatic transfer was diverted before it ever made it to the BSA, **ignoring the intent of that amendment and the will of the voters.**

These automatic savings were designed to require long term planning for future economic recessions. A strong reserve account is essential to maintain services for our most vulnerable populations when the economy suffers its next downturn. I support increasing state reserves.

Income Tax

The voters of Washington State have been clear on numerous occasions – **they do not want an income tax.** Income tax measures have been on the ballot ten times - 1934, 1936, 1938, 1942, 1944, 1970, 1973, 1975, 1982 and 2010. Each time, the voters rejected those proposals. In addition, the state Supreme Court has been clear that past income tax proposals were unconstitutional.

Today, we have seen a renewed push to impose a capital gains income tax as a way to increase revenues to the state. A capital gains tax is not a good fit for Washington when taking into account constitutional issues, the will of the voters, and the inherent unfairness of targeting those who have chosen capital investments as part of their personal financial planning. I oppose income tax and its similar counterpart, capital gains tax.



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DW Overrun by Columbia, 56-6

DW CAN'T DIG OUT OF FIRST-QUARTER HOLE DURING SENIOR NIGHT GAME IN WAITSBURG

By Ken Graham | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—The Dayton-Waitsburg football team dug themselves an early hole against Columbia Burbank Friday night, and couldn't climb out of it, losing the game, 56-6.

After an early safety, CB scored four touchdowns in the first quarter to jump to a 30-0 lead. After each team scored in the second quarter, CB led 36-6 at the half. Chris Andrews got DW's only touchdown of the game on a four-yard run in the second.

DW again had a strong running game, gaining 158 yards on the ground. Andrews led his team with 87 yards on 20 carries. Damien Johnson had four carries for 41 yards. Quarterback Brayden Miller completed two of four pass attempts for 14 yards. Andrews had both receptions.

DW travels to Pasco this weekend for its final game of the season, against Tri-Cities Prep.

Burbank: 30-6-7-13 - 56
DW: 0-6-0-0 - 6

Burbank- Safety
Burbank- Frimodt 17 yard pass from

Martin (Martin pass to Schafer)
Burbank- Garcia 44 yard run (kick failed).
Burbank- Mullen 31 yard pass from Martin (run failed).
Burbank- Garcia 59 yard run (Garcia run).
Burbank- Garcia 8 yard run (kick failed).
DW- Andrews 4 yard run (run failed).
Burbank- Martin 2 yard run (kick good).
Burbank- Debord 7 yard run (kick good).
Burbank- Garcia 20 yard pass from Good (kick failed)

Team Statistics:

Burbank	-	DW
First Downs	12-7	
Rushes yards	36-306,	34-158
Passing yards	120,	14
Passes (att-comp-INT's)	9-6-0,	4-2-1.
Punts	3,	4
Fumbles lost	0-0,	5-3
Penalties-yards	2-25,	7-48

Individual Statistics:
Rushing- Burbank: A. Garcia 16-229-2, Debord 11-47-1, Martin 2-13-1, Olivia 4-22, Good 3-(-5); DW: Andrews 20-87-1, Miller 7-26, Williams 3-4, Johnson 4-41.
Passing- Burbank: Martin 5-8-0 100 yards 2 TD's, Good 1-1-0 20 yards 1 TD; DW: Miller 2-4-1, 14 yards.
Receiving- Burbank: Frimodt 1-17-1, Mullen 2-53-1, I Garcia 3-50-1; DW: Andrews 2-14-0.

DW Girls Fall to WWVA, Beat White Swan to End Regular Season

VOLLEYBALL TEAM FALLS TO WHITE SWAN IN FIRST PLAYOFF ROUND MONDAY

By Ken Graham | THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—The Dayton-Waitsburg volleyball team took on the number one team in the state, Walla Walla Valley Academy, on the road on Oct. 16 and fell in straight sets, 25-19, 25-13, 25-17.

"This was our second time playing WWVA," said Coach Tara Brenner. "I felt that DW played tough against the number-one team in the state. We made them work for it and in return we as a team have grown."

For the Match, Devon Harshman had 11 Kills and Kaleigh White had seven. Harshman also had nine blocks. Tatum Laughery had 17 digs. Mya Wood had eight assists.

On Oct. 18, DW traveled to White Swan and defeated the home team three sets to one, 18-25, 25-22, 25-21, 25-18.

"I am very proud of the way DW played with White Swan," Brenner said. "We have a few injured players, which lead to changing up the offense. It took the first set to adjust to the change, but the ladies pushed through and played tough."

Harshman had 18 kills in the match and White added 12. Wood had five aces, and Harshman and Neylan Bryan each had four. Harshman had six blocks and Laughery had 23 digs.

On Monday night, DW faced White Swan again at home in the first playoff round and fell three sets to two, 25-21, 25-22, 10-25, 22, 25, 15-10. Stats were unavailable at press time.

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GETTING READY FOR THE SEASON



Photo by Michele Smith

Main Street wouldn't look the same were it not for the outstanding efforts of Pacific Power Lineman Doug Hinds. Hinds has been busy wrapping the lamp posts on Dayton's Main Street with LED light strings. He said he will soon begin placing the Christmas banners on the lamp posts, and he will trim the Christmas tree in front of Elk Drug with lights for Christmas Kickoff, and the Christmas season. He will also help Dayton Elementary School kids hang Christmas decorations on the tree.

Dayton School Board Report

October 18, 2018

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—The state of Washington has recognized the Dayton Elementary and Dayton Middle School for sustained improvement in student assessments over a five year period.

“So that’s something to be happy with,” said Superintendent Doug Johnson at last week’s school board meeting.

The Educational Service District will host an award ceremony for the schools in their region sometime in the near future, he said.

Johnson also said that there are some students in the district experiencing homelessness, but there are Title I dollars to connect them to resources in the community. Johnson said he recently attended a workshop called McKinney Vento, which is training to help students who are homeless.

Fall sports are wrapping up and winter sport preparations are underway. Johnson said practice schedules and transportation issues will be discussed

at the next Athletic Combine Meeting.

A bus driver is needed at the end of the day to field students back to Waitsburg, or Dayton, he said.

Johnson said the District’s new website should be up and running around the first part of November. Content is currently being moved to the website.

30 letters went out last week to remind parents about getting their children’s immunizations up to date, or to file an exemption. Parents have 30 days to comply, said Johnson.

Johnson said manufacturer technicians are on site to complete the boiler installation and testing.

High school principal Kristina Brown said the Healthy Youth Survey is being administered to students in grades 6 through 11 by the health department. The data will assist community groups to write grants for projects which support making healthy choices.

Brown also said that the music program is hosting a regional Mass Band Concert from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. on Oct. 24. Tickets will be sold at the door and the cost is \$10 per family, \$5 per adult, and \$3 per student/senior.

A District safety meeting was held Oct. 10 to address concerns from students and staff.

The PSAT exam was recently administered to students wanting to take it.

Parent/student/teacher conferences are on Nov. 7 and 8, in the afternoons and evenings, said Brown.

Brown said discipline referrals are down, as the staff is working on restorative discipline practices.

Christobal Garcia, who is public relations manager for the high school ASB, briefed the board about homecoming week activities and other events. He said a “pink out” day for breast cancer awareness will be held Oct. 31. Students will be encouraged to wear pink and donate change to cancer research.

Garcia also said there will be a Red Cross blood drive in the high school gym on Nov. 14.

High school students Kaleigh White and Aliah Picarella came before the Board to request permission for this year’s graduates to decorate their graduation caps. The board took an advisory vote to allow them to proceed, and the motion passed.

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the vast majority of land in Columbia County, and to offer smart growth in areas that are suitable for development.

Bailey said the areas that did not meet true Prime and Unique Farmlands by definition would receive a new zoning definition with applicable lot dimensions and standards, thereby pushing development away from Prime farmland, and into an area that is known to be less productive, based on the best available science.

“In essence we were interested in exploring diversifying the zoning classifications within Columbia County and adding more varietal lot dimensions for future growth and development,” Bailey said.

Clay Hutchens who farms, and serves on the Conservation District Board, was at the Oct. 8 planning commission meeting.

He said he thought it was very dangerous to mix residential and agricultural land uses.

Landowner and farmer Skip Mead agreed saying mixing land uses poses a potential hazard to neighbor relations.

“We need to give this a lot more consideration before we go below 40 acres,” said Mead.

“None of the goals of the Growth Management Act

is improved on by this,” added Columbia County resident Amy Amerein.

“We should protect resource lands,” said Dickinson. “But we should not be afraid to have a discussion, look at the land, and have a healthy discussion.”

Commissioner Swan Eaton said, “We are community representatives. We are not going forward with anything our community is not for.”

Docket Items 8 and 9 were struck from the list and the planning commission added Docket Item 11, which calls for a more thorough general review and further public discussion of the Agricultural, Agricultural Residential, Commercial and Industrial, and Recreational and Watershed zones.

Items 1 through 7, and 10 through 12 were adopted by the BOCC for inclusion in the 2020 Comprehensive Plan update.

These were:

1. To remove from the Urban Growth Area acreage in the northwest, which is primarily in the floodway, and acreage in the northeast, which is the site of an existing rock pit, and add UGA to the east end of the City of Dayton, along with additional acreage on the west end of town, where the Blue Mountain Station is predicted to develop in the future. This ensures a near-even transfer, according to Planning Commission staff.

2. To adopt the Blue Mountain Region Trails Plan into the Comprehensive Plan.

3. For the county and incorporated areas to work together and revise and update the historic county-wide planning policies.

4. To establish docketing procedures within the county Code.

5. For commencement of a review by consultant to assess the county’s compliance with the Growth Management Act for protection of water resources in the county.

6. For a request from the BOCC regarding the potential to develop a Law and Justice building, and jail on the east end of the City of Dayton proximal to the Public Works Department.

7. To include the Planned Unit Development Ordinance into the Comprehensive Plan.

10. To include “addition of plastic recycling bins” for improved recycling facilities in the county.

11. Conduct a comprehensive review of zoning criterion, of Columbia County, including lot minimums, lot dimensions, setback requirements, road frontage, as determined by the planning commission and Comprehensive Plan work groups.

12. To open up the square footage of an accessory dwelling from the current allowable 800 sq. ft.

Waitsburg City Council Report

Oct. 17, 2018

By Emma Philbrook | THE TIMES

Present at last week’s meeting of the Waitsburg City Council were Mayor Marty Dunn and Council members K.C. Kuykendall, Terry Jacoy, Kevin House and Kate Hockersmith – as well as student representative Leena Baker, who has returned to the Council for another year of service.

The meeting began with a presentation by a representative of the Walla Walla County Department of Community Health concerning a recently released report on the department’s spending in areas related to affordable housing and homelessness. The purpose of the presentation was to ensure that “more of our community partners are aware of these dollars,” and to detail the department’s plans to better include the Waitsburg area in the services it provides.

Eventually, the department hopes to have a designated Waitsburg representative seated on its Council on Housing. Councilman Kuykendall commended the program’s efforts, stating that his “hope is that you guys figure out a formula that is not just turning the crank, but will help people get out of this debilitating state.”

An update to the Capital Facilities Plan passed unanimously, although many of the projects listed therein (such as a \$1.6 million remodel to City Hall) will likely be far in the future.

Then again, there’s been a recent increase in the city’s revenues. Between construction permitting fees – from new single-family homes and the Waitsburg School District’s levy-supported projects – and surging property sales, City Clerk Randy Hinchliffe says that the current upswing in revenue is “probably the highest I’ve ever seen.” The council unanimously amended the budget to take this wind-fall into account.

The State Public Works Board has granted the city a \$90,000 loan to begin water-line upgrades on Taggart Road, from Highway 12 to Dewitt Road, and in the eastern portion of the city.

An informational kiosk provided by the Port of Walla Walla is set to be placed near the central area of Main Street soon. One side will feature a street map highlighting Waitsburg businesses and attractions, the other a map of the Walla Walla Valley as a whole.

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vironmental impacts. In her report she noted the potential for nuisance code violations due to long-term, low-level consistent noise. She said she welcomes public comments.

“They open the door to concerns and issues that I may not have covered in my review,” she said.

Bailey noted in her report a significant amount of public concern regarding the potential for high electricity and water consumption, if the bitcoin mining center were approved.

This, and other concerns, such as the lack of job creation, infrastructure requirements, potential water shortages and possible higher rates for tax payers were expressed by people at the meeting.

Julia Mead summed it up. “It seems like we’re going to use a lot of natural resources for this. I don’t think we have the services and support for what it is going to give back to us,” she said.

Chris Mills, the County Assessor, was asked to weigh in on the tax implications. She said the project would be a “totally” personal property project.

“They are going to rent land from REA, and that 2.8 acres will be taxed to REA, but all the equipment that goes on will be listed as personal property, and will be placed on a depreciation schedule.”

According to Mills, the computers have a five-year life before being reduced to 10% of their original cost. The cooling equipment, containers and security cameras go down to 5 to 15% of the original cost within 12 years, she said. For instance, at the end of 12 years the value of a \$5,000 unit would be \$600.

“So whatever they’re not paying, everybody else picks up,” she said.

Officials from the Port of Columbia submitted a letter in favor of the application, and it was read during the meeting by Kathryn Witherington, the Port’s Economic Development Coordinator.

Witherington read, in part, “Comments have been heard from the community members stating one reason this application should be denied is because of the limited local economic impact. We find this thinking to be very concerning for our community. A huge number of businesses here are one and two-person mom and pop operations, with little asset values.

“Columbia County counts its successes one job at a time. Economic development in a rural community is hard. We do not want to look unfriendly to businesses, and we do not support making site development decisions based on someone else’s perceived value, or lack of value of a private business,” she read.

The Planning Commission’s decision to deny the Eastern Mineland, LLC Site Plan Development Application can be appealed in writing to the Board of County Commissioners, within 10 days, according to Bailey.

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