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THIS WEEK

WAITSBURG



BRIDGE

Waitsburg's Main Street-Bridge is substantially complete and open for traffic.

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DAYTON



ROBOTICS

The Venus Flytraps robotics team advances to the state competition in Cheney in January.

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SPORTS



WRESTLING

A wrestling day camp for the Waitsburg Matbirds was well attended.

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COMMUNITY WORSHIP



Photos Courtesy of Rebekah Pearson

The Waitsburg Presbyterian Church was filled to the brim during the annual Community Christmas Program on Sun., Dec. 17. Above left: Rose Knowles smiles as JJ Moser is entranced by candlelight and Krista McKinley sings in the background. Above: Randy Pearson (l) and Jim Thorn perform for an appreciative crowd.

Manila Bay Café Moves to Blue Mountain Station

LYONS FERRY PLAN FOR FUTURE, SHORTLINE RAIL EXPERIENCES DIFFICULTIES

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—At the end of this month, the Manila Bay Café is moving from its present location on Main St., to Suite B at the Blue Mountain Station.

Restaurant owner Jonathan Betts told Port officials he would like to be open for business on December 27 or 28. The café will serve breakfast and lunch, Monday through Friday, and on Saturday, from noon - 1 pm. The Manila Bay Café is available for catering as well.

"I'm excited about the opportunity. I appreciate the chance," Betts said.

Betts signed a one year lease with the Port while at the meeting.

Lyons Ferry Marina

"The Lyons Ferry Marina ice damage repair is complete," Port Manager Jennie Dickinson told the Port of Columbia commissioners at their December meeting.

Dickinson said FEMA is willing to cover some of the work and may require additional work be done to mitigate future damage.

"I will turn in all invoices to FEMA for that. We'll see what happens," she said.

She said FEMA will also provide around \$75,000 to repair the breakwater, which has sustained considerable winter damage.

Dickinson said the transition at the Lyons Ferry Marina, from concessionaires Jim and Angela McArthur to Steve Klonz is going well.

"He is a big thinker. He has lots of ideas," she said of Klonz.

"He wants people to walk on the site next year and be able to see a change," she said.

Dickinson provided the commissioners with two preliminary drawings from consulting firm Reid/ Middleton for the Lyons Ferry Marina Master Facilities Plan.

The plan has received extensive input from Steve Klonz, Dickinson said.

The commissioners noted that phases of development will take place over a long period of time.

"I think they've done a nice job," said Chairman Earle Marvin about the blueprint.

Dickinson said, "Things can change as we go. It's a good blueprint."

The goal is to have the plan ready to go after grants, in 2018, she said.

Dickinson said she and Klonz will

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Times File Photo

The Columbia Walla Walla Shortline Railroad has experienced some difficulties, including multiple derailments and a shortage of cargo.

Above: This train was derailed near Waitsburg in November. Two more derailments took place on the Watco line between Prescott and Walla Walla.

Waitsburg School District Approves Levy

VOTERS WILL VOTE ON THE \$2.71/\$1,000 PROPOSAL IN APRIL

By Dena Martin | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG – At their regular Dec. 13 meeting, the Waitsburg School Board approved a replacement two-year enrichment levy of \$2.71 per \$1,000 of assessed value for 2019 and 2020. How much will actually be collected, however, is yet to be determined.

Beginning in 2018, the state will begin collecting a state school levy of approximately \$0.84 per \$1,000 dollars of assessed value in Walla Walla County.

According to the McCleary decision, passed in 2012 to "fully fund" education, school enrichment levies (formerly called maintenance and operations levies) will be capped at \$.150 /\$1,000 or \$2,500 per student, whichever is less, beginning in 2019.

Waitsburg's current M&O levy, which will expire in 2018, is currently \$3.55/\$1,000.

The board considered levy amounts of \$3.55/\$1,000, \$2.71/\$1,000 and \$1.50/\$1,000. The board ultimately decided to approved the \$2.71/\$1,000 proposal because the \$0.84 cents collected by the state, combined with the \$2.71 collected by the district, is equal to the current \$3.55 levy.

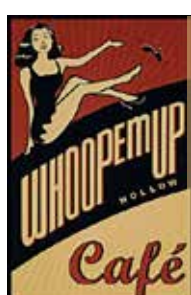
"As long as I've been on the board – and we've gone through six or seven of these – we've been very careful not to increase taxes beyond what our taxpayers are used to. Even when we went for the capital bond we were very careful not to raise beyond what our taxpayers were used to paying," said Board Chair Ross Hamann.

At \$2.71/\$1,000, the district expects to collect \$520,846 in 2019 and \$562,433 in 2020, should the levy cap be lifted.

If the \$1.50/\$1,000 levy cap remains in place, the district would collect only \$288,291 in 2019 and \$311,310 in 2020. The board is concerned that amount will leave the district budget with a deep shortfall.

With legislation in flux, Superintendent Jon Mishra suggested that the district request the funding it needs, even if it ends up unable to collect that amount.

That way, the district won't have to go back before the voters to request additional funding if the enrichment levy cap is eliminated, he said.



Whoop Em Up Wednesday, Dec. 27, 6 p.m.

Visit Waitsburg for food, friends and fun!

RSVP at 337-9000

TOUCHET VALLEY LIFE

BIRTH



Havilah Grace Moser was born to proud parents Bret and Bethany Moser on Dec. 7 at 4:41 a.m. at home in Waitsburg. Havilah weighed 8 lbs and was attended by Hihgland Midwife Birth Services midwife Rebekah Pierson.

Thought for the Day: "We have to face the fact that either all of us are going to die together or we are going to learn to live together, and if we are to live together we have to talk." -- Eleanor Roosevelt

OBITUARY

DOROTHY "DOT" JANE BODMAN JULY 3, 1918 – DECEMBER 17, 2017

Dot, 99, passed away December 17, 2017 at her home in Wheatland Village, Walla Walla, WA. A Memorial Service will be Wednesday, December 20, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. at Wheatland Village, 1500 Catherine Street, Walla Walla, WA 99362 with Chaplain Steve Cromwell officiating.

Dorothy was born to Charles and Anna Grummett in Aberdeen, WA on July 3, 1918. She graduated from Grays Harbor Business College in 1939. Dorothy married Joseph Day Bodman on October 9, 1939 in Fairbanks, Alaska; they were married 73 years. She was an excellent seamstress and very creative. She had a great sense of humor, along with a sharp memory and a quick wit. Dorothy was a great cook and loved to share. Living in Morocco and Italy was a real adventure along with traveling to Mexico, Guatemala, and parts unknown. Dorothy was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Walla Walla and the Walla Walla Country Club.

Dorothy is survived by her daughter, Nancy (Ward) Glessner, son, George (Debbie) Bodman, two grandchildren; Dick Glessner, Kiffen Roberts, five great-grandchildren; Brittney Glessner, Gabrielle Glessner, Blake Glessner, Annika Jo Roberts, Katrina Roberts. She was preceded in death by her husband Joe and daughter Judith Day.

Memorial contributions may be made to Walla Walla Community Hospice through Mountain View-Colonial DeWitt, 1551 The Dalles Military Road, Walla Walla, WA 99362.

Dot had a wonderful, fulfilling life. One of her favorite sayings, "Life is a journey not a destination"



PIONEER PORTRAITS

Ten Years Ago December 27, 2017

Photo caption: The Cardinal Players took a curtain call, basking in the applause following their "reader's theater" presentation of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol," at the Liberty Theater in Dayton last Saturday night. Isaac Huether played Ebenezer Scrooge and each member of the cast stepped into the many roles required for the production. From left: Fred Cunz, John Gertsch, Wesley Hilton, Isaac Huether, Felicia Brown, Colton Townsend, Nathan Moon, Shawny Ingle, Tyson Cole, Dakota Hopkins. Narrator Roseann Groom.

Thousands go through Dayton on their way to year-round recreation in the Blue Mountains and sometimes things go awry. Responding to calls for help in the Blues this winter will be more ably met by the Columbia County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue (SAR) thanks to a snow cat donated by Pacific Power.

Twenty-Five Years Ago December 24, 1992

It was reminiscent of a Three Stooges chase scene. On the first night, Friday, Dec. 18, of the Living Nativity put on by Waitsburg's churches, four female sheep jumped out of a pen build for the shepherd scene next to the Community Church. What happened for the next hour, according to one of the participants, "was just a merry chase through town." Two of the ewes were captured quickly but two others remained at large, running through backyards and across streets on the west side of town. Michael Ferrians, dressed as a shepherd, said he stood in the middle of 6th Street, watching the chase unfold.

Another advertising billboard along Preston Avenue east of Waitsburg didn't get a welcomed reception at the City Council's meeting last week, Dec. 16. "It's terrible. They advertise for everybody going to Walla Walla to spend their money," councilman Bill Thompson said of billboards along Highway 12, near Fermin Bennet's home.

"You could walk on it," Elmer Hays, the city's retiring water-sewer chief said. That wouldn't have been so unusual had Hays been talking about a sidewalk. But, he was talking about the city's sewer plant's digester system, where solids like soap and plastics are separated in the treatment of waste water. Hays said there is about 15,000 gallons of what he called "scum" in the 40,000-gallon digester.

Fifty Years Ago December 24, 1942

Ernest P. Cox of Lewiston just purchased a used station wagon in Walla Walla and was on his way home to Lewiston when he skidded off the road by the Paul S. Hofer ranch Saturday afternoon and turned it neatly upside down in Paul's driveway. Damage to the car was \$700. Motto: Shop at home.

PEO met Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Gerald Maib for their annual Christmas party. Mrs. Donald Harris presented a paper on the traditions of the Christmas candle. Gifts were exchanged with the lovely flocked tree the focal point. Dainty refreshments were served by the hostess.

Seventy-Five Years Ago December 25, 1942

The Bozeman Canning Company which built a new plant in Waitsburg early in 1942 had a very successful season. They had 400 acres under contract and a payroll of \$120,000.

The No No No Club met at Jessie Light's home Thursday evening for their annual Christmas party. A potluck dinner was followed by contract bridge with Mrs. Rufus Veatch and Mrs. Henry Zuger winning high scores.

George Pollard of American Falls, Idaho visited his cousin, Mrs. Harold Denney Saturday and Sunday and visited his uncle Robert Pollard at State Park, and friends in Dayton, during the week.

One Hundred Years Ago December 28, 1917

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Hawks of Huntsville have been married fifty years and they observed their golden wedding anniversary at the family home Wednesday, Dec. 19th. The thirteen children are as follows: Mrs. Maggie Richardson, Mrs. Ida Denney, of Huntsville, Robert Denney, Mrs. Edna Curns, Mrs. Nellie Harris, Gertrude Curns, Will Hawks, Mrs. Dollie Buroker, Mrs. Zelma Fullerton, Mrs. Maud Leid, John Hawks, Mrs. Flo Michaels, and Mrs. Flossie Still.

A quiet wedding was solemnized at the home of Rev. A.A. Collender, Dayton, Wa, when Hulda Rose and S.W. Hinchliffe became man and wife in the presence of a number of friends.

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago December 30, 1892

As we watched the smoke and enjoyed the fragrance of a box of Havana cigars from them, we breathed an invocation that the year 1893 might be to Caldwell and Thorn more prosperous than any previous year has been

Mrs. Herman Sattler came out from Walla Walla on Monday and will spend the winter with her brother, Al. L. Matheny.

Married at Huntsville Sunday, Dec. 15, A. M. Kerns and Miss Gerty Hawks.

D.W. Ramseur and family of wife and four children, arrived in the city a few days ago from Marion, North Carolina. Mr. Ramseur is a very pleasant gentleman and has come among to remain. He will purchase a farm near the city.

Touchet Valley Weather

Dec. 20, 2017

Waitsburg's Seven Day Forecast

Day	Forecast	High	Low
Wednesday	Scattered Rain	35	23
Thursday	Mostly Cloudy	32	25
Friday	Isolated Snow	31	20
Saturday	Partly Cloudy	27	17
Sunday	Partly Cloudy	23	13
Monday	Partly Cloudy	28	18
Tuesday	Mostly Sunny	33	23

Weather Trivia

Wind speeds need to be at least how fast for there to be wind chill?
Answer: At least 5 mph.

Weather History

Dec. 20, 1836 - A famous cold wave occurred in central Illinois. A cold front with 70 mph winds swept through at noon, dropping the temperature from 40 degrees to near zero in a matter of minutes. Many settlers froze to death. Folklore told of chickens frozen in their tracks.

Local Almanac Last Week

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Precipitation
Tuesday	30	28	38/28	0.00"	0.20"
Wednesday	31	27	38/28	0.02"	0.51"
Thursday	32	28	38/28	0.00"	-0.31"
Friday	36	30	38/28	0.18"	35.1°
Saturday	36	28	38/28	Trace	33.0°
Sunday	51	32	38/28	Trace	+2.1°
Monday	55	48	40/26	0.00"	

Data as reported from Walla Walla

Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Wednesday	7:32 a.m.	4:09 p.m.	9:09 a.m.	6:38 p.m.
Thursday	7:32 a.m.	4:10 p.m.	9:48 a.m.	7:35 p.m.
Friday	7:33 a.m.	4:10 p.m.	10:22 a.m.	8:34 p.m.
Saturday	7:33 a.m.	4:11 p.m.	10:53 a.m.	9:36 p.m.
Sunday	7:33 a.m.	4:12 p.m.	11:22 a.m.	10:39 p.m.
Monday	7:34 a.m.	4:12 p.m.	11:49 a.m.	11:44 p.m.
Tuesday	7:34 a.m.	4:13 p.m.	12:16 p.m.	Next Day

CLASSIFIEDS

HELP WANTED

PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEE

The City of Waitsburg, an equal opportunity employer, is currently taking applications for a full-time public works employee.

Nature of Work

Under the guidance from the Public Works Director, this is a non-skilled, primarily out-of-doors position in the maintenance of City-owned utilities, streets, facilities and vehicles, and mowing grass or doing grounds maintenance as directed. Applicant should be knowledgeable of material and equipment commonly used in construction, maintenance and repair activities as related to assigned areas. Work requires some physical exertion such as long periods of standing; walking over rough, uneven surfaces; recurring bending, crouching, stooping and reaching; and occasional lifting of moderately heavy items. Work requires average physical agility and dexterity.

Qualifications

Minimum of 18 years of age with a Valid Washington State driver's license
High school diploma or GED
CDL and Public Applicator Pesticides License are highly preferred, and will be given extra consideration, but are not required.
Position closes on Friday December 29 at 4pm. Anticipated start date is Monday January 15th. Application and full job description are available M-F 8 am - 4 pm at Waitsburg City Hall, 147 Main Street, Waitsburg Washington or at the City website www.cityofwaitsburg.org.

Columbia County Public Transportation

is looking to hire a part time on call dispatcher. Hours will vary depending on need. Starting wage for this position is \$15.52.

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Waitsburg School District is accepting applications for para educator (7 hrs./day) this is a temporary position for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year.

For application materials and position information please contact the District Office at (509) 337-6301.

Waitsburg School District has an immediate opening for a full-time regular route bus driver.

Minimum qualifications: Class B CDL, air brake restriction lifted, student endorsement, passenger endorsement. Training may be available.
For application materials and position information please contact Colter Mohney at (509) 337-6301 ext. 3400.

Positions are open until filled.

Waitsburg School District has immediate openings for substitute teachers, substitute classroom para-educators, substitute custodians, substitute school bus drivers and substitute food service assistants.

For application materials please contact the District Office at (509) 337-6301. Waitsburg School District is an E.O.E.

The Touchet Valley Golf Course is looking for a Concessionaire interested in operating their OWN restaurant at the Dayton Golf Course. Collecting daily green fees would be required. Interested parties please contact Mike at 509-386-1809 for additional information.

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TOUCHET VALLEY NEWS

BRIEF

WRESTLING WORKSHOP

WALLA WALLA – Walla Walla Parks and Recreation will offer a winter wrestling workshop for ages 5-13 will be held Dec. 26-28 at the Wa-Hi big gym wrestling room from 9-11 a.m. The camp is open to all skill levels and includes a free T-shirt. Sponsored by Cummins Athletic Supply. \$40.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

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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.

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106 Preston Avenue (side of Banner Bank)
9-11 a.m.

Christmas Caroling

Waitsburg Presbyterian Church
7 p.m.

Bundle up and meet at the church to go caroling around Waitsburg. Cookies and cocoa to follow.

Ugly Sweater Contest

Tuxedo Bar & Grill, Prescott
8 p.m.-midnight
Karaoke and prizes

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CHRISTMAS EVE

25

CHRISTMAS DAY

26

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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Dayton Story Time

Dayton Memorial Library
10 a.m.

Celebrate Recovery

Waitsburg Christian Church
6:30 – 8 p.m.

Whoopemup Wednesday

Whoopemup Hollow Café
6 p.m.

RSVP 337-9000

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CHRISTMAS CHURCH SERVICES IN WAITSBURG AND DAYTON



The Catholic parishes of **St. Mark's**, at 405 W. 5th St. in Waitsburg, and **St. Joseph's**, at 112 S 1st St. in Dayton, look forward to celebrating Christmas Eve with Mass at St. Mark's at 5 p.m. on Dec. 24, and Christmas Day Mass at 11:15 a.m., at St. Joseph's, 112 S 1st St. in Dayton.

The **Waitsburg Christian Church**, at 604 Main St., will hold a regular 10 a.m. Christmas Eve Service, a Candlelight Christmas Eve Service at 7 p.m., and regular 10 a.m. service on New Year's Eve.

The **Waitsburg Chapel Pentecostal Church of God**, at 320 W. 2nd St., will have a Christmas Eve Service at 6:00 p.m..

Dayton United Brethren Church, at 1106 S 4th St. in Dayton, will celebrate with a special Christmas Eve service at 10:45 a.m., Dec. 24, and Candlelight Communion Service on New Year's Eve, at 7 p.m..

First Christian Church at 410 S 3rd St. in Dayton, will hold a regular Christmas Eve service at 10:45 a.m. on Dec. 24.

New River Fellowship meets at Waitsburg Town Hall and will hold a candlelight Christmas Eve service at 10 a.m. Sunday morning.

Dayton First Congregation UCC, at 214 S 3rd St., will host Blue Christmas, Longest Night at 6:30 p.m. on Wed., Dec. 20. Christmas Eve Services are at 5 p.m. and 11 p.m.

Grace Episcopal Church at 301 S. 3rd St. in Dayton, will have a Christmas Eve service at 5 p.m. and a regular 9 a.m. service on New Year's Eve.

Redeemer Lutheran Church at 501 S 3rd St. in Dayton, will have Christmas Eve Pageant and Worship at 11 a.m. and Lessons and Carols at 7 p.m., both on December 24.

Seventh Day Adventist Church at 1525 S 4th St. in Dayton, will have a 9:30 Sabbath School and 10:50 Church Service on Dec. 23.

Dayton Methodist Church at 110 S. Third St. will hold a Christmas Eve service at 5 p.m. on Sunday.

WWCSO PRESS BOARD

Dec. 17
A Dayton woman reported a theft from her Waitsburg storage unit.

Dec. 14
Simple assault between teen girls at Waitsburg High School. Report of an assault at Jubilee Leadership Academy.

BIRTHDAYS

December 22: Micah Winnett, Kara Largent, Callie Dueñas, Forrest Mock, Gordon Bateman, Suzanne DeCoria.

December 23: Tyler Hofer, Joyce Beckley, Claire Raven, Alta Daniel, Larry Bickelhaupt, Lorene Brown, Kim Douglas, Richard Bessey, Karen Lambert, Chelsea Gore.

December 24: Shirley Kitterman, Carolyn O'Brien, Shane Hilton, Mary Conner, Barbara Wagener, Tracey Harper, Karen Stroobants.

December 25: Solon Pietila, Donna Manley, Les Richardson, Sonia Borrowdale, Annette Becker, Carol Hevel, Dalton Carlisle, and Neil Maxwell.

December 26: Sandra Farley, Sydney Claire Brookshire, Jennifer Nielsen, Margie Douglas.

December 27: Everett Wright, Laura Keyser, Veronica Hartwell, Adam Branson, Marcus Mead.

December 28: Jayce Gleason, Brendan Donovan, Peggy Baker Henry, Marie Leonard, Nancy Otterson, Jo Ann Perry, Ellie McWilliams, Scott Huwe, Gail Harshman, Sarah Chromy, Kelly Jo Lyons, Janice Mason Eatherton, Christopher Danforth, Richelle Coleman, Jayce Gleason and Jay Dimak.

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"I don't really want a new stove, I just like to play in the box!"

BRIEFS

TVAC ENDOWMENT FUND

DAYTON - The Touchet Valley Arts Council announces that, through the generosity of a group of donors, an endowment fund has recently been established with the Blue Mountain Community Foundation. The TVAC Endowment Fund will contribute, in perpetuity, annual support for the The Liberty Theater's operations and capital projects.

The Touchet Valley Arts Council is Columbia County's nonprofit film and performing arts center, with a mission to provide cultural opportunities in Dayton and the surrounding area. Live performances including musical and dramatic, films, and forums are among the events held at the Liberty Theater. It has been a gathering place for the those living in the Touchet Valley and beyond since 2001.

The creation of this endowment puts Touchet Valley Arts Council on the road to ensuring The Liberty Theater will be a vital institution for future generations. If you are interested in donating to this important community organization or would like more information, please contact the Blue Mountain Community Foundation at 509-529-4371.

GUEST COLUMN

Million Wreaths Across America

by Don C. Brunell

Christmas is an especially difficult time for anyone grieving for lost loved ones. It is especially painful for America's military families whose son, daughter, spouse or parent was killed while serving in uniform.

Normally, the fallen are remembered on Memorial Day, but thanks to a Maine family and over hundreds of thousand donors and volunteers, more than 1.5 million wreaths were laid on the tombstones of our fallen soldiers, sailors and airmen on December 16.

The panoramic view of Arlington National Cemetery's rolling hills with its white grave markers perfectly aligned with Christmas wreaths is breathtaking. "Tens of thousands of volunteers bundled up on a chilly Saturday morning and helped place more than 245,000 wreaths at grave sites in National Arlington Cemetery," Washington Examiner reported last weekend.

Since the program started in 1992, more than 1,422 burial grounds across the nation and American national cemeteries in foreign lands have joined. In Washington State, 24 memorial parks located from Walla Walla to Port Orchard participate and there are over 50,000 veterans' graves in which wreaths could be placed.

Over half of them are at Tahoma's National Cemetery. Across the Columbia River in Portland, there are 17,500 veterans' graves at Willamette National Cemetery. In Vancouver, 600 wreaths

were placed at Evergreen Memorial Gardens.

Here is how it started.

When Morrill Worcester was a 12 year-old paper boy for the Bangor (Maine) Daily News, he won a trip to Washington D.C. His visit to Arlington National Cemetery made an indelible impression that stayed with him throughout his life.

Years later, Worcester realized that he could use his family business to honor the hundreds of thousands of veterans laid to rest in Arlington.

Founded in 1971, Worchester Wreath Co. of Harrington, Maine is a family-owned business which grows balsam fir in its forests. It has become one of the largest wholesalers of holiday balsam products providing fresh Maine wreaths, trees and centerpieces.

Wreaths Across America (WAA) sprang from a Worcester gesture in 1992 when they shipped surplus wreaths to Washington, D.C. They were placed on headstones in an older section of the Arlington National Cemetery--the most forgotten part of the burial grounds.

After the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, interest in the project spiked. In fact, the Pentagon, which was struck by a jetliner on that day, is within eyesight of Arlington.

In 2005, when WAA appeared on the internet with a sobering photo of thousands of snow-covered wreaths on Arlington headstones, interest and donations mushroomed.

Wreaths Across America is a private-

ly funded charity that accepts no government money. Delivery of a million wreaths is quite an undertaking this December especially when much of our country is suffering from frigid arctic temperatures, icy roads and blinding blizzards.

Over 100 trucking companies voluntarily load their semi-trailers and their drivers fan out across America. They absorb all of the delivery costs. At Arlington, for example, thousands of volunteers line the road waving flags as the trucks roll up to the entrance.

Morrill Worcester told the Bangor Daily News his first trip to Arlington National Cemetery helped him remember those who gave everything to keep America free. Today, the Wreaths Across America program helps us remember, as well.

The wreaths provide some comfort to families and friends of America's fallen. They also remind us not to forget those suffering with life-long mental and physical disabilities from military service.

As a special note this Christmas: In today's terrorist infected world, we should include our law enforcement officers and firefighters here at home in our thoughts and prayers. They too are in harm's way every day.

Don C. Brunell is a business analyst, writer and columnist. He recently retired as president of the Association of Washington Business, the state's oldest and largest business organization, and now lives in Vancouver. He can be contacted at theBrunells@msn.com.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

by Samantha Weaver

* According to a Scandinavian tradition, Christmas gifts aren't delivered by Santa Claus or Saint Nicholas -- a little gnome called Julenisse puts gifts under the tree. And instead of cookies and milk, children put out a bowl of porridge for him.

* It's commonly believed that misery sometimes can beget genius -- the stereotype of the tortured artist is ubiquitous. However, recent research suggests that there's not as much truth to the trope as many think. According to a study titled "Death, Bereavement and Creativity," recently published in the journal Management Science, works created by painters during the year following a loved one's death were

worth about 35 percent less than other works by the same artist. Those paintings also are significantly less likely to be included in the collection of a major museum.

* Those who enjoy making calculations have determined that Santa would have to visit nearly 900 homes every second to finish all his deliveries on Christmas Eve.

* Like many of us, those in the Netherlands celebrate Christmas on Dec. 25. However, the children there eagerly await the arrival of "Sinterklaas" on Dec. 5, when children receive their presents. The name Santa Claus supposedly derived from older Dutch "Sinte Klaas."

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FIRST DAY HIKE AT PALOUSE FALLS

COLUMBIA COUNTY - Kick off the New Year with a First Day Hike at Palouse Falls State Park at 10 a.m. on Jan. 1. Enjoy views of the official state waterfall while learning about area flora, fauna and geology during this guided one-mile hike.

Palouse Falls is a 105-acre park featuring dramatic evidence of the Ice Age Floods. Leave No trace principles will be taught and practiced. Refreshments and prizes will be available following the hike.

This is an "easy" hike. Dress for weather conditions and bring binoculars or a camera, water, and closed-toe hiking shoes. No dogs allowed and the hike is not ADA accessible. No Discover Pass is needed for this special event.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S LUNCHEON

WAITSBURG - The January Christian Women's Connection Luncheon will be held at Waitsburg Town Hall at 11:30 a.m. on Jan. 10. The meal is \$10 and will be catered by Jennifer Hutchens of Pomeroy.

Cathy Rasley, from Walla Walla, will talk about "Becoming the Woman You Were Created to Be." Cleo Saenz will share in song. Rasley, who owns Hot Mama's Espresso in Walla Walla will also provide a special feature on "The History of Coffee."

Reservations are needed by Fri., Jan. 5. Contact Judy at (509) 399-2005. Child-care is available by reservation.

CARDINAL ORNAMENT FUNDRAISER

WAITSBURG - The Waitsburg High School FCCLA (Family, Community, Career Leaders of America) is selling Cardinal ornaments as a club fundraiser. The shatterproof silver ornaments with a red Cardinal make a great gift for Cardinal fans, future graduates and alumni. The ornaments are \$5 and may be purchased by contacting Nancy Bickelhaupt through the high school office.

Americanisms



"Maybe Christmas doesn't come from a store. Maybe Christmas ... perhaps ... means a little bit more!"
—Theodor Seuss Geisel
(Dr. Seuss)

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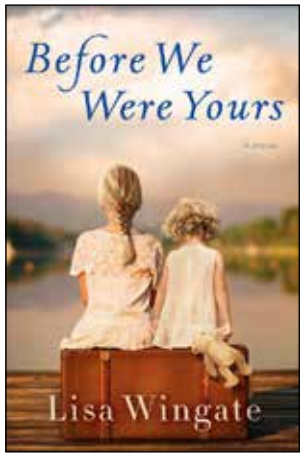
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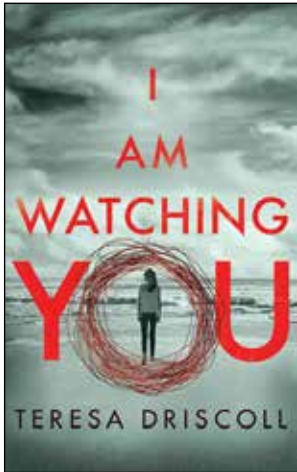
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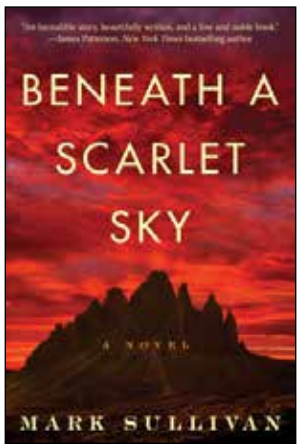


Before We Were Yours, by Lisa Wingate (Fiction) – For readers of *Orphan Train* and *The Nightingale* comes a “thought-provoking and complex tale about two families, two generations apart. Based on one of America’s most notorious real-life scandals—in which Georgia Tann, director of a Memphis-based adoption organization, kidnapped and sold poor children to wealthy families all over the country—Lisa Wingate’s riveting, wrenching, and ultimately uplifting tale reminds us how, even though the paths we take can lead to many places, the heart never forgets where we belong.

I am Watching You, by Teresa Driscoll (Fiction) – When Ella Longfield overhears two attractive young men flirting with teenage girls on a train, she thinks nothing of it—until she realizes they are fresh out of prison and her maternal instinct is put on high alert. But just as she’s decided to call for help, something stops her. The next day, she wakes up to the news that one of the girls—beautiful, green-eyed Anna Ballard—has disappeared. A year later, Anna is still missing. Ella is wracked with guilt over what she failed to do, and she’s not the only one who can’t forget. Someone is sending her threatening letters—letters that make her fear for her life. Then an anniversary appeal reveals that Anna’s friends and family might have something to hide. Someone knows where Anna is—and they’re not telling. But they are watching Ella.

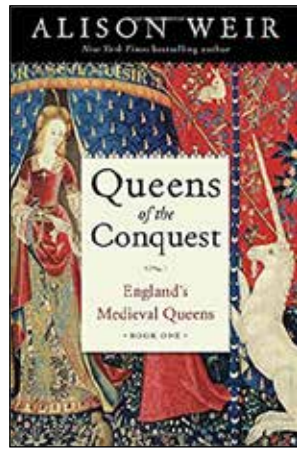


Beneath a Scarlet Sky, by Mark Sullivan (Historical Fiction) – Based on the true story of a forgotten hero, *Beneath a Scarlet Sky* is the triumphant, epic tale of one young man’s incredible courage and resilience during one of history’s darkest hours. Pino Lella wants nothing to do with the war or the Nazis. He’s a normal Italian teenager—obsessed with music, food, and girls—but his days of innocence are numbered. When his family home in Milan is destroyed by Allied bombs, Pino joins an underground railroad helping Jews escape over the Alps, and falls for Anna, a beautiful widow six years his senior. In an attempt to protect him, Pino’s parents force him to enlist as a German soldier—a move they think will keep him out of combat. But after Pino is injured, he is recruited to become the personal driver for Adolf Hitler’s left hand in Italy, General Hans Leyers. Now, with the opportunity to spy for the Allies inside the German High Command, Pino endures the horrors of the war and the Nazi occupation by fighting in secret, his courage bolstered by his love for Anna and for the life he dreams they will one day share.



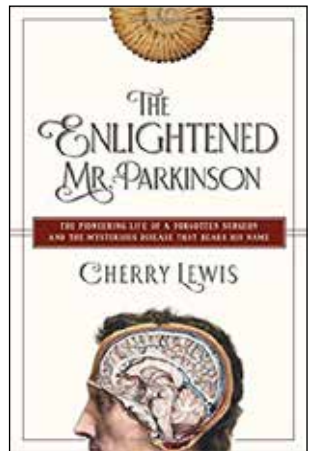
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Queens of the Conquest: England’s Mid Evil Queens, by Alison Weir (Nonfiction) – The lives of England’s medieval queens were packed with incident—love, intrigue, betrayal, adultery, and warfare—but their stories have been largely obscured by centuries of myth and omission. Now esteemed biographer Alison Weir provides a fresh perspective and restores these women to their rightful place in history. Drawing from the most reliable contemporary sources, Weir skillfully strips away centuries of romantic lore to share a balanced and authentic take on the importance of these female monarchs. What emerges is a seamless royal saga, an all-encompassing portrait of English medieval queenship, and a sweeping panorama of British history.

The Enlightened Mr. Parkinson: The Pioneering Life of a Forgotten Surgeon, by Cherry Lewis (Nonfiction) – A colorful and absorbing portrait of James Parkinson and the turbulent, intellectually vibrant world of Georgian London. Parkinson’s disease is one of the most common forms of dementia, with 60,000 new cases each year in the United States alone, yet few know anything about the man the disease is named after. In 1817, James Parkinson (1755–1824) defined this mysterious ailment so precisely that we still diagnose Parkinson’s Disease today by recognizing the symptoms he identified. The story of this remarkable man’s contributions to the Age of the Enlightenment is told through his three seemingly disparate passions: medicine, politics and fossils. As a political radical, Parkinson was interrogated over a plot to kill King George III and was in danger of exile. But simultaneously, he was helping Edward Jenner set up smallpox vaccination stations across London and writing the first scientific study of fossils in English, jump-starting a national craze. He is one of the intellectual pioneers of “the age of wonder,” forgotten to history, but Cherry Lewis restores this amazing man to his rightful place in history with her evocative portrait of the man and his era.



Endurance: A Year in Space, A Lifetime of Discovery, by Scott Kelly (Nonfiction) – The veteran of four spaceflights and the American record holder for consecutive days spent in space, Scott Kelly has experienced things very few have. Now, he takes us inside a sphere utterly hostile to human life. He describes navigating the extreme challenge of long-term spaceflight, both life-threatening and mundane: the devastating effects on the body; the isolation from everyone he loves and the comforts of Earth; the catastrophic risks of colliding with space junk; and the still more haunting threat of being unable to help should tragedy strike at home—an agonizing situation Kelly faced when, on a previous mission, his twin brother’s wife, American Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords, was shot while he still had two months in space. In *Endurance*, we see the triumph of the human imagination, the strength of the human will, and the infinite wonder of the galaxy.

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PROJECT TIMOTHY SPREADS CHRISTMAS CHEER



Photos by Michel Smith

Volunteers gathered at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Dayton on Saturday to assemble 100 food baskets to be delivered to area residents in need. Many recipients came to the church to collect their boxes, but volunteers delivered approximately 40 boxes to those without transportation. The massive undertaking is sponsored by Project Timothy, each December.

Above: Volunteers assemble Christmas boxes at St. Joseph's Hall.

Above right: Wayne Peterson prepares to deliver the filled boxes.

Mary's Candies Continues to Grow

XM RADIO SHOW GIVES BUSINESS A BOOST

By Dena Martin | THE TIMES

DAYTON – A spur-of-the moment call in to The Michael Smerconish Program on Sirius XM resulted in a nice bump in sales for Mary's Candies in Dayton, this month.

Candy maker Nathaniel Murphy was listening to the program when the hosts took off on a tangent bemoaning the lack of U.S. made goods. People began calling in and naming U.S. based companies they supported.

Co-owner (and Nathaniel's wife) Erin Murphy decided to call in and introduced Mary's Candies as a small U.S. manufacturer that uses all quality U.S. ingredients. The hosts quizzed the Murphys about their business while they pulled up the website.

"There was silence for a few seconds and then they started oohing and aaaahing over the candies. We sold \$200 in the first 10 minutes after the program aired," Nathaniel said.

"The co-host even ordered peanut brittle and caramels. Of course, we'll add something extra. We always do when we fill online orders," Erin said.

Mary's Candies (named after Nathaniel's grandmother) began in the



Photos by Dena Martin

Left: Erin and Nathaniel Murphy wrap caramels in their suite at Blue Mountain Station in Dayton.

Above: The company is pleased with its new, upgraded packaging.

commercial kitchen in Waitburg's Town Hall in 2014 and debuted at that year's Hometown Christmas event. They moved to Suite B at the Blue Mountain Station in 2015 and then into Suite H (at twice the size) in June of 2016.

The little company continues to experience consistent growth and hopes to make a big name for itself in the northwest.

"Sales are up 40% over last year and were up 30% the year before that. We believe in the product we've got. It's just a matter of getting it in front of people," Nathaniel said. "About 33% of our busi-

ness is wholesale.

The owners have made upgrades as business has allowed and recently purchased new-and-improved, thicker packaging to increase shelf appeal and better protect the product.

In July, they purchased a new kettle cooker. Nathaniel said the cooker will make 12 lbs. of caramels in the time it used to take him to make six.

The Murphys were personally invited to attend a Seattle gift show in January and are taking a leap-of-faith in accepting the opportunity.

"It's expensive, but it will be a good

way to bring our product out of southeast Washington," Nathaniel said.

Mary's Candies offers salted caramels, as well as mint, orange, and espresso flavored. They make peanut and cashew brittle and cherry and black licorice. Candies can be ordered online through a link at maryscandies.wordpress.com and can be either mailed or picked up in the store.

"The new packaging makes for a great stocking stuffer!" Erin said.

The store, located at 700 Artisan Way, is open Tues. – Sat. from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Ffrazure Earthworks Goes the Extra Mile

Residents are impressed with construction company's kindness

By Dena Martin | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG – The holidays are typically the season for spreading good cheer, but for Ffrazure Earthworks Excavation, doing good deeds appears to be everyday business.

Ffrazure Earthworks spent much of summer and fall in Waitsburg as a sub-contractor for Moreno-Nelson, which was contracted by the city to install sidewalks. Stories abound about how the company went "above and beyond" as they performed work in the city.

Nancy and Jack Otterson, who live on W. 4th St., said they were "very aware" that their fence and rose bushes were on city prop-

erty and understood when the city required that they be moved in order to install sidewalks. When Ffrazure Earthworks learned that the roses had to be moved, they dug up the bushes with their equipment, moved them to their new location, then had an employee help replant them.

"When they were digging up the bed with their big scoops, Mike stood out there with a pan to collect and save any daffodil bulbs that came up. How often would that happen? I still get goosebumps thinking about it," Nancy said.

Nearby neighbor Cathy Lambert agreed. She expressed appreciation for the extra gravel the company spread in front of their lot and their friendly attitude.

One neighbor had removed several locust trees from his lot. When Owner Mike Ffrazure saw him trying to chop out a five-foot stump with an axe, he went over and used his machinery to remove it, Lambert

said.

On the other side of town, E. 6th St. resident Pam Alexenko said she was worried about not being able to jump the sidewalk-in-construction during her many trips in and out of her home each day.

"When I mentioned it to Mike, he immediately offered to make me a bridge. As it was, they completed the walk in sections and I only had to go down one lot to walk around the construction, but he still offered to make a bridge," Alexenko said.

"They were just great people and very friendly. When he learned that my mom had died he came over and expressed his regrets. He didn't even know me," she said.

Waitsburg School District Maintenance Director Colter Mohny said he heard several comments about the company making temporary driveway and sidewalk approaches for people.

He said Ffrazure Earthworks was extremely mindful of school property and did a "phenomenal job" of putting everything back together properly once work was finished.

They let the district use some of their equipment to move large grass piles and helped repair damaged conduit buried in the Preston Hall parking lot, never charging for the asphalt that was used.

Mohny, who is also an EMT, said he arrived at one call before the ambulance did and Ffrazure Earthworks was working at the property.

"When I told them what was going on, Mike quickly spread gravel, packed it down and made an approach so that ambulance personnel could use a gurney when they arrived," Mohny said.

"Dealing with construction is never pleasant. But they made it so much better," Otterson said.

TWO DOWN IN THE COUNTY BUILDING AND PLANNING DEPARTMENT

County Planner Greg Abramson is terminated

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON--It was confirmed by the BOCC at last week's regular meeting that County Planner Greg Abramson has been terminated from his job at the County Building and Planning Department, with no reason given. Abramson has been a Senior Planner/Building Inspector for the county since 2015.

When asked about the shortage of staff in the Planning Department, Commissioner Norm Passmore said, "We're working on that."

When fully staffed the Planning and Building Department will have three employees; a director, an assistant and code enforcement officer Clint Atteberry, who will also perform building inspection.

Passmore said the commissioners have been conducting interviews to find a replacement for Planning Director Kim Lyonnais, who retired early in November.

They named Meagan Bailey as the new Planning Director on Tues., Dec. 19.

4-H Robotics Team Heads to State

FIRST LEGO LEAGUE PROJECTS ADDRESS REAL-WORLD PROBLEMS, LOCAL CLUB DONATES TO HOMELESS ENCAMPMENT

By Michele Smith & Dena Martin | THE TIMES

DAYTON – First-year 4-H Robotics Coach Jeanne Walter is pretty proud of her group, and rightfully so! The group of seven kids, age 10-13, from both Dayton and Waitsburg, recently won the Research Award for their project at the First Lego League Regional Tournament in Pasco and will advance to the state competition in Cheney on January 13.

The club, named the Venus Flytraps, includes Mikel Vance, Vaughn Walter, Juniper Kerr, Balian Walter, Phinneas Kerr, Hudson Reser and Joshua Reser. Of the 25 teams competing in the Pasco regionals, only six moved on to the Eastern State Championship. Of the 30 teams to compete at State, just one will advance to the World FIRST Lego League Championship in Houston, in April.

“FIRST Lego League is a fantastic organization that helps to inspire students to achieve in STEM careers by exposing them to real-world problems and having them work out and build solutions. This year’s problem is Hydro Dynamics. The teams must find a real-world problem with human water issues and then find a solution or improve the conditions that are currently occurring,” Walter said.

The Venus Flytraps visited the Walla Walla Homeless Encampment to learn about homeless water issues. There, they learned that the one source of water is an open faucet with no drainage or privacy and that there is no hot water available.

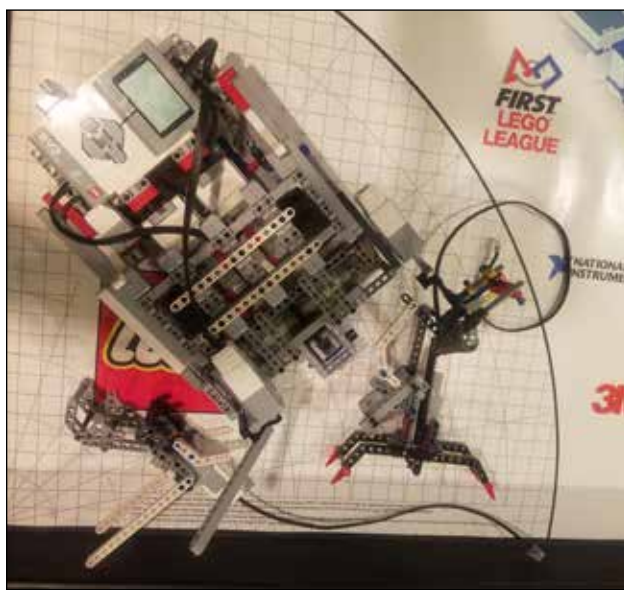
In response, club members donated a hot water heater, bottled water, food, and hand and foot warmers to the encampment.

“We asked what people needed and were told they needed hot water for cup-of-soups, noodles, and other warm dishes. The boys had raised funds by collecting yellow starthistle bugs all summer. It was hot, pointy work. They were thankful to get the contract from the Columbia County Weed Board as robotics is an expensive club,” Walter said.

The group also investigated local problems with water pollution and decided to address the issue of nitrate pollution in local waterways as their project.

“On average, farmers spread 133.5 pounds of nitrogen fertilizer per acre on row crops. Out of this amount, it is estimated that 50-70% is not taken up by the plants. That may lead to a lot of nitrate in the water,” Walter said.

As their project the team built a floating barley container and worked to genetically modify barley to absorb more nitrate out of standing water. They then created a movie to present their problem and solution and built a robot, programming it to complete tasks associated with water issues.



Photos Courtesy of Jeanne Walter

The Venus Flytraps 4-H robotics club recently won a research award for their water purification project and will advance to the Eastern State Championship in Cheney on Jan. 13.

Top: Back row (l to r): Coach Jeanne Walter, Mikel Vance, Vaughn Walter, Juniper Kerr (Venus Flytrap Mascot), Balian Walter, Phinneas Kerr. Front row (l to r): Hudson Reser, Joshua Reser.

Above left: The winning robot designed and created by The Venus Flytraps. The team built a floating barley container and worked to modify barley to absorb nitrates out of standing water. Above right: The floating barley container.

Walter said the tasks were completed with members learning core values such as teamwork, gracious professionalism, and cooperation.

“I am very proud of these team members overcoming their individual challenges to pull together

under stressful conditions and accomplishing great things. Their research project is very advanced and their award at the regional level and advancement to State shows how much they have accomplished,” Walter said.

CCHS Plans to Be Leader in Memory Loss Care

BOARD EVALUATES NOV. AND DEC. FINANCES

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—At the last CCHS regular board meeting in November, Stephanie Carpenter, RN, COO, spoke about a meeting she attended sponsored by the Aging and Long Term Care and the Alzheimer’s Association at the SonBridge Community Center in College Place.

The purpose of the meeting was to learn about a statewide movement that empowers people with memory loss, and their families, and that helps them stay connected in the community.

Carpenter said the goal is to plan for a dementia-friendly community in Columbia County.

She said that businesses can train their employees in how to help customers who might be showing signs of early dementia. Some banks in Seattle have already trained their employees in different aspects of early dementia.

There are also places in the community where people with dementia and their families can gather without fear that outward displays of inappropriate behavior will scare people away, Carpenter said.

For instance, the Woodland Park

Zoo, in Seattle, has created a dementia-friendly environment. On Mondays and Wednesdays, people with dementia can attend the zoo for free, she said.

Carpenter said, “I thought possibilities for Columbia County are the bakery, restaurants, and attending the movie theater.”

Carpenter stressed the importance of having advance directives and medical and financial durable powers of attorney in place way ahead of the time when people are showing signs of impaired memory.

“It’s really getting the community to think differently about memory loss,” she said. “From what I heard there will be more meetings.”

CCHS CEO Shane McGuire said, “We can be a leader on this.”

In his report to the commissioners, McGuire said Phase 5 of the Hospital Renovation and Enhancement Project is now complete, with all spaces occupied. All of the construction money has been spent, he said.

The Hyperbaric Wound Care Suite is 60% complete. Columbia County Health System is in the process of hiring a program director for that department. Nurses have completed wound care training and certification, and Dr. Frauenpreis and Melissa Czapka have completed provider training and certification. Marketing plans and outreach to providers for referrals is

ongoing, McGuire said.

Workflow changes in both clinics are underway to accommodate Patient Centered Medical Home and Accountable Care Organization efforts, he said.

“We are also working diligently to increase productivity and patient satisfaction through better management and cost coverage volume goals,” McGuire said in his report.

McGuire said the Waitsburg Clinic saw the highest numbers of patients for October, in five years. The Columbia Clinic also had a great month, with 869 patient visits.

A new clinic manager will need to be hired, because Kathy Anderson is going to be working in the wound care center and in the respiratory therapy department, which will give both departments better coverage. It will also help with better coverage in the emergency department, he said.

“It should be a smooth transition. We’re going to spend a lot of time on it,” McGuire told the commissioners.

With regard to finances, McGuire said particular attention is being paid to the number of days of cash on hand, and to accounts payable and receivable.

Controller Tom Meyers presented the commissioners with highlights of the financial picture for October:

Parents Concerned Over Bullying

By Dena Martin | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG – Several adults attended the Wed., Dec. 13 Waitsburg School Board meeting to express concerns about bullying in the school district following an altercation that took place on the high school lawn earlier that day.

The Walla Walla County Sheriff’s Office responded to a call of a simple assault between two teen girls at the high school on Wednesday afternoon. The two junior high students engaged in a physical altercation while other students stood by, watching.

Neither student was physically harmed in the incident.

At least one bystander took a video of the fight, which Sidney Eaton, whose daughter was involved in the altercation, later posted on Facebook.

Eaton addressed the school board during Wednesday night’s meeting saying that “the bullying in this school is ridiculous” and that bullying has been ongoing. Eaton said he had filed assault charges against the other student involved in the fight and is prepared to file a lawsuit against the school.

Another parent in attendance said she has three daughters in the elementary school who are victims of ongoing bullying. She said she has repeatedly approached school authorities, but nothing has changed.

The board thanked Eaton and the other parents in attendance for their comments but did not discuss the issue during the meeting.

SPORTS

Pomeroy Drops Cardinals, 59-38



Photo Courtesy of Bradley Sandau

Senior Cade Branson dives for the ball as teammates Seamus House (white, left) freshman Shawn Evans (10) and senior Brandon Boudrieau (2) stand ready to lend a hand during Friday night's game against Pomeroy in the Waitsburg High School gymnasium.

OAKESDALE
NIGHTHAWKS WIN
AGAINST CARDINALS,
72-24

By Dena Martin | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG – The undefeated Pomeroy Pirates boys' basketball team took another win on the Cardinal court on Fri., Dec. 15, walking away with a score of 59-38.

Cade Branson was top scorer for the Cardinals with eight points. Braden Kitselman racked up another five and Colton Vanblaricom added four.

Pirates 66, Cardinals 17
POMEROY (66) — Wolf 13, Fruh 8, Tewalt 8, Snyder 7, VanPelt 7, Morfin 6, Bartels 6, Heytvelt 4, Bremer 3, Berglund 2, Maves 2.
WAITSBURG (17) — Branson 8, Kitselmon 5, Vanblan-

On Saturday, the Cardinals traveled to Oakesdale where they were overpowered by the Nighthawks 72-24. Colton VanBlaricom and Cade Branson each scored five points, Seamus House and Braden Kitselman added four each and Brandon Boudrieau, Shawn Evans and Zac Bly racked up another two apiece.

"Both teams are working hard to get better. Scores may be one-sided but it doesn't reflect the hard work the kids are doing. We're getting better each game," said Head Boys' and Girls' Coach Roy Ramirez. The Cardinals play Athena-Weston in Athena on Thurs., Dec. 21 and travel to Irrigon for tournament on Dec. 28 and 29.

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Pomeroy 23 17 11 15 66
Waitsburg 6 0 6 5 17
Three-point goals — Pomeroy 1, Waitsburg 1. Total fouls — Pomeroy 11, Waitsburg 12. Fouled out — none.

POMEROY PIRATES TAKE LADY CARDS 63-14

CARDINALS FALL TO OAKESDALE 54-16

By Dena Martin | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG – The Pomeroy Pirates beat the Lady Cards 63-14 in a home-court match on Fri., Dec. 15. Devon Harshman scored seven points for the Cardinals, Deja Williams added four and Chloe Pearson pulled in three.

On Saturday, the Lady Cards took another hard loss against Oakesdale, falling 54-16.

Chloe Pearson was top scorer with 9 points followed by Devon Harshman with four, Kirsten Miller with two and Tayler Jones with one.

The Lady Cards play Athena-Weston in Athena on Thurs., Dec. 21 and play in an Irrigon Tournament on Dec. 28 and 29.

Pomeroy 63, Waitsburg 14

WAITSBURG (14) Ahler, Miller, White, Lambert, Jones, Sandau, Williams 4, Larsen, Harshman 7, Pearson 3.

POMEROY (63) Gingerich, Watco 15, Smith 8, Dixon 6, Severs 18, Halverson 3, Wolf 5, Heytvelt 6, Davis 2, Steele.

3-point goals – Pom 3. Total fouls – Pomeroy 9, Waitsburg 10. Fouled out – 0. Technical fouls – 0. Pomeroy: 17 17 17 22 63

Waitsburg: 5 5 0 4 14



Photo Courtesy of Bradley Sandau

Devon Harshman is all concentration as she waits for the rebound during Saturday night's game against Oakesdale.

Lady 'Dogs Fall to Kittitas, 41-20

KITTITAS – The Lady Bulldogs held their own in the first quarter, trailing by just two baskets, but a scoreless second quarter helped seal a 41-20 loss road loss to the Coyotes on Sat. Dec. 16.

Tatum Laughery led the Bulldogs, scoring eight points and Neylan Bryan followed with four. Cassidy Laughery and Mackena Culley racked up three points each and Sadie Seney added two.

The Lady Bulldogs play Desales at home on Tues. Dec. 19 and face Oakesdale in an away game on Dec. 29.

Coyotes 41, Bulldogs 20

DAYTON (20) C. Laughery 3, T. Laughery 8, Boggs, Culley 3, Griffen, Patton, Bryan 4, Seney 2, Laughlin. Totals 8-35 2-6 20.

KITTITAS (41) Mohn 4, Alphin 4, Hyatt 8, Bare, Baker 11, Martinez 1, Williams 15, Lamb. Totals 17-60 6-17 41.

Dayton 7 0 4 9 20

Kittitas 11 8 15 7 41



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Prescott Boys Outscore Dayton, 57-36

TIGERS BEAT TOUCHET 59-45, COLTON 60-41

DAYTON – The Dayton Bulldogs were neck-and-neck with the Prescott Tigers through the first quarter but lost momentum that they couldn't regain, to ultimately fall 57, 36 on the Bulldog's court on Dec. 12.

The Tigers scored nine points to Dayton's seven points in quarter one but a strong second-quarter jump, scoring 26 points to Dayton's eight, won them the game. Play was competitive in the second half, with both team making nine points in the third quarter and Prescott outscoring Dayton by one point in quarter four.

Prescott's Jose Gonzales was top scorer with 18 points, followed closely by Jonathan Cardenas with 14.

Junior Helm topped the Bulldogs scoring with 10 points with Chris Andrews and Ben White adding eight each.

Prescott vs. Touchet

PRESCOTT – On Friday, Prescott outscored The Touchet Indians 59-45 on the Tiger's court. Jose Gonzalez was top scorer with 20 points. Jonathan Cardenas followed right behind with 17.

Prescott vs. Colton

PRESCOTT – The Tigers continued their winning streak with a 60-43 home-court victory over Colton on Saturday, Jose Gonzales racked up 21 points for the Tigers with Junior Iglesias adding seven and Victor Garcia and Omar Velazco bringing in six each.

The Tigers will play Waitsburg in Prescott on Jan. 5.

Prescott 57, Dayton 36

Prescott: 9 26 9 13 57
Dayton: 7 8 9 12 36
PRESCOTT (57) Gonzales 18, Garcia, Lopez 4, Biely 8, Velazco 5, Iglesias 4, Cardenas 14, Hernandez 4, Ayala, Card. Totals 22-62 9-18 57.
DAYTON (36) Helm 10, Fulbright 4, Finney 4, Jenkins, Andrews 8, Seney 2, J. White, B. White 8. Totals 15-43 5-10 36
3-point goals — Prescott 4, Dayton 1. Total fouls — Dayton 16, Prescott 12. Rebounds — Prescott 39, Dayton 32. Turnovers — Dayton 26,

Prescott 9. Assists — Prescott 14, Dayton 5.

Prescott 59, Touchet 45

Prescott: 11 22 16 10 59
Touchet: 14 8 12 11 45
PRESCOTT (59) Gonzalez 20, Caro, Garcia, Lopez 4, Velazco, Iglesias 6, Cardenas 17, Biely, Rosales 4, Brady 0. TOUCHET (45) Orozco 2, Acevedo 3, McKeown 1, Gurierez 6, Warren 8, O. Martinez, Preciado 14, Schaeffer 7, Solis, A. Martinez 4, Fuentes, Hackiewicz.
3-point goals — Prescott 2, Touchet 2. Total fouls

— Prescott 15, Touchet 14. Fouled out — Touchet (Warren). Technical fouls — Prescott (Coach), Touchet (Gutierrez).

Prescott 60, Colton 43

COLTON (43) Ankersen 5, Wolf 10, Meyer 4, Vining, Chadwick 6, Druffel 16, Stout 2. Totals 19 3-6 43.
PRESCOTT (60) Gonzalez 21, Caro 2, Garcia 6, Lopez 2, Velazco 6, Iglesias 7, Cardenas 4, Biely 2, Rosales 10, Ayala. Totals 27 7-13.
3-point goals — Col 2, Pres 1. Total fouls — Col 10, Pres 7.

Coyotes Pounce Dayton, 95-27

KITITTAS, Wash. – The Dayton boys' basketball team took a beating on the Coyote's court, losing 95-27 on Sat., Dec. 16. Top scorers for the Bulldogs were Junior Helm and Chris Andrews with 11 points each.

The Bulldogs play DeSales at home on Tues., Dec. 19 and travel to Oakesdale on Dec. 29.

Coyotes 95, Bulldogs 27

DAYTON (27) — Helm 11, Dieu, Finney, Jenkins, Andrews 11, Seney 2, J. White, B. White 3. Totals 9-41 5-10 27.
KITITTAS (95) — Harris 14, Hudson, Lenihan 12, Wilson, Mata 2, Provaznik 2, Brown 13, McIrvine, Landdeck 13, Arreola 7, Ravet 32. Totals 40-58 7-12 95.

3-point goals — Kittitas 8, Dayton 4. Total fouls — Dayton 11, Kittitas 8. Fouled out — none. Technical fouls — none.

Dayton 13 1 6 7 27
Kittitas 33 20 19 23 95

SPREADING GOOD CHEER



Photo Courtesy of Lisa Morrow

The Waitsburg Pen Pals 4-H Club "adopted" 7- and 8-year-old boys through Adopt-a-Child and went shopping last week. Members donated \$185 of their own money, parents added to the pot and the club was given permission to use \$70 of club funds. The club had fun shopping for gifts totalling \$233 for each boy. In addition, Cascade donated a \$50 gift card, which leader Lisa Morrow supplemented to buy each boy a new pair of boots. This week, they plan to deliver sweet treats to elderly Waitsburg residents.

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Courtesy Photos
Above: Thirty-two kids filled the Waitsburg High School gymnasium for the first annual Matbirds day camp.

Left: Head Coach Jake Winona offers advice as wrestlers practice holds.

Waitsburg Matbirds Hold Wrestling Day Camp

OFFICIAL SEASON STARTS JAN. 23.

The Waitsburg High School gymnasium was a busy place Saturday afternoon. Thirty-two kids, ranging in age from 5-14 turned out for the Matbirds first annual day camp. Head Coach Jake Winona ran the event.

"Kids learned about what wrestling is and were shown several different techniques on how to score points in a match and how to take down their op-

ponents," said organizer Kristy Taylor.

After several hours of training, the kids were served lunch which was donated by the Waitsburg Fire Department.

"It was a good way to get kids interested in joining the Waitsburg Matbirds. Our official season will start Jan. 23 and run through the end of March," Taylor said.

Anyone interested in the Matbirds should contact Taylor by email at ktaylor8407@gmail.com or check out the "Waitsburg Mat Birds" page on Facebook.

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**Case No. 17-4-00096-3
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
(RCW 11.40.030)**

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
OF THE STATE OF WASH-
INGTON
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY
OF WALLA WALLA**

In Re the Estate
of
DOLORES IRENE DODD
Deceased.

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 non-probate assets.

Date of filing copy of Notice to Creditors: 12/05/2017
Date of First Publication: 12/14/2017

/s/ Bryan J. Ponti
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By: Bryan N. Ponti
Personal Representative

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**NO. 17-4-00028-7
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
OF THE STATE OF WASH-
INGTON
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY
OF COLUMBIA**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
In the Matter of the Estate
of
CORLEEN E. PITTMAN,
Deceased.

The Personal Representative named below has been appointed and has qualified as Personal Representative of this estate. Persons having claims against the decedent must, prior to the time such claims would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, serve their claims on the Personal Representative or the attorneys of record at the address stated below and file an executed copy of the claim with the Clerk of this Court within four months after the date of first publication of this notice or within four months after the date of the filing of the copy of this Notice with the Clerk of the Court, whichever is later, or except under those provisions included in R.C.W. 11.40.011 or 11.40.013 of this act, the claim will be forever barred. This bar is effective as to claims against both the probate assets and non-probate assets of the decedent.

DATE OF FILING OF
NOTICE TO CREDITORS:
December 6, 2017.

DATE OF FIRST PUBLICA-
TION: December 14, 2017.

/s/Donald W. Pittman
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c/o MARINELLA & BOGGS
Attorneys at Law, WSBA#
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(509) 382-2541

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NO: 17-4-00221-4

**PROBATE NOTICE TO
CREDITORS
RCW 11.40.030
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
OF THE STATE OF WASH-
INGTON
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY
OF WALLA WALLA**

In re the Estate of:
FRED T. McPHERSON,
Deceased.

The personal representa-
tive named below has been

appointed as personal representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the personal representative or the personal representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the Court 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 RCW 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.

DATE OF FIRST PUBLICA-
TION: December 7, 2017.

Fred T. McPherson, Jr.
Personal Representative

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**NO. 17-4-00215-0
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
RCW 11.40.030**

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

In the Matter of the Estate of:
JEANETTE A. REICHERT,
Deceased.

The personal representa-
tive named below has been
appointed as personal repre-
sentative 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 provid-
ed in RCW 11.40.051 and
11.40.060. This bar is effec-
tive as to claims against both
the decedent's probate and
nonprobate assets.

Date of Filing Notice to
Creditors
with Clerk of the Court:
November 30, 2017

Date of First Publication:
December 7, 2017

Administrator: ROX-
ANNE OVERMAN

Attorney for the
Personal Representative:
/s/ Julie E. Karl
Julie E. Karl, WSBA
#45950
Address for Mailing or Ser-
vice: KARL LAW OFFICE
PO Box 66
Waitsburg, WA 99361

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**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S
SALE**

Pursuant to the Revised
Code of Washington 61.24, et
seq. TS No.: WA-16-758063-
SW APN No.: 36-07-21-65-
0612 Title Order No.:
160413511-WA-MSW Deed of
Trust Grantor(s): TAMMY N
HOLDER, SHANNON R
HOLDER Deed of Trust
Grantee(s): BANK OF
AMERICA N.A. Deed of Trust

Instrument/Reference No.:
2007-07967 I. NOTICE IS
HEREBY GIVEN that Quality
Loan Service Corp. of
Washington, the undersigned
Trustee, will on 1/19/2018 , at
9:00 AM At the Main Entrance
to the Walla Walla County
Courthouse, located at 315
West Main, Walla Walla, WA
99362 sell at public auction to
the highest and best bidder,
payable in the form of credit
bid or cash bid in the form of
cashier's check or certified
checks from federally or State
chartered banks, at the time of
sale the following described
real property, situated in the
County of WALLA WALLA,
State of Washington, to-wit:
Lot 12 in Block 6 of Millbrooke
Park, an Addition to the City of
Walla Walla, as per Plat
thereof recorded in Volume E
of Plats at Page 20, records of
Walla Walla County. Situated
in the City and County of Walla
Walla, State of Washington.
More commonly known as:
1422 BOYER AVENUE,
WALLA WALLA, WA 99362
which is subject to that certain
Deed of Trust dated 7/6/2007,
recorded 7/11/2007, under
Instrument No. 2007-07967

records of WALLA WALLA
County, Washington , from
TAMMY N HOLDER AND
SHANNON R HOLDER, WIFE
AND HUSBAND , as grant-
or(s), PRLAP, INC. , as
original trustee, to secure an
obligation in favor of BANK OF
AMERICA N.A. , as original
beneficiary, the beneficial inter-
est in which was subsequently
assigned to NATIONSTAR
MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A
MR.COOPER , the Beneficia-
ry, under an assignment
recorded under Auditors File
Number 2017-00434 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
Borrower's or Grantor's default
on the obligation secured by
the Deed of Trust/Mortgage.
III. The default(s) for which this
foreclosure is made is/are as
follows: Failure to pay when
due the following amounts
which are now in arrears:
\$93,875.41 IV. The sum owing
on the obligation secured by
the Deed of Trust is: The
principal sum of \$134,840.72 ,
together with interest as
provided in the Note from
2/1/2011 on, and such other
costs and fees as are provided
by statute. V. The above-de-
scribed real property will be
sold to satisfy the expense of
sale and the obligation
secured by the Deed of Trust
as provided by statute. Said
sale will be made without
warranty, expressed or
implied, regarding title,
possession or encumbrances
on 1/19/2018 . The defaults
must be cured by 1/8/2018 (11
days before the sale date), or
by other date as permitted in
the Note or Deed of Trust, to
cause a discontinuance of the
sale. The sale will be
discontinued and terminated if
at any time before 1/8/2018
(11 days before the sale), or
by other date as permitted in
the Note or Deed of Trust, the
default as set forth in
Paragraph III is cured and the
Trustee's fees and costs are
paid. Payment must be in cash
or with cashiers or certified
checks from a State or
federally chartered bank. The
sale may be terminated any
time after the 1/8/2018 (11
days before the sale date) and
before the sale, by the
Borrower or Grantor or the
holder of any recorded junior
lien or encumbrance by paying
the principal and interest, 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(s)
and Grantor(s) by both first
class and certified mail, proof
of which is in the possession
of the Trustee; and the
Borrower and Grantor were
personally served, if applica-
ble, 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. The list of recipients
of the Notice of Default is
listed within the Notice of
Foreclosure provided to the
Borrower(s) and Grantor(s).
These requirements were

completed as of 6/6/2017 . VII.
The Trustee whose name and
address are set forth below 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
any objections to this sale on
any grounds whatsoever will
be afforded an opportunity to
be heard as to those objec-
tions 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 th 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 th
day following the sale the
purchaser has the right to evict
occupants who are not tenants
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under Chapter 59.12 RCW.
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accordance with RCW
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recording date of this notice to
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save your home. See below
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assistance and referral to
housing counselors recom-
mended by the Housing
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Department of Housing and
Urban Development: Toll-free:
1-800-569-4287 or National
Web Site: <http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD> or for Local
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WA 98104 (866) 925-0241
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COLUMBIA COUNTY SNOW PLOWING SCHEDULE

At last week's regular meeting of the BOCC, Commissioner Mike Talbott said he would like the public to know the county's snow plowing schedule, after he received a complaint from a concerned citizen.

Operations Supervisor Wayne Tate said priorities for snow plowing roads are;

1. School bus routes for Dayton, Waitsburg, Starbuck, and Prescott
2. Mail routes
3. Primary roads
4. Secondary roads

"Some of the school bus routes change, every year, so this is always in flux," said Tate

"After these are all accounted for, then we do the roads like Eckler Mountain Road to Snow Park. The North Touchet is a high priority road, as it has a school bus route, mail route, and the Ski basin. We have 4 trucks with sanders and plows, and 4 graders. We have a one ton pickup set up with a plow to do the West end of town, and intersections, so that large trucks can keep on their routes," Tate explained.

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Gross patient revenue in October exceeded budget, particularly in both clinics.

Statistical volumes for services were routine, with the clinics being very strong.

Cash collected in October was higher than normal, and some of the vendor bills were able to be paid down. Tax collections in October and November are some of the highest of the year.

Deductions were again low in October, which is due to a Medicare underpayment, and is being reflected in deductions as funds return to CCHS.

The above impacts combined to provide a booked gain of \$119,000 after taxes and non-operating revenues are taken into account. Year-to-date there is a gain of \$680,000, unaudited. This is still an operating income loss of \$801,000.

There was a benefit from an increased effort in collections. Focus on clearing older accounts receivable through coding, re-billing, and collecting efforts is needed, Meyers said.

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ORDINANCE SUMMARY

Pursuant to RCW
35A.12.160, the Council of
the City of Prescott hereby
approves for publication the
following Ordinance Summary:

1. The name of the city is the City of Prescott, Wash-
ington.
2. The Ordinance sum-
marized is Ordinance No.
2017-08, adopted by the City
of Prescott on December 11,
2017.

3. The Ordinance establish-
es the City's 2018 budget.

4. The Ordinance is sum-
marized as follows:

a. The Ordinance is divided
into four (4) sections.

b. Section adopts the 2018
Budget for the City of Prescott
with total expenditures of
\$248,747.00, broken down
by fund as follows: Current
Expense Fund--\$154, 126.00;
CityStreet Fund--\$16,521.00;
Water Fund--\$66,600.00; and
Water Reserve Fund--\$11,500.

c. Section 2 states that a
copy of the detailed budget
and Budget Ordinance will
be forward to the Division of
Municipal Corporations of the
State of Washington.

d. Section 3 states that
if any part of the Budget or
Ordinance is adjudged to be
invalid, such adjudication will
not affect the validity of the
Ordinance as a whole or other
parts of the Ordinance.

e. Section 4 states that the
Ordinance is necessary and
shall take effect immediately
upon its passage and posting.

5. A copy of the entire
Ordinance will be mailed upon
request or may be examined
at City Hall.

The Ordinance was
APPROVED by the Council of
the City of Prescott on the 11th
day of December, 2017.

/s/ Steve Heimbigner
Mayor

The Times
Dec. 21, 2017
12-21-b

**No. 17-4-00224-9
Probate Notice to Creditors
(RCW 11.40.030)**

**Superior Court of Washing-
ton
County of Walla Walla**

In the Matter of the Estate
of
Jubilee Ulu,
Deceased.

The Designated Adminis-
trator named below has been
appointed as Designated Ad-
ministrator 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
Designated Administrator or
the Designated Administra-
tor'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 days after
the Designated Administrator
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.

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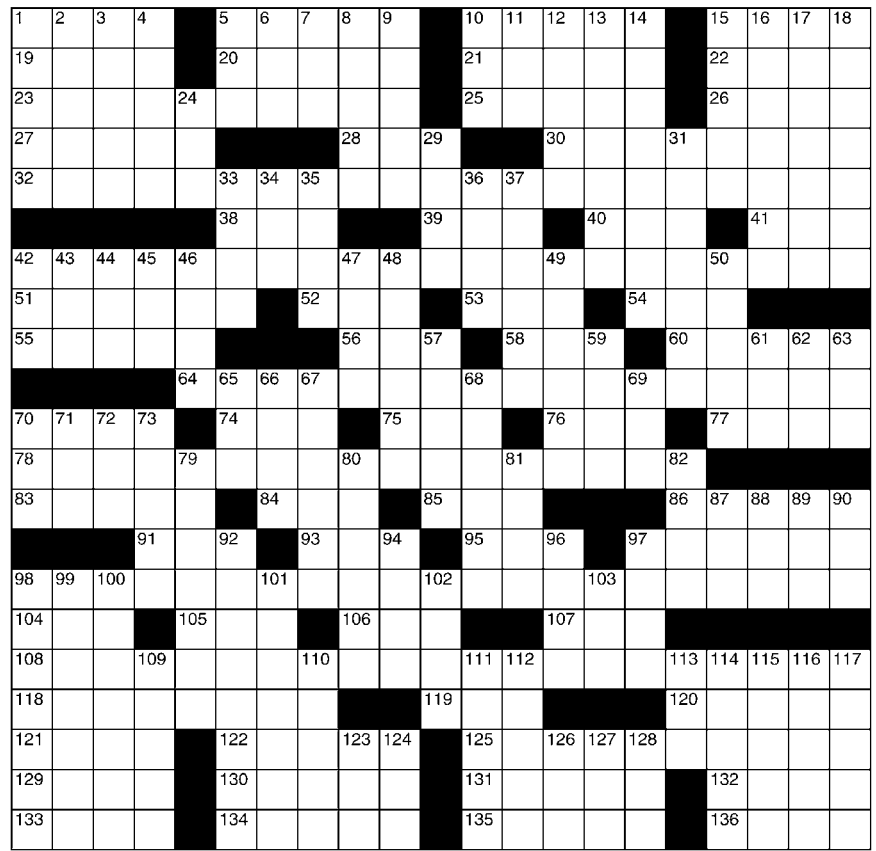
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Super Crossword BED OF FISH

- ACROSS**
- 1 Santa — (desert winds)
 - 5 Heroic tales
 - 10 "Zombie" network
 - 15 Marathoner's statistic
 - 19 Promote
 - 20 Horror, e.g.
 - 21 Prefix with gram or liter
 - 22 Strong — ox
 - 23 Start of a riddle
 - 25 "That is to say ..."
 - 26 Piper's garb
 - 27 AWOL part
 - 28 Pat lightly
 - 30 Short literary sketch
 - 32 Riddle, part 2
 - 38 Jailbird
 - 39 Poet's "always"
 - 40 German's "one"
 - 41 Suffix with suc- or lact-
 - 42 Riddle, part 3
 - 51 Starting point
 - 52 Ike's inits.
 - 53 Cell stuff
 - 54 Government loan agcy.
 - 55 Runway user
 - 56 Clumsy sort
 - 58 Dollar pts.
 - 60 He beat Romney
 - 64 Riddle, part 4
 - 70 "Look, I did it!"
 - 74 Ostrich kin
 - 75 Bohea, e.g.
 - 76 That, in Chile
 - 77 Oil gp.
 - 78 Riddle, part 5
 - 83 '90s-'00s answer
 - 84 Thrice-spun-off TV show
 - 85 Wimbledon unit
 - 86 Swimming (in)
 - 91 Sue
 - 93 Mind-reading ability
 - 95 Lilted syllable
 - 97 "Hagar the Horrible" creator Dik
 - 98 Riddle, part 6
 - 104 Pitching whiz
 - 105 Ballpark fig.
 - 106 Prefix meaning "equal"
 - 107 Syllable after "Mao"
 - 108 End of the riddle
 - 118 Merit the best score, maybe
 - 119 Half of hexa- "it!"
 - 120 See 45-Down
 - 121 Lacking width and depth, for short
 - 122 Els of golf
 - 125 Riddle's answer
 - 129 Baseball team count
 - 130 Actress Tierney
 - 131 Plants used in first aid
 - 132 Borscht vegetable
 - 133 Anti-DUI org. — for
 - 134 More sneaky
 - 135 Flirty laugh
 - 136 Probability
 - 11 That bloke
 - 12 School pupil, in France
 - 13 Actresses Bloom and Danes
 - 14 Fancy shoes
 - 15 George of "Star Trek"
 - 16 "... true statement, correct?"
 - 17 Dog or cat breed
 - 18 Went inside
 - 24 Ida, borderer
 - 29 British TV network, with "the"
 - 31 Tiny self-propelled machine
 - 33 Clicked-on graphic
 - 34 Bart Simpson, to Marge
 - 35 With a sharp image, briefly
 - 36 — -do-well
 - 37 Long ditch
 - 42 Marge Simpson, to Bart
 - 43 — -Magnon
 - 44 Prefix with day or week
 - 45 With 120-Across, 65 and older, e.g.
 - 46 Sledding site
 - 47 Work like —
 - 48 Cherished by
 - 49 Ramble on
 - 50 Verboten act
 - 57 Feudal lands
 - 59 Cubs hero Sammy
 - 61 Galaxy buy statement, and Curly
 - 62 Pal of Larry and Curly
 - 63 Jets' gp.
 - 65 Conifer with toxic seeds
 - 66 Apple choice
 - 67 Sipped on
 - 68 Sex cell
 - 69 Down vote
 - 70 Earthy color
 - 71 Muscles below pecs
 - 72 Handyman's initialism
 - 73 Nixon's veep
 - 79 Actress Annabella
 - 80 Not make the event in time, say
 - 81 Other, in Chile
 - 82 Delhi wear
 - 87 Concave pan
 - 88 Stupefy
 - 89 NBC skit show since '75
 - 90 Kin of "Psst!"
 - 92 Secondary details
 - 94 Elegant
 - 96 Voting 69-Down
 - 97 Cordon — (chicken dish)
 - 98 Particles composed of quarks
 - 99 South Pacific region
 - 100 Soho locale
 - 101 Left-leaning
 - 102 Ring around a castle
 - 103 Pa. hours
 - 109 Surrendered
 - 110 Listless feeling
 - 111 Yummy morsel
 - 112 Edge shyly
 - 113 Abbr. at LAX
 - 114 1990s fitness fad
 - 115 "— a drink!"
 - 116 Looked at provocatively
 - 117 Swift homes
 - 123 Wrath
 - 124 Acoustic organ
 - 126 "So fancy!"
 - 127 Peace gesture
 - 128 Nationality suffix



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TEENY MCMUNN: MY RECIPE BOX

Savory Bread Pudding (Strata)

This is the recipe I mentioned that Vicki Zoller shared with me (and Facebook). It will be a good one for the Christmas or New Years Day breakfast, as it is done the night before. Or perhaps for a brunch or a light dinner.

I did make the Egnog Cranberry Scones and they were great. Also made the Smothered Beef Burritos and it was good.

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 lb ground sausage – (I have used maple, Italian, and others so just use one you like, the maple is great in here because it is a little sweet to balance out the herbs)
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 4-5 celery stalks, chopped
- Garlic – as much as you want – I usually put in 2 to 3 cloves that I press in the garlic press
- Fresh sage, about 4 tablespoons
- Fresh thyme, about 2 tablespoons
- Fresh oregano, about 2 tablespoons (all of the herbs are chopped fine)
- 8 eggs
- 1 cup heavy whipping cream
- 1 cup of half-half
- 2 cups whole milk
- Ciabatta bread – 1 large loaf (you can use other crusty bread but ciabatta works great and holds together without getting mushy)
- 1 cup white sharp cheddar cheese, grated
- ½ cup swiss cheese, grated
- ½ cup fontina cheese, grated
- ½ cup fresh parmesan, grated
- Salt, pepper to taste
- ½ teaspoon cardamom
- ½ teaspoon allspice

DIRECTIONS:

Cut the ciabatta loaf into 1 inch squares and place on cookie sheet and in an oven on low heat (250) to dry out the bread.

Sautee the sausage until almost brown and then add the celery, onion and garlic. Cook until the onions and celery get soft. Add the cardamom, allspice, half of the chopped herbs, salt, pepper and set aside to cool. In a large mixing bowl add eggs and all the cream, half-half, milk and other half of the chopped herbs, salt, pepper and beat until well blended. Place the dried bread cubes into a large bowl and add the sausage mixture and all of the grated cheeses – toss to lightly blend.

Butter an 9x11 baking dish and add the sausage/bread/cheese mixture. Pour the egg custard over the mixture making sure to pour evenly. The liquid should come to the top of the dry mixture and if it doesn't just beat up another egg with some cream and add that. Press the mixture down into the pan to compress it all firmly into the liquid and then cover with foil and let it sit overnight in the refrigerator. It will absorb all the liquid.

Before baking pull from fridge and pour about 1 cup of whole milk over the mixture and then spray or butter the foil that goes back over the pan while baking, this will keep the strata from sticking to the foil. Bake for about 40 minutes covered, then uncover and sprinkle top with some grated cheddar and bake until the top browns.

(The day after you have baked this, the strata can be easily sliced in to ½ slabs that can be fried. Top with a poached or fried egg – it's delicious!)

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 SPREE ORFEO HUR
 VITEWITNESS SPOT NYMETS
 INRAGS TRIP LLAAMA SAIG
 EASY CRAI SELEVA TEXIT
 AGES BASTER REYES
 AVAILLED FOR TISAS
 DESCENDROP LUMMET ESIS
 ATTES ANA BOO ADUNIT
 MOI LIFTHIEVEMBEZZLE
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 LASSO SODAS NOEL
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Weekly SUDOKU

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

- ◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
- ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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PORT - FROM PAGE 1

now begin working on the Annual Management Plan as required by the Army Corps of Engineers.

Columbia Walla Walla Shortline Railroad

Dickinson said there are mixed results for the Columbia Walla Walla Shortline Railroad.

She said Frontier Rail Commercial Director Paul Didelius told her there needs to be more commercial use of the rails. Seneca won't be shipping seed until April of next year and Northwest Grain Growers has barely shipped 100 cars this year, she said.

She said the train has derailed three times; twice on Watco's line from Prescott to Walla Walla and once near Waitsburg because of inferior rails and ties.

Wastewater Treatment

Dickinson said a big concern for the county's continued economic development success, is that the Department of Ecology has said no new nondomestic uses can hook up to the city's wastewater treatment plan without a discharge permit.

Dickinson said she can't tell companies, with any degree of confidence, that locating business to Columbia County is even possible without a new wastewater treatment plant.

"It's affecting everything we do," she said

A basic wastewater treatment plan will cost around \$9 million, and a plant that can treat to potable water levels is around \$18 million, she said.

Dickinson said she will work with the city on identifying funds for that.

Marengo Wind Turbines

Another area of concern is the elimination of tax credits for wind power, which will likely stop the repowering



Times File Photo

The Betts family posed for The Times when they took over Manila Bay cafe in 2015. This month, the owners are moving the business from Dayton's Main Street to a suite in the Blue Mountain Station.

of Marengo wind turbines by Pacific Corps, which was to begin in 2018-19, she said.

A letter writing campaign to Rep. Cathy McMorris Rogers is currently underway, she said.

Columbia REA Building

Dickinson said she is currently working to identify another business for the building formerly occupied by Columbia Rural Electric Association. The building is now for sale, she said.

School Capital Projects Levy

Dickinson is the Chairperson of the Citizens for Education, and that committee will be helping drive the campaign to pass the Dayton School District's proposed two-year capital levy, she told the commissioners.

BRIEFS

WWCC WINTER BREAK BASKETBALL CAMP

WALLA WALLA - WWCC is hosting a basketball camp for elementary students at the WWCC Deitrich Dome on Dec. 27. Boys and girls in grades 1-3 will meet from 9-1 a.m. and boys and girls in grades 4-6 will meet from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.. Head Women's Coach Bobbi Hazeltine and her assistants and current players will provide instruction.

The cost is \$20 and checks should be made out to WWCC Athletics. For more information call (509) 301-7948 or see flyer at <http://warriors.wgcc.edu/>

THE LAST PAGE

MAIN STREET BRIDGE OPENS



Photo by Dena Martin



Courtesy Photo

Left: Waitsburg's Main Street Bridge is "substantially complete" and opened for traffic just after The Times went to press last Tuesday evening, to the joy of many residents, especially those living on Bolles Raod.

Above: Unfortunately, it got broken in quickly. Icy roads made the bridge the site of an accident first thing Wednesday morning. City officials say the bridge didn't sustain any apparent damage.

WAITSBURG SCHOOL BOARD UPDATE

DECEMBER 13, 2017

-Ross Hamann and Randy Pearson took the oath of office.
- Ross Hamann was elected board chair and Marilyn Johnson was elected vice-chair.

Secondary Principal's Report (Stephanie Wooderchak):

The WHS band played in the Christmas parade and performed a band concert Dec. 11. The band, FCCLA, and NHS will sign and play at Booker Rest Home. Chloe Pearson and Robert Walsh were named Exchange Club Students of the Month. Cookie dough sale fundraiser was successful. Preston Hall and WHS students celebrated their Nov. perfect attendance party. Nine high schoolers and 16 middle schoolers had perfect attendance.

Athletic Director's Report (Stephanie Wooderchak):

High school is playing a varsity-only schedule. Attitudes from coaches and athletes seems positive. Junior high fan support has been strong. Both sides of the bleachers have been pulled out for games and concessions have been opened. Copies of the most updated schedules are available on the district website.

Facilities/Maintenance/Transportation Report (Colter Mohney):

The new bus should arrive in the next month or two which is earlier than expected. The district had a surprise 25% bus inspection and passed "with flying colors." Fuel was purchased for the high school at \$2.105/gal.

Elementary Principal's Report (Jon Mishra):

Dr. Mishra just finished his first round of certificated observations focusing on depth of knowledge. Carnegie Picture Lab made a visit providing art instruction in the elementary school. Staff is working on "behavioral non-negotiables" and is using a program called TRIBES which is also used in Lewiston Elementary School, where a visit is planned later this year. The K-4 winter concert is Dec. 18.

Superintendent's Report (Jon Mishra):

Staff is working on the Strategic Culture Plan which is intended to drive workforce and team performance. Mishra pointed out posters that staff made during time spent brainstorming, discussing and moving forward to develop

clear statements of what constitutes learning in the district.

Public comment:

Several parents were in attendance to express concerns about bullying in the district. See story on Page 7.

Old Business:

-Enrollment is at a head count of 293 with 280.9 FTE students. This is up six students (head count) from the beginning of the year and up seven FTE students. There are 30 students in preschool; 15 in both the morning and afternoon sessions.

-The board agreed to hold a public meeting to discuss next year's Waitsburg-Dayton athletic and activities combine. The meeting will be held on Jan. 8 at 6 p.m. in the elementary school library.

-Dr. Mishra met on Nov. 30 with ESD personnel, Prescott School District, and WWCC about possible preschool options for future years. Mishra said it is likely WWCC will drop out of the picture. Schools are looking at a consortium with Dixie, Starbuck, Dayton, Waitsburg, and Prescott. It's possible the ESD would serve as oversight and pay for space. Lillian Johnson is providing maternity coverage for teacher Brittany Zuger.

-Approved Disability Month Policy.

New Business:

-Board members gave a presentation on workshops they attended at the WSSDA annual conference.

-Board unanimously approved a replacement maintenance and operations levy of \$2.71/\$1,000 of assessed value for 2019 and 2020. See story on Page 1.

-Board unanimously approved the surplus of technology equipment.

-Board unanimously approved the hire of Danielle Carpenter as assistant girls' basketball coach and Josh Wilson as assistant boys' basketball coach.

-The board retired to executive session to discuss the sale of the district house and Coppei properties. No action was to be taken.

Run Your Own Restaurant!

The Touchet Valley Golf Course is looking for a Concessionaire to operate their OWN restaurant at the Dayton Golf Course.



Collecting daily greens fees would be required. Contact Mike at (509) 386-1809 for more information.

Keeping you informed

Proposed rate increase

On November 25, 2015, Pacific Power & Light Company (Pacific Power) filed a petition with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) requesting approval of a rate increase that included a decoupling mechanism to track and defer the difference between allowed revenue and actual revenue. On September 30, 2016, the Commission issued an order approving the decoupling mechanism, with adjustments to be filed December 1st of every year.

In compliance with the Commission's order, Pacific Power is submitting a filing to effectuate the adjustment. If approved by the Commission, this surcharge will collect \$464,117 from Schedule 40 customers at a .288 cents per kilowatt-hour rate. The proposed price change represents a 3.2 percent increase for Schedule 40 customers. An irrigation customer using approximately 4,000 kilowatt-hours (kWh) per month would see a bill impact of \$11.52 per month. The Commission will examine Pacific Power's compliance filing. As a result of this examination, the Commission may determine that the filing be accepted as filed, modified, or rejected. If accepted as filed, the rate change would go into effect on February 1, 2018.

You are invited to comment to the Commission. The Commission has the authority to set final rates that may be lower or higher than the Company's request, depending on the outcome of its examination. You can comment using the "Submit a Comment" feature on the Commission's website at utc.wa.gov, or by using the following contact information.

Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission

1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive SW
P.O. Box 47250
Olympia, WA 98504-7250
Email: comments@utc.wa.gov
Telephone: 1-888-333-WUTC (9882)

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For more information or to contact Pacific Power, please call us toll free at **1-888-221-7070** or write to:

Pacific Power
825 NE Multnomah Street, Suite 2000
Portland, OR 97232

ISSUED: December 21, 2017

Summary of proposed rate increase

Overall increase in dollars \$464,117
Overall increase in percent (Schedule 40 customers) 3.2%

Type of service	Percentage increase
Irrigation	3.2%



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