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NEW A.D.

New Dayton School District Athletic Director Vicki Luper is enjoying the challenges that come with her new position.

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WE'VE GOT THE BEAT



Photo by Dena Martin

Tiger Beat, a group of Prescott 2nd through 5th graders, have been meeting before school to practice a drumming and dribbling routine that they will perform during halftime of Prescott's Senior Night basketball game against Pomeroy. See story on Page 7.

COUNCIL CONSIDERS VACANT STOREFRONTS

City looks at incentives to help fill empty buildings

By Dena Martin | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG – City officials across the country are faced with the problem of what to do about empty storefronts in their business districts and Waitsburg is no different. A Main Street filled with vacant storefronts is a visual blight and leaves tourists and residents looking elsewhere for something to do or buy. The topic of how to fix the problem was on last week's city council agenda.

The council had previously requested that City Manager Randy Hinchliffe look into what could be done about the empty buildings lining Waitsburg's Main Street. Hinchliffe said he has researched imposing some kind of vacant building fee but said that Washington State prohibits any unnecessary tax or

fee. However, he said it may be possible to impose a standby fee for utility services.

"Do you want to impose something like that to either encourage the landowner to do something with the building or maybe give them the final nudge to sell the property? If they know they're going to face a utility bill every month, it might be what they need to encourage them to sell the building, but it's kind of a slippery slope," Hinchliffe said.

Council member KC Kuykendall said he would rather see the city help landowners make a successful business model.

"I'd rather see us go in a one-hundred-eighty degree opposite direction and see how we can help businesses make a viable opportunity," Kuykendall said.

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Taggart Road Project gets a 'go' in 3-2 vote

Nelson & Moreno is prepared to begin construction in February

By Dena Martin | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG – After spending more than an hour weighing the pros and cons, the Waitsburg City Council approved Resolution 2019-692, awarding the Taggart Road Extension Project to Moreno & Nelson Construction, at their Jan. 16 council meeting.

The approval, which is contingent upon a release for construction package being completed and available for review at the February council meeting, passed with a 3-2 vote. Council members KC Kuykendall, Kevin House and Jim Romine voted in favor of the project with Terry Jacoy and Kate Hockersmith voting opposed.

The project will straighten Taggart Road, which now has two 90-degree corners between Millrace Road and Highway 12. It will also move the Highway 12 intersection from its current exit next to Sam's Corner convenience store, which is located just after a curve in the highway and where large trees block the view of oncoming traffic, thereby eliminating those safety issues.

It is also expected that the straightening project will aid in further development. The City's water model is based on the expectation that residential development will eventually occur in the area, where land has been annexed and two subdivisions have previously been proposed. Plans include a looping water system that will run alongside the new road extension and which will greatly improve water pressure to the east end of the City.

The road straightening project has been listed on the City's 6-year Transportation Plan at least 10 years, according to City Manager Randy Hinchliffe. The City has procured an easement and the project is factored into the 2019 budget. Still, the council voiced several concerns.

Council member Jacoy said he understood the water need but felt that putting in a road that would currently serve two residences should be left to the eventual developer to fund rather than the City.

Hinchliffe said that the City has gone through the process to get an easement for the extension and that the infrastructure will help incentivize development.

Council member KC Kuykendall agreed with the need

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Helping Starbuck students learn through better nutrition

The Columbia County Health Department is raising funds to provide meals for Starbuck students

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON – There is a kitchen, but there is no breakfast or lunch program for the 18 K-8 students and seven preschoolers enrolled in the Starbuck School District. Surprisingly, that's nothing new. There hasn't been for about 15 years, according to Starbuck School District Superintendent Kevin Graffis.

"That's just not acceptable," said County Public Health Director Martha Lanman. "We don't know how many are coming to school without breakfast."

That could be remedied if school and public health officials have their way. Lanman thinks it will cost around \$8,000 to fund a food program until the end of this school year.

She has already received a pledge from Columbia Pulp, LLC for \$1,000 and another pledge of \$100 every month for the rest of the year, from an anonymous donor.

Lanman said the kitchen will need to be inspected and brought up to code before it can be used. An application to the USDA School Lunch Grant Program will follow, she said.



Photo by Michele Smith
Martha Lanman (l) and Carol Wildman (background) look on as Columbia Pulp CEO John Begley presents a \$1,000 check to Starbuck School District Superintendent Kevin Graffis (r). The award will help fund a breakfast and lunch program in the Starbuck school until the end of this school year.

"I think it's a great program," Lanman said. "For these kids to have that nutritional value to help them learn every day is so important."

Graffis agrees. "This is going to be great," he said. "We'll keep our fingers crossed."

He said the students are getting milk and nutrition bars, but he is looking forward to being able to provide them with breakfast and lunch.

Lanman said the staff at Blue Mountain Counseling, in Dayton, first brought the plight of Starbuck students to the attention of the staff in the Health Department.

They reported that some of the students are only eating Top Ramen noodles

at school.

In the meantime, Starbuck students are getting fresh fruit every week due to the financial generosity of the Board of Columbia County Commissioners and the generosity of the staff at Blue Mountain Counseling, who deliver fruit each Wednesday.

Lanman said the Health Department provides fresh fruit to students visiting the Dayton High School office, and the principal's office. She said that has had a positive impact on their nutritional status, and it has enhanced the relationship between the students and staff.

"The fruit is always gone," she said.

Kudos!

DEANNA COULSTON PASSES NATIONAL BOARDS

By Dena Martin | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—Waitsburg fourth grade teacher Deanna Coulston has reason to celebrate. After three years of hard work, Coulston is now certified as a National Board Middle Childhood Generalist.

National Board Certification is the highest professional distinction available in education, according to Waitsburg Superintendent Jon Mishra, who congratulated Coulston at the January school board meeting.

Coulston said she was willing to work around her job and family to pursue National Board certification to improve her practice and to challenge herself.

"I believe that being an educator is evidence that I am committed to my students and their learning. I believe that being an educator means I am an import-

ant part of making this world a better place. I understand the power of my words and my ability to influence the kids who make up my classroom. I recognize the importance of seeing the whole child, which includes their social, physical, emotional and intellectual needs.

Coulston said she worked together with a cohort of other local area teachers. Board certification is divided into four components: content knowledge, the ability to differentiate instruction, the ability to mold teaching and the learning environment to students' needs and learning to be an effective and reflective practitioner.

Coulston currently holds a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education and plans to continue her education to gain her Masters degree.

"Being a Board certified teacher brings leadership and mentoring



Deanna Coulston

opportunities as well as financial benefits," Coulston said.

Dayton School District teachers Shayna Hutchens and Dave Phillips also achieved National Board Certification in November.

LOREN NEGRON RECEIVES WSU REGENTS SCHOLARSHIP

By Dena Martin | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG - Waitsburg High School senior Loren Negrón has been awarded the Washington State University Distinguished Regents Scholars Award. The scholarship covers full WSU tuition and mandatory fees for four years.

Negrón is currently taking classes full time at Walla Walla Community College through the Running Start program but the honor students has been an active part of the Waitsburg High School student body during her years at WHS.

Negrón won the creed competition at the Washington State FFA Convention as a freshman, is an American Legion Auxiliary Essay winner, is a National Honor Society member, has performed with honor band, and has served as student body secretary, among other achievements.

The WSU Regents Scholars Program recognizes Washington's best high school students for their hard work and academic accomplishments. Approximately 10 students receive the Distinguished Regents Scholar award each year.



Loren Negrón

Touchet Valley Weather

Jan. 23, 2019

Waitsburg's Seven Day Forecast

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|------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|
| | | | | | | |
| Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday | Monday | Tuesday |
| Rain Likely | Partly Cloudy Areas of Fog | Partly Cloudy Areas of Fog | Partly Cloudy Areas of Fog | Partly Cloudy Areas of Fog | Mostly Sunny Areas of Fog | Mostly Sunny |
| High: 49 Low: 36 | High: 47 Low: 35 | High: 45 Low: 34 | High: 43 Low: 33 | High: 45 Low: 35 | High: 42 Low: 32 | High: 47 Low: 37 |

Weather Trivia

What was the most snowfall recorded from a single storm?

1981 - 189 inches fell at Mt. Shasta, Calif.

1982 - 189 inches fell at Mt. Shasta, Calif.

Weather History

Jan. 23, 1988 - Northeastern Colorado experienced its most severe windstorm in years. A wind gust to 92 mph was recorded at Boulder, Colo. before the anemometer blew away. In the mountains, a gust to 120 mph was reported at Mines Peak.

Local Almanac Last Week

| Day | High | Low | Normals | Precip |
|-----------|------|-----|---------|--------|
| Tuesday | 30 | 29 | 41/30 | 0.00" |
| Wednesday | 34 | 28 | 41/30 | 0.02" |
| Thursday | 45 | 32 | 41/30 | 0.25" |
| Friday | 53 | 41 | 41/31 | 0.08" |
| Saturday | 55 | 40 | 42/31 | 0.32" |
| Sunday | 43 | 33 | 42/31 | 0.61" |
| Monday | 43 | 34 | 42/31 | Trace |

Data as reported from Walla Walla

Sun/Moon Chart This Week

| Last | Day | Sunrise | Sunset | Moonrise | Moonset | First |
|------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|
| 1/27 | Wednesday | 7:25 a.m. | 4:45 p.m. | 8:14 p.m. | 9:17 a.m. | 2/12 |
| | Thursday | 7:24 a.m. | 4:46 p.m. | 9:31 p.m. | 9:48 a.m. | |
| | Friday | 7:23 a.m. | 4:47 p.m. | 10:45 p.m. | 10:17 a.m. | |
| | Saturday | 7:22 a.m. | 4:49 p.m. | 11:56 p.m. | 10:44 a.m. | |
| | Sunday | 7:21 a.m. | 4:50 p.m. | Prev Day | 11:12 a.m. | |
| | Monday | 7:20 a.m. | 4:52 p.m. | 1:05 a.m. | 11:40 a.m. | Full 2/19 |
| | Tuesday | 7:19 a.m. | 4:53 p.m. | 2:11 a.m. | 12:12 p.m. | |

PIONEER PORTRAITS

Ten Years Ago
Jan 29, 2009

Photo caption: Brian Luders, son of David and Teresa (Keeney) Luders, received the Eagle Scout Award this past December 9. This achievement is the highest scout center at Long Lake in Nine Mile Falls, Wash. Brian is the grandson of Donna Keeney and the late O. D. Keeney of Waitsburg; and the nephew of Clint and Patricia Froke of Waitsburg. He is a sophomore at St. George's School and a member of Assumption Parish of Spokane.

With mixed emotions, Waitsburg fifth graders experienced Ski Bluewood and hopefully learned to ski. Emma Philbrook, one of the fifth graders, shared their experience. Quoting some students: "I was on the platter pull all day. It was loads of fun!", "Every time I crash, I learn from it", I skied the freestyle run: The jumps were fun!", By the end of the day, we had warmed up to skiing.

Twenty Five Years Ago
January 20, 1994

The motto of Lions International is "We serve." Dick Greenville, a Lions club member for over 30 years, takes the motto seriously. He serves. Greenville, a member of the Eastgate Lions Club in Walla Walla, was recently honored for his years of service to the club and community when he received the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award, named after the founder of Lions. It caught Greenville, 63, b surprise. "I was over overcome," he said, "it doesn't get much nice that that when you're in Lions.

A Waitsburg resident with an excellent track record in historic preservation is interested in talking with the Mayor and City Council in Waitsburg about possibly renovating the Ritter building, in the downtown business section. Wife of Waitsburg High School principal Dan Butler, Ginny Butler said the couple might speak with the city Council this week. In the past two years, there has been four offers from people who wanted to turn the building on Main street into businesses ranging from a Fiberglas-car shop to a pizza parlor. None of the proposal panned out. The most recent idea, to turn the building into a video store, did not work out.

Fifty Years Ago
January 23, 1969

Using a theme of "Friendship" Miss Susan Webber, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Webber, was installed as Worthy Advisor of Assembly No. 8, International Order of Rainbow Girls, Sunday afternoon, Jan 29. Installing officers were Ann Payne, Christy Bond and Beryl Skog. Dayton, Worthy advisors; Don Rogers, Grand Deputy, Mrs. David McConnell, chaplain, Gwyn Ferguson, marshal; Mrs. Berger Chase, recorder; Mrs. Kenneth Gohlman, musician; and Cynthia Ely, crown bearer.

The NFO is an organization which allows the farmer to use the only effective weapon he still has in his political arsenal-his production-to improve a bad situation. This would sum up the thoughts of Glen Epich, NFO chairman from Othello, Washington, who spoke to a group of local farmers at the Waitsburg school on Wednesday night, January 15. One of the range goals of NFO is to help boost the price for farm produce. The parity price on wheat is \$2.66 per bushel. At the present time, the average return on farm investment is less than 6%, which does not include a fair wage for the farmer and his family.

Seventy Five Years Ago
January 28, 1944

Dick Gosney was named scout master this week of troop 35, Boy Scouts of America.

Homer Reed, Phil Ender and Kenneth Gohlman were elected to the Board of Directors of the Commercial Club at an election held Tuesday evening. Jack Wright and Carl Dilts are hold-over members.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Davis are the parents of a son born, January 21, at Brining Hospital in Dayton. He has been named Raymond Eric.

One Hundred Years Ago
January 31, 1919

Dave Barnes met with an accident Tuesday while splitting wood. The axe slipped and his ankle to the bone.

The Waitsburg band has resumed practice after being practically disbanded for the past year or more. Some of the band boys are gradually drifting home again from the Army service and it is hoped that we will be able to get together a strong organization again.

A brood of young chickens was hatched at the Will Harris Farm north of town January 21. These are the first young chickens reported hatched in this vicinity this year. Will says they are strong, healthy chickens and are growing like weeds

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago
February 2, 1894

Albert Hollowell says the girls in Kansas have the biggest of any girls he ever saw. Albert is engaged in the photograph business and he ought to know

Todd and Maxwell have opened a branch store in Starbuck. S. A. Esry has charge of it.

The revival meetings at the M. E. Church are still in progress, and with growing interest. Many have been led from darkness to light through the able teaching of the gospel, and the end is not yet. Amen.

We have received a copy of George Starrett's seed catalog of 50 pages and contains much information of value to all who plant seeds. And what is better than all, it is from an honest man who deals honorable with all men.

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TOUCHET VALLEY LIFE

Reader photo of the week



Photo by George Gagnon

George Gagnon's photos once made regular appearances in the pages of The Times. The former Times photographer was kind enough to send us this scenic shot, taken Jan. 13 on the highway to Spokane, near Pomeroy.

NEWS BRIEFS

MORENO TRIAL DATE SET

WAITSBURG – A trial date of Feb. 26 has been set for Leslie M. Moreno, 25, of Waitsburg. Moreno is charged with second-degree murder for the Dec. 28 stabbing death of her boyfriend, Marcus H. Alessio. Moreno is being held in the Walla Walla County Jail on \$250,000 bail. Requests for bail reduction or release with conditions have been denied.

FEBRUARY EBT FOOD BENEFITS AVAILABLE IN JANUARY - BUDGET ACCORDINGLY

OLYMPIA – Due to the partial federal government shutdown, DSHS has announced that most clients will receive their basic food benefits for February by Jan. 20. This is being done to minimize the potential impact of any lapse in funding because of the federal government shutdown.

SNAP recipients normally see monthly benefits arrive on their Electronic Benefits Cards (EBT cards) anywhere from the first of the month to the 20th. DSHS is urging clients who receive February benefits early to budget carefully.

At this time, if the shutdown does not end by March, it is unclear of the impacts, but DSHS does acknowledge there could be some disruption in programs and services, according to a statement issued by DSHS.

Updates will be available on the DSHS website along with its Facebook and Twitter accounts.

STRENGTHENING FAMILIES DATE CHANGE

WAITSBURG – The Waitsburg School District has moved the start date for their Strengthening Families program from February 14 to Feb. 21. They will also skip the March 28 gathering due to a conflict with a conference.

Revised program dates are: Feb. 21, 28, March 7, 14, 21, April 11, 18. The Strengthening Families program is geared to parents of children 10-14. The program, for both parents and children, includes a meal time, separate discussion and activity times, and joint activities and discussions. Childcare is available.

Contact Rosy Nechodom at the Waitsburg Elementary School for more information.

CONNECT SUICIDE POSTVENTION TRAINING

WALLA WALLA – The Walla Walla County Department of Community Health is hosting a suicide prevention training on Fri., Feb. 1 from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. at the Chuck Fulton Room at the Walla Walla Police Department, located at 4 East Moore Street.

Nikki Sharp of Comprehensive Healthcare and Amanda Walsborn from Umatilla County Public Health will conduct this six-hour training that includes activities, interactive case scenarios, discussion, PowerPoint and printed materials.

The protocols have been developed for educators, emergency medical services, faith leaders, funeral directors, law enforcement, mental health-substance abuse providers, medical examiners, coroners, military and social service providers.

Lunch will be provided along with morning coffee and light snacks. The training is free. Visit Eventbrite.com and search for Connect Suicide Postvention Training in Walla Walla to register.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

25

Prescott Story Time
Prescott Library
11 a.m.

BINGO (every Friday)
Eagles-222 E. Main, Dayton
Doors open 4 pm, Bingo 6pm

Soup for the Soul
Dayton First Christian Church (410 S. 3rd, Dayton)
(Last Friday)
5:30 p.m.

28

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

Celebrate Recovery, Dayton
Catalyst Church (311 S. 4th)
Dinner 6 p.m.; Meeting 7 p.m.

29

Waitsburg Senior Round Table
Waitsburg Presbyterian Church
11:30 a.m.
Join local seniors every Tuesday for lunch.

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.

Blue Mountain Artists Guild
(Last Tuesday)
Delaney Room, Dayton Memorial Library
7 p.m.

30

Toddler Story Time
Dayton Memorial Library
10 a.m.

Celebrate Waitsburg
Waitsburg Church
6:30 p.m.

Recovery, Christian

31

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.

Waitsburg Resource Center
106 Preston Avenue (side of Banner Bank)
2-4 p.m.

EVENTS

Thursday, January 31

Wine Valley Comedy
Courtyard by Marriott (505 W. Rose St., Walla Walla)
7-8:30 p.m.
South Carolina comedian Harry J. Riley will headline for this 21-and-over show. Tickets are \$12, available at ubne.ws/2CTLtRl

Tuesday, February 5

Rodeo Clown JJ Harrison
Waitsburg High School Auditorium
7 p.m.
JJ Harrison presents bullying prevention and intervention strategies.

Saturday, February 9

Daddy-Daughter Fundraiser Dance
Waitsburg Elementary Multipurpose Room
6-9 p.m.
Daddy figures and daughters, dress your best and climb through the rabbit hole into a wacky Wonderland of desserts, dancing and fun at the Mad Hatter's Ball. Tickets are \$20/couple pre-sale and \$25/couple at the door. Email waitsburghasa@gmail.com for more information.

Tuesday, February 12

Live Cinema Series: Josh Groban
Gesa Power House Theatre, Walla Walla
7 p.m.
Tickets are now on sale

Friday, February 22

2019 Waitsburg Celebration Days Queen's Coronation
Waitsburg Town Hall
6 p.m.
Spaghetti dinner and silent auction to raise funds for Waitsburg Celebration Days Queen Rebecca Holderman. Tickets can be purchased from Queen Rebecca herself, Beka Compton, or Ann Adams.
\$10/person or \$15/couple.

THE LIBERTY THEATER
344 E. Main St., Dayton, WA
Live Comedy Production:
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Fri., Jan. 25 - 7 pm
Sat., Jan. 26 - 3 & 7 pm
Sun., Jan. 27 - 3 pm
Call 509-382-1380 or visit libertytheater.org for tickets
509.382.1380 or libertytheater.org

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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
Worship 10:00 a.m.
Each Sunday
337-8898
Rev. Matthew Wyatt

the walla walla dance company presents
The Three Little Toymakers
Saturday, February 2, 2019
7:30 PM
Cordiner Hall
Whitman College Campus
Advanced tickets at Earthlight Books reserved \$20 general \$15
At the door \$20
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Waitsburg School Menus
Fruits & vegetables, nonfat chocolate and 1% white milk are offered with every meal.

Friday, 25
B-Pancakes; Fish sticks, potato twist, coleslaw, applesauce
Monday, 28
B-Continental Breakfast; Chicken nuggest, fries, sugar snap peas, cookie, applesauce
Tuesday, 29
B-Biscuit & Grafy; Teriyaki chicken, rice, baby corn, mandarin oranges
Wednesday, 30
B-Long john; beef tacos, black beans, pepper strips, honeydew
Thursday, 31
B - Breakfast pizza; Pizza, baby carrots, snap peas, pineapple

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BIRTHDAYS

January 25: Bob Miller, Matt Schiermeister, Markeeta Little Wolf, Lula Mae Cameron, Nick Baumann, Matt Frohreich and J. C. Picton.

January 26: Hirut Senter, Bruce Brunton, Marie Hayes, Rebecca Wilson, Howard Smith, Christopher Brunton, Peter Jones, Deanne Donovan, Kimberly Huwe, Zach Brown.

January 27: Diane Estes, Micki Box, Gayle Broom, Casey Acevedo.

January 28: Tana Lynch, Jack Cyr and Jennifer Thames.

January 29: Dan McKinley, Wm. Hoops and Marci Jo Lanning.

January 30: Aaren Lindsey, Hudson Reser, Maxine Attebury, Bob Collins, Donald Want, Jill Ziegler, Michael Flanigan, Rachel Mercer, Kari Green and Travis Williams.

January 31: David Hevel, Vicki White, Michael Watson and Ward Schacht.

DENA MARTIN: FROM THE EDITOR

No line, no cashier, no problem... or is there?

I recently read an article about Amazon's new Amazon Go convenience stores. The stores are the very definition of "convenient." They have no cash, no lines and no cashiers. You simply download the Amazon Go app on your phone, walk in, pick up what you want and walk out. No standing in line and no messing with wallets or credit cards.



So how does it work? The entrance of the store has a row of subway-style gates that only those with the store's smartphone app can pass through. Patrons shop as a combination of sensors, cameras and computer vision automatically charges customers for items as they leave the store.

The first Amazon Go store opened in Seattle early last year and eight more locations have opened since. Amazon has reportedly discussed opening as many as 3,000 Amazon Go locations by 2021.

According to analysts at RBC Capital, each Amazon Go store will bring in \$1.5 million in annual revenue, about 50% more than a typical storefront.

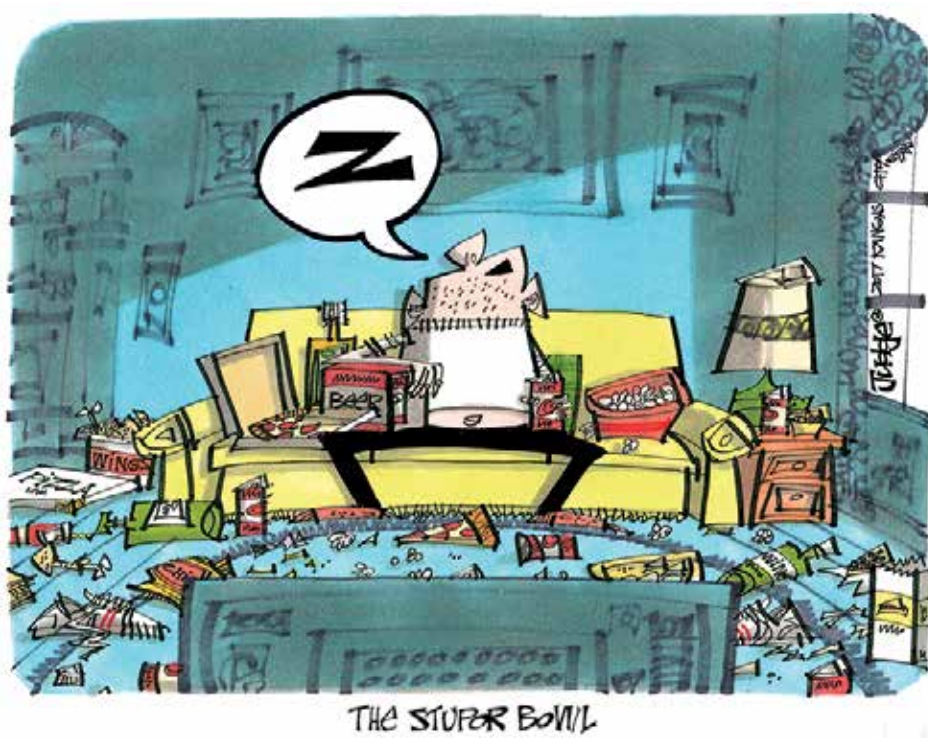
While it's highly unlikely that Waitsburg will ever see an Amazon Go store, we still find ways to avoid face-to-face interactions. Where we once purchased gas from an attendant, we now have card readers that do the work. We can buy pop from machines and get our cash from ATMs.

But in talking with local businesses as part of our Waitsburg Welcomes 2019 series, one thing I've heard repeated is that our businesses want us to come in and say hello.

Kim Julian at Banner Bank asks that folks take the time to come inside rather than using the ATM during regular banking hours so they can share a smile. Postmaster Mike Reed says he is enjoying meeting the community and learning customer names.

It may be quick and easy to bypass the cashier, but we miss out on the benefits that come with those face-to-face interactions. Personally, I like that Sarah at the post office knows my box number without my having to tell her and enjoy good-natured ribbing and a big smile from Sam at Sam's Corner when I stop in. Not to mention Justin's photos of antler sheds and recipe updates at Waitsburg Grocery.

Small town life may be a little less "convenient" than the big city in some ways, but I think most of us like it that way. Still, it's sometimes easy to forget to share a smile and kind word in favor of using a machine or ordering online. Personally, I'm going to make a point to value and appreciate the opportunities I have to interact with Waitsburg's fine business owners and employees.



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

WILDHORSE FOUNDATIONS SUPPORTS "THE CLUB" IN DAYTON

Thanks to the Wildhorse Foundation, The Club in Dayton has an improved kitchen. A \$13,095 grant from Wildhorse Foundation awarded in December provided for a new floor, new stainless-steel dish washing sinks, wall repairs and a home style cooking range. These improvements will allow the Columbia County Health District to provide cooking classes to members this spring. Thanks to our responsive contractors, the improvements were made during the holiday break so that club programming was not affected. This is the second grant provided to The Club from Wildhorse Foundation. The first grant provided two new heating/ventilation units for the kitchen and the teen room. Thank you, Wildhorse Foundation! We appreciate your generosity.

Anne Strode, The Club Board of Directors, Dayton

Port of Columbia considers dark fiber

by Kathryn Witherington, Port of Columbia Economic Development Coordinator

The mission of the Port of Columbia is to maximize public resources and private investment to create jobs, provide infrastructure, and maintain and improve the economic vitality of Columbia County. As part of this mission, we work constantly to identify new opportunities for our community.

In March of 2018, one of these opportunities arrived when Substitute House Bill 2664 was signed in to law. This bill gives ports in Washington State the authority to build broadband infrastructure in their jurisdictions. This authority perfectly encompasses our role at the Port. We can use the public resources to build a dark fiber line that any private internet service provider can lease to provide faster, more reliable internet to residents of Columbia County.

Quality high speed internet is a necessity if we want Columbia County to remain economically solvent. Businesses will not locate in rural areas without access to good internet. Employees will choose to live in other areas if they can't get the speeds and reliability they need. The large internet companies are not putting their resources in to rural America. As often happens, rural America needs to help itself.

In a broadband survey conducted by the Port of Columbia in October 2018, we found that a majority of our community members were either unhappy with or wanted improvements to their existing internet options. This knowledge, combined with the economic necessity of good internet, has led us to conclude that we need to consider taking advantage of the new authorities granted by HB 2664. The Port of Columbia intends to apply for a planning grant from the Community Economic Revitalization Board to determine if a Port-built broadband network is the right choice for our community.

The feasibility study that results from this planning grant will answer a variety of questions about the construction of a broadband network. First, it will examine our existing internet options and determine if additional infrastructure is even needed. Second, it will look at the financial viability of such a project in Columbia County. Third, it will analyze emerging internet technologies to make sure that a broadband network won't be obsolete in the near future. If the end result of the feasibility study supports the needs for Port-owned broadband infrastructure, then we will seek construction funds to build the network within the next year.

A few important things to note. First, HB 2664 does not give ports the authority to become internet service providers. Instead, we would be "building a toll road" of fiber that any private internet service provider can pay to use to provide internet service to their customers. Essentially, the Port is taking on the construction, operations, and maintenance costs of the infrastructure, leaving ISPs to spend their time and money on improving their customers' experience.

Second, the cost of construction, operations, and maintenance of a Port-owned broadband network will not be paid with Columbia County tax dollars. Instead, the construction cost will be funded through state programs and operations and maintenance through the revenues from leases paid by the ISPs.

Finally, public input and partners is imperative to make this a successful project. We'll be convening a Community Broadband Team to help guide the planning process. We'll be holding a Community Broadband Meeting to hear input from residents and businesses on what your internet needs are and how new broadband infrastructure may meet them. The goal of this project is to better serve Columbia County residents, and we look forward to hearing from all of you as this process continues.

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for the project but repeatedly questioned the wisdom in not laying the road and the water/sewer line at the same time to save money. He also suggested waiting to see if Public Works Trust Fund (P WTF) dollars would become available.

Hinchliffe responded that P WTF dollars would come with additional requirements such as SEPA and Historical Preservation Act reviews that would add significantly to the cost and would not be required in a self-funded project.

He also said that a water/sewer line system is currently being designed by Anderson-Perry but the cost of that project will be significantly higher than the \$110,000 road project that is currently budgeted for. He also said the road would not interfere with water/sewer line installation in the future.

Hinchliffe said the Moreno & Nelson estimate is about one-third the cost of a previous Transportation Improvement Board estimate, lays groundwork for future development and will help the City continue to address issues of water pressure in the eastern end of town.

The project is factored into the 2019 budget and will be paid for through a combination of property taxes, Hinchliffe said.

Taggart Road residents Louie and Marie Gagnon were in attendance and expressed concern about the new road creating a dam in what is a flood plain and said a culvert is needed for the water to get back to the river. While they didn't express outright opposition to the project, they did say that the extension would leave them with roads on three sides of their property and an easement for a potential road on the fourth side.

"We all voted to approve the 6-year Capital Improvement Plan this fall and we all voted to approve the budget last month," said Kuykendall who added that he was still leery to award the contract without a plan in the event that the project ran into unforeseen expenses.

In the end, Kuykendall motioned to approve the contract award with the contingency that a release for construction package is available for review by the February council meeting. The motioned passed 3-2 with Kuykendall, House and Romine in favor and Jacoy and Hockersmith opposed.

Hinchliffe said that, dependent on the weather, Nelson & Moreno is prepared to begin work in February.

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Correction:

A press release submitted to The Times incorrectly stated that the supported charity for the Jan. 19 Women's March on Walla Walla was the Children's Home Society at Valle Lindo. The supported charity is actually the Children's Home Society of Washington Walla Walla.

TOUCHET VALLEY NEWS

Talk About Art

By Carolyn Henderson
Blah.

That's how some people, in one word, encapsulate the month of January – it's cold and bleak, the holidays are over, and spring is maddeningly distant.

"What on earth could possibly be exciting about January?"

That's a good question, and at Wenaha Gallery, the answer every year is the Annual Canned Food Drive, with all the food brought into the gallery during . . . January donated to the Dayton Community Food Bank.

"When we started the Canned Food Drive at the gallery – it was ten years ago or more – we purposely chose January," says Pat Harri, who co-owns Wenaha Gallery with her husband, Ed.

"During the Christmas season there is so much focus on gift giving and celebration, that once you are over the seasonal holidays, people are almost burned out."

But helping our neighbors, the members of our community who



Artistically displayed food drive donations

are having a tough time, is not a seasonal affair, she adds. And especially because January is such a cold, bleak month, the canned food gifts brought into the gallery are significantly welcome. Gallery staff arranges and rearranges the offerings in a dynamic, constantly evolving sculpture, and at the end of the month, takes a photo of the collected largesse.

The ending amount consistently averages 500 pounds or more, gallery associate CJ Horlacher, who has participated in every canned food drive at the gallery since they began, reports.

And although donors receive a bonus for giving -- \$2 off their custom framing order for each can donated, up to 20% off total -- many receive as much enjoyment

from donating as they do from the discount.

"I never cease to be amazed at the generosity of the people in this area," Harri says.

The 2019 Canned Food Drive at Wenaha Gallery runs through January 31, 2019. The gallery, located at 219 East Main in Dayton, is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

WAITSBURG SCHOOL BOARD POSITION OPEN

WAITSBURG – The Waitsburg School District has an immediate opening for a school board member to replace Russ Knopp who has moved out of the area. Interested parties should email a resume and letter of interest indicating why they would like to serve as a director to jmishra@waitsburgsd.org.

This is an at-large position and is open to qualified candidates who reside anywhere in the Waitsburg School District. The term will expire Dec. 2019.

Interested candidates will be interviewed in open session at the Wed., Feb. 13 school board meeting. Candidates should attend the meeting which will begin at 6 p.m. in the Waitsburg Elementary School library at 184 Academy Street.

DAYTON SCHOOL BOARD POSITION OPEN

DAYTON - The Dayton School District Board of Directors announces a vacancy for a Position 3 Director. Any Columbia County registered voter who lives within the boundaries of District 3 may apply. For more information contact Superintendent Doug Johnson at 509-382-2543

WAITSBURG SCHOOL BOARD UPDATE JANUARY 17, 2019

Board members received engraved leather portfolio holders from the ASB and were served punch and cookies from National Honor Society members in honor of School Board Appreciation Month.

Secondary Principal's Report

(Stephanie Wooderchak)

-State testing will take place in April and May
-Staff has met and will form a committee to provide recommendations for student placement and class schedules at the Feb. board meeting.

-Mr. Leahy, Ms. Ball and Mrs. Wooderchak will attend a job fair in Spokane on March 13.

-Matt Elder and Bailey Carlson attending a two-day "Restorative Justice" training in Yakima on positive methods of teaching appropriate behavior and will share information during all-staff professional development session.

-The junior class has begun discussion on prom.

Athletic Director Report

(Stephanie Wooderchak)

-Winter sports have had enough participation to schedule full JV and varsity high school games as well as full JV and varsity cheer squads.

-A league tourney will be held in Granger on Feb. 1 and Feb. 2 for the top four seeds from EWAC east and EWAC west.

-The D5/D6 tourney will be held Feb. 8 and Feb. 9 at a location to be determine.

-Senior night for cheer and basketball will be held in Dayton on Tues., Jan. 29.

-Dayton will host winter sports awards. No date has been set yet.

-Spring sports practices begin Feb. 25 for high

school and March 11 for middle school.

Facilities/Maintenance/Transportation Report (Colter Mohnney)

-District is looking for an additional vehicle.

-Investigation into stainless steel shower dividers that can be attached to existing poles. Rough estimate is \$21,000 which doesn't include installation, which would be contracted out.

-Investigation into school access control and security cameras. A variety of options are available. Rough estimate of \$37,000, which includes installation. Approved Mohnney to move forward in seeking bids.

Elementary Principal's Report (Dr. Jon Mishra)

-Jan. 18 – Kids Heart Challenge assembly and Shelter in Place drill

-Feb. 6 – JJ Harrison Rodeo Clown Assembly; evening event at 7 p.m.

-April 16-May – Testing; no events

-June 4 – "Roll Up Day" for students to roll up to next grade

-June 7 – Field Day

-Teachers will observe one another teach one time a month from Feb. to April.

-Deanna Coulston has received her National Board Certification.

Superintendent's Report (Dr. Jon Mishra)

-Professional Development Council is meeting weekly.

-Superintendent Advisory Committee has met three times and has developed a mission statement.

-A write-up on Waitsburg's Breakfast after the Bell program was published in the January Washington Association of School Administrators Hotline and kitchen manager Susan Wildey has received inquiries from folks who want to visit to learn more about the program.

-The next board meeting will be held Feb. 13 (rather than Feb. 14 as regularly scheduled) and will introduce the SafeSchool Reporting App.

Old business

-Enrollment is holding steady at 275 students.

-Dayton-Waitsburg combine update. Discussion centered around whether or not to merge the two school handbooks and differing philosophies regarding sports eligibility. The next combine meeting is Feb. 11 in Dayton.

-ECEAP Preschool update. Planning has begun for next year. Consideration is being given to holding a half-day program for 3-year-olds and a full-day program for 4-year-olds.

-A staff and student survey will be sent out to solicit input. Discussion on graduation requirements and student program offerings. The board expressed interest in learning more about the Manson School District trimester schedule and dual credit offerings.

New Business

-Accepted resignation of board member Russ Knopp who moved from the district. Discussed replacement process.

-Discussed superintendent hiring process.

Personnel

-Approved coach hires:

- Dan Nechodom, high school track coach
- Allan Wilson, middle school assistant softball coach
- Kayla Lewis, middle school track coach
- Kelley Woither, high school assistant track coach
- Nick Carpenter, middle school assistant track coach
- Tracy Pearson, middle school assistant track coach

-Approved resignation of bus driver Christina Keitges

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Waitsburg Welcomes 2019, Part 3

By Dena Martin | THE TIMES

In this multi-part series, *The Times* visits with businesses, organizations and agencies to learn their plans for 2019. This week, we continue our walk around Main Street. In future issues we will wrap up Main Street and talk with off-Main businesses, churches, clubs and organizations.

Nothing New Antiques

After 14 years in business, Lupe and Sandra Torres have closed the doors and sold the inventory at Nothing New Antiques, but say they are not going anywhere.

"We just want to kick back and have more time. We've really enjoyed the time we had there," Sandra said.

Sandra said the shop is available for lease or sale. The couple still has two apartments that they rent out on a monthly basis and a suite they plan to retain for family use.

"I just want to say thank you for all the great years," Lupe said.

Waitsburg Resource Center

Waitsburg School District Secretary Dicie Hagerman began collecting warm wear for kids and adults in Waitsburg in the 1980s. In 1991, Anita Baker, Dona Jean Smith and Betty Lou Branson saw the need to provide food to the people of Waitsburg and added to that effort by organizing a food and clothing bank in the basement of the Presbyterian Church Education Building.

Today, those efforts have grown to become the Waitsburg Resource Center, a faith-based non-profit organization that serves residents of the Waitsburg



Courtesy Photo

The Waitsburg Resource Center has joined with Columbia-Walla Walla Fire No. 2, for the last two years, to start the special Waitsburg tradition of Santa touring the town by fire truck, delivering stockings to all the children.

and Prescott school districts.

"Instead of just providing food, the center would become a place where neighbors could find additional information to meet their needs, where to go when they need additional help. As a center, we continue to

look for ways to help others in the community," said WRC Board Chair Pam Conover.

In 2018, center gave out 15,738 pounds of food which equals almost eight tons! The WRC receives approximately 7000 pounds in food donations annually, Conover said.

The center serves 511 families each year, which is equal to 1,373 children and adults.

Food is ordered on a monthly basis through the Walla Walla Blue Mountain Action Council which gets food from contracted grocery stores, using state and federal monies. Food is also supplied through Second Harvest and Feeding Americas programs.

Local groups and organizations that keep pantries stocked with food drives include: the Leo's and Lions clubs, Waitsburg elementary, middle and high school, the Waitsburg Post Office, Banner Bank, Odako Club, Eastern Star, the Waitsburg Classic Car Club, Walla Walla - Columbia County School Retirees and the WHS Honor Society.

Added to that are the dozens of eggs, personal hygiene and cleaning products donated by community members. Individuals and local churches also make financial donations.

"The generosity of community members is amazing," Conover said.

Conover credits the success of the program with donations and the many volunteers that keep it operational.

Nineteen volunteers serve monthly during regular hours on Thursday from 2-4 p.m. and by need. A group of four to six men show up each week to unload the BMAC deliveries and board members provide reports, scheduling and ordering.

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NEWS BRIEFS

TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD AUDITIONS

WALLA WALLA - The Little Theatre of Walla Walla will hold auditions Feb. 4-6 for the drama "To Kill a Mockingbird" by Harper Lee (dramatized by Christopher Sergel). The play will be directed by Robert G. Randall and Cheryl Sutlick and will be produced by Barb McKinney.

The play has roles for ten male characters (age 20-70), seven female characters (age 20-70), two male characters (age 9-14), one female character (age 9-14) and additional nonspeaking roles for crowd scenes. The casting requirements include a minimum of two African-American males (ages 20-50), and two African-American females (age 20+).

Auditions will be held Monday, February 4 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. (children only); and Tuesday, February 5 and Wednesday, February 6 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. (adults and possible children call-backs).

"To Kill a Mockingbird" is based on Harper Lee's 1960 novel of the same name, which won the Pulitzer Prize and is a classic of modern American literature. A quiet southern town is thrown into dramatic upset when a black man in the community is accused of a crime against a white woman. The story is told from the perspective of Atticus, a defense lawyer, and his two children, Scout and Jem. The plot and characters are loosely based upon an event that occurred near the author's hometown in Alabama in 1936.

"To Kill a Mockingbird" is produced with permission of Dramatic Publishing Company. Performances will be March 29, 30, April 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, and 14 at The Little Theatre of Walla Walla. For more information or questions, call 509-529-3683.

Please note that this play contains adult content and racially-charged language.

The audition process at The Little Theatre of Walla Walla is casual and people of all levels of experience, ethnicity, and physical ability are encouraged to participate. Prospective actors should arrive a few

minutes early to fill out some paperwork, and will rotate through reading from some short scenes provided.

The Little Theatre of Walla Walla is an all-volunteer nonprofit organization, which has been producing live theater in Walla Walla since 1944. For more information about the entire 2018-2019 season of live theater at The Little Theatre of Walla Walla, please visit: ltww.org.

The Little Theatre of Walla Walla is located at 1130 E Sumach in Walla Walla.

WALLA WALLA COMMUNITY HOSPICE FUNDRAISER

WALLA WALLA--Tickets are on sale for the annual Evening of Elegance Dinner and Auction supporting Walla Walla Community Hospice.

This year's event will be held on Saturday, Feb. 9 from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Marcus Whitman Hotel.

The theme is "Viva la Vida" and it focuses on living your best life, even at the end of life, according to WWCH Event Coordinator Brad McMasters.

Music will be provided by Melissa Cunningham. Two silent auctions and fundraising games are planned.

Auction packages include a seven-night Mexican beach resort getaway, two roundtrip airfare vouchers on Alaska Airlines, a guided Columbia River fishing trip for four, a Jill Ingram original watercolor, wine blending experiences, Mariner's tickets, dinner for four at the Walla Walla Steak Company with lodging at Eritage Resort, lending library for your yard art, painted by local artist Jeffrey Hill, a vacation package to the Wallowa mountains, a fresh baked pie every month for a year, and more.

Tickets cost \$100 each and can be purchased at: wwhospice.org, or by calling the WWCH office at: (509) 525-5561.

Farmer and Food Producer Input Needed

Survey will help determine direction for valley food hub

By Dena Martin | THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA VALLEY - In 2018 the USDA awarded a \$100,000 grant, with \$33,566 in matching funds, to the Blue Mountain Action Council (BMAC) to evaluate options for creating a food hub for the aggregation, storage, processing and distribution of locally-produced agricultural products to local consumers in the Walla Walla Valley.

The planned food hub will complement many years of efforts by groups and individuals in the valley to develop a collaborative food cluster. Specifically, the project aims to obtain a warehouse, cooler, processing equipment and freezer space to produce more agricultural products for local and regional consumption, especially for institutions and retailers.

A team has been working to determine needs, roles, tasks and the potential service area for the food hub. Currently, the project is seeking input from food producers in the region via a survey. Farmers and food producers can access the survey, which is due Jan. 25, at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WW-FoodHubSupplierSurvey>.

"This has the potential to invigorate small farms and businesses, create jobs and keep dollars circulating in our regional community," said Shane Laib in a Downtown Walla Walla newsletter.

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Above: Prescott music teacher Jeremy Irland and physical education teacher Tiffany Hedman joined forces to form Tiger Beat, a dribbling and bucket drumming club of 2nd through 5th graders. Left: Club members practice their routines before school in preparation for Friday's senior night performance.

Tiger Beat: Dribbling and Drumming

Bucket drumming and dribbling club will perform during Prescott's Senior Night basketball game

By Dena Martin | THE TIMES

PRESCOTT – The Prescott performing group Tiger Beat will debut its one and only performance of the year at Friday's Senior Night basketball game in Prescott. Approximately 30 students in grades two through five have been meeting before school for the last several weeks to hone their drumming and dribbling skills in preparation for Friday night's performance.

The group is the brainchild of Prescott's new physical education teacher Tiffany Hedman who began teaching in Prescott

last school year. Tiffany said she had seen other schools run similar programs and she decided to give it a try in Prescott. The Little Dribblers was a success.

This year Hedman enlisted the support of Prescott music teacher Jeremy Irland and they added bucket drumming to the routine.

"I thought that adding bucket drummers would be a slam dunk," Irland said. (pun fully intended)

"The club is a great way to develop ball handling skills, hand-eye coordination and rhythm," Hedman said. "Plus the parents come to watch their kids and stay to watch the game so it's a great way to support the team and promote basketball as well."

"The kids are really excited. It will be neat to see all their smiling faces out on the court," Irland said.

Tiger Beat will perform during half-time of the Prescott boys' basketball game against Pomeroy at 7:30 p.m. on Fri., Jan. 25.

TIFFANY HEDMAN JOINS PRESCOTT STAFF

Physical Education teacher Tiffany Hedman joined the Prescott School District staff with the 2017-2018 school year and says she is very happy here.

"I love it. I enjoy the small community and knowing all the kids by name. I also love that I see every one of them for at least 30 minutes every day," she said.

Hedman attended college at the University of Montana Western where she earned her master's degree in elementary reading and math.

She most recently taught for three years at Mattawa Elementary School in the Wahluke school district before becoming a physical education teacher there.

"A position came open for physical education and I was interested. I made the switch and I've never looked back. I've always loved sports and fitness," Hedman said.

While in Matawa, Hedman was the head golf coach as well as junior high volleyball and basketball coach.

In Prescott, Hedman is also the Learning Assistance Program (LAP) reading coach and the assistant high school girls' basketball coach.

Hedman says she has family in the area and is enjoying working in a school where she works with 100 students a day rather than 550 students.

Waitsburg Supt. Advisory Committee Defines Purpose

Committee will serve as a liaison between community and staff, with focus on bullying

By Dena Martin | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG – The Waitsburg Superintendent Advisory Committee has met three times and has nailed down a purpose statement and action plan. The committee was formed in the last quarter of 2018 as an advisory committee to the superintendent.

Committee Chair Matt Wyatt shared the following goals with the board:

- Identify all needs and goals among community, parents and students to increase the communication and effectiveness of the district/community
- Provide the superintendent with feedback and insight to ensure that the needs of ALL are included as decisions are made in the district.
- Bring forth existing and emerging issues with complete transparency.
- Serve as an advisory, not a decision-making body, that makes recommendations, encourages brainstorming and provides opportunities for involvement.
- Advocate for students, parents and community members.

Wyatt said the goal of the committee is to be as transparent as possible. He said the next goal is to come up with a safe way for students to report bullying or danger anonymously and right away, as the situation occurs.

The committee is made up of community members, staff and students. Parent/community members are: Dorothy Bush, Kara Kaehler, Ashley Katsel, Jaimee Knudson, Stephanie Parrish and Matt Wyatt. District staff includes: Gabe Kiefel, Stephanie Hinchliffe, Karen Huwe and Jon Mishra. Student representatives have yet to be determined.

The committee will meet next on Jan. 23.

DAYTON SCHOOL BOARD JANUARY UPDATE

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—Associated Student Body (ASB) Vice-President Kira Boggs shared that group's activities with school officials at last week's school board meeting.

She said the ASB has raised \$500 for the Cush Family, who lost their home in a recent fire.

A tropical poster-making contest for all the classes is currently taking place. The winners of the contest will get to wear "beachy stuff" in the commons.

The ASB has been meeting regularly to work on the outdated school constitution. High School Principal Kristina Brown said she will review it when they are done, noting it will be "a fairly new" document.

Principal Denise Smith said the elementary students are working hard, benchmarking for iReady for math and English, and said their growth is "amazing".

Superintendent Doug Johnson presented Principal Brown and Principal Smith with banners from the state recognizing the Dayton elementary and middle school as Schools of Distinction.

He also presented the Board of Directors with certificates of appreciation from the Office of State Public Instruction, and he presented Director Katie Leid with an Advanced Leadership Award for attending the Washington Association of School District Administrators Fall Conference.

The YWCA has asked for permission to provide middle school youth with a 14-week program about relationship-building. Information about the program will be sent home to parents, Johnson said.

Johnson said the District had applied for a couple of school modernization grants, but the applications were denied. Because of that, the list of capital projects will need to be reprioritized, perhaps moving the irrigation system upgrade to the bottom of the list, in order to have money to repair the sloped part of the high school roof.

Johnson said those repairs will cost sixty to sev-



Photo by Michele Smith

Dayton School officials look on as FFA students; Juniper Kerr, Sage Kilts, Tayven Seney, Benjamin White, Josiah White, Tatum Laughery and Samantha Davis debated the merits and demerits of the state's animal branding program, at last week's Dayton School Board meeting. The debate was in preparation for a debate contest taking place at Colton High School this week.

"I am very proud of these kids, tonight," said High School Principal Kristina Brown at the meeting.

enty-five thousand dollars more than originally budgeted.

"There is no question, we have to get the roof done," he said.

He also said the radiator that provides heat to the basement will have to be replaced at a cost of around thirty-five thousand dollars.

Johnson said while both the Dayton School District and the Waitsburg School District have policies in place regarding student conduct, there are a few areas of dissimilarity.

He told the directors that a single document cov-

SPORTS

NEW DAYTON SCHOOL DISTRICT ATHLETIC DIRECTOR ENJOYS THE CHALLENGES

New Dayton AD Vicki Luper moved to Dayton from Lewiston in November

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON--Since she was hired in November, Dayton School District's athletic director, Vicki Luper, has had her hands full.

Although she works on a part time basis, Luper wears many hats, including pitch-hitting for High School Principal Kristina Brown, when Brown needs extra help.

And, as Dayton's chief athletic booster, she has a visible presence on game days.

"I enjoy being back in a small school," Luper said. "In a small community athletics are a big part of the community feel. I think that's really important. I'm really thankful for the opportunity."

While she is happy to be in Dayton, Luper said there have been some challenges with jumping into a newly established athletic combine.

Luper said she has had to familiarize herself with the planning process behind the combine, get to know all the students and staff at both schools, make sure both communities are informed in a timely fashion and help find coaches for the individual sports



Photo by Michele Smith

Vicki Luper is the new Dayton School District athletic director.

programs.

There are also some transportation challenges with getting kids back and forth to practices and games, she said.

"The kids like it," said Luper about Dayton's athletic combine with Waitsburg schools. "They understand it gives them an opportunity to participate."

Luper said teacher Dan Nechodom has just been hired as head coach for Track and Field, and interviews are underway for middle school and high school assistant coaches. Interviews are also being held for assistant coaches for baseball, and for girls'

softball.

"Then we will be ready to start spring sports, on Feb. 25," she said.

Luper was born and raised in Lewiston, Ida.

In 1986, she received a bachelor of arts degree in Physical Education and Health from the University of Idaho.

She taught and coached, mainly on the west side of the state.

It was while teaching in Washougal, Wash. that she experienced an athletic combine, when the Washougal School District combined with the Camas School District, for girls' soccer.

Luper said that combine gave the students an opportunity to play, until the districts could grow their own programs, which they did.

After eleven years of teaching and coaching, Luper said she began casting around for a new challenge.

She enrolled in a class at Clark Community College, which was the catalyst for achieving a master's degree in Athletic Administration.

Her first administrative job was in Sultan, Wash. She also worked in the Oak Harbor School District before moving back to Lewiston, in 2018, to be closer to her family.

Luper said she received a tip through the Association of Washington School Principals about the job opening in the Dayton School District, interviewed, was hired, and started working on November 13.

7TH AND 8TH GRADE AAU DW BIRDDOGS TAKE FOURTH PLACE IN YAKIMA TOURNNEY

YAKIMA, Wash. – The Dayton-Waitsburg AAU traveling team, the DW Birddogs, took fourth place at their first tournament of the season in Yakima this weekend.

The team is made up of 7th and 8th grade boys who have finished their middle school basketball season. The team practices several times a week under coaches Jesse and Jason Mings.

Yakima Tournament Scores

Day 1:

DW win over Union Gap, 41-22

Day 2:

DW loss to Burbank, 25-36

DW win over Yakima Lightning, 35-26

Day 3:

DW loss to Cle Elum, 54-28

Final game: DW loss to Burbank, 40-41, for fourth place.

The DW Birddogs play next in Lewiston on Feb. 1-2.



Courtesy Photo

Above: DW 7th & 8th grade boys AAU team. Back row (l to r): Coach Jesse Mings, Ryland Kilts, Zack Wood, Jesse Ray Mings, Benny Bryan, Monte Pettichord, Braden Mings, Coach Jason Mings Front Row (l to r): Yukon Mings, Levi Boudrieau, Wyatt Booth, Damien Reyes, Jasper Morrow. Not pictured Blake French



Courtesy Photo

AAU Coach Jason Mings gives a pep talk to the bench.

Basketball Schedules

DW Girls Varsity

* Friday, January 25, 4:30
Columbia-Burbank @ Burbank
* Saturday, January 26, 3:30
Tri-Cities Prep @ Dayton
* Tuesday, January 29, 4:30
DeSales @ Dayton

DW Girls Junior Varsity

* Friday, January 25, 3:00
Columbia-Burbank @ Burbank
* Saturday, January 26, 2:00
Tri-Cities Prep @ Dayton
* Tuesday, January 29, 3:00
DeSales @ Dayton (two quarters)

DW Boys Varsity

* Friday, January 25, 6:00
Columbia-Burbank @ Burbank
* Saturday, January 26, 5:00
Tri-Cities Prep @ Dayton
* Tuesday, January 29, 6:00
DeSales @ Dayton

DW Boys Junior Varsity

* Friday, January 25, 4:30
Columbia-Burbank @ Burbank
* Saturday, January 26, 3:30
Tri-Cities Prep @ Dayton
* Tuesday, January 29, 4:30
DeSales @ Dayton (two quarters)



NFL WEEKEND GAMES

Rams 26 vs Saints 23
Patriots 37 vs Chiefs 31

UPCOMING GAMES

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SPORTS



Photo by Eileen VanBlaricom

Josiah White (#24) makes a shot during Friday night's home game against Liberty Christian.

L-C Patriots take DW Boys Varsity, 41-25

By Eric Umphrey | THE TIMES

DAYTON – The DW boys' varsity basketball team lost Friday's home conference game against Liberty Christian with a score of 41-25.

Highlights – #32 Tayven Seney hits a turnaround jumper for DW's first points. #10 Mason Finney makes a nice pass down low to Tayven for the bucket and a foul. In the 3rd #24 Josiah White nails a jumper off the backboard.

| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | Total |
|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| LC | 13 | 13 | 6 | 9 | 41 |
| DW | 6 | 2 | 11 | 6 | 25 |

LC – Palmiero 2, Knode 12, Wong 8, McClure 3, Hayden 16
DW – Andrews 6, Evans 3, Finney 5, J. White 4, Seney 5, B. White 2

Touchet Drops DW Boys Varsity, 41-28

By Eric Umphrey | THE TIMES

TOUCHET – The Touchet Indians took the game from DW 41-28 here at a Jan. 15 non-conference match.

Highlights – #32 Tayven Seney gets DW on the board with a shot in the paint. In the 2nd quarter #4 Shawn Evans steals the ball and goes all the way for a layup. #10 Mason Finney starts the 2nd half off with a jumper from the corner. In the 4th Shawn Evans picks up his fifth steal of the game.

| | 1st | 2nd | Total |
|---------|-----|-----|-------|
| DW | 16 | 12 | 28 |
| Touchet | 30 | 11 | 41 |

DW JV Boys lose to Liberty Christian, 45 – 32

By Eric Umphrey | THE TIMES

DAYTON – Turnovers that led to several fast break points turned out to be the DW JV boys' undoing in a Jan. 18 home match against Liberty Christian. The boys had closed to score to 22- 25 then Liberty Christian went on an 11 – 1 run pushing the lead back to 23 – 36 before taking the win 35-32.

Highlights- #12 Chris Fulbright gets DW on the board in the first quarter with a layup from the left side. #20 Colton Vanblaricom hits a nice turnaround jump shot to close out the scoring in the first. In the 2nd quarter #14 Damian Johnson drives the lane and scores. Later in the quarter Colton steals the ball and makes a nice pass to Damian for the layup cutting the score to 9 – 13.

| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | Total |
|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| LC | 11 | 9 | 16 | 9 | 45 |
| DW | 5 | 11 | 7 | 9 | 32 |



Photo by Eric Umphrey

Sadie Seney (#33) puts in two of her 22 points in Friday night's game against Liberty Christian.

L-C Patriots take DW Girls, 49-39

By Eric Umphrey | THE TIMES

DAYTON – Dayton-Waitsburg worked hard to overcome a bad first quarter to tie the game at the end of the third quarter in a Jan. 18 home court conference match. Unfortunately, they lost that momentum in the fourth quarter. There were many different scorers for DW this game with Sadie Seney's

high score of 22 standing out.

Highlights - #33 Sadie Seney scores DW's first points in the paint. #21 Mackena Culley Hits a three. #12 Tatumn Laughery scores and cuts Liberty Christian's lead to 7. Sadie's three point play cuts the lead to 3. #20 Destiny Brincken cuts the lead to 1 with an outside jumper. #14 Kira Boggs ties it up at the end off the third quarter.

| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | Total |
|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| LC | 15 | 11 | 10 | 13 | 49 |
| DW | 5 | 13 | 18 | 3 | 39 |

Rebounds: LC 22, DW 43

Turnovers: LC 10, DW 13

LC – Loera 2, Reed 8, Godwin 22, Bush 15, Wilson 2

DW – T. Laughery 2, Boggs 3, Brincken 2, Culley 5, Megan Forney 5, Seney 22, Mackenzie Forney 3

VARSITY GIRLS FALL ON THE ROAD TO TOUCHET, 40-47

By Eric Umphrey | THE TIMES

TOUCHET – After an impressive first half the game began to slip away from DW late in the 3rd quarter as Touchet cut DW's lead to two points. Momentum shifted in the 4th quarter as the shots wouldn't fall for DW who fell 40-47 on the Jan. 15 non-conference road game.

Highlights – #21 Mackena Culley scored the first point of the game with a free throw. She also banked in a three pointer with 5:11 remaining in the first quarter. #14 Kira Boggs scored on a breakaway layup to extend the lead to 21-12 with 1:28 remaining in the half. #12 Tatumn Laughery had ten steals.

| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | Total |
|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| DW | 9 | 12 | 9 | 8 | 40 |
| Touchet | 10 | 4 | 16 | 17 | 47 |

DW – Seney 18, Culley 12, T. Laughery 3, Boggs 3, Brincken 2, Mackenzie Forney 2

Touchet – Andrade 23, Orozco 13, Luna 9, Smith 2

Rebounds: DW 26, Touchet 18

Turnovers: DW 19, Touchet 17

Assists: DW 10, Touchet 16



Photo by Eileen Van Blaricom

DW's Colton Van Blaricom (#20) makes a play for the bucket in Dayton on Jan. 18 in a JV game against the Liberty Christian Patriots.

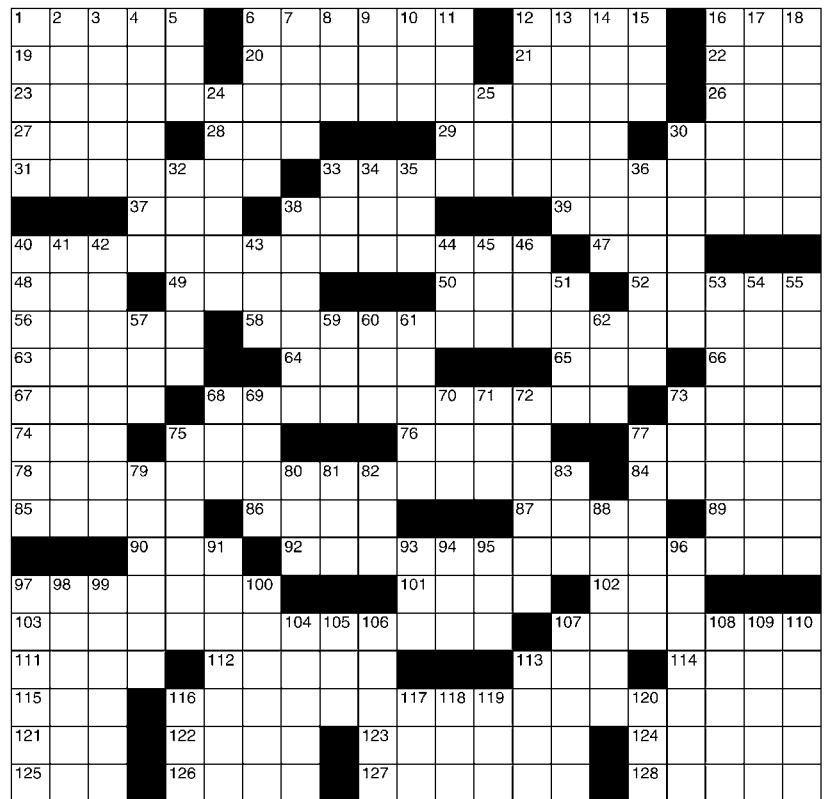
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Super Crossword

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Shred
 - 6 To another country
 - 12 Buster Brown's dog
 - 16 Mexican article
 - 19 University of Maine's city
 - 20 News anchor Katie
 - 21 Arduous task
 - 22 Not be idle
 - 23 Discoverer of Uranus ... and "The Office" co-star
 - 26 Spoil
 - 27 "Orinoco Flow" singer
 - 28 Sea, to Luc
 - 29 Buenos —
 - 30 Commanded
 - 31 PCs on planes, often
 - 33 Long-range German gun of WWI ... and "Apollo 13" Oscar nominee
 - 37 Letter #3
 - 38 Bern's river
 - 39 To the extent that
 - 40 1975 Wimbledon winner ... and "Shape of You" singer
 - 47 German article
 - 48 U.S. architect I.M.
 - 49 Pet treaters
 - 50 Slaughter with a bat
 - 52 Abnormal plant swelling
 - 56 Schindler with a list
 - 58 Deputy of an envoy ... and old CBS variety show host
 - 63 Ballpark gate
 - 64 Explorer Hernando de —
 - 65 Rose color
 - 66 Klee output
 - 67 Bistro bills
 - 68 Olay product ... and "My Cup Runneth Over" singer
 - 73 Sheriff Andy Taylor's tyke
 - 74 Coach Parseghian
 - 75 — polio
 - 76 "T.N.T." rock band
 - 77 Game venue
 - 78 Officer played by Phil Silvers ... and 1970s-'90s New York City mayor
 - 84 2006 Sacha Baron Cohen
 - 85 Nobelist
 - 86 Celine of song
 - 87 Many a repo
 - 89 Poetic form
 - 90 Holiday drink
 - 92 Left-leaning slant ... and "Lou Grant" star
 - 97 "Hips Don't Lie" singer
 - 101 — Grey
 - 102 Special span
 - 103 Large, hooded snake ... and "60 Minutes" reporter for 26 years
 - 107 Cited as evidence
 - 111 Ship sailing past sirens
 - 112 — Less Ordinary
 - 113 Suffix with 66-Across
 - 114 Liquefy
 - 115 Rolodex no.
 - 116 Money from investments ... and Reagan cabinet member
 - 121 Previous to
 - 122 Jib holder
 - 123 "No clue"
 - 124 Whoop it up
 - 125 Berlin-to-Prague dir. film
 - 126 — "girl!" ("All right!")
 - 127 Unboastful
 - 128 Pastoral verse
- DOWN**
- 1 Disk at the end of a spur
 - 2 "Three Sisters" sister
 - 3 61-Down producer
 - 4 Open, as a shutter
 - 5 Luau paste
 - 6 Peaks
 - 7 Nobelist Niels
 - 8 Long to undo
 - 9 NHL's Bobby
 - 10 — "for Alibi"
 - 11 1983 Mr. T comedy
 - 12 — is human
 - 13 Boys, e.g.
 - 14 Destructive, slangily
 - 15 Suffix with priest
 - 16 Hedy of film
 - 17 National park in Maine
 - 18 Italicize, e.g.
 - 24 Electrical current unit
 - 25 Move quickly
 - 30 Soccer star
 - 31 Chastain
 - 32 Body of work
 - 33 "Harrumph!"
 - 34 Rage
 - 35 "Oh wow!"
 - 36 Off course
 - 38 Birthplace of St. Francis
 - 40 Desertion of one's faith
 - 41 Highway pull-off
 - 42 Polynesian-themed lounges
 - 43 Quad bike, e.g.
 - 44 Classic car
 - 45 Actress Blyth
 - 46 Turndowns
 - 51 "Ol course!"
 - 53 1996 role for Madonna
 - 54 Steeping sauce
 - 55 Snacker on termites
 - 57 Capone and Unscr
 - 59 Dupe
 - 60 Plus more: Abbr.
 - 61 Reef stuff
 - 62 Guitar pioneer Paul
 - 68 — wise guy, e.g.
 - 69 Caring
 - 70 Martin Luther opponent Johann
 - 71 Hoopla
 - 72 Actress Mitzi
 - 73 Gold, in Italy
 - 75 Daring
 - 77 On deck, say
 - 79 Tree with fan-shaped leaves
 - 80 Up to, in ads
 - 81 Young male, in hip-hop
 - 82 Having five sharps
 - 83 Central point
 - 88 Joined with
 - 91 React to, as a bad pun
 - 93 Moray, e.g.
 - 94 "Norma —"
 - 95 Suffix with compliment
 - 96 Fried quickly
 - 97 Glides on ice fillers
 - 98 Job opening
 - 99 He directed "Life of Pi"
 - 100 Most adept
 - 104 Gaucho rope
 - 105 Mail's cont.
 - 106 Kin of khaki
 - 107 Natty tie
 - 108 "Vette, e.g.
 - 109 Atelier tripod
 - 110 Reflect (on)
 - 113 Rural hotels
 - 116 Thurman of "Prime"
 - 117 Tokyo, once
 - 118 Fizzling thing
 - 119 Opal finish?
 - 120 Hosp. scan



DSD - FROM PAGE 7

ering student conduct in both schools would be important step in developing a "we" culture between Waitsburg and Dayton.

Katie Leid will meet with Ross Hamann at the Waitsburg School Board to discuss that.

Position 3 on the Dayton School Board of Directors has not yet been filled and Johnson said the District

might host an open house for people who are interested in learning more about the Board.

District Business Manager Paula Moisio said the District is four months into the school year and revenues and expenditures are steady.

At their next workshop, the board of directors will look at guidelines on how to conduct a search for a new school superintendent. Superintendent Johnson will be retiring at the end of the 2020 school year.

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS:

Super Crossword

Answers



Weekly SUDOKU

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
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DIFFICULTY: ★
 ★ Moderate ★★ Difficult
 ★★★ GO FIGURE!

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TEENY MCMUNN: MY RECIPE BOX

Pull-Apart Bacon Bread

Before I go into my recipe, I'll share some thoughts, as it has to do with food. On my way home from Spokane, I stopped at a Colfax gas station as I usually do. I bought a "small" bag of Kettle Corn, my travel food. It keeps me busy with eating a few pieces at a time and actually got me past the Lewiston/Walla Walla junction. And yes I ate the whole bag, but here is my complaint. When I got home, it said it had four servings in it. NO WAY. One serving was 140 calories, so I'm sticking to the story that if I finished it in one serving, the bag had only 140 calories.



This recipe sounds easy and yummy. Anything with bacon is good. It looks like a lot of bacon but some will say there is no such thing as too much bacon. I didn't make it, but I will try it when there is a potluck. It would be too much, I think, for just the two of us.

INGREDIENTS:

- 12 bacon strips, diced.
- 1 loaf (1 pound) frozen bread dough
- 2 Tbsp olive oil, divided
- 1 c. shredded part-skim mozzarella cheese
- 1 envelope (1 oz) ranch salad dressing mix

DIRECTIONS:

In a large skillet, cook bacon over medium heat for 5 minutes or until partially cooked. Drain on paper towels. Roll out dough to ½ inch thickness, brush with 1 tablespoon of oil. Cut into 1 inch pieces, place in a large bowl. Add the bacon, cheese, dressing mix and remaining oil. Toss to coat.

Arrange pieces in a 9" x 5" oval on a parchment paper-lined baking sheet laying as needed. Cover and let rise in a warm place for 30 minutes or until doubled.

Bake at 350 degrees for 40 minutes. Cover with foil, bake 15 minutes longer or until golden brown.

MY NOTES:

At first, I wondered why the bacon would be slightly undercooked. I prefer mine crispy. But then, I thought the bacon grease would be soaked up by the dressing mix and cheese.

It sounds great for Super Bowl, doesn't it? Fresh from the oven and the house smelling like bacon. For those who do not eat pork, I would think turkey bacon would work, but you may need to add a bit more oil???

ENJOY!

WAITSBURG - FROM PAGE 6

Below are some of the ways the WRC supports the community.

- Free lunch and activity during Christmas break
- Support of the local pool
- Snacks for the Weller Library Summer Program
- Snacks for the library story time
- Summer activities at the City Pool
- Thanksgiving dinner donations
- High school backpack program
- Sponsored four free dental van visits
- Purchased emergency preparedness blankets and flashlights
- Collected and distributed winter coats
- Weekend food program for school children (25 per week)
- Joined with Columbia Walla Fire No. 2 to provide Christmas stockings for children in the community

Current board members are: Pastor Bret Moser, Bethany Moser, Pastor Matt Wyatt, Mary Mathews, Ted and Lavonne Bren, Heather Duncan, Jerry and Karla Scott, Pam Conover and Marge Benson.

What is ahead for 2019?
 “We continue to look for ways that we can meet our neighbors’ needs,” Conover said.

Banner Bank

The Waitsburg branch of Banner Bank is staffed by Customer Service Rep Kim Julian and Teller Alyssa James. Bev Rising is branch manager of both the Dayton and Waitsburg branches.

The Waitsburg branch is open Mon. – Thurs from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.



Times File Photo

Waitsburg “old-timers” celebrated St. Patrick’s Day with a potluck dinner, complete with green frosted brownies, at Waitsburg Hardware & Mercantile in 2014. Events like this were a typical occurrence in the now-closed hardware store.

and on Fridays from 1 p.m. – 5 p.m., with the drive through open until 6 p.m. on Fridays.

Banner Bank has provided ongoing financial support to the community through financial donations.

Julian said that while the new ATM in the bank’s breezeway is a wonderful machine, they would rather see customers face-to-face.

“I’d love to encourage people to not just utilize the ATM but to come inside and let us serve their banking needs. We’re here and we’d like to be busy,” she said. “We very much enjoy being here and being a part of the community.”

Waitsburg Hardware

The Town of Waitsburg suffered a loss with the passing of John Stellwagen, in November, and the closing of Waitsburg Hardware. John, with his wife Marilyn, will be long remembered and appreciated

for creating a true gathering space in the historic building on the corner of Main and Preston Avenue.

Waitsburg Hardware, also the home of Black Dog Rescue, became a sanctuary for locals to relax, reconnect and pet a fluffy friend. The fire was always stoked, coffee was always on and snacks were for the taking. The Stellwagens hosted the annual Fourth of July Patriot’s Parade and potluck in Preston Park and held multiple birthday and holiday celebrations in the store.

Today, the store building is for sale, but locals still gather to meet and chat on an irregular basis. An account has been set up at Banner Bank to honor John. Memorial gifts may be made payable to “Memory of John Stellwagen.” Funds will go to support Waitsburg FFA and 4-H programs, which John and Marilyn strongly supported.

BUILDINGS - FROM PAGE 1

Hinchliffe said part of the issue is that many of the buildings are owned by absentee landowners that have no desire to do anything with the buildings and other landowners have enough money that financial penalties won’t have an impact.

Commercial Club President Joy Smith said that some landlords are using the buildings as “cash cows” by using funds they generate from refinancing the buildings and taking tax write-offs.

“They’re unrealistic about the price that they want to charge potential businesses to come in. They’ve turned down very legitimate offers for their buildings. From a business person’s standpoint, and from Commercial Club’s standpoint, the amount of rent they want to charge is not sustainable for a business. I can’t, in all good conscience, recommend businesses go with that,” Smith said.

Lane Gwinn, owner of the 10 Ton Press building, said that some people bought when Charles Smith purchased buildings in town and that the Whetstone building, in particular, sold for a very high price, setting the standard in people’s minds that buildings are more valuable than what is realistic in the market.

She also said that landowners she is aware of are simply at a standstill rather than trying to profit on the empty buildings.

“The ones that inherited are thinking they will just wait and the ones who have overinvested are kind of in a pickle,” Gwinn said.

She described a program on Whidbey Island where a fee was imposed on empty buildings but the money went into a fund that helped the existing businesses keep Main Street vibrant.

“It wasn’t related to utilities or anything. It was meant to help businesses who were hurt by a business next door being empty. It was meant to be not a stick, but a carrot,” Gwinn said.

City Attorney Jared Hawkins said that, legally, the fee must be connected to a service and can’t be a “revenue raiser.”

Kuykendall suggested holding a workshop with building owners to discuss what types of challenges and hurdles they are facing.

After further discussion, council member Kate Hockersmith asked to meet with Smith and Gwinn to compile a list of ideas to present at the February city council meeting.

LEGAL NOTICES (Cont.)

and referrals to other housing counselors and attorneys: Telephone: **1-800-606-4819** or Web site: <http://nwjustice.org/what-clear> Additional information provided by the Trustee: If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the noteholders rights against the real property only. The Trustee’s Sale Number is WA-18-814540-SW. Dated: 9/26/2018 Quality Loan Service Corp. of Washington, as Trustee By: Kristen Oswood, Assistant Secretary Trustee’s Mailing Address: Quality Loan Service Corp. of Washington 2763 Camino Del Rio South, San Diego, CA 92108 Trustee’s Physical Address: Quality Loan Service Corp. of Washington 108 1st Ave South, Suite 202, Seattle, WA 98104 For questions call toll-free: (866) 925-0241 Trustee Sale Number: WA-18-814540-SW Sale Line: 916-939-0772 or Login to: <http://wa.qualityloan.com> IDSPub #0145664 1/3/2019 1/24/2019
 The Times
 Jan. 3, 24, 2019
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WALLA WALLA COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT SMALL WORKS ROSTER NOTICE

IF YOU WISH TO BE PLACED ON THE SMALL WORKS ROSTER OF THE WALLA WALLA COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT, THE APPLICATION MUST BE COMPLETED IN ALL PARTICULARS. INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. THE APPLICATION CAN BE PICKED UP AT THE CONSERVATION DISTRICT OFFICE AT 325 N. 13TH AVE., WALLA WALLA, WA 99362.

BUSINESSES THAT ARE CURRENTLY ON THE CONSERVATION DISTRICT SMALL WORKS ROSTER WILL STAY ON THE ROSTER UNLESS THE CONSERVATION DISTRICT IS NOTIFIED THAT THEY DO NOT WANT TO BE ON THE ROSTER.

YOU ARE NOTIFIED THAT THE WALLA WALLA COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT COMPLIES WITH THE PREVAILING WAGE LAW OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON (RCW 39.12) AND REQUIRES ALL CONTRACTORS TO COMPLY.

FURTHER QUESTIONS

CONCERNING THE SMALL WORKS ROSTER APPLICATION MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE CONSERVATION DISTRICT OFFICE (509) 956-3777.
 Roster effective dates: January 1 - December 31, 2019.
 The Times
 Jan. 24, 31, 2019
 1-24-b

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS (RCW 11.40.030)

In the Matter of the Estate of LAURA JEAN HEVEL, No. 19 4 00006 36 Deceased.

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 of the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. 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(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the 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 the decedent’s probate and nonprobate assets.
 DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: January 17, 2019
 Shirley Roger Hevel
 Personal Representative
 Attorneys for Personal Representative and address for mailing and service:
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 Telephone: (509) 525-5090
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 Court of probate proceedings

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA In Re the Estate of LAWRENCE CHARLES LANDONI Deceased.
 Case No. 19-4-00009-36
 NOTICE TO CREDITORS (RCW 11.40.030)

The Personal Representative named below has been appointed and has qualified 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 the 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 RCW 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent’s probate and nonprobate assets.
 Date of filing copy of Notice to Creditors: 1/16/2019
 Date of First Publication: 1/24/2019
 /s/
 KENNETH LANDONI
 Personal Representative
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 Jan. 24, 31, Feb. 7, 2019
 1-24-c

File No. SUB18-028 SEPA18-028, CAP18-035

NOTICE OF APPLICATION / ODNS

Notice is hereby given on this date, 1/14/2019, that the application/proposal described in this notice has been filed with the Walla Walla County Community Development

Department (CDD). The application/proposal may be reviewed at the CDD office at 310 W Poplar St., Suite 200, Walla Walla, WA 99362. All interested persons and parties may comment on the application, appeal rights are outlined in Walla Walla County Code Chapter 14.11

The Department is using the optional threshold determination process under the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) authorized by WAC 197-11-355. The application comment period may be the only opportunity to comment on the environmental impacts of the proposal. A copy of the SEPA determination on the proposal may be obtained upon request. The proposal may include mitigation measures under applicable codes, and the project review process may incorporate or require mitigation measures regardless of whether an environmental impact statement is prepared. The SEPA Responsible Official has preliminarily determined that the proposal is:

[] categorically exempt under SEPA
 [X] subject to SEPA threshold determination requirements and the responsible official expects to issue the following determination: Determination of Non Significance (DNS).

The following identified existing environmental documents are hereby incorporated by reference, and all or part of the documents may be used to evaluate the application/proposal:

SEPA Checklist (SEPA18-030), dated 10/22/2018
 Short Plat Application, received 12/17/2018, and attachments: preliminary short plat map dated 11/26/2018, title report dated 10/26/2018
 Critical Areas Permit Application (CAP18-035) dated 11/30/2018

These documents are located at the office of the CDD at 310 W Poplar St., Suite 200, Walla Walla, WA, and shall be made available for public review during all applicable comment periods on the application/proposal. Preliminary determinations and information contained herein shall not bind the County and are subject to continuing review and modification.

Applicant/Owner: MUNNS ANTHONY G; PO BOX 522; CONNELL WA, 99326
 Application filing date: 12/17/2018

Date that application was determined to be substantially

complete: 1/14/2019

Location and description of proposed action: Munns Short Plat II. The applicant has submitted a 3-lot short plat subdivision application for a 15.48-acre site within the Rural Residential (RR-5) zoning district. The project is located northeast of the intersection of Wallula Avenue and McKinney Road (APN 350727140001). The proposal will create three lots; the area of each lot would be about 5-acres. The following mapped critical areas are located within or adjacent to the project area: geologically hazardous areas (seismic hazard area with moderate to high liquefaction susceptibility), the 100-year (1%) floodplain (Mill Creek), critical aquifer recharge area (Walla Walla River Shallow Gravel Aquifer CARA), and fish and wildlife habitat conservation area (Mill Creek). The property is also located within shoreline jurisdiction for Mill Creek; the shoreline environment is Rural Residential.

Comprehensive plan map designation for the location: Rural Residential 5

Zoning map designation for the location: RR-5
 Shoreline Environment: Rural Residential

Required Permits: **None identified

Development Regulations: WWCC Title 16 – Subdivisions; WWCC Title 18.08 Critical Areas Protection; WWCC Chapter 17.18 – Development Standards – Density and Dimensions, Walla Walla County Shoreline Master Program

Comments on this application must be submitted in writing to the CDD at 310 W Poplar St., Suite 200, Walla Walla, WA 99362. Any person desiring to submit written comments concerning an application, or desiring to receive notification of the final decision concerning the proposal as expeditiously as possible after the issuance of decision, may submit the comments or requests for decisions to the department within fourteen days following the date of final publication of the notice of application. Comments must be received by the CDD before 5:00 PM on the following date: February 7, 2019.

A public hearing will not be held on the proposal.

The decision on this application will be made by the CDD Director.

The Director’s decision may be appealed by the applicant(s) or parties of record to the Walla Walla County

Hearing Examiner pursuant to WWCC 14.11.010 and 14.11.030.

For additional information please contact the CDD at 310 W Poplar St., Suite 200, Walla Walla, WA 99362; 509-524-2610; commdev@co.walla-walla.wa.us. Staff Contact: Don Sims, Associate Planner, 509-524-2618. This Notice of Application is required by RCW 36.70B.110 and Walla Walla County Code 14.07.080.
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Columbia County Public Hospital District #1 BOARD SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

Executive Session to review the job performance of the District’s CEO (RCW 42.30.110(g))
 01/29/2019 1:00 p.m. meeting

Notice is hereby given that a special meeting of the Board of Directors of Columbia County Public Hospital District No. 1. Will be held on January 29th at 1:00 p.m. in the conference room at the Administration Building on the District’s Dayton, Washington campus. The purpose of the meeting is to review the job performance of the District’s CEO Final disposition shall not be taken on any other matter at such meeting.

Dated this 14th day of January 2019

- Item Responsible
1. Call to Order
 Bob Hutchens, Chair
 2. Roll Call
 Bob Hutchens, Chair
 3. Executive Session to review the job performance of the District’s CEO (RCW 42.30.110(g))
 Bob Hutchens, Chair
- The Board will now go into an executive session. Only Board members and those specifically invited by the Board are allowed to attend the executive session. All discussions in an executive session are highly confidential and must not be disclosed. The purpose of the executive session is to review the job performance of the District’s CEO. The executive session is expected to take 60 minutes; the special board meeting will reconvene at 2:00 p.m.
4. Adjournment
 Bob Hutchens, Chair
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