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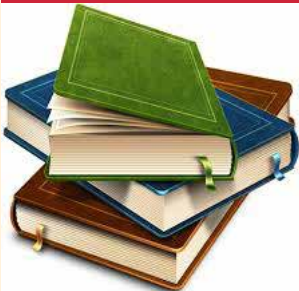


### 2016

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## FRESH SNOWFALL



Photo by Nick Page

Dayton photographer, Nick Page, took this Christmas-card-perfect photograph of a barn and old farm truck, lightly dusted with a layer of fresh snow, just outside Colfax, Wash. Page has captured magnificent images in his recent travels to China, Hawaii, and Iceland but never falls to find comparable beauty right in our very own backyard.

# 2016 in Waitsburg - The Year of Contention

By Dena Wood | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG – 2016 in Waitsburg could be called The Year of Contention.

The year kicked off with the city council responding to public outcry by abandoning plans to approve a one-year trial lease with Brandon Kelly, who wanted to operate a race car track at the city fairgrounds. But that was just the beginning of citizens making their opinions known.

Voters rejected the school's capital improvements bond and community members shared their views about fairgrounds usage, removal of trees by the city, plans for the new Main Street Bridge, zoning changes, school staff cuts, and whether or not to allow hunting in the city's watershed. But nothing compared to the stir caused when Nestlé Waters North America announced they were looking at Waitsburg as a potential water bottling site.

And while it wasn't pleasant, the struggles resulted in some positive outcomes. Citizens began paying attention and many got involved. Committees were formed, surveys were taken, ordinances and policies were re-examined, and changes were made.

As we welcome 2017, the school district is implementing the capital improvement

projects approved by voters in their second bond attempt, the Main Street Bridge is on track for replacement this summer, and RV parking and camping will be actively promoted and managed at the fairgrounds.

Groups and individuals are working together to brainstorm and implement ways to bring economic development to the Burg. Here's hoping the pains of 2016 will give birth to a 2017 filled with new hope and fresh beginnings.



Times File Photo

In January, the Waitsburg City Fire Department ceased to exist and Columbia-Walla Walla Fire Dist. No. 2 assumed its duties.

### January

As of midnight, Dec. 31, the Waitsburg city fire department and the Waitsburg Am-

balance Service ceased to exist, and the services they provided are now covered by the Columbia-Walla Walla Fire District No. 2.

Waitsburg natives Gwynneth Neace, DO and her husband, Lewis Neace, DO returned home after long medical careers and became the newest physicians to join Columbia County Health System.

Following a contentious public meeting, and after being flooded with letters and emails of opposition, the Waitsburg City Council voted unanimously against a one-year trial lease of the Waitsburg Fairgrounds to Brandon Kelly of Walla Walla who, wants to modify the horse track to host monthly car races.

Caitlyn Jones and Zion Branson are named Exchange Club Youth of the Month.

Owners of the Whoopemup Hollow Café formally announce that they will open a second location in Walla Walla.

The Waitsburg School District asks voters to renew the district's maintenance and operations levy for \$559,000 in 2017 and \$570,000 in 2018. They also seek a 20-year \$4.8 million capital improvements bond to fund HVAC improvements, a remodel of the district kitchen, construction of a field

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# Hospital, Fairgrounds Renovations Among Top Dayton Stories in 2016

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—2016 was an eventful year in Dayton and for Columbia County.

Among the top stories were passage of the Dayton School District capital projects levy and maintenance and operations levy, after their failure in 2015. The four year \$1.46 million M&O levy was approved in February.

The M&O levy provides 25 percent of the district's budget, and helps support athletic programs, and food services. The levy will be used not only for ongoing maintenance and repairs, and to counter the effects of inflation associated with personnel costs, supplies, and other operating costs, but will be used to hire a

K-12 school counselor in the fall of 2017, which is high on the district's list of priorities.

The first collection of the capital levy will be in the spring of 2017, and those funds will be used to make necessary repairs to the aging school facilities, including installing security cameras, making repairs to roofs, improving the irrigation system, installing exterior doors, and replacing the asphalt at the bus loading zone and on the elementary playground. Upgrading the school's outdated communication system is also high on the list. Funds are also included in the capital levy for ongoing technology improvements.

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Groundbreaking for the Dayton General Hospital renovation and enhancement project took place on June 9.

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## COLUMBIA PULP CANCELS BOND SALE

DAYTON—An update on the status of the planned Columbia Pulp facility near Starbuck was given by Port of Columbia Manager Jennie Dickinson at the Community Economic Development Strategy meeting last Wednesday.

Dickinson told participants that half of Columbia Pulp's bond sold, but that private equity investors have pulled out of the process.

Dickinson said that Columbia Pulp CEO John Begley told her that "due to the inability to close on the equity side of the transaction on the timeline needed for bond cap expiration, the transaction will be moved to 2017, after bond reallocation".

"We still firmly believe in and are committed to the project, as is Goldman-Sachs", Begley said in his communication to Dickinson.

# TOUCHET VALLEY LIFE

## NEWS BRIEFS

### COMMUNITY HEALTH DEPT. RETURNS TO FULL TIME

WALLA WALLA – With the approval of the 2017 Walla Walla County budget the Dept. of Community Health staff will return to full-time work, with no mandatory furlough days. As a result the Dept. of Community Health will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. The Dept. is closed from 12 p.m. – 1 p.m. for lunch.

Services available at the Health Dept. include Women, Infant, and Children (WIC), with limited immunization and communicable disease nursing services.

“We are in the process of working with community partners to identify gaps in services and determine how we can help fill these gaps,” said Dept. Director Meghan DeBolt.

The Dept. of Community Health is located at 314 W. Main, Walla Walla. Call (509) 524-2650 to make an appointment.

### WILDFIRE PLAN UPDATES

WALLA WALLA – The City of Walla Walla and the Oregon Dept. of Forestry will work with Walla Walla County to update the county-level Community Wildfire Protection Plan. The plan includes risk analyses with predictive models that indicate where and how fires are likely to ignite and how they may impact local communities and the environment.

Northwest Management, Inc. will facilitate meetings and review and update the current plan which will focus on creating fire adapted communities, improving wildfire response, and restoring and maintaining healthy landscapes.

The goal of the project is to assess wildland fire risk in the county and local communities, then make mitigation recommendations. The next meeting is scheduled for January 11 at 10 a.m. at Walla Walla County Fire District #4 located at 2251 S. Howard St. in Walla Walla. For more information or to learn how you can participate on the planning committee call Brad Tucker at (208) 883-4488 ext. 117.

## PIONEER PORTRAITS

Ten Years Ago  
January 4, 2007

Three Waitsburg youngsters will compete in the Elks Lodge Free Throw Contest in Moses Lake on Saturday, January 6. Owen Lanning, 10, finished third in the Walla Walla contest, but advanced when the first- and second- place finishers in the 10-11 year old bracket opted not to participate further. . . Eighth graders Dru Somers and Christy Poirier will also advance to the Moses Lake competition.

A structural study of the long-idle Wait's Mill will be the first step in a two-phased approach being commissioned by the Waitsburg Community Revitalization Committee, the Waitsburg City Council heard at its January 3 meeting. WCRC member Loyal Baker briefed the council on the situation to date.

Twenty-Five Years Ago  
January 2, 1992

If you see Woddy Epp standing by the flag pole in front of the hardware store on Main Street and it's around Dec. 15, don't assume this retired Navy chief is saluting Old Glory. While he may be doing that, it is more likely that he has his ears tilted toward the loud-speakers on top of City Hall, listening for the volume of the music. For the past four years, Epp has been in charge of selecting and playing the Christmas music that blares melodically downtown from the speakers between Dec. 15 and Dec. 27.

Card varsity boys coach Jim Hofer is really high on Jason Selph. “He is one of my best percentage shooters but he is only shooting 8 times a game,” Hofer said of the 6-foot-3 senior, the tallest Wait-Hi player. Selph, who is in his fourth year of play, is the team's post man or center.

Bert and Bitzi Baxter of Waitsburg have bought the video store on Main Street from George DeWolf and Jan Cronkhite. The new owners will rename the business B and B Video. A grand opening is planned early this month.

Fifty Years Ago  
December 29, 1966

Richard Baker, a senior at Waitsburg High School, is the nominee of the Walla Walla Chapter of the Washington Society of Professional Engineers to receive either the National Society of Professional Engineers – Armco or University of Miami scholarship.

At a regular Boy Scout meeting, December 22, Star rank in Scouting was awarded to Charles Baker and Martin Huffman.

House committee assignments announced for the 1967 session of the legislature include three posts each for Rep. Tom Copeland of Walla Walla and Rep. Vaughn Hubbard of Waitsburg. Hubbard will serve on the Agriculture, Natural Resources and Transportation committees.

Nature Notes, by Loyal Baker: Tommy John and I were up in the “lab.” We took a flash light and went in secret rooms. we found a skeletonized mouse trapped in a trap. So we decided it was thirty-years old.

Seventy-Five Years Ago  
January, 1942

Waitsburg is to have a Pea Cannery. Final details have been worked out with the Bozeman Canning Company to start construction immediately, providing the citizens approve a bond issue to supply necessary water.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Denney and Mr. and Mrs. Glen Denney spent Christmas with Dr. and Mrs. D. Archer at Pullman. The nuptial rites of Miss Laura Ann Penner, daughter of Mrs. Mary Land and Carl Henry Penner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Penner, Sr. were solemnized at 4 o'clock Christmas day at the Episcopal Church in Walla Walla.

One Hundred Years Ago  
January 5, 1917

A Chinook which started Monday morning and which was later accompanied by a light rain effectively broke our second cold spell of the winter.

The Kellums Brothers Co. Sunshine Evangelists arrived in this city Tuesday and commenced their big revival meeting at the Christian Church.

The Keve young folks and Shelly Swinehart attended the dance at Will Tates in the Canyon New Year's night.

The Old Homestead Dairy milk wagon was struck by a passing automobile on Main Street Monday evening about dark. The wagon was damaged somewhat and much milk was scattered on the pavement. Fortunately no one was injured, so we understand.

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago  
January 8, 1892

Born at Huntsville Jan. 1, 1892 to J. H. Fudge and wife, a daughter. Dr. Johnson.

There is no excuse for any man to appear in society with a grizzly beard since the introduction of Buckingham's Dye, which colors a natural brown or black.

The new school house is completed: has been accepted by the directors, and seats are this week being placed in position.

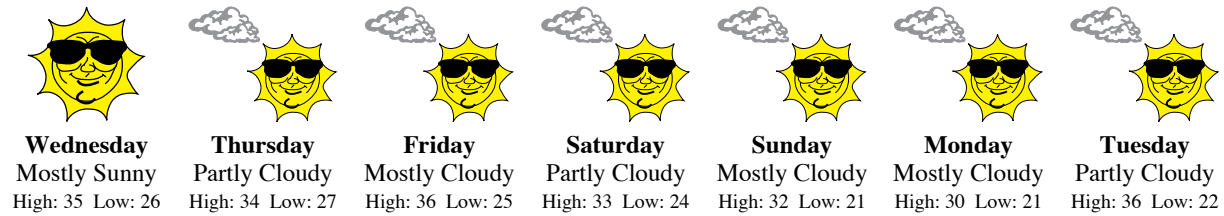
Marshal Prescott is taking care of a red cow branded M on left hip. Cow had a calf a week old, and the owner is requested to come and get his property.

Milt Denney of Pleasant View was thrown from a horse he was riding last Tuesday, and rendered unconscious. He was taken to Walla Walla Wednesday for medical treatment.

## Touchet Valley Weather

Dec. 28, 2016

### Waitsburg's Seven Day Forecast



### Weather Trivia

How many years is the sun's solar cycle?  
**ANSWER:** Eleven years.

### Weather History

**Dec. 28, 1987** - A winter storm produced heavy snow in the upper Mississippi Valley and the upper Great Lakes region. Up to twenty inches of snow buried southern Minnesota, and 20 to 40 mph winds produced snow drifts six feet high and reduced visibilities to near zero.

### Local Almanac Last Week

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Precipitation . . . . .
Monday	45	9	40/29	0.01"	Normal precipitation . . . . . 0.56"
Tuesday	52	36	40/28	0.03"	Departure from normal . . . . . -0.21"
Wednesday	44	28	40/28	0.00"	Average temperature . . . . . 33.3°
Thursday	34	24	40/28	0.00"	Average normal temperature . . . . 34.0°
Friday	45	27	40/28	0.26"	Departure from normal . . . . . -0.7°
Saturday	34	30	40/28	0.05"	
Sunday	32	26	39/28	0.00"	Data as reported from Walla Walla

### Sun/Moon Chart This Week

	Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset	
New	Wednesday	7:35 a.m.	4:14 p.m.	6:46 a.m.	4:16 p.m.	Full
12/29	Thursday	7:35 a.m.	4:15 p.m.	7:35 a.m.	5:07 p.m.	1/12
	Friday	7:35 a.m.	4:16 p.m.	8:20 a.m.	6:04 p.m.	
	Saturday	7:35 a.m.	4:17 p.m.	9:00 a.m.	7:05 p.m.	
First	Sunday	7:35 a.m.	4:18 p.m.	9:37 a.m.	8:09 p.m.	Last
1/5	Monday	7:35 a.m.	4:19 p.m.	10:10 a.m.	9:15 p.m.	1/19
	Tuesday	7:35 a.m.	4:20 p.m.	10:41 a.m.	10:22 p.m.	

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### POSITION'S ANNOUNCEMENT

Waitsburg School District is accepting applications for the following positions. Full-Time Maintenance Custodian (4 am – 12:30 pm) Extra-Curricular Openings: HS Head and Assistant Track Coaches MS Head and Assistant Baseball Coaches MS Assistant Softball Coach

Positions are open until filled. Application materials are available at 184 Academy St., on line at [www.waitsburgsd.org](http://www.waitsburgsd.org) or you may call the District Office at (509) 337-6301. Waitsburg School District is an E.O.E.

### FOR SALE

**COTTAGE PATH**  
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125-127 E. Main St  
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Saturday  
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509 843-3734

### IRRIGATION AND FARM SALE

Some tools, and equipment, a lot of irrigation equipment, too much to list.  
Jan 3-17th  
Jim-509-629-2277  
Shorty 509-521-2827

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Aging & Long Term Care is seeking a RN to provide foot care (inspecting feet/trimming toenails) to seniors in Columbia County 2-4 days a month in a clinical group setting. Must have current WA state RN license. Contact Christy Ivy or Elicitia Sanchez at 509-965-0105 Closing date is January 6, 2017 with duties to start towards the end of January 2017

Members and Guests Welcome

# New Year's Eve

## High Mileage

### Saturday December 31 9 p.m. - 1 a.m. \$5 Cover

Hors d'oeuvres  
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# TOUCHET VALLEY NEWS

## NEWS BRIEF

### YOGA CLASS

DAYTON - Lydia Caudill is offering a yoga class on Thursday evenings at 5:30 p.m. in the Firesdie Room of the First Congregational Church in Dayton. The class is donation-based. Suggestions include: \$10, a bar of soap, a jar of peaches, a piece of art, or anything else. Call Lydia at (509) 956-8385 or email her at lydia.caudill@gmail.com with questions.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

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**Kids Lunch and Activity**  
Waitsburg Christian Church  
11 a.m. - Noon

**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  
2-4 p.m.

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**Soup for the Soul**  
Dayton First Christian Church (410 S. 3rd, Dayton)  
5:30 p.m.  
All are welcome to come and enjoy a free community sponsored dinner on the last Friday of each month. For more info, contact Judi Brooks at 382-4771. Transportation is available. For a ride call public transportation at 382-1647.

**Movie Night**  
Waitsburg Chapel (320 W. 2nd)  
7 p.m.  
A Christmas Carol.



Lunches will be served, and activities will be provided, by the Waitsburg Resource Center on Tues., Wed., Thurs., (Dec. 21, 21, 22 and 27, 28, 29) at the Christian Church (corner of Main and 6th) from 11 a.m. to noon during winter break.

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### NEW YEAR'S EVE

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

**First Night Celebration**  
Dayton Elementary School Multipurpose Room  
6-9 p.m.  
Free family fun.

**High Mileage Band**  
Dayton Eagles  
9 p.m. - 1 a.m.

## JANUARY

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### NEW YEAR'S DAY

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

3

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

**Waitsburg Senior Round Table**  
Waitsburg Presbyterian Church  
11:30 a.m.  
Join local seniors every Tuesday for lunch. \$4 suggested donation for those over 60. \$7 charge for guests under 60. Meals on Wheels are available. Call 337-8541 for more info.

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## NEWS BRIEFS

### WINTER QUARTER AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

DAYTON - Winter quarter for the Dayton School District's After School Program starts Jan. 10, and ends March 9. Classes for third, fourth, fifth and sixth graders take place every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at various locations.

Tuesday activities include Intro to Crocheting, Model Airplanes, Cooking/Nutrition, and Disaster Preparation.

Disaster preparedness presentations will be held for all students in the program, to help them to understand the importance of basic first aid. Students will also explore possible natural disasters in the local area.

Wednesday classes include Girl Empowerment, Earth-Space Collage, Ocean Collage, and Photo Collage.

The YWCA Girls Power program is for girls in grades four and five, and is intended help build self-confidence, competence and pride. Snacks, activities, a field trip and a party are some of the reasons girls will be attracted to the program.

Kids in the Kitchen and Community Service are two of the program offerings for Thursdays.

For more information about Dayton's After School Program, contact coordinator Shakira Bye at: (650) 291-6553, or by email at shakirab@daytonsd.org.

### PUBLIC HEARING ON PUBLIC WORKS FEES

DAYTON - The Columbia County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing at 10 a.m. on Jan. 4 to consider setting of fees for items at the Public Works Department. The meeting, to hear public comment, will be held at the Commissioners' Chambers at the courthouse located at 341 E. Main.

A list of the proposed fees may be accessed online at <http://www.columbiaco.com/DocumentCenter/View/3118> or hard copies are available at the Public Works Department at 415 North Guernsey Ave. in Dayton. If you cannot attend the meeting, comments may be mailed to: Columbia County Public Works Department, PO Box 5, Dayton, WA 99328.

### BIRTHDAYS

**December 30:** Bob Collins, Megan McKinney, Henry Hubbard, Krista Houle.

**December 31:** Janice Ford, Beth Tietjen, Gail Leid, Eva Leroue, Nancy Engels, Gannon Grende, Barry Hulce.

**January 1:** Jerry Baker, James Estes, January Pitella, Kyle Perry, Caitlin Bales, Sonia Crawford, Jeana DeWitt, Josh Largent, Jerry Wood, Bill Bloor, Teeny McMunn.

**January 2:** Joy Hill.

**January 3:** Mary Olona, Guy Antonius.

**January 4:** Meagan Zajac, Loegan Harshman, Andrea Payne, Ben Kiefel, Carol Clarke.

**January 5:** Fred Rankin, Barb Colby, Willard Cameron, Terry John, Aaron Jones and Ted Seaton.

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337-6589  
Rev. Bret Moser

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

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

**New River Fellowship**  
121 Main St, (Town Hall)  
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## REPUBLICANS MAY NOT BE PREPARED FOR THE OBAMACARE WAR

By Jennifer Rubin, *The Washington Post*

Republican Senate and House leaders who have summarily decided on a “repeal and dawdle” plan for Obamacare don’t seem to understand what they are up against. They see House and Senate majorities, an incoming president who vowed to repeal all of Obamacare and a reconciliation process that allows them to gut Obamacare taxes and subsidies, essentially killing the program with 51 votes in the Senate. Do they understand it won’t be that easy?

The first problem is Republicans in the House and Senate. Several Republicans have already voiced doubts about repealing Obamacare with no ready replacement. Every freshman congressman from an unsafe district should be voicing his or her concern. Repeal Obamacare and then go back to the voters in 2018 with nothing?! Yeah, it’s risky for those new lawmakers who promised something better than Obamacare, not making health-care coverage disappear.

Next are the voters, including the Rust Belt working-class whites, a group that surely benefited from the marketplace subsidies, as reports like this one from the Atlantic magazine point out:

“Among those whose incomes are less than 200 percent of the federal poverty level—just around \$49,000 for a family of four this year—whites actually gained insurance at relatively high rates. Data from the 2016 and 2014 Current Population Survey Annual Social and Economic Supplement shows that the proportion of uninsured low-income white people dropped by 8.6 percentage points from 2013 to 2015, a reduction that was roughly similar to the decrease among Hispanic people, but which outpaced the national average of 8.1 percentage points, and dwarfed

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The Times was founded in 1878 by C.W. Wheeler and has been produced every week since then. It is one of the oldest newspapers in the state of Washington.

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## Your Future Commute: Flying Through Tubes at 760 mph

By Vivek Wadhwa, *Special to The Washington Post*

Picture the commute of the future: You live in Palo Alto, California, but work 350 miles away in Los Angeles. After your morning latte, you click on a smartphone app to summon your digital chauffeur. An autonomous car shows up at your front door three minutes later to drive you to a Hyperloop station in downtown Mountain View, where a pod then transports you through a vacuum tube at 760 mph. When you reach the Pasadena station, another self-driving car awaits to take you to your office. You reach your destination in less than an hour.

That is the type of scenario that Hyperloop Transportation Technologies (HTT) Chief Executive Dirk Ahlborn laid out for me as we were preparing to speak together on a panel at the Knowledge Summit in Dubai on Dec. 5. He was not talking about something that would happen in the next century; he expects the first of these systems to be operational in the United Arab Emirates by 2020. The Abu Dhabi government has just announced that it has been working with his company to connect Abu Dhabi and Al Ain, two UAE cities separated by 105 miles, using the Hyperloop system.

A proposal for this mode of transportation came from Elon Musk in August 2013, in a paper titled “Hyperloop Alpha.” Musk envisaged a mass transit system in which trains travel as fast as 760 mph in pressurized capsule pods. These would ride on an air cushion in steel tubes and be driven by linear induction motors and air compressors. He claimed that the system would be safer, faster and cheaper than trains, cars boats and supersonic planes, for distances of up to at least 900 miles, and said that it would be resistant to earthquakes and generate more energy through its solar panels than it would use.

Straight out of science fiction it may be, but two start-ups took up Musk’s challenge to develop the technology: HTT and Hyperloop One. These companies have raised more than \$100 million each and say they will have operational systems in three to four years and that they have governments backing them. Hyperloop One demonstrated elements of the technology in the Las Vegas desert in May 2016. The sheiks I spoke with in Dubai were most excited about HTT’s system.

Even if the Hyperloop technology doesn’t pan out, the digital chauffeurs surely are coming. Self-driving cars such as the Tesla that I drive can already take control of the wheel on highways and are able to monitor traffic around them better than humans can - because their sensors enable them to see in 360 degrees and communicate with each other to negotiate rights of way.

By 2020, self-driving cars will have progressed so far that they can drive safely at speeds as fast as 200 mph in

their own partitioned lanes on highways. In these circumstances, the commute to Los Angeles from San Francisco would take only an hour and a half - without the need to catch a connection to a supersonic pod. From Abu Dhabi to Al Ain or Dubai could take the car 30 to 40 minutes, door to door. In other words, Elon Musk’s self-driving cars and HTT’s short-haul Hyperloops may be competing with each other. I’m one of those who would prefer the convenience of having their car come with them so that they can keep extra stuff in the back and be working uninterrupted on the commute. In any case, for longer journeys, say from New York or San Francisco to Miami, catching a Hyperloop will make more sense than riding in the self-driving car.

The point, though, is that we are on the verge of a revolution in transportation. For decades - actually, centuries - we have been dependent on locomotives and, more recently, airplanes to take us long distances. The technologies have hardly advanced. The entire industry is about to be disrupted. Many of us will choose to take the shared cars and Hyperloops; others will own their own cars. But we will take fewer rides in trains and planes.

That is why new rail-based transportation systems, such as the one that California has long been debating, are not sensible investments to make. By the time they are complete, our modes of mass transportation will have changed. The California project aims to move 20 to 24 million passengers a year from downtown L.A. to downtown San Francisco, through California’s Central Valley, in 2 hours 40 minutes. It is projected to cost an estimated \$64 billion when completed by about 2030. By then, we will be debating whether human beings should be allowed to drive cars, and public rail systems will be facing bankruptcy because of cheaper and better alternatives.

The wise investment to make will be in accelerating adoption of self-driving cars and in reserving lanes for them, and in building energy-efficient long-distance transportation systems that do not consume even more time, money and arable land than we have lost already. For distances in the hundreds or thousands of miles, we’d do well to explore Hyperloops and other environmentally sensitive modes of mass transportation. They may be far more cost-effective than laying new railways.

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the decrease among black people in the same income groups. Members of the white working class, in other words, were particularly likely to gain coverage from Obamacare.”

When members of Trump’s base start writing letters, sharing hardship stories with local media and appearing at Trump events, Trump may very well call off the “repeal and delay” strategy. Republicans who think he is locked into their strategy haven’t been paying attention. Trump doesn’t want to be seen as unsympathetic. (He won’t “let people die in the streets,” he famously declared.) It took him only one meeting with President Obama to concede that two parts of Obamacare (coverage for those with preexisting conditions and allowing adult children up to 26 years old to stay on their parents’ plan) had to stay. With only 25 percent of the electorate approving of Obamacare repeal, he could very well turn on a dime, leaving the Republicans in Congress blowing in the wind.

And then there are the hordes of sympathetic interest groups who are about to descend on Washington. In 2017, you may hear quite a lot from the Alliance for Healthcare Security. Liberals did their legwork and organized a mammoth coalition to defend Obamacare, which already includes “1199 SEIU United Healthcare Workers East, Alliance for Retired Americans, American Medical Student Association, American Medical Women’s Association, Center for Medicare Advocacy, Inc., Community Catalyst, Doctors for America, Families USA, Medicare Rights Center, National Medical Association, National Partnership for Women and Families, National Physicians Alliance, Network for Patient Advocacy, Physicians for a National Health Program, Physicians for Social Responsibility, Service Employees International Union, National Committee to Preserve Social Security, and the United Spinal Association.” Americans by and large like their doctors, and when doctors start warning of a health-care crisis, many lawmakers will buckle at the knees. (The American Medical Association has already warned that it will oppose any plan that takes away coverage, which presumably would nix a plan that offers access but not actual coverage.)

We have already seen hospital organizations leap into the fray. The Hill reports:

“A powerful coalition of hospitals is previewing a fierce attack against GOP leaders if lawmakers follow through on their promise to repeal ObamaCare next year. The American Hospital Association and the Federation of American Hospitals . . . fired off a damning new report warning that its industry stood to take a massive financial hit under the repeal of ObamaCare.

“The 41-page report, which was conducted by the firm Dobson Davanzo & Associates, showed the hospital industry would lose \$165.8 billion through cuts to Medicaid alone. It’s the most high-profile study yet by a healthcare industry that’s fearful of an abrupt ObamaCare repeal after the surprise victory of President-elect Donald Trump last month.”

And finally, repeal without an immediate replacement will likely spook insurance companies, many of whom have fled from the exchanges. To prevent them from leaving the marketplace exchanges altogether, Congress may have to “subsidize” them via the risk corridors or alter the requirement that at least 80 percent of revenue goes to paying claims. That is going to be intensely unpopular.

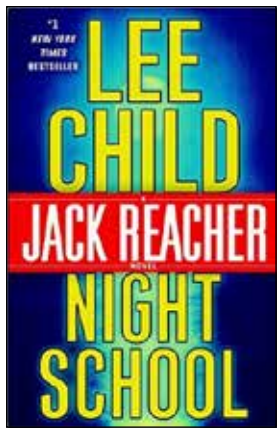
Republicans may very well jam through a repeal of Obamacare with no alternative plan in sight. They may be surprised, however, at the resistance they encounter and the magnitude of the opposition. Rather than be an “easy” win early in the new president’s term, it may turn into a knock-down-drag-out fight, or even a punt to delay action. What sounds good in a campaign ad or a white paper often becomes much more problematic when facing the consequences of such a monumental about-face in health-care policy.

Jennifer Rubin writes the Right Turn blog for The Post, offering reported opinion from a conservative perspective.

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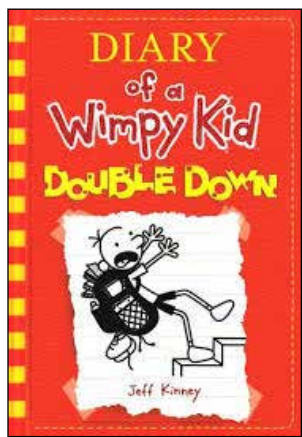
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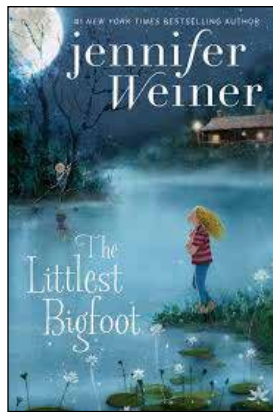
“**The Wrong Side of Goodbye**,” by Michael Connelly (Mystery) - Former LAPD detective Harry Bosch is hired as a private eye to find out whether a reclusive billionaire has an heir related to him by blood. Now well into his 80s, the man had left behind a pregnant underage Mexican girl “on the wrong side of goodbye” when he was a college student. Harry’s search will lead him into the heart of Chicano culture in Southern California and the investigation will expose him and his teenage daughter to great danger as the board members of the billionaire’s company seek to protect their access to wealth and power. Meanwhile, Harry has been taken on as a volunteer reserve officer by the San Fernando Police Department to investigate cold cases and has succeeded in linking a series of bold and brutal rapes.



“**Diary of a Wimpy Kid Double Down**,” by Jeff Kinney (Juvenile Fiction) – The pressure’s really piling up on Greg Heffley. His mom thinks video games are turning his brain to mush, so she wants her son to put down the controller and explore his “creative side.” As if that’s not scary enough, Halloween’s just around the corner and the frights are coming at Greg from every angle. When Greg discovers a bag of gummy worms, it sparks an idea. Can he get his mom off his back by making a movie . . . and will he become rich and famous in the process? Or will doubling down on this plan just double Greg’s troubles?

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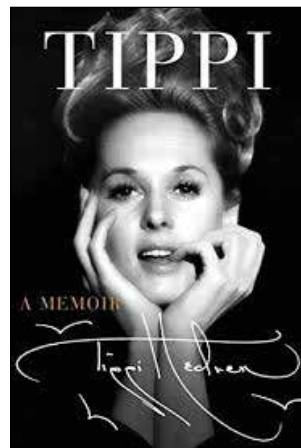


“**The Littlest Bigfoot**,” by Jennifer Weiner – Lonely twelve-year-old Alice Mayfair is shipped off to boarding school where she saves Milli Maximus from drowning in the lake. Millie is a Bigfoot, becomes her friend and Alice swears to protect Millie’s secret. But a league of Bigfoot hunters is on her trail, led by a lonely kid named Jeremy. In order to survive, Alice and Millie have to put their trust in each other – and have faith in themselves – above all else.

“**Patisserie at Home**,” by Melanie DuPuis (Cookbook) – The ultimate French pastry and dessert cookbook, featuring 100 sumptuous, easy-to-master recipes, stunning full-color illustrations, and a breathtaking design that helps home cooks create the perfect dessert. In this essential baking bible, patissiere Melanie Dupuis and molecular gastronomist Anne Cazor demystify the art of French baking for home cooks, giving them the tools, instructions, and recipes to create the most delicious and elaborate desserts.

“**Paris For One**” by Jo Jo Moyes (Adult Fiction) – Nell is twenty-six and has never been to Paris. She’s never even been on a romantic weekend away—to anywhere—before. Traveling abroad isn’t really her thing. But when Nell’s boyfriend fails to show up for their mini-vacation, she has the opportunity to prove everyone—including herself—wrong. Alone in Paris, Nell finds a version of herself she never knew existed: independent and intrepid. Could this turn out to be the most adventurous weekend of her life? Funny, charming, and irresistible, Paris for One is quintessential Jojo Moyes—as are the other stories that round out the collection.

“**Tippi: A Memoir**,” by Tippi Hedren (Autobiography) – In this absorbing and surprising memoir, one of the biggest names of classic Hollywood—the star of Alfred Hitchcock’s *The Birds* and *Marnie*—tells her story, including never-before-revealed experiences on the set of some of the biggest cult films of all time. Hedren’s incandescent spirit shines through as she talks about working with the great Charlie Chaplin, sharing the screen with some of the most esteemed actors in Hollywood, her experiences on some of the most intriguing and troubling film sets—including filming *Roar*, one of the most dangerous movies ever made—and the struggles of being a single mother and her commitment to helping animals. Filled with sixteen pages of beautiful photos, *Tippi* is a rare and fascinating look at a private woman’s remarkable life no celebrity aficionado can miss.



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From left, board members Wes Lied and Ken Dyball, CEO Shane McGuire, former board member Ted Paterson, and board members Hutchens and Jack Otterson man their shovels at the Dayton General Hospital groundbreaking ceremony in June.

Phase I of the renovation project included creating a new, and larger, physical therapy dept., with the addition of a therapy pool, creating a new pharmacy, and a new gift shop, all of which are on schedule to be completed by the end of 2016.

The therapy pool siding and interior painting, and final inspections of the rehabilitation area will take place during the last week in December.

Phase II will begin in January, with demolition scheduled for the laundry and radiology departments on Jan. 11.

Voters approved a \$5.5 million dollar bond for the hospital renovation project in 2014. The hospital renovation and enhancement project consists of four phases, and total project completion is expected by the end of 2017.

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In June, 2016, the Port of Columbia and a new rail operator reached a three-year lease agreement for maintenance and operations of the rail lines, so that Columbia County products can once again be shipped to distant markets by rail.

Frontier Rail, LLC, will begin making repairs to the eight rail bridges, and the 39 miles of track between Dayton and Walla Walla, and help to develop a customer base.

The Port of Columbia has been awarded two rail bank grants, one in 2015 for bridge repairs, and another in 2016 for rail siding at the Blue Mountain Station.

Currently, the rail operator is in the process of gathering estimates and awarding contracts for those projects.

The Palouse and Coulee City Shortline, under former rail operator WATCO, made its last run in 2012.

The newly named Columbia/Walla Walla Shortline will be operational in June 2017, according to Port officials.



Courtesy Image

The Port of Columbia reached a three-year lease agreement with Frontier Rail, LLC to make repairs to tracks between Dayton and Walla Walla.

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The Dayton Development Task Force, a member of the Washington Main Street Program, has been hard at work in 2016.

The DDTF has received funding and completed several projects in the Main Street corridor, through utilization of 2016 B&O Tax Credit Funding.

Snapdragon Floral and Gifts, the Hammerdown building, Chief Spring's Pizza, and the Liberty Theater Annex have all received upgrades to buildings and facades through the B&O matching fund program.

Funds from the B&O Tax and Utility Tax credit program helped with the design and construction of the new public restroom at Caboose Park, which opened adjacent to the Dayton Historic Depot in time for Mule Mania over the Memorial Day weekend.

The DDTF is also working on a regional wayfinding signage project to install seven signs in downtown Dayton, which will include a visitor kiosk with maps, and six pedestrian signs to direct visitors to local attractions.

A master plan for Caboose Park and the Commercial Street corridor has also been developed by the DDTF in 2016.



Courtesy Photo

Newly constructed public restrooms at Dayton's Caboose Park, near the Dayton Historic Depot, were constructed using B&O Tax Credit Funding.

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The Blue Mountain Regional Trails – Ridges, Towns, and Rivers plan to create a regional network of non-motorized trails got underway in 2016.

The cities of College Place, Dayton, Milton-Freewater, Waitsburg and Walla Walla have joined forces with Columbia, Umatilla, and Walla Walla counties, county health departments, the Ports of Walla Walla and Columbia, the Walla Walla Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization, and the Community Council of Walla Walla to kick off the development of the trails plan, which will span all jurisdictions.

The BMRT-RTR has recently been awarded a grant from the National Park Service for technical expertise and support, to help prepare a blueprint for the project.

The trails plan was inspired by the Community Council of Walla Walla's 2015 study on enhancing outdoor opportunities, and by citizen input through several locally held community conversations.

A trail planning meeting will be held at 5:30 on January 30, at the Best Western Hotel, in Dayton, to receive citizen input into regional trail locations.

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A county fairgrounds facilities planning committee formed in September of 2016 to investigate revenues, expenditures, and trends for fairgrounds facilities, and to increase utilization of the facilities for additional community functions. The 2016 Dayton Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet in November was the first event to be held in the newly renovated Fairgrounds Pavilion.

County planning assistant Meagan Bailey is at the helm of the committee, which has been meeting since September, 2016.

Bailey will be presenting Phase I results for review when the committee meets next at 5:30 in the Youth Building, at the fairgrounds, on Jan. 18.

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The 2016 Chamber of Commerce Awards in November was the first event to be held in the Dayton Fairground's newly renovated pavilion.

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The county's new transfer station is up and running in 2016, after a fire in July of 2015 destroyed most of the operational equipment and seriously damaged the main building.

P.O.W. Contracting in Pasco was awarded the contract to build the new \$430,000 facility, which was completed in November.

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Columbia County Commissioner Dwight Robanske surveyed the damaged caused by a fire in July of 2015 that destroyed the Columbia County Transfer Station. A new facility was completed in November of this year.



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Also noteworthy in 2016 is the addition of a 30,000 square foot building at Seneca Foods, Inc. to help with additional seed storage, due to the doubling of seed production at the Seneca facility in 2017. An additional thirty full-time employees will be hired, and a second shift will be added, according to Chris Shires, director of seed operations.



Photo by Michele Smith

Workers put the finishing touches on a 30,000 sq. ft. building for seed storage at Seneca Foods, Inc. in Dayton. Seneca is doubling its seed production in Dayton in 2017 and hiring an additional 30 full-time employees, with the addition of a second shift.

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Not all of the events that took place in 2016 were quite as uplifting as those above.

In August, the City of Dayton filed a temporary restraining order against Columbia County, and the county prosecuting attorney, to compel the PA's office to continue providing municipal prosecuting services, per an interlocal agreement between the city and the county.

County Prosecuting Attorney Rea Culwell refused to provide some municipal services after the county disagreed with disbursement of funds her office received through a state office of crime victim advocacy grant.

Early in August, Culwell asked the commissioners for permission to use the grant for salary increases and increases in hours for some of her staff.

The county commissioners initially agreed to some of Culwell's request, but stated that salary increases for county employees would be addressed during the 2017 preliminary budget talks.

In November, the city dropped its lawsuit against the county and the PA and hired its own prosecuting attorney.

The county is on the monetary hook to provide the city with prosecutorial services and will pay the city about \$2,000 per month for those services, until a new interlocal agreement can be negotiated in 2017.

The county must also pay for its own legal representation to the tune of around \$15,000, all of which has added to some 2017 budget woes for the county.

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Also in 2016, the City of Dayton's two local register historic districts were dissolved, at the request of property owners in the South Side local register historic district, and in the Washington Street local register historic district.

The districts were formed in 2009, but were unpopular with the majority of property owners who viewed them as an infringement of their individual property rights.

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Vo-ag teacher Scott Branson developed a CTE program and organized an FFA chapter in Prescott.

house, parking lot improvements and installation of an all-weather track and other field amenities.

Nurse Karla Scott is honored at a public retirement party after serving 20 years at the Waitsburg Clinic.

Waitsburg alum and "Voice of the Eagles" sportscaster Larry Weir is named Washington Sportscaster of the Year for the second time.

The city commits \$5,000 towards a WWII memorial, to be located on the corner of Myra Rd. and The Dalles Military Rd. in Walla Walla.

For the first time in over 40 years, Prescott High School offers agricultural-focused career and technical education (CTE) courses. The program was developed by longtime vo-ag teacher Scott Branson, who also organized a new FFA chapter in Prescott.



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John Mason was honored as 2016 Booster of the Year.

February

John Mason is named Booster of the Year for his three decades of volunteer work, coaching, and support of Waitsburg's youth and high school basketball, baseball, and football programs.

Melissa Hansen describes her visit to Thailand and Laos for an international seminar as part of the 18-month Washington Agriculture and Forestry Leadership Program (AgForestry) she participated in.

Waitsburg alum Zach Bartlow is named Offensive Player of the Year for the 2015 season of the Eastern Oregon University football team.

The Waitsburg School Board approves a four-year athletic combine agreement with Dayton and Waitsburg to play football as a 2B team with program costs to be split 50/50.

WHS wrestler Tristan Newman takes third place at the State Mat Classic tournament in the Tacoma Dome. This is Newman's fourth consecutive trip to the State competition. Ky Adams, David Just, and David Lewis qualified for State but failed to place.

The Waitsburg School District M&O levy passes, but the capital improvement bond falls just shy of the 60% approval vote necessary to pass.

A structural engineering report indicates that the fairground grandstands are unsafe and must be either repaired or demolished.

Laht Neppur wins the People's Choice Award at the Palouse Cabin Fever Brewfest for the third year in a row.

March

Waitsburg reconsiders its participation the WDFW "Feel Free to Hunt" program in the city's watershed. Concerns about liability and possible contamination of the city's water source led the council to explore the idea of limiting access to the area.

Touchet Valley Little League gears up for a season of play at the new Waitsburg Little League field complex located on the fairgrounds racetrack infield.

Megan Morrison and Stuart Walsh are honored at a Boys and Girls State Honor Night.

A Fairgrounds Advisory Committee is established to develop a plan for the Waitsburg Fairgrounds and to promote the facility.

Residents attend a public meeting to weigh in on the design of the Main Street Bridge, which is scheduled for replacement in the summer of 2017.

Incumbent mayor Walt Gobel runs against Debra Callahan and Delores Nettles in the annual city elections. Council incumbents Marty Dunn, KC Kuykendall, Karl Newell and Kevin House are challenged by Karen Gregutt and Kate Hockersmith.

Melanie Wilkinson opens Fancy Treasures in the Nothing New Antiques building.



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A design agreement was finally reached for Waitsburg's Main Street Bridge to be replaced in the summer of 2017.

April

Mary Phillips is named Commercial Club Citizen of the Year, and the Waitsburg Clinic is named Business of the Year.

Walt Gobel easily wins re-election as mayor. Incumbents Marty Dunn, KC Kuykendall, and Karl Newell retain their seats and Kate Hockersmith replaces Debra Callahan, who gave up her seat in order to run for mayor.

Makenna Barron, age 10, is named Washington Little Rodeo Queen.

The school board is given until May 15 to make a decision regarding possible staff cuts for the 2016-17 school year, due to a declining general fund balance.

Kyle Gradwohl, Timber Frohreich, Mark Montgomery, Caitlin Mohny, Jacob Dunn, and Caitlyn Jones are named to the 2016 prom court. Zion Branson and Sydney Fowble are king and queen.

After some contention and a public meeting, the city council approves a railing design for the replacement Main Street Bridge.



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Anita and Tom Baker enjoyed ribs at the Lion's Club annual fundraiser in May. Tom passed away in November of 2016.

May

Pam Alexenko is Eastern Washington University fraternity Beta Theta Pi's Mom of the Year.

WHS junior Emily Adams is named 2016 Waitsburg Celebration Days Queen.

Citizens threaten legal action and the city postpones the planned removal of five large trees causing sidewalk damage along West 6th Street in Waitsburg. The council later moves forward with the removal, after receiving an arborist's report stating that the trees are diseased. The council agrees to consider changing the city's tree ordinance and committee structure in the future.

The Lions Club feeds 800 people and serves over 1,100 pounds of ribs at the annual Rib Feed fundraiser.

WHS alum Owen Lanning is a Male Athlete of the Year finalist at the Blue Mountain Sports Awards for his performance in track and field at Lewis-Clark State College.

In response to teachers who flocked to the May school board meeting to express opposition to proposed staff cuts, the board tabled a plan to reduce certified staff by one person, and will allow staff time to consider alternative budget solutions.

Larry and Pam Conover are chosen as Waitsburg Celebration Days Parade Marshals.



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Larry and Pam Conover are selected as parade marshals for the 2016 Waitsburg Celebration Days.

June

Landon Callas wins the 300 meter hurdles at State. Other state track and field qualifiers are Emily Adams, Mark Montgomery, Skylar Wood, Joe Leamy, Nick Kitzelman, and Travis Crockett.

WHS freshman Loren Negrón takes first place in the creed speaking competition at the State FFA Convention.

Melissa Hansen, of Waitsburg, is one of six candidates seeking to replace retiring Walla Walla County District 2 Commissioner Perry Dozier.

Stuart Walsh is valedictorian, Zion Branson is salutatorian, and Caitlyn Jones is honor speaker for the WHS graduating class of 2016.

The Waitsburg School Board agrees to collaborate with the WWCC ECEAP program to provide free preschool for all students.

Jaqueline Velazco is valedictorian and Salomon Martinez is salutatorian for the Prescott High School Class of 2016.

The Waitsburg Resource Center receives a Community Leadership Award through the Southeast Washington Association of School Administrators.

Following a public meeting, the Waitsburg Planning Commission denies a rezone application from Marvin Aronson who requested it for his Preston Ave. property in order to perform hobby automobile and equipment repair in

his shop. The commission will look into other solutions.

Ken Miller receives the prestigious Lions Club Melvin Jones Award, and Brian Richards is named 2016 Lion of the Year.

July

Waitsburg artist Lane Hill debuts 10 Ton Press and introduces Waitsburg artists to a full house at an ArtWalla Creative Network event in her Main Street building.

On July 18, Nestlé Waters North America issues a news release stating that a company representative will attend the upcoming city council meeting to discuss plans to explore Waitsburg as a potential site for a water bottling plant. The plant would reportedly provide an estimated 50 full-time jobs, and Nestlé would provide maps and improvements to the city's watershed at no charge. Nearly 100 people attend the July 20 meeting to object to any partnership with Nestlé.

Citizens, and some council members, are outraged to learn that Nestlé representatives have already performed initial exploration in the watershed. The council orders Nestlé to cease and desist all work until they can evaluate the scope, duration, and risk implications to the city. A community meeting is scheduled for Aug. 2.

Claire Johnston opens Dynamite Art + Coffee in the former jimgermanbar space in downtown Waitsburg.

The Waitsburg City Council approves a plan endorsed by the Waitsburg Fairgrounds Committee allowing Terry Hofer to manage RV parking and camping at the fairgrounds.

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Nestle Waters expresses interest in exploring Waitsburg as a possible bottling plant site and sets off a maelstrom of opposition.



August

Arson is suspected in a wheat fire originating just off Nordheim Road and burning down Whiskey Creek. Several outbuildings, many filled with antiques, belonging to Ivadell Nordheim, are destroyed in the fire.

Four outbuildings are destroyed by fire on Timpey Road behind Lewis & Clark Trail State Park.

Waitsburg Mayor Walt Gobel resigns following backlash from citizens who feel he overstepped his authority as mayor by engaging in private meetings with Nestlé and allowing the company's contractors into the city's watershed to do exploratory work without the knowledge or consent of the city council.

Waitsburg citizens and out-of-towners pack Waitsburg Town Hall to weigh in on Nestlé's proposal. Passions are high as the overwhelming majority express opposition to Nestlé.

At their Aug. 17 meeting, the Waitsburg City Council agrees to cut any involvement with Nestlé Waters North America.

After investing 17 years coaching and teaching in Waitsburg, Coach Jeff Bartlow resigns to accept a position as a counselor at Pioneer Middle school in Walla Walla.

The city council approves Mayor Pro-tem Marty Dunn to fulfill Walt Gobel's term as mayor, and agrees to accept applications for the resulting vacant council seat.

September

Matthew Wyatt, a 1998 WHS graduate, is selected as the new pastor of the Waitsburg Christian Church.

Siblings Delbert Mock and Velma Sickles are chosen as the 2016 Pioneers of the Year.

The annual Pioneer Fall Festival is well-attended, and the second annual Laurette McCaw Pie-oneer Pie Baking fundraiser, to raise money for the city pool, is a success.

The Waitsburg Resource Center will provide weekend lunches to needy elementary students through Second Harvest's Bite to Go program.

Karen Gregutt is chosen to fill Waitsburg's empty city council seat. Gregutt was first to submit an application for the vacant seat and was the next highest vote-getter at the last election.

Waitsburg's council approves a \$4,500 expenditure for the purchase of grandstand design plans to aid with the planned renovation.

The city council does not approve a 17-page Equestrian Use Proposal presented by the Waitsburg Fairgrounds Committee. Council members are impressed with the plans for the recreational facility that includes indoor and outdoor arenas, a horse hotel/layout facility, and year-round horse boarding, but says there are too many unanswered questions, especially legally and contractually, between the city and the proposed fairgrounds co-op entity.



Times File Photo

Velma Sickles and Delbert Mock are recognized as 2016 Pioneers of the Year.

# LEGAL NOTICES

**After Recording Return To:**  
Weinstein & Riley, P.S.  
2001 Western Avenue  
Suite 400  
Seattle, WA 98121

Reference: Kevin Grudzinski, 47387830  
Reference No(s) of Documents Assigned or Released: 2004-06587

Document Title: NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE  
Grantor: Weinstein & Riley, P.S.

Grantee: Kevin Grudzinski, a Single Person

Abbreviated Legal Description as Follows: PTN LOTS 1 & 2, BLK 18 BLALOCK ORCHARDS

Assessor's Property Tax Parcel/Account No(s): 350725521814

We are a debt collector. This communication is an attempt to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Notice of Trustee's Sale i

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the undersigned Weinstein & Riley, P.S. will on January 6, 2017 at 10:00 AM at the Main Entrance of the Walla Walla County Courthouse, 315 West Main, Walla Walla, WA 99362 located at Walla Walla County, State of Washington, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in Walla Walla County, State of Washington, to-wit;

**LOTS 1 AND 2 IN BLOCK 18 OF BLALOCK ORCHARDS, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR OF WALLA WALLA COUNTY, WASHINGTON, IN BOOK D OF PLATS AT PAGE 85. EXCEPTING THEREFROM, HOWEVER, THE SOUTH 435.0 FEET OF SAID DESCRIBED PREMISES.**

which is subject to that certain Deed of Trust dated June 11, 2004, recorded June 15, 2004, under Recorder's/Auditor's File Number 2004-06587 records of Walla Walla County, Washington, from Kevin Grudzinski, a Single Person, as Grantor, to Northwest Financial Corporation, a Washington Corporation, as Trustee, to secure an obligation in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. is a separate corporation that is acting solely as a nominee for Banner Bank and its successors and assigns as Beneficiary. Banner Bank is now the beneficiary of the deed of trust. The sale will be made without any warranty concerning the title to, or the condition of the property.

ii  
No action commenced by the Beneficiary of the Deed of Trust is now pending to seek satisfaction of the obligation in any Court by reason of the Grantor's default on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust.

iii  
The default(s) for which this foreclosure is made is/are as follows:

Failure to pay the following amounts, now in arrears:

Amount due to reinstate by August 31, 2016

Monthly Payments: Delinquent Monthly Payments Due:

From 03/01/2016 through 08/01/2016

4 payment(s) at \$1242.96  
2 payment(s) at \$1269.64  
Total: \$7,511.12

Late Charges:  
6 late charge(s) at \$36.94  
Total: \$221.64

Recoverable Balance: \$162.00

**TOTAL DEFAULT: \$7,894.76**

IV  
The sum owing on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust is \$96,851.88, together with interest from 02/01/2016 as provided in the note or other instrument, and such other costs and fees as are due under the note or other instrument secured, and as are provided by statute.

v  
The above-described real property will be sold to satisfy the expense of sale and the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust as provided by statute. The sale will be made without warranty, express or implied, regarding title,

possession, or encumbrances on January 6, 2017. The payments, late charges, or other defaults must be cured by December 26, 2016 (11 days before the sale date) to cause a discontinuance of the sale. The sale will be discontinued and terminated if at any time on or before December 26, 2016 (11 days before the sale date) the default(s) as set forth in paragraph III, together with any subsequent payments, late charges, or other defaults, is/are cured and the Trustee's fees and costs are paid. Payment must be with cashier's or certified checks from a State or federally chartered bank. The sale may be terminated any time after December 26, 2016 (11 days before the sale date), and before the sale by the Borrower, Grantor, any Guarantor, or the holder of any recorded junior lien or encumbrance paying the entire principal and interest secured by the Deed of Trust, plus costs, fees, and advances, if any, made pursuant to the terms of the obligation and/or Deed of Trust, and curing all other defaults.

vi  
A written notice of default was transmitted by the beneficiary or Trustee to the Borrower and Grantor at the following address(es):

See 'Mailing List' attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.

by both first-class and certified mail on July 27, 2016, proof of which is in the possession of the Trustee; and the Borrower and Grantor were personally served on July 26, 2016, with said written notice of default or the written notice of default was posted in a conspicuous place on the real property described in paragraph I above, and the Trustee has possession of proof of such service or posting.

vii  
The Trustee whose name and address are set forth will provide in writing to anyone requesting it, a statement of all costs and fees due at any time prior to the sale.

viii  
The effect of the sale will be to deprive the Grantor and all those who hold by, through or under the Grantor of all their interest in the above-described property.

ix  
Anyone having objections to this sale on any grounds whatsoever will be afforded an opportunity to be heard as to those objection if they bring a lawsuit to restrain the sale pursuant to RCW 61.24.130. Failure to bring such a lawsuit may result in a waiver of any proper grounds for invalidating the Trustee's sale.

x  
Notice to Occupants or Tenants

The purchaser at the Trustee's Sale is entitled to possession of the property on the 20<sup>th</sup> day following the sale, as against the Grantor under the deed of trust (the owner) and anyone having an interest junior to the deed of trust, including occupants who are not tenants. After the 20<sup>th</sup> day following the sale, the purchaser has the right to evict occupants who are not tenants, by summary proceedings under Chapter 59.12 RCW. For tenant-occupied property, the purchaser shall provide a tenant with written notice in accordance with RCW 61.24.060.

If the Trustee's Sale is set aside for any reason, the submitted bid will be forthwith returned without interest and the bidder will have no right to purchase the property. Recovery of the bid amount without interest constitutes the limit of the bidder's recourse against the Trustee and/or the Beneficiary.

xi  
**NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS AND PARTIES WHO ARE GUARANTORS OF THE OBLIGATIONS SECURED BY THIS DEED OF TRUST:** (1) The Guarantor may be liable for a deficiency judgment to the extent the sale price obtained at the Trustee's Sale is less than the debt secured by the Deed of Trust; (2) The Guarantor has the same rights to reinstate the debt, cure the default, or repay the debt as is given to the grantor in order to avoid the trustee's sale; (3) The Guarantor will have no right to redeem the property after the Trustee's Sale; (4) Subject to such

longer periods as are provided in the Washington Deed of Trust Act, Chapter 61.24 RCW, any action brought to enforce a guaranty must be commenced within one year after the Trustee's Sale, or the last Trustee's Sale under any deed of trust granted to secure the same debt; and (5) In any action for a deficiency, the Guarantor will have the right to establish the fair value of the property as of the date of the Trustee's Sale, less prior liens and encumbrances, and to limit its liability for a deficiency to the difference between the debt and the greater of such fair value or the sale price paid at the Trustee's Sale, plus interest and costs.

XII  
**NOTICE**  
**THIS NOTICE IS THE FINAL STEP BEFORE THE FORECLOSURE SALE OF YOUR HOME.**

You have only 20 DAYS from the recording date on this notice to pursue mediation.

**DO NOT DELAY. CONTACT A HOUSING COUNSELOR OR AN ATTORNEY LICENSED IN WASHINGTON NOW** to assess your situation and refer you to mediation if you are eligible and it may help you save your home. See below for safe sources of help.

Seeking Assistance  
Housing counselors and legal assistance may be available at little or no cost to you. If you would like assistance in determining your rights and opportunities to keep your house, you may contact the following:

The statewide foreclosure hotline for assistance and referral to housing counselors recommended by the Housing Finance Commission:

Telephone: (1-877-894-4663)  
Website: <http://www.wshfc.org/buyers/counseling.htm>

The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development:  
Telephone: (1-800-569-4287)  
Website: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/sfh/hcc/fc/index.cfm?webListAction=search&searchstate=WA&filterSvc=dfc>

The statewide civil legal aid hotline for assistance and referrals to other housing counselors and attorneys:  
Telephone: (1-800-606-4819)  
Website: <http://nwjustice.org/what-clear>

For Sales questions and concerns:  
Email Address: [FCLsalesNW@w-legal.com](mailto:FCLsalesNW@w-legal.com)  
DATED: September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016

WEINSTEIN & RILEY, P.S.  
Successor Trustee  
By: /s/ Daniel Ross  
Daniel Ross, Director  
2001 Western Avenue  
Suite 400  
Seattle, WA 98121  
206-269-3490  
[FCLsalesNW@w-legal.com](mailto:FCLsalesNW@w-legal.com)  
State of Washington )  
) ss.

County of King )  
On this 2 day of September 2016, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the State of Washington, duly commissioned and sworn, personally appeared Daniel Ross, to me known to be a Director Secretary of Weinstein & Riley, P.S., the corporation that executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged the said instrument to be the free and voluntary act and deed of said corporation, for the uses and purposes therein mentioned, and on oath states that they are authorized to execute the said instrument. WITNESS my hand and official seal hereto affixed the day and year first above written.

/s/ Darla Trautman  
Name: Darla Trautman  
NOTARY PUBLIC in and for the State of Washington at: King  
My Appt. Exp.: 04/09/2020

'Mailing List'  
Kevin Grudzinski  
147 Bearsville Ln  
Walla Walla, WA 99362

Jane Doe Unknown Spouse of  
Kevin Grudzinski  
147 Bearsville Ln  
Walla Walla, WA 99362

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12-8-a

## No. 16 4 00234 8 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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

In re the Estate of  
CARMEN MARDENE LORENZ,  
Deceased

The personal representative named below has been appointed as personal representative of these estates. Any person having a claim against the decedents must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided by RCW 11.40.070 by serving or mailing to 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 in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of:

(1) Thirty (30) days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or

(2) Four (4) months after the date of first publication of this notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051, and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedents' probate and nonprobate assets.

Date of first publication: December 22, 2016 (anticipated)

Personal Representative:  
Ruth N. Russo  
c/o Michael E. de Grasse  
Counsel for Personal Representative  
59 S. Palouse St.  
P. O. Box 494  
Walla Walla, WA 99362

Walla Walla County Superior Court Cause No. 16 4 00234 8

/s/ Ruth N. Russo  
Ruth N. Russo  
Personal Representative

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12-22-a

## No. 16 4 00235 6 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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

In re the Estates of  
MARY THOMPSON,  
Deceased  
and  
LEWIS A. THOMPSON,  
JR.  
Deceased.

The personal representative named below has been appointed as personal representative of these estates. Any person having a claim against the decedents must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided by RCW 11.40.070 by serving or mailing to 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 in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of:

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Date of first publication: December 22, 2016 (anticipated)

Personal Representative:  
Bridget Volkers  
c/o Michael E. de Grasse

Counsel for Personal Representative  
59 S. Palouse St.  
P. O. Box 494  
Walla Walla, WA 99362

Walla Walla County Superior Court Cause No. 16 4 00235 6

/s/ Bridget J. Volkers  
Bridget Volkers  
Personal Representative

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12-22-e

## File No. SEPA16-041 & CAP16-023

### NOTICE OF APPLICATION / ODNS

Notice is hereby given on this date, 12/29/2016, 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 CDD 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 Environmental Checklist, dated October 31, 2016  
Critical Areas Permit Application, dated December 1, 2016

Critical Areas Report, dated November 11, 2016  
Revised Critical Areas Report, dated December 6, 2016  
Biological Assessment, dated May 16, 2016

Cultural Resources Survey, dated February 16, 2016  
DAHP letter, dated April 14, 2016

JARPA, dated November 3, 2016  
NEPA, dated October 13, 2016

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service letter, dated October 7, 2016

Site plans, dated November 23, 2016

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/Owners: Walla Walla County Public Works Dept. PO BOX 813 Walla Walla, WA 99362

Application filing date: 11/9/2016

Application type: Critical Areas Permit

Date that application was determined to be substantially complete: 12/7/2016

Location and description of proposed action: The applicant has proposed to replace an existing bridge spanning Blue Creek in addition to realigning the intersection of Blue Creek and Mill Creek Roads. Passage across Blue Creek will be provided by a temporary

bridge located upstream from the existing bridge. The new bridge structure will replace what is currently determined to be a structurally deficient and functionally obsolete bridge with a longer, wider structure that would satisfy prevailing design standards. The intersection realignment will correct an elevation difference that currently prevents large vehicles from completing a right hand turn from Mill Creek Road to Blue Creek Road. A steep hill side currently borders Mill Creek Road with the realignment alleviating those associated hazards as well. The site is located generally at the intersection of Mill Creek and Blue Creek Roads.

Comprehensive plan map designation for the location: Rural Residential Mill Creek

Zoning map designation for the location: Rural Residential Mill Creek 5 (RRMC-5)

Required Permits: Building Permit, Critical Areas Permit, Floodplain Development Approval

Development Regulations: WWCC 18.08 – Critical Areas, WWCC 18.12 - Flood Damage Protection

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 Department before 5:00 PM on the following date: January 12, 2017.

A public hearing will not be held on this 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: Blake Nass, Assistant 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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## Case No. 11 3 00284 0

In the Superior Court of the State of Washington for the County of Walla Walla  
ELIZABETH BERG, Petitioner  
NICHOLAS BERG, Respondent.

The State of Washington to the said NICHOLAS BERG:

You are hereby given notice that there been a petition for a notice of relocation. You are to responded with in 42 days after the date of the first publication of this summons of a notice of relocation, after January 19, 2017 and defend the above entitled action in the above entitled court, and answer the complaint of the petitioner, ELIZABETH BERG, and serve a copy of your answer upon the petitioner at the address below stated; and in case of your failure to do so, judgment will be rendered against you according to the demand of the notice of relocation, which has been filed with the clerk of said court. If you do not serve your written response within 42 days after the date this summons was served on you, exclusive of the day of service, the court may enter an order of default against you, and the court may, without further notice to you, enter a final order and approve or provide for the relief requested in the petition. The court will not enter the final order until at least 42 days after filing and service. Serve a copy of your response to ELIZABETH BERG at 2222 School Ave. Walla Walla, WA, 99362

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Dec. 8, 15, 22, 29, 2016  
Jan. 5, 12, 2017  
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# SPORTS



Photo by Nick Page

Members of the Dayton-Waitsburg football team celebrated after clinching the championship of the Eastern Washington Athletic Conference in late October.

## DW Football Run Leads 2016 Sports Stories

DAYTON GIRLS' BASKETBALL AND WAITSBURG TRACK TEAMS ALSO SHOW WELL AT STATE

By Ken Graham  
THE TIMES

DAYTON — The year in Touchet Valley sports was highlighted by a brand-new Dayton-Waitsburg combine football team that went undefeated in the new Eastern Washington Athletic Conference, and advanced to the state 2B playoff quarterfinals.

After losing their opening game at MacHi, 14-7, DW knocked off Columbia Burbank, a strong 1A team, 45-41 at home, before cruising through the EWAC schedule with relative ease. Their narrowest victory in league play was a 35-20 win over Tri-Cities Prep in Pasco on Sept. 23.

DW clinched the league championship with a stunning romp on the road over previously unbeaten Kittitas, 49-6, in their next-to-last league game.

After playoff wins against Tonasket and TCP, both in hostile territory, DW entered the quarterfinal round of the state playoffs. The team faced Liberty High School in Spangle on Nov. 18, and came away with only their second loss, 48-19, which ended their season. They finished 7-0 in league play and 10-2 overall.

It was an overwhelmingly successful start to the first-ever combine team between Dayton and Waitsburg High Schools. The combine was originally approved by the two schools' boards of directors in the spring.

In October, the Dayton and Waitsburg school boards agreed to establish a baseball combine, which will begin play in the spring of 2017.

In other sports highlights this year, the Dayton girls' basketball team won the southeast 2B league playoffs and advanced to the state tournament. For the second year in a row, they were bounced out in the round of 16, this time with a 58-44 loss to Mabton in late February.

As of this writing, the Lady Bulldogs are undefeated through the first four weeks of the 2016-2017 season.

In February, Waitsburg senior Tristan Newman traveled to the state mat classic at the Tacoma Dome for the fourth consecutive year. Newman came away with a third-place finish in his weight class. Also competing at state for Waitsburg were David Just and Ky Adams.

In the spring of 2016, several Waitsburg track team members advanced to the state track

championships, held in Cheney in late May. The state meet was highlighted for the Cardinals by a win for Landon Callas in the 300 meter hurdles.

Emily Adams placed second for the Cardinals in the 800 meters, and fourth in both the 1600 and 3200 meter races.

Also appearing at state for the Cardinals were Travis Crockett, Mark Montgomery, Skylar Wood, Zion Branson, Joe Leamy, Nick Kitselman and Brandon Penner.

Dayton also sent three athletes to the state track meet. Cal Martin finished seventh in the javelin, and Alexis Wanlarbkam and Neylan Bryan both competed — in the 100 meter hurdles and the 400-meter run, respectively.

## Dayton Girls Remain Undefeated After Rout of DeSales, 48-24

PHILLIPS' ANKLE INJURY CAN'T KEEP LADY BULLDOGS FROM EASY WIN OVER IRISH

WALLA WALLA — The Dayton girls' basketball team overwhelmed DeSales in the first half on Dec 20, on their way to an easy 4-24 win. The win keeps the Lady 'Dogs undefeated on the season.

Dayton jumped out to a 14-5 lead after a quarter, and the Irish got only a single free throw in the second, as Dayton took a 26-6 lead into halftime.

The only dark spot in the game for Dayton was an ankle sprain suffered by Jenna Phillips in the second quarter. Phillips didn't return to the game.

Shayla Currin led the Lady 'Dogs with 16 points on seven-for-ten shooting from the field. She also pulled down 13 of Dayton's 40 rebounds. Josilyn Fullerton added 13 points, including two three-pointers. Phillips and Alexis Wanlarbkam each had six points. Wanlarbkam also had four assists.

Dayton was to host Oakesdale on Tuesday and will travel to Ritzville on Jan. 3.

Dayton 14 12 12 10 — 48  
DeSales 5 1 11 7 — 24

Dayton — Phillips 3-6 0-0 6, Andrews 0-5 2-2 2, Laughery 2-6 0-0 5, Fullerton 5-11 1-2 13, Currin 7-10 2-4 16, Patton 0-0 0-0 0, Bryan 0-0 0-0 0, Brincken 0-0 0-0 0, Boggs 0-0 0-0 0, Wanlarbkam 3-3 0-0 6. Totals 20-41 5-8 48.

DeSales — K. Buratto 0-1 5-6 5, Kjeldgaard 0-1 0-0 0, H. Buratto 2-6 0-0 5, Cortez 1-3 0-0 2, Jones 0-3 0-0 0, Lyons 2-12 0-0 5, Haider 0-4 4-8 4, Maiuri 1-5 0-2 3, Olson 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 6-37 9-16 24.

3-point goals — Dayton 3 (Fullerton 2, Laughery), DeSales 3 (H. Buratto, Lyons, Maiuri). Total fouls — Dayton 16, DeSales 15. Fouled out — Dayton (Andrews), DeSales (K. Buratto). Technical fouls — none. Rebounds — Dayton 40 (Currin 13), DeSales 21 (Olson 4). Turnovers — Dayton 20, DeSales 19. Assists — Dayton 10 (Wanlarbkam 4), DeSales 4 (Lyons 2).

## After Hot Start, Bulldogs Fall to Irish, 59-49

BREN DROPS IN 21 POINTS, INCLUDING FIVE TREYS, IN DAYTON LOSS

WALLA WALLA — The Dayton boys' basketball team built an early lead in their game Dec. 20 at DeSales, but were unable to keep pace with the Irish in the second and third quarters, and fell, 58-49.

The Bulldogs built a 15-9 after the first quarter, but went into the half down by one. A 12-0 run after halftime put the game out of reach for the visitors.

Tanner Bren knocked down five three-point shots in the game on his way to a game-high 21 points. Bren also led the Bulldogs with six rebounds. Ben Kleck had 14 points and Junior Helm scored nine.

Dayton 15 10 9 15 — 49  
DeSales 9 17 16 16 — 58

Dayton — Helm 4-7 0-0 9, Dieu 0-1 1-3 1, Martin 2-6 0-0 4, Wilkening 0-3 0-0 0, Kleck 4-14 6-11 14, Bryan 0-2 0-0 0, Bren 8-22 0-1 21. Totals 18-55 7-15 49.

DeSales — Montero 4-7 2-2 11, C. Leahy 0-1 0-0 0, Buckley 0-0 0-0 0, E. Rodriguez 0-2 0-0 0, Z. Leahy 7-13 3-4 17, J. Rodriguez 2-5 0-0 4, Baumgart 3-11 2-2 8, Anderson 5-6 0-1 10, Miedema 4-5 0-2 8. Totals 25-50 7-11 58.

3-point goals — Dayton 6 (Bren 5, Helm), DeSales 1 (Montero); Total fouls — Dayton 16, DeSales 17; Fouled out — DeSales (Baumgart); Technical fouls — none; Rebounds — Dayton 33 (Bren 6), DeSales 43 (Z. Leahy 11, Anderson 11); Turnovers — Dayton 18, DeSales 23; Assists — Dayton 5 (Bren 2), DeSales 8 (Z. Leahy 4)

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Alpine, ltd	Banner Bank	

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# DAYTON 2016-2017 supporters

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Lloyds Insurance	Alder Family Dental
Dan and Ginny Butler	Norm and Ann Passmore
Columbia County Transportation	Merle and Joelle Jackson
Dayton Chemicals, Inc.	

Thank you for supporting the Bulldogs

# THE LAST PAGE



Times File Photo

Seth Murdock takes over operations of Wing-Air under the new name, Maco Aviation, Inc.

## October

Wing-Air changes hands as Kevin Winger retires after 28 years of operating his aerial application business out of the Huntsville airport. Employee Seth Murdock, of Dayton, takes over operations under the name Maco Aviation, Inc.

Waitsburg schools respond to citizen surveys and run a smaller, \$3.8 million bond levy. Parking lot improvements and the installation of an all-weather track and field amenities are scrubbed from the original bond request for the \$1 million reduction.

Waitsburg and Dayton approve establishing a high school varsity and JV baseball combine. Practices will held in Dayton under head coach Shane Loper and assistant coach Johnny Watts.

## November

FFA members Loren Negrón, Emily Adams, Seamus House, and Tom House attend the FFA National Convention in Indianapolis, Ind.

Waitsburg car collector Herb Mettler has three different vintage vehicles showcased in three separate 2017 Hemmings Motors calendars.

Emily Adams takes sixth place at the State 1B/2B Cross Country meet in Pasco. Landon Callas and Skylar Wood qualify for State but fail to make the podium.

WHS senior Timber Frohreich is the new Waitsburg City Council student representative.

The Waitsburg Leos and Lions Clubs bring in nearly 1,000 pounds of food to stock the Waitsburg Resource Center.

Voters pass the revised \$3.8 million Waitsburg schools capital improvements bond with a 62.99% approval vote. The approval means the school can access \$40,000 in additional funds given by an anonymous donor for the construction of a field house.

Quarterback Zach Bartlow leads EOU to the NAIA Quarterfinals.

Waitsburg mourns the loss of long-time civil servant and former publisher of The Times, Tom Baker, who passed away at age 86 on Nov. 14.

In a 3-2 vote, the Waitsburg Planning Commission supports a mixed-use rezoning of property at 503 W. 2nd that would allow owner Marvin Aronson to operate a hobby auto repair shop with a conditional use permit. The proposal must still be approved by the city council.



Courtesy Image

Cheyenne Shoun is selected as 2017 Waitsburg Celebration Days Queen.

## December

Sixteen-year-old Cheyanne Shoun is named 2017 Waitsburg Celebration Days Queen.

Retiring Walla Walla County Commissioner and Waitsburg famer Perry Dozier is selected as interim manager of the Walla Walla Fairgrounds.

The Waitsburg School District plans to complete a search for a new superintendent by March, and hires Bill Jordan as the lead search consultant. The new superintendent will replace Dr. Carol Clarke, who has held the position since 2004.

The district also plans to hire an architectural services and construction manager to guide them through the process and implementation of its capital projects with the expectation of having them all completed by fall of 2018.

## TEENY MCMUNN: MY RECIPE BOX

# Scalloped Potatoes with Ham



Scalloped potatoes sound boring, but it's great comfort food. I haven't met anyone that doesn't like the dish—but I'm sure they are out there somewhere.

This is the recipe I have used many times, and always with compliments. It is the basic cream sauce over potatoes, but I think the difference must be the thyme and parsley.

I have often made it without the ham, as some of my family does not eat pork, and it does not take away the flavor. If one wanted to, one could use turkey ham. Less calories and tastes a lot the same.

### Ingredients:

6 Tbsp butter, divided  
¼ c. flour  
1 tsp dried parsley flakes  
1 tsp salt  
½ tsp dried thyme  
¼ tsp pepper

3 c. milk  
6 cups thinly sliced peeled potatoes  
1 ½ c. chopped cooked ham  
1 small onion, grated\*\*

### Instructions:

In a large saucepan, melt four tablespoons butter, stir in flour, parsley, salt, thyme, and pepper until smooth. Gradually add milk, bring to a boil (stirring constantly). Cook and stir for two minutes.

Combine potatoes, ham and onion: place half in a greased 2 ½-quart baking dish. Top with half the sauce, repeat layers. (I don't combine them.)

Cover and bake at 375 degrees for 65-75 minutes or until potatoes are almost tender. Dot with remaining butter. Bake uncovered 15-20 minutes longer or until potatoes are tender. Yields four servings (more like six servings).

### My Notes:

I made this last night for dinner and made notes to pass on for anyone who hasn't made scalloped potatoes before. How does one measure cups of potatoes, when potatoes aren't in a liquid form? Loosely, a large russet potato makes two cups. I used three large russets plus a red potato—just because. If I am taking this dish when I go to visit my family, I double it and use a 9 x 13 pan. (I prefer glass). I found that one hour and 15 minutes was plenty.

\*\*It made me laugh when I finally noticed "grated onion." Who grates onions? Substitute that for finely diced onion.

Also, I added a bit more butter, flour, and milk, but I found I didn't really have to.

I think this recipe can be flexible, as it is the basic cream sauce and potatoes, however I tend to stick to the original.

One last note: The part I am not crazy about is the peeling and slicing the potatoes. Its time consuming, so if you can sweet talk someone into helping with that task, while you make the cream sauce, it will go a lot faster.

ENJOY!

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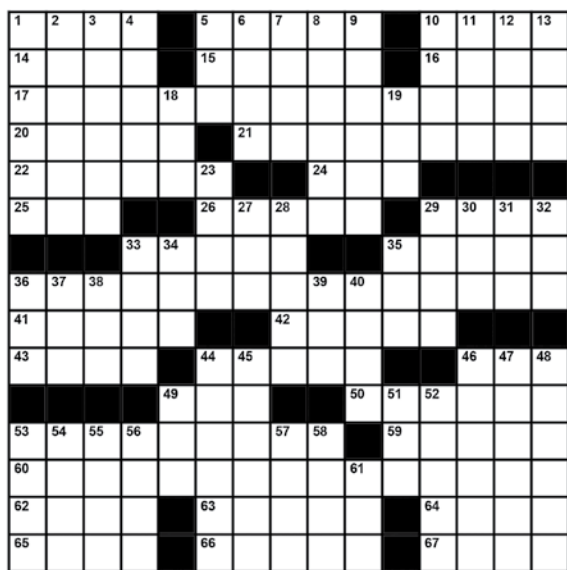
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