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THIS WEEK

WAITSBURG



SEMI-FINALIST

Kindergarten teacher Pam Nolan-Beasley is national teaching award semi-finalist.

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DAYTON



HAZARDS

Dayton city and county employees reenact hazardous materials leak.

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Bluewood to Open Friday

SKI AREA SOUTH OF DAYTON WILL OPERATE DAILY THROUGH JAN. 3, EXCEPT CHRISTMAS

By Ken Graham | THE TIMES

DAYTON – The southeast Washington ski season begins Friday, as Ski Bluewood opens its mountain to skiers and snowboarders.

According to a press release, the Skyline Express and Platter Pull lifts will operate beginning Friday, with the Triple Nickle lift to be determined. The ski area will open at 9 a.m., with rentals, food service and snow sports available.

Ski Bluewood will operate daily from its opening Friday through January 3, except for Christmas day. Hours are 9 a.m. through 4 p.m. daily, except December 24, when the mountain will close at 2 p.m.

“We’re stoked that opening day is almost

here,” said Bluewood General Manager Kim Clark, “and we can’t wait to welcome our guests and go out and have fun.”

As of Monday morning, Bluewood reported 26 inches of snow at the base and 46 inches at the summit. Eighteen inches of snow had fallen in the previous 48 hours.

Bluewood also announced on Monday that the ski area will have an expanded schedule in January and February. Af-

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TAKING ONE FOR THE TEAM



Photo by Doug Johnson

Dayton School Superintendent Doug Johnson captured this remarkable image during Dayton's home game against Liberty-Spangle Saturday. Dayton's Tanner Bren (33) drew a charging foul against a Liberty player and ended up on the bench with a bloody lip. Dayton's Ben Kleck (center) and Lane Wilkening (21) were following on the play. The Bulldogs lost 56-36. See game story on Page 7.

SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES LEVY, BOND MEASURES

If M&O levy and capital improvements bond passed, taxpayer costs would remain unchanged

By Dena Wood
THE TIMES

WAITSBURG – After many months spent deliberating, seeking estimates, and soliciting community input, the Waitsburg School board approved resolutions to place both a replacement M&O levy and a school facilities upgrade bond on the February 2016 special election ballot.

The proposed replacement M&O levy

would collect \$559,000 in 2017 and \$570,000 in 2018. The estimated dollar rate of the levy is \$3.55 per \$1,000 of assessed value in both years. The exact tax levy rate may be adjusted based on the actual assessed value of taxable property within the district at the time of the levy.

“At the current tax rates, there would be no change to the taxpayers,” said Superintendent Dr.

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Waitsburg Kindergarteners Write to Santa



Dear Santa,
I hope your reindeers are doing good. I also hope your elves are doing good. I want my own pink x box controller. I want to get a Play Station for my brothers. I hope you have a good Christmas.

Your friend,
Georgia Reser



Dear Santa,
Are your elves working hard? How are your reindeers doing? Thank you for getting me a bb gun, Santa, I wanted for Christmas. Thank you for getting all my presents, Santa.

Your friend,
Camdyn Vories



Dear Santa,
I want a Monster High Playhouse full of dolls. And then new boots, sticks, and make-up. And a smelly bag (like a candle) that I can put in my room, pencils and pens.

My mom's been waiting for Santa, for snow, and Christmas,
Madison Strickland



Dear Santa,
Santa Claus comes down from his North Pole. I did sit on your lap. He's gonna buy a diver for me for Christmas. He wraps it in a box. I want a mermaid boy and a bull shark, great white, and a hammerhead. And I want something else for Christmas – a whole bunch of toys!

Love, Riley Judd



Dear Santa,
Good Morning, Santa. How are your deer? How are you doing? I want a Splatoon Game. We like your food. We like your toys. We give you big hugs, Santa, when it's Christmas Eve.

Love, Bryer Paul

See Special Kids' Writing Section Beginning on Page 10



Happy Holidays From Our Family to Yours



TOUCHET VALLEY LIFE

A LIVING NATIVITY



Courtesy Photo

The Waitsburg Christian Church presented a living nativity on the Bruce House Museum lawn on Sun., Dec. 13. The presentation included a reading of the Christmas Story, music and live animals.

NEWS BRIEF

COMMERCIAL CLUB MEETING

WAITSBURG – The Waitsburg Commercial Club will meet at the Whoopemup Café on Thurs., Dec. 17, at 12 p.m., for a general membership meeting. The agenda will include a wrap-up of Waitsburg's recent Hometown Christmas event.

The cost of the luncheon is \$12 and soup and salad is available for smaller appetites. Please call the restaurant directly for any dietary accommodations at (509) 337-9000. There is no charge for the meeting only. Please RSVP attendance to ikakeve@charter.net of (509) 337-6546.

Touchet Valley Weather

Dec. 16, 2015

Waitsburg's Seven Day Forecast

Wednesday Rain/Snow	Thursday Cloudy	Friday Rain Likely	Saturday Cloudy	Sunday Cloudy	Monday Cloudy	Tuesday Cloudy
High: 36 Low: 26	High: 34 Low: 31	High: 42 Low: 33	High: 38 Low: 32	High: 41 Low: 28	High: 37 Low: 25	High: 34 Low: 21

Weather Trivia

What is sleet?

?

Answer: Frozen raindrops.

Local Almanac Last Week

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Precipitation
Monday	61	48	42/31	0.69"	1.25"
Tuesday	67	51	42/30	0.07"	0.58"
Wednesday	67	41	42/30	0.05"	+0.67"
Thursday	56	38	42/30	0.14"	49.9°
Friday	52	39	41/30	0.00"	35.8°
Saturday	49	39	41/30	0.14"	+14.1°
Sunday	51	39	41/29	0.16"	

Data as reported from Walla Walla

Weather History

Dec. 16, 1835 - New England experienced one of their coldest days of record. At noon on that bitterly cold Wednesday the mercury stood at four degrees below at Boston, 15 degrees below at Norfolk, Conn. and 17 degrees below at Hanover, N.H.

Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
First 12/18	7:29 a.m.	4:07 p.m.	11:00 a.m.	10:12 p.m.
Thursday	7:30 a.m.	4:07 p.m.	11:33 a.m.	11:23 p.m.
Friday	7:31 a.m.	4:07 p.m.	12:04 p.m.	Next Day
Saturday	7:31 a.m.	4:08 p.m.	12:36 p.m.	12:34 a.m.
Sunday	7:32 a.m.	4:08 p.m.	1:10 p.m.	1:47 a.m.
Monday	7:32 a.m.	4:09 p.m.	1:46 p.m.	2:59 a.m.
Tuesday	7:33 a.m.	4:09 p.m.	2:27 p.m.	4:11 a.m.

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207 South A Street, Prescott, WA 99348. Date Posted: September 24, 2015 Job Posting #: 2015.16.7

The Walla Walla County Conservation District is accepting applications for an Assistant Manager in Training who, if successful, will be converted to District Manager effective June 1, 2016. This interim position will provide the incumbent with training by the retiring District Manager. The District Manager provides leadership to the Walla Walla County Conservation District which is a locally-lead grant-funded entity governed by a board of supervisors and represented at the state level by the WA State Conservation Commission. The District's multidisciplinary staff works with diverse stakeholders, landowners and partnering agencies using state and federal funding to protect and restore natural resources on private land through voluntary incentive based programs. Applicants must have a demonstrated successful track record in team building, grant writing,

project management, contracting, and a strong commitment to natural resource stewardship through voluntary programs. Minimum requirements include Bachelor's degree in natural resources/earth sciences, engineering, agriculture or related field plus a minimum of 3 years experience. This is a permanent, full time position with a competitive salary (\$55,000-60,000) plus district benefits. A one year probation period will apply to this position. Applications will be accepted through December 31, 2015. A complete job description can be seen at <http://www.wcccd.net/news>

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PIONEER PORTRAITS

Ten Years Ago December 22, 2015

Friends and family are invited to share in celebrating the 60th wedding anniversary of Carl and Ardath (Ardie) Henze from 2 to 4 p.m. on December 31, 2005, in the Dorcas Room of the First Christian Church of Waitsburg. The couple met in Ontario, California, in 1942 where Carl was stationed with the Army Air Force, and Ardie was cashier for J.J. Newberry Co.

Special Christmas Edition Letter from seventh-grader, Taelor Carter: Dear Santa: For Christmas I would like to have a fun Christmas with snow, and my family being happy. Please help the flu stop going around in my school so that all of our Preston Hall basketball girls are healthy.

From seventh-grader James Lehr: Dear Santa: For Christmas I would like some shaving cream because I might need to shave in a while. Also, please make sure my sister is safe in Spokane.

Twenty-Five Years Ago December 20, 1990

A quick run around the town recently revealed a number of Christmas lights befitting the season. The business houses on Main Street are all in "bloom," continuing south, one finds the McCown, Jacoy, Zuger and Griffen homes all lighted on the end of the street to the Keves and Leids. Across the street, the Bruce House is now spotlighted nightly with a floodlight installed this past week by Dick Pettichord. Bill Thompson is the donor of the light which adds to the beauty of the old mansion.

Waitsburg Commercial Club enjoyed a special Christmas dinner Tuesday, and heard some entertaining comments from Bob Shields of Dayton about his early days in the ministry. Rose Engelbrite passed out ballots for a Christmas Lighting Contest sponsored by Commercial Club.

Fifty Years Ago December 23, 1965

Robert P. Rogers of the Waitsburg Presbyterian Church and Jack A. Wylie of the Waitsburg Christian Church were the objects of a wide-spread search in the Blue Mountains last Thursday, December 16. They were found, safe and sound about 10:00 a.m. They had left Wednesday noon to hike in the Turkey-tail area north of Godman.

Special Christmas Edition letter from John Kenney: I would like a operation game. Some people do not have Christmas because they have no money. Please send them some money.

Special Christmas Edition letter from Guy McCaw: Dear Santa, How are your belly and beard? I hope your belly is fat and your beard is white. I would like an H.O. race car set and a walkie talkie. That's about all I want for Christmas.

Seventy-Five Years Ago December 27, 1940

Coach Geo. Blume awarded letters to the following football boys Wednesday: Norman Stanley, Roy Leid, Wade Wolf, Robert Perry, Jack Blize, Early Arthurs., Bill Buchan, Bill Linville, Earl Cusick, Andrew Weir, Dick Wolf, Dorne Hall and Glen Hofer.

Winners in the outdoor Christmas illumination were Christian Endeavor Society, first; Mrs. Emerson Wheeler, second; Mrs. Josepha Elder, third. Mrs. Jessie Light won the indoor contest.

Charles Sutton, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Sutton was honored recently by being selected historian of the Beta Gamma Chapter of Phi Theta Pi at Kinmam Business University.

One Hundred Years Ago December 31, 1915

Homer Painter of Prescott and Miss Pearl Stimmel of Waitsburg, were married Wednesday. The big dance will be at Segraves Hall New Year's Eve in connection with a basket supper.

Miss Grace Stonecipher came down from Cheney to spend the holidays with the folks.

A. L. Brunson returned home Monday from Pampa, Wash. where he has been visiting his daughters, Mrs. A. M. Camp and Miss Caddie Brunson. He was away from the ranch eight weeks. A.L. says the trip must have done him good as he gained ten pounds while away.

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago December 26, 1890

An antiquarian of the medical profession has made much research, and has discovered that cholera is a disease which has been prevalent in the human race about two thousand years. We know a few individuals in this city who have been belly-aching nearly that long.

"New Years will soon be here and we wish all to settle up. You prohibits, we know you have plenty of money because of not spending any for whiskey you cannot have any excuse for not commencing the New Year free from debts. And you who take a nip once in awhile, why not swear off until you can settle up, for we need the money very much, so please come to town and oblige. Very Respt. Yours, Preston Bros. & Parton

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EVENTS

WAITSBURG CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

WAITSBURG – The Waitsburg Chapel (320 W. 2nd) will host their 31st Union Candle Lighting Service at 6:30 p.m. on Christmas Eve.

The Waitsburg Christian Church will hold a Christmas Eve service at 7 p.m. on Dec. 24.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

WAITSBURG – The Waitsburg Presbyterian Church will host Waitsburg's annual Community Christmas Concert at 7 p.m. on Dec. 20.

Church Directory

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

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

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

WEEKLY CALENDAR

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Waitsburg Resource Center

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

Coffee & Craft

Prescott Public Library
1 p.m.

Dayton Home Lighting Contest and Bus Tour

Elk Drug Parking Lot
7 p.m.

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Community Christmas Concert

Waitsburg Presbyterian Church
7 p.m.

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7 p.m.

School Lunch Menu

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

Dec. 18:
7:45 – 8:25 Hot
Cocoa with Santa
Sausage Corndog; Sun Chips

Dec. 21-25:
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Waitsburg Story Time

Weller Public Library
10:30 a.m.

Dayton City Council

City Hall
7 p.m.

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Dayton Library Story Time

Dayton Memorial Library
10 a.m.

Storytime is free to the public and no library card is needed.

Prescott Library Story Time

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

Waitsburg Senior Round Table

Waitsburg Presbyterian Church
11:30 a.m.

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.

Dayton Senior Round Table

Senior Center (403 E.

Patit St.)
12 p.m.
Tuesdays and Thursdays. Call 382-2836 to RSVP by the day prior.

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Waitsburg Resource Center

106 Preston Avenue
RESOURCE CENTER WILL BE CLOSED CHRISTMAS EVE.

Union Candle Lighting Service

Waitsburg Chapel (320 W. 2nd)
6:30 p.m.
All are invited to this Waitsburg Ministerial Association Christmas Eve service.

Christmas Eve Service

Waitsburg Christian Church
7 p.m.

THANK YOU FOR READING

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POLICE NOTES

Dayton

Dec. 6

Unsuccessful attempt to break into building on 500 block of W. Main, door was damaged. Cabin doors were tied open with no one around on N. Touchet road. Two bicycles were found in a ditch on 4th and Creamery. Report of a juvenile runaway, unfounded. Unwanted subject on Weinhard Rd., subject willingly left on deputy arrival.

Dec. 7

Report of food stamp card being stolen last week in 200 block of S. willow. Collision on US-12, transferred to WSP and assisted with traffic control. Terry Riner, 46, Dayton, was booked into Columbia County Jail on warrant. Brandon Lowe-Web, 23, Walla Walla, was booked into Columbia County Jail on warrant and bailed out. Numerous calls and incidents of branches down, water across roadway and mudslides following storm. Unwanted subject on 500 block of W. Cameron; gone upon deputy arrival.

Dec. 8

A juvenile offense sexual assault was reported. Complaint of garbage blowing around on 300 block of N. 3rd; owner advised they would take care of it. Mail/phone fraud calls stating the victims have won a prize and must cash the check and mail back a portion or send a small payment via credit card to claim the prize. Report of possible poaching on Lewis Gulch. Steven Pearson, 68, Dayton was booked into county jail for DUI following a non-reportable collision.

Dec. 9

Unwanted subject at 500 block of W. Cameron; gone upon deputy arrival. Mud slide on Kellogg Hollow Rd. Frank Mackey-Ledford, 30, Milton Freewater turned himself in to be booked into county jail on local warrants. Report of theft in 1000 block of S. 3rd; vehicle was moved from where it was originally parked. Joey Richter, 31, Dayton was arrested for 1st degree criminal trespass.

Dec. 10

Multiple fraud calls reported. The calls advise that victims owe the IRS money and must make immediate payment with a credit card. Non-injury accident on 200 block of E. Main. Complain of younger men running up on multiple front porches in 100 block of W. Richmond Ave. "Land & Sea" sales was advised to contact City Hall for a permit. Report of trespassing in 200 block of Dayton Ave. was unfounded; individual had permission. Report of harassments by individual receiving unwanted texts was unfounded. Complaint of a confrontation and physical assault on 100 block of N. Cherry. Suspect was gone upon deputy arrival; charges pending.

Dec. 11

Tyler Usko, 30, Dayton was cited for DWLS 3rd and expired vehicle license. Usko was booked on a Walla Walla felony warrant and bailed out. Fraud call advising victim has "won \$9,000 for being a good citizen." Traffic control for a power pole on fire in 500 block of S. 6th and 400 block of N. 3rd.

BIRTHDAYS

December 18: Corrie Berneking, Sharon Richter, Cindy Pettichord, Liz Quigg, Kelli Pettichord.

December 19: Lexus Ann Benson, Jack Maxwell, Shirley Cummings.

December 20: Kellie Rarick, Margaret Naumann, Melanie Land, Jeff Gusse, Nathaniel Abel, Bitsey Harshman, Christy House.

December 21: Jamie Kibler, Katy Hofer, Loren Davis, Jenny Devine, James Adkins.

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.

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

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**KEN GRAHAM:
FROM THE PUBLISHER**

Christmas is for Kids

When someone calls me “Scrooge” or “The Grinch,” I usually take it as a compliment. What’s up with the two-month long celebration, I ask them. I mean, we don’t celebrate the Fourth of July in May.



I often think that if I were president (God forbid!), I would outlaw Christmas decorations and Christmas music until at least the 20th of December, if not a day or two later. Retail stores found guilty of holding Christmas sales before about mid-December would be subject to a special holiday abuse tax, proceeds from which would be used to enforce my new rules. Anyone found dressed as Santa Claus in November would be heavily fined – revenues to be used for the same purpose.

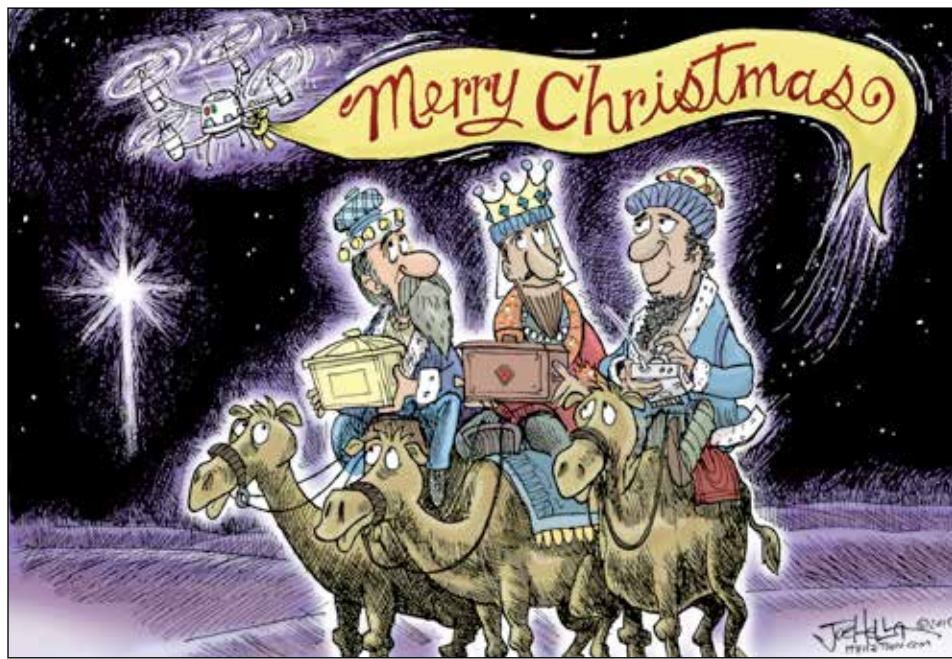
But then along comes The Times’ special Christmas edition, and I get the chance to read what the kids from Waitsburg Elementary School have to say about Christmas. They love Christmas, and are excited about it. At that point I feel (rightly) embarrassed.

This week, the second half of this newspaper is taken over by the kids, along with the generous support of businesses who help make this issue possible. Each grade, from K through 5, offers a different take on their feelings about Christmas – from haikus to stories to Christmas recipes.

I’m especially proud that we can continue this longstanding tradition at The Times again this year, because we’re able to show off the writing by the young people in our community. As a writer myself, I think it’s important for kids to have the challenge of expressing themselves in writing and then presenting their efforts to the outside world – for better or worse.

Who knows, one of these kids may be filling this space with their own writing a few years from now.

Putting my own Grinchitude aside, I hope all of our readers are having a very happy holiday season, lasting as long as they want it to. And even though I sort of enjoy it, I hope most of you kids out there don’t end up grumpy old Scrooges like me.



Republicans will avert a contested convention

By Jonathan Bernstein, Bloomberg View

Speculation over a contested convention -- when no candidate enters with the majority needed for nomination -- has picked up steam again. The Washington Post’s Robert Costa reported last week that Republican National Committee chairman Reince Priebus met with senior Republicans about procedures, should an open convention develop.

Smart analysts are on board: Sean Trende at RealClearPolitics believes the “most likely scenario is still that no one wins a sufficient number of delegates to claim the nomination,” while Nate Silver puts the odds “at about 20 percent.”

We go through this every time. The RNC is doing its job by preparing for unlikely situations, but it doesn’t mean they will arise. Or, at least, nothing about this cycle suggests the extremely small chance of a deadlock is any more likely than it ever is.

In short, candidates who are losing drop out. Winnowing works.

Yes, three or more candidates could theoretically remain in the contest after the first few events, winning equal (or close to equal) shares of the delegates. But that balance is difficult to achieve: Winners gain momentum, and losers see their resources dry up rapidly.

Besides, any party would be nuts to wait until the party’s nominating convention to try to manipulate the final results. To understand why, let’s look at how that process works.

In a normal year, the winning candidate going into the convention works with the larger party to control everything. This is backed up by the votes of delegates loyal to that candidate.

A contested convention would oc-

cur if there is not a majority among the 2,472 state delegates in support of one candidate.

Once the GOP convention begins in Cleveland this summer, the delegates are not beholden to do what the Republican National Committee or any other party group tells them to do. They might be likely to follow the lead of their candidate on any votes over credentials, procedures or platform. But no one can force them to. Some are technically bound to vote as chosen on the first ballot. But with no majority to steer the proceedings toward one candidate, there is no pressure on the delegates to remain loyal to the contender who chose them in the first place.

The results would be unpredictable in such a situation, and could lead to chaos, with efforts to unseat some delegates or to change the rules along the way, among other irregularities. If there were multiple ballots, it’s unclear what would eventually resolve any impasse. In the old days a handful of party bosses could cut deals and enforce them. Now all 2,472 delegates would be free agents.

If party leaders want to influence what the convention is going to do, their best strategy is to pick a candidate to support in the primaries and caucuses, and use their resources to persuade voters to support that candidate.

While they haven’t completed that process yet, it’s well along the way. Only a handful of candidates in the GOP race are likely to survive Iowa and New Hampshire out of what was originally a field of more than 20 possible contenders. It’s far more likely we’ll have a clear nominee by March 1 than that we won’t have one in July.

Jonathan Bernstein is a Bloomberg View columnist covering U.S. politics.

WAITSBURG SCHOOL BOARD UPDATE

Dec. 9, 2015

- New board member Russ Knopp and incumbents Marilyn Johnson and Christy House took the oath of office.
- Ross Hamann was re-elected as board chairman and Christy House was elected as vice-chairman.
- Board members reported on the WSDA (Washington State School Directors Association) annual conference.
- Approved the closure of the district office from Dec. 21 to Jan. 1.
- Approved creating an exploratory committee to study and report on the logistics of a football combine with Dayton High School. See story in next week’s issue.
- Approved placing a replacement M&O levy to collect \$559,000 in 2017 and \$570,000 in 2018 on the Feb. special elections ballot. See story Page 1.
- Approved placing a 20-year \$4.8 million upgrades and improvements bond on the February special elections ballot. See story Page 1.
- Approved increasing the middle school athletic director stipend from \$4,000 to \$5,000 due to an increase in duties since the dissolution of the Waitsburg-Prescott combine.

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Carol Clarke.

Clarke said the funds will be used for maintenance operations but she is also investigating, at the request of the board, the cost of an ECEAP preschool program.

If the levy is approved, the district will qualify for levy equalization funds – state funds provided to areas with lower property assessments – unless the legislature discontinues that program. Currently, the state matches at 28 cents per \$1.

“If it doesn’t pass, we don’t get those funds,” said Board Chair Ross Hamann.

The proposed upgrade and improvements bond of \$4.8 million would replace the 1999 \$1.62 million capital improvements bond, used for renovations of the high school, which will soon be retired.

Taxpayer cost is estimated to be between \$2.12 and \$2.14 per \$1,000 over the next 20 years, and the bond would need a supermajority to pass, Clarke said.

“We need to be careful how we say this. In essence, we are raising taxes because we are expiring bonds that we’ve worked hard to pay off and we’re going back to ask for more. But it’s not any more than they (taxpayers) are paying now,” Hamann said.

The proposition authorizes the district to improve the learning environment and school safety through the installation of air conditioning in the elementary, middle and high schools; a complete renovation of the district kitchen; construction of a field house with restrooms, storage and concession areas; improving high school parking and the addition of lighting and walkways; and construction of an all-weather track and amenities.

Board members considered removing one or more of the projects, for fear they would be unable to complete them all, but ultimately unanimously approved the resolution as written.

“We’ve had experts tell us we can do it. There is a tremendous amount in there that they allow for prevailing wage and soft costs and they even allow for the fact that it will be a year later before we start soliciting bids. We’ve always been very responsible,” Hamann said.

“There’s no way we can really know until the bids come in a year from now,” said board member Christy House.

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TRUMP’S ATTACKS ON MUSLIMS BROUGHT HIM MORE MEDIA COVERAGE THAN EVER

By Kaley Leetaru
Special To The Washington Post

Just over a month ago, I wrote about how Donald Trump seemed to have lost his media mojo. At the time, television news coverage of his campaign had plateaued for more than six weeks, falling to either equal or below that of his GOP rivals.

But now he seems to have recovered from that lull. In fact, on Dec. 9, he reached a new record for the 2016 presidential race, accounting for 76 percent of all mentions of candidates of either party on national television news networks and 82 percent of mentions of the GOP candidates.

On Dec. 9, Trump received 3,919 total mentions on national television, setting an all-time record for his campaign. This was almost 750 more mentions than he received after his much-anticipated first debate performance on Sept. 16.

The massive surge in mentions of the candidate began Dec. 8 as he spent the morning defending his proposal to forbid Muslim immigration to the United States.

But his surge actually can be traced

back further. It wasn’t after the Nov. 13 Paris attacks - no GOP candidate received a substantial increase in coverage after the attacks.

Instead, it was after his Nov. 19 proposal to create a national Muslim tracking database. The timeline below shows the same data as above, but instead of raw mentions, it displays each candidate’s percentage of all mentions of GOP candidates.

After Trump offered this controversial proposal, he went from 24 percent of all mentions of GOP candidates (which placed him under Jeb Bush) to 50 percent in just 48 hours. He then rocketed further - to 82 percent as of this past Wednesday.

This demonstrates, once again, how Trump has used inflammatory proposals and sound bites to dominate media coverage of the 2016 presidential race. The resulting outrage creates wall-to-wall Trump coverage. What remains to be seen is whether this will ultimately help or hurt him in the polls.

Kaley Leetaru is a senior fellow at the George Washington University Center for Cyber and Homeland Security.

Nolan-Beasley Gains More Recognition

Presidential Award-winning teacher is now a semi-finalist for Shell Science Teaching Award

By Dena Wood | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG – Kindergarten students in Waitsburg now have even more to brag about when they describe their classroom teacher. Presidential Award-winner Pam Nolan-Beasley is now a national semi-finalist, being recognized as a cream-of-the-crop science teacher.



Nolan-Beasley

Nolan-Beasley was one of two Washington teachers awarded the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching in 2012. She received a \$10,000 cash award and a trip to Washington D.C.

Last week Nolan-Beasley was notified that she is a national semi-finalist – one of ten – to receive the Shell Science Teaching Award. The award recognizes one outstanding classroom science teacher (K-12) who has had a positive impact on his or her students, school, and community through exemplary science teaching.

Nolan-Beasley has over 30 years teaching experience and has taught in Waitsburg's high school, junior high and elementary schools. She's been teaching Waitsburg kindergarten long enough to see her first classes graduate high school.

Nolan-Beasley has a special enthusiasm for science and says it is something she does with her students every day. She believes in introducing science as early as possible because it is natural for young students to engage in inquiry – a characteristic she capitalizes on to get them excited and passionate about science and learning in general.

"I believe we are missing an opportunity, not only to inspire America's budding scientists, but to teach reading, writing, math, language, the arts and social studies through our students' love of science. The use of nursery rhymes, poetry, guided reading sets, songs, read aloud drama and design accelerate learning for both literacy and science," she said, describing her teaching philosophy.

Nolan-Beasley incorporates science into subjects such as reading, writing, language, and social studies, and makes it relevant to everyday events. For example, during the holidays, she will read students the story of "The Gingerbread Man," and have them hypothesize, and then experiment on what will happen if a gingerbread cookie really does get wet.

Nolan-Beasley believes science should be D.I.R.T.Y., with the acronym representing: D-Discovery, I – Inquiry-Inspired and Ingegrated, R – Real and Relevant, t-Tactile, and Y – for the young.

Last year, she got permission from the administration and custodial staff to use the school's outdoor courtyard – which was slated to be covered in ornamental rock – as a learning lab. Her students planted carrot and pumpkin seeds, studying life cycles and learning about plant needs through first-hand experience. Her students collected data in notebooks and shared their scientific learning on the hallway wall so that other students could benefit.

"This fall, my current class had a Carrot Snack Party with the (now) first graders after harvesting last year's crop. In the future, I am hoping to write a grant for an irrigation system, with the work completed by local engineers and technicians, along with assistance from our kindergarten apprentices," Nolan-Beasley wrote, in her award application.

Nolan-Beasley believes in involving the family and holds a Kindergarten Family Science Night each year with nearly 100% attendance.

"My students love teaching their families, and the parents and siblings love the challenge and involvement," she said.

In an award recommendation letter, Waitsburg Schools Superintendent Dr. Carol Clarke praised Nolan-Beasley for her support of colleagues, as well as her students.

"While in the classroom, Mrs. Beasley models exemplary science instruction. However, her willingness to share her expertise, knowledge and skills in teaching other elementary science teachers set her above her peers. She is a highly sought after 'teacher of teachers' in our region," Clarke wrote.

Nolan-Beasley is a member of the Next Generation Science Standards Facilitators' Cadre, an elite group of teacher-leaders who represents the district for science education reform, and develops original lessons, materials and resources that align with Next Generation Science Standards.

She is also a Science Fellow for the Waitsburg School District, serving as a science contact for colleagues and learning providers. She has present-



Times File Photos

Pam Nolan-Beasley works with students at a Family Science Night (top) and in her classroom (above).

ed 'Science for Our Youngest Learners' twice at the Washington State Preschool through Third Grade Starting Strong August Institute, and is looking forward to presenting at the NSTA National Conference in Nashville, Tenn. in 2016.

Nolan-Beasley's next step in the award process is to submit a 30-minute teaching video that demonstrates the teaching practices she described in her application. Judges will select three finalists from the submissions. They will visit the classrooms of the three finalists in late January and mid-February to see the teachers in action.

All three finalists will receive an expense-paid trip to attend the NSTA National Conference in Nashville this spring and will be honored at the teacher awards banquet. The award recipient will receive \$10,000.

FCCLA Hosts Jeans for Teens Drive

NEW SERVICE CLUB MEETS NEEDS OF FELLOW TEENS

By Dena Wood | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG – Late last January, the Waitsburg High School student body "overwhelmingly approved" the addition of FCCLA (Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America) to the school's club and organization offerings. The first big FCCLA event is a Jeans for Teens Drive that kicked off this week.

Club Leader Nancy Bickelhaupt says FCCLA is to Family and Consumer Science what FFA is to agriculture. The national Career and Technical Education organization promotes personal growth through leadership development and career preparation opportunities.

The organization was founded in 1945 and now has over 200,000 members in 50 states, plus the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico. The organization's motto is "Toward New Horizons!"

Bickelhaupt says the group has been meeting regularly and has taken responsibility for small projects, such as serving at retiring school board member Greg Zuger's farewell party. The Jeans for Teens drive will be the group's

first big undertaking. FCCLA President Selina Mercado said the group was excited about the project for several reasons.

"I think it's a good way to help teens understand that others are in need of things we take for granted and can use things that we don't really use anymore. It's also a good way to get the community involved in helping others," she said.

Bickelhaupt found the Jeans for Teens program on www.dosomething.org and thought it would be a program that teens could relate to. Through the program, gently-used jeans in all sizes and styles are collected in boxes and donated to teens that are homeless or living in shelters.

"Jeans are a comfort item for kids and something that makes them feel normal. We felt this project is something that their peers could get into," Bickelhaupt said.

"Most of the kids have jeans they've gotten too tall for, they don't like the style anymore, or they just don't wear," she



Photo by Dena Wood

FCCLA President Selina Mercado displays a sign promoting the Jeans for Teens drive the club kicked off this week.

added.

FCCLA members have been busy making posters to promote the drive and will have boxes at all home basketball games for community members to drop off their gently-used jeans. Jeans may also be left at the high school office during school hours. The drive will run through Feb. 29.

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SAME FACE, NEW PLACE

Waitsburg's Izzy the Camel moves to a larger, safer location

By Dena Wood | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG – Waitsburg's Izzy the Camel will welcome in the new year from his new digs off Highway 124 and Hart Road, just east of Prescott. While some Izzy fans have been vocal in expressing displeasure over the move, Izzy's owners, Mickey and Tawnya Richards, say it will be best for everyone.

For the last several years, Izzy and his big, blue trailer have welcomed visitors to Waitsburg from the pasture off Highway 12, just south of the Waitsburg city limits. The land was owned by Waitsburg resident Carol Weir who, Tawnya said, let them use the pasture because she enjoyed having Izzy and his pasture mates – several horses and donkeys – nearby.

Tawnya said the Richards' had always told Weir they wanted to purchase the pasture when she was ready to sell. When Weir moved to an assist-

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Anhydrous ammonia is an important fertilizer used by farmers throughout the Touchet Valley. It is also an extremely hazardous material if leaked into the air from its storage container.

Practice Makes Perfect

County and city employees reenact hazardous waste leak

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—Here's the scenario: At 8:00 a.m. a pick-up truck pulling a 1,000-pound tank of anhydrous ammonia down South Cottonwood Street in front of Kyle's Towing is backed into by another vehicle, causing the fertilizer tank to overturn. A small leak occurs from a valve at the back of the tank, coming out of the pump.

What happens next? It is likely that most of us don't know; but it is a sure bet that there are people who do.

On Dec. 9, Columbia County Emergency Management Planner Mike Spring led representatives from Dayton General Hospital, the Columbia County Public Health Department, the City of Dayton, Columbia County Fire District #3, the Columbia County Sheriff's office, the Columbia County Dispatch office and the McGregor chemical company in a role-playing reenactment of the above situation.

According to Columbia County Fire District #3 Chief Rick Turner,

there are several reasons for the "table top" exercise.

Turner said the exercise was designed as a self-test of each individual system, and is a useful tool to assess any shortcomings in them.

He said the primary concern is for the safety of the people directly involved, as well as for the public, at large.

"We want to put the most efficient plan in place," he explained.

What is anhydrous ammonia, and why should we care?

According to the National Center for Disease Control anhydrous ammonia is made up of one part nitrogen and three parts hydrogen. It is a fertilizer.

Anhydrous ammonia is pungent, with suffocating fumes that can cause difficulty breathing, irritation of the eyes, nose, and throat. It can also cause burns, or blisters.

When released, the vapors initially move close to the ground, causing greater risk of exposure. High concentrations of it can lead to death.

Trevor Johnson, who represented McGregor Company at the exercise, said that 850 gallons of anhydrous ammonia can expand to 540 times that amount, if it leaks out. He also said that the vapor will boil if it leaks into the atmosphere, and that the vapor is drawn to water.

Chief Turner said that in a scenario like this one, the ammonia vapor could overcome people on the river levee. It could also get into the Touchet River, which would create problems for fish, potentially requiring involvement of the Environmental Protection Agency.

"It also has the potential to get into the city storm drains," he said.

"This is a good one to start with," said Spring. "There are ammonia trucks traveling on Main Street all day and all night at certain times of the year," he added.

During the reenactment exercise many steps were taken between the time the accident was called in to the Dispatch Center at 8:06 a.m. and the time McGregor Company could safely pump the tank.

"It could take as long as seven or eight hours," Spring said.

At the end of the exercise, the representatives discussed and evaluated the exercise.

An After Action Review meeting is planned for December 16, according to County Emergency Management personnel.

There are to be other full-scale, multiple, and limited, table top exercises in 2016, according to Spring. Two of those exercises will emphasize hospital hazmat protocol and wildland fire, he said.

Dayton KB Team Ties for 4th out of 14 Schools

COACH DOUG YENNEY SAYS 2B STATE BERTH IS UP FOR GRABS

By Dena Wood | THE TIMES

DAYTON – The Dayton High School knowledge bowl team is proving to be tough competition this year. After taking first place at the November east schools meet in Waitsburg, Dayton tied for fourth place at the all ESD schools meet in Walla Walla on Dec. 9.

At the Dec. 9, One Team All Schools meet Dayton tied for fourth place with DeSales, out of 14 schools, and ahead of much larger schools such as Prosser, Burbank, and Southridge. Top scores at the All Schools meet were Richland (105), Kennewick (89), Hanford (84) and DeSales and Dayton, both with 73 points.

Knowledge bowl is administered through ESD 123 and is divided into east and west regions. The east in-

cludes Dayton, Waitsburg, DeSales, Pomeroy, Prescott and Clarkston. The three 2B schools in the east division are Dayton, Waitsburg and Clarkston - one of which will move forward to the state meet.

The west division is made up of the larger schools, several of which several participated in last week's meet.

"It was nice to see the small schools do well against the larger schools. It's early in the season and any of the three 2B schools in the east has a chance for the state meet - only one of us gets to go. Sometimes it just depends on which kids are able to participate at the regional met," Dayton knowledge bowl coach Doug Yenney said.

"Our Dayton team has a trip to state as a goal as going to state is a reflection of the good students we have at Dayton High School," he added.

2016 Budget Adopted by Dayton Council

CODE ENFORCEMENT TOP PRIORITY

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—At their meeting on Dec. 7, the Dayton City Council approved a \$5,765,300 budget for 2016 that places hiring of a part-time code enforcement officer at the top of the list.

The code enforcement officer would be the primary contact for land use complaints, and would actively pursue and enforce city health and safety codes and ordinances, according to city officials.

City Clerk Trina Cole said that she is receiving more and more complaints from the public about people being out of compliance with the code ordinances.

"We've had many complaints. People are not happy," said Cole. "There is a problem when it starts affecting neighbors and devaluing property," she added.

Mayor Craig George agrees. "Our number one priority is better code enforcement," he said.

George said there will be a six-month to one-year educational component for the public, so that their rights and obligations regarding the codes are well understood.

\$33,400.00 is has been budgeted for hiring a code enforcement officer, working between 28 and 32 hours per week. An opening for the two-year position should be posted by the end of 2015, and hiring will be done in March or April next year, according to Cole.

Some of the other 2016 budget highlights are:

- Increasing river levee support provided by use of DOC personnel for eight weeks in the spring
- Utilize Department of Corrections personnel in the cemetery and parks for routine maintenance and cemetery tree trimming
- Design engineering for levee improvements
- Replace wood chips in the city park playground with an alternative material
- Implement Phase III of new sprinkling system in the park
- Implement power efficiencies at the sewer plant
- Perform a water-utility-rate study
- Make further contributions to the Commercial Street development project
- Focus on re-conditioning city alleyways
- Create a community-wide street capital improvement funding package
- Reserve funding for a city dog park
- Make city hall electrical and plumbing improvements
- Update rolling stock for various utility departments
- Install a new shut-off valve at the reservoir
- Install a new park slide
- Begin work on the 2016-2018 Comprehensive Plan Update
- Update Title 5, Chapter 18 DMC, Historic Preservation
- Create a water splash pad park

Mayor George said there would be no utility rate increase for 2016. He said it was hardly fair to increase that rate since there was no cost of living adjustment for Social Security recipients in 2016.

He also said the one-percent tax revenue increase for 2016 will be placed in reserve for projects that have yet to be identified.

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JACOB DUNN SCORES 22 AND PULLS DOWN 26 REBOUNDS OVER 2 GAMES

By Ken Graham | THE TIMES

MILTON-FREEWATER – The Waitsburg Cardinals won consecutive games against Riverside and Mac-Hi over the weekend to win the Mac-Hi Tournament here Saturday night.

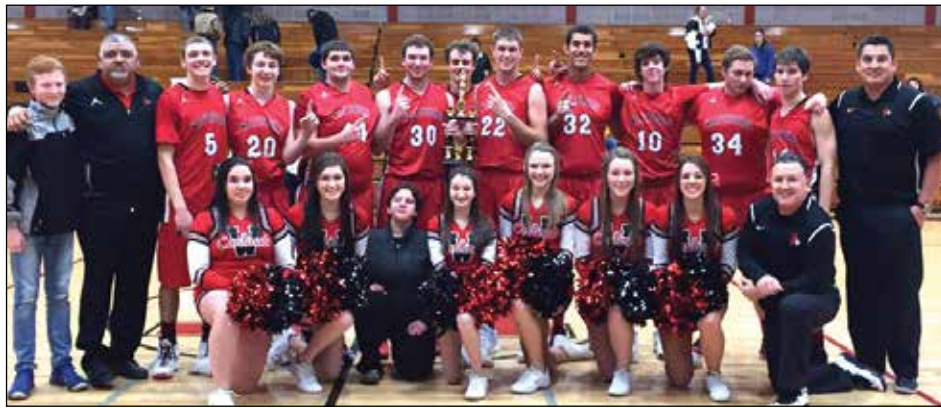
On Friday night, the Cardinal boys cruised to a 40-21 victory over Riverside. Kyle Gradwohl scored 19 points, while Jacob Dunn had eight. Dunn also pulled down 13 rebounds.

In a cold-shooting first half, the Cardinals built a 10-5 lead at halftime.

On Saturday night, the Cardinals dominated the Pioneers, winning 53-24 to capture the tournament.

Dunn led the scoring with 14 points, and again had 13 rebounds. Gradwohl and Landon Callas each scored 13.

The Cardinals' defense stifled Mac-Hi in the first half, holding them to four points in the first quarter and scoreless in the second and taking a 23-4 lead into halftime.



The Waitsburg boys' basketball team posed with their trophy (and the WHS cheerleaders) after winning the Mac-Hi Tournament Saturday night.

"We played our best defense so far this year," said Waitsburg coach Tavis Crittenden. "Our size was a big advantage in both games."

Waitsburg 12 11 15 15 — 53
Mac-Hi 4 0 7 13 — 24

WAITSBURG (53) — Potts 1 3-6 5, Callas 4 3-5 13, French 0 0-0 0, Carter 0 0-0 0, Kitselman 0 0-0 0, Dunn 6 0-0 14, Gradwohl 5 3-3 13, Montgomery 1 0-0 2, Branson 2 2-2 6. Totals 19 11-16 53.

MAC-HI (24) — Martinez 0 0-0 0, A. Garcia 0 0-0 0, Zaragoza 5 0-0 14, Yensen 1

5-6 7, M. Perez 0 0-0 0, DeBord 0 0-0 0, E. Garcia 0 0-0 0, L. Garcia 1 0-0 3, Peo 0 0-0 0, Vela 0 0-0 0, A. Delgado 0 0-0 0. Totals 7 5-6 24.

3-point goals — Waits 4 (Dunn 2, Callas 2), Mac-Hi 5 (Zaragoza 4, L. Garcia). Total fouls — Waits 7, Mac 12. Fouled out — none. Technical fouls — none. Rebounds — Waits 33 (Dunn 13), Mac 17 (Yenses 6). Turnovers — Waits 7, Mac 9. Assists — Waits 7 (Carter 3, Gradwohl 3), Mac 4 (L. Garcia 4).

WHS TAKES THIRD AT SPANGLE TOURNEY

Three grapplers bring home medals

By Dena Wood | THE TIMES

SPANGLE - Predictions came true for Cardinal wrestling coach Lanny Adams who expected several of his athletes to medal at their first tournament on Dec. 12 in Spangle. Waitsburg placed third as a team with David Just bringing home a first place medal, and Carlos Norris and Ky Adams taking third.

Just walked away with the champion title in the 138 class after winning with a 6-3 decision against Sam Parkman (Hanford) and a 10-0 decision against Freedom Struthers (Newport). He wrestled Jared Shahan (Hanford) for first/second standing, pinning him in 1:09.

Eight-grade wrestler, Norris, earned his first high school medal, placing third in the 113 class. Norris won his very first high school match, pinning Garrett Phillips (Colfax) in 1:01 in the first round but was pinned by Randy Dixon (Mary Walker) at 3:28 in the first round of his second match. Norris pinned Billy Smith (Cheney) in :52 and beat Garrett Phillips (Colfax) in :31 for the third/fourth place win.

Ky Adams also brought home a third place medal in the 145 class. Ky pinned Merie Mekley (Selkirk) in the second round and pinned Kaleb Brown (St. Maries) in 1:15. Ky was pinned by Travis Knauff (Gar-Pal) in 4:40 before pinning Louis Were (Hanford) in 1:10 and Jake Hanson (Hanford) in 1:28.

"Ky wrestled his first two matches very smart and executed his moves flawlessly," Adams said.

Joe Larue (152), Joe Adams (170), and Tyler Hoffman (185) placed fourth in their classes.

"Joe (Larue) wrestled very well today. This is his first year back on the mat in a couple of years. With a couple more tournaments under his belt, he'll be back on the podium. Joe (Adams) had some tough competition including two past state placers," Adams said.

Adams said Devin Newman wrestled hard and came in with a fire lit in him, even though he failed to place. "It was nice to see that fire back in him," Adams said.

Bulldogs Struggle Against Liberty

DAYTON BOYS CAN'T OVERCOME SLOW START, FALL BY 20, 56-36

By Ken Graham | THE TIMES

DAYTON – The Dayton boys' basketball team couldn't keep up with Liberty Spangle in the first quarter and then were unable to recover, falling 56-36.

"Their size hurt us," said Dayton Coach Will Hutchens. "They were able to get it inside, which turned into a lot of easy scoring opportunities from the floor and free throw line."

Zach Waggoner led the Bulldogs with 12 points, while Ben Kleck had eight points, including two three-pointers. Waggoner also had 11 rebounds. Dayton also committed 22 turnovers.

The Bulldogs trailed 17-4 after one quarter and 27-13 at the half.

"Liberty was physically strong and very sound fundamentally," Hutchens said. "We're working toward that point. It will take some time, but we'll get there."

Liberty 17 10 14 15 — 56
Dayton 4 9 7 16 — 36

LIBERTY (56) — Redder 0 0-2 0, Holling 1 0-0 2, Haas 5 1-2 12, Paredes 4 3-6 11, Burnham 5 2-2 12, Pottratz 1 2-2 4, Ottmar 0 1-1 1, Nave 0 1-2 1, Dumaw 3 7-8 13. Totals 19 17-25 56.

DAYTON (36) — Helm 1 0-0 2, Tate 0 0-0 0, Martin 1 0-0 3, Wilkening 0 0-0 0, Kleck 3 0-2 8, Bryan 2 0-0 4, Bren 3 0-0 7, Waggoner 4 4-5 12. Totals 14 4-7 36.

Dayton Girls Get Past Liberty

LADY BULLDOGS PREVAIL IN SEESAW GAME AT HOME AGAINST QUALITY OPPONENT

By Ken Graham | THE TIMES

DAYTON – The Dayton girls' basketball team came away victors Saturday night in a close game against Liberty Spangle, 47-43. The two teams swapped the lead throughout the game, before the Lady Bulldogs pulled it out in the final two minutes.

"We played much better defense than our previous games, and we shot better and took care of the ball," said Dayton Coach Clayton Strong. "This was definitely a playoff-quality team that we beat."

Sidney Andrews and Josilyn Fullerton led the scoring with 11 points each, followed by Jenna Phillips with eight. Shayla Currin led her

team with six rebounds. Andrews, Fullerton and Phillips each had five. Phillips also had six assists.

Strong said he was pleased with his team's improvement Saturday. "As coaches, we've definitely been able to see that the players are trusting each other more and not trying to force things themselves," he said.

Liberty 11 12 13 7 — 43
Dayton 10 13 15 9 — 47

Liberty — Charrell 0-1 0-0 0, Flaig 3-13 0-0 6, Denny 5-11 1-1 12, Marsh 3-8 1-1 13, Holwegner 1-3 0-0 2, Nelson 1-6 3-4 5, Hubbard 2-7 1-4 5, Karlis 0-3 0-0 0. Totals 14-52 5-10 43.

DAYTON — Phillips 2-8 4-4 8, Andrews 4-12 3-6 11, Price 2-6 0-0 4, Wanlarbkam 2-6 0-2 4, Fullerton 5-11 0-1 11, Currin 2-7 1-3 5, Bryan 0-0 0-0 0, Moore 2-4 0-0 4. Totals 19-56 8-16 47.

3-point goals — Liberty 1 (Denny), Dayton 1 (Fullerton). Total fouls — Liberty 18, Dayton 11. Fouled out — Liberty (Flaig). Technical fouls — none. Rebounds — Liberty 27, Day 24.

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LEGAL NOTICES

No. 15-3-00286-9

Summons by Publication
Superior Court of Washington
County of WALLA WALLA

In re:

ROBERTA A. MIRANDA
Petitioner,

And

JOSE MARTINEZ MARTINEZ
Respondent.

To the Respondent: JOSE MARTINEZ MARTINEZ

1. The petitioner has started an action in the above court requesting that the validity of your marriage or domestic partnership be determined.

2. The petition also requests that the Court grant the following relief:

Dispose of property and liabilities.

3. You must respond to this summons by serving a copy of your written response on the person signing this summons and by filing the original with the clerk of the court. If you do not serve your written response within 60 days after the date of the first publication of this summons (60 days after the 3rd day of December, 2015), the court may enter an order of default against you, and the court may, without further notice to you, enter a decree and approve or provide for other relief requested in this summons. In the case of a dissolution, the court will not enter the final decree until at least 90 days after service and filing. If you serve a notice of appearance on the undersigned person, you are entitled to notice before an order of default or a decree may be entered.

4. Your written response to the summons and petition must be on form:
WPF DR 01.0300, Response to Petition (Marriage).

Information about how to get this form may be obtained by contacting the clerk of the court, by contacting the Administrative Office of the Courts at (360) 705-5328, or from the Internet at the Washington State Courts homepage:

<http://www.courts.wa.gov/forms>

5. If you wish to seek the advice of an attorney in this matter, you should do so promptly so that your written response, if any, may be served on time.

6. One method of serving a copy of your response on the petitioner is to send it by certified mail with return receipt requested.

7. Other:

This summons is issued pursuant to RCW 4.28.100 and Superior Court Civil Rule 4.1 of the State of Washington.

Dated 11-17-15

/s/ R. Gary Ponti 9034
R. Gary Ponti
Signature of Petitioner or Lawyer/WSBA No.

Serve a Copy of Your Response on:
Petitioner's Lawyer
R. Gary Ponti
Mc Adams, Ponti, Wernette, & Van Dorn, PS
103 East Poplar
Walla Walla, WA 99362

File Original of Your Response with the Clerk of the Court at:
Clerk of the Court
Walla Walla County Court
P.O. Box 836
Walla Walla, WA, 99362

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Jan 7, 2016
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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
(RCW 11.40.030)
Case No. 15-4-00233-1**

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

In Re the Estate

of
CARLA L. CROSS
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: 11/19/2015

Date of First Publication: 12/03/2015

/s/ Gregory H. Hanshaw
GREGORY H. HANSHEW
Personal Representative

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

In the Matter of the Estate of

Peggy A. Jackson
Deceased
NO. 15-4-00231-5
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS
RCW 11.40.030

The Co-Administrators named below have been appointed as Co-Administrators 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 Co-Administrators or the Co-Administrator'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 Co-Administrators served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(3); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of this notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both decedent's probate and non-probate assets.

DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: Thursday, December 3, 2015.

Barbara Reiswig,
Co-Administrator

Andrea Workman,
Co-Administrator

Daniel J. Roach, PLLC
Attorney for Co-Administrators
38 East Main Street
P.O. Box 1776
Walla Walla, WA 99362
509-522-6800

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12-3-c

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

In the Matter of the Estate of

Lois Y. Terry
Deceased
NO. 15-4-00234-0
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS
RCW 11.40.030

The Administrator named below has been

appointed as Administrator 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 Administrator or the Administrator'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 Administrator served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(3); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of this notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both decedent's probate and non-probate assets.

DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: December 3, 2015.

Robert E. Terry,
Administrator

Sonja Trio, WSBA #49613
Attorney for Administrator
Daniel J. Roach, PLLC
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509-522-6800

The Times
Dec. 2, 10, 17, 2015
12-3-d

PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**NO: 15-4-00236-6
RCW 11.40.030**

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

In re the Estate of:

ZELMA F. DUPPENTHAL-ER,

Deceased.

The personal representative named below has been appointed as personal representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the personal representative or the personal representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing 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 non-probate assets.

DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: December 3, 2015.

Jennifer L. Minnis
Personal Representative
Attorney for Personal Representative:

Jeff Burkhart, WSBA #39454
Burkhart & Burkhart, PLLC
6½ N. Second Avenue,
Suite 200
Walla Walla, WA 99362
509-529-0630

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12-3-e

**SHERIFF'S PUBLIC NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY
NO. 15-2-00184-2**

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

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE FOR JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, AS TRUSTEE

FOR NOVASTAR MORTGAGE FUNDING TRUST, SERIES 2001-3, NOVASTAR HOME EQUITY LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2004-3,

Plaintiff,
vs.

THE ESTATE OF DAN NUSKE, DECEASED; THE ESTATE OF MICHAEL DUQUETTE, DECEASED; STATE OF WASHINGTON, DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES; COLLECTION BUREAU OF WALLA WALLA; LINDA NUSKE; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVEISEES OF DAN NUSKE, DECEASED; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVEISEES OF MICHAEL DUQUETTE, DECEASED; AND PERSONS OR PARTIES UNKNOWN CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE, LIEN, OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT HEREIN,

Defendants,

TO: The Judgment Debtors Named Above:

The Superior Court of Walla Walla County has directed the undersigned Sheriff of Walla Walla County to sell the property described below to satisfy a judgment. If developed, the property address is:
1601 Pleasant Street, Walla Walla, Washington 99362

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: LOT 13 AND THE SOUTH HALF OF LOT 14 IN BLOCK 2 OF PARKSIDE ADDITION TO THE CITY OF WALLA WALLA, WASHINGTON, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR OF WALLA WALLA COUNTY, WASHINGTON, IN BOOK D OF PLATS AT PAGE 37.

SITUATE IN THE CITY AND COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA, STATE OF WASHINGTON.

TAX PARCEL NO. 36-07-27-50-0213

The sale of the within described property is to take place:

Time: 10:00 AM

Date: Friday, January 8, 2016

Place: Main Entrance, Walla Walla County Courthouse, Walla Walla, WA

The judgment debtors can avoid the sale by paying the judgment amount of \$115,242.56, together with interest, costs and fees, before the sale date. For the exact amount, contact the sheriff at the address stated below.

Dated this 29th day of November, 2015.

JOHN A. TURNER, Sheriff
Walla Walla Count

By: Sherri Krumbah, Senior Admin Clerk
240 W. Alder #101, Walla Walla, WA, 99362
(509) 524-5400 or (509) 524-5411

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12-3-f

**SHERIFF'S NOTICE TO JUDGMENT DEBTOR OF; WRIT FOR ORDER OF SALE
NO. 15-2-00184-2**

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

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE FOR JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, AS TRUSTEE FOR SERIES 2001-3, NOVASTAR HOME EQUITY LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2004-3,

Plaintiff,
vs.

THE ESTATE OF DAN NUSKE, DECEASED;
THE ESTATE OF MICHAEL

DUQUETTE, DECEASED;
STATE OF WASHINGTON, DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH

SERVICES; COLLECTION BUREAU OF WALLA WALLA; LINDA NUSKE; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVEISEES OF DAN NUSKE, DECEASED; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVEISEES OF MICHAEL DUQUETTE, DECEASED; AND PERSONS OR PARTIES UNKNOWN CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE, LIEN, OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT HEREIN,

Defendants,

TO: The Judgment Debtors:

The Superior Court of Walla Walla County has directed the undersigned Sheriff of Walla Walla County to sell the property described below to satisfy a judgment;
ADDRESS OF RECORD: 1601 PLEASANT STREET WALLA WALLA, WASHINGTON 99362

LOT 13 AND THE SOUTH HALF OF LOT 14 IN BLOCK 2 OF PARKSIDE ADDITION TO THE CITY OF WALLA WALLA, WASHINGTON, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR OF WALLA WALLA COUNTY, WASHINGTON, IN BOOK D OF PLATS AT PAGE 37.

SITUATE IN THE CITY AND COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA, STATE OF WASHINGTON.

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The judgment debtor can avoid the sale by paying the judgment amount of \$115,242.56 together with interest, costs, and fees, before the sale date. For the exact amount, contact the sheriff at the address stated below.

The sale of the described property is subject to:

[] No redemption rights after sale.

[X] A redemption period of eight months which will expire

at 4:30 PM On the 8th day of September, 2016

[] A redemption period of one year which will expire at 4:30 PM On the ___ day of ___, 20__

The judgment debtor or debtors or any of them may redeem the above described property at any time up to the end of the redemption period by paying the amount bid at the sheriff's sale, plus additional costs, taxes, assessments, certain other amounts, fees, and interest. If you are interested in redeeming the property contact the undersigned sheriff at the address stated below to determine the exact amount necessary to redeem.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: IF THE JUDGMENT DEBTOR OR DEBTORS DO NOT REDEEM THE PROPERTY BY 4:30 PM ON THE 8TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2016, THE END OF THE REDEMPTION PERIOD, THE PURCHASER AT THE SHERIFF'S SALE WILL BECOME THE OWNER AND MAY EVICT THE OCCUPANT FROM THE PROPERTY UNLESS THE OCCUPANT IS A TENANT HOLDING UNDER AN UNEXPIRED LEASE. IF PAGE THREE

IF THE PROPERTY TO BE SOLD IS OCCUPIED BY A PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE BY THE JUDGMENT DEBTOR OR DEBTORS AT THE TIME OF THE SALE, HE, SHE, THEY OR ANY OF THEM, MAY HAVE THE RIGHT TO RETAIN

POSSESSION DURING THE REDEMPTION PERIOD, IF ANY, WITH PAYMENT OF ANY RENT OR OCCUPANCY FEE. THE JUDGMENT DEBTOR MAY ALSO HAVE A RIGHT TO RETAIN POSSESSION DURING ANY REDEMPTION PERIOD IF THE PROPERTY IS USED FOR FARMING OR IF THE PAGE THREE

PROPERTY IS BEING SOLD UNDER A MORTGAGE THAT SO PROVIDES.

Dated this 29th day of November, 2015.

JOHN A. TURNER, Sheriff
Walla Walla County

By Sherri Krumbah, Senior Admin Clerk
240 W. Alder #101, Walla Walla WA 99362
(509) 524-5400 or 524-5411

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Jan. 7, 2016
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**PROBATE NOTICE OF CREDITORS
No. 15-4-00225-1**

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

In Re the Estate of
BARBARA FRATTINI,
Deceased.

The Administrator named below has been appointed as Administrator 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 Administrator or the Administrator's attorney stated below a copy of the claim and filing of the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the 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.

Date of First Publication: 12-3-15

/s/ Steven C. Frol

Steven C. Frol
Administrator of the Estate of BARBARA FRATTINI

Attorney for the Administrator and address for mailing and service:

Steven C. Frol
Minnick-Hayner, P.S.
P.O. Box 1757
249 West Alder
Walla Walla, WA 99362

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Court of Probate Proceedings and Cause Number:

Walla Walla County Superior Court
Cause No: 15-4-00225-1

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12-3-j

**COLUMBIA COUNTY WEED BOARD
137 EAST MAIN STREET
DAYTON, WA 99328**

November 16, 2015

Public Notice:

Notice of call for bids for 400 gallons more or less, of the herbicides Picloram @2 lbs./gal. a.i., Milestone, Curtail and 2, 4-D Amine and the adjuvant Insist 90 combined. Bids are to be received by the Columbia County Noxious Weed Board, 137 East Main Street, Dayton, WA 99328, by Noon on December 30, 2015. The herbicide is to be delivered to a location in

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Columbia County designated by the Weed Board within 48 hours of order placement. The herbicide is to be available at a local storage, to be provided by company that is awarded bid, within 48 hours of order placement. Bids to include the price per quart where applicable, and per gallon in one (1) and two and one-half (2 1/2) gallon containers. The Weed Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Rick Turner, Chairman
Columbia County Noxious Weed Board

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12-10-a

COLUMBIA COUNTY WEED BOARD

137 EAST MAIN STREET
DAYTON, WA 99328

November 16, 2015

Public Notice:

The Columbia County Noxious Weed Board is calling for bids for the helicopter applications of the herbicides Picloram, Milestone and other weed control chemicals, under the yellow starthistle control program on approximately 2,500 acres of range/non-cropland beginning approximately March 1, 2015. Application to be made as weather conditions allow. Bids are to be on a per acre basis, applying five (5) gallons of water per acre. Also, indicate discount for large acreage, if applicable, and other pertinent information. Applicator shall contact landowner/operator prior to applying chemical. Georeference application records to be made available to landowners and Weed Board within 60 days after pesticide application. Payment for service will be made directly to the applicator by the landowner or operator, not the Weed Board. Chemical will be furnished by the Columbia County Noxious Weed Board and applicator will pick up at designated area. Bids must be received by the Columbia County Noxious Weed Board, 137 East Main Street, Dayton, WA 99328, by Noon on December 30, 2015. The Noxious Weed Board, on behalf of the landowners or operators, reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Rick Turner, Chairman
Columbia County Noxious Weed Board

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

BEFORE THE WALLA WALLA COUNTY WATER CONSERVANCY BOARD WALLA WALLA, WASHINGTON

Notice of Application to Change the Point of Withdrawal, Add a Point of Withdrawal, Change the Place of Use, and Add Irrigated Acres to a portion of Ground Water Certificate No. G3-21909(A)

TAKE NOTICE: That on November 4, 2015, Gregory Chan, et. al., of Seattle, Washington filed application number WALL-15-07 with the Walla Walla County Water Conservancy Board to change the point of withdrawal, add a point of withdrawal, change the place of use and add irrigated acres to a 13 acre proportionate share of Ground Water Certificate No. G3-21909(A).

That Cert. No. G3-21909(A), under priority date of October 9, 1973, authorizes withdrawal of 1365 gallons per year, for the seasonal irrigation of 314 acres and stockwater. That the authorized point of withdrawal is within the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 9, and the place of use is within the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 9 and the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 10, ALL WITHIN T. 6 N., R. 36 E.W.M.

The applicant proposes to change the existing point of withdrawal to a well located within the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 17, to add a well within the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 17, to change the place of use to lands within the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 17 ALL WITHIN T. 7 N., R. 37 E.W.M. The applicant also proposes to change the allowable irrigated acres from 13 to 76 acres.

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

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

The Times
Dec. 19, 17, 2015
12-10-d

BEFORE THE WALLA WALLA COUNTY WATER CONSERVANCY BOARD WALLA WALLA, WASHINGTON

Notice of Application to Change the Purpose of Use (Add Irrigated Acres) to Ground Water Certificate Nos. G3-29233(B) & 5260-A(B)

TAKE NOTICE: That on November 4, 2015, Brimfield Steel, LLC, of Walla Walla, Washington filed application numbers WALL-15-08 & WALL-15-09 with the Walla Walla County Water Conservancy Board to change the purpose of use (add irrigated acres) to Ground Water Certificate Nos. G3-29233(B) & 5260-A(B).

That Cert. No. G3-29233(B), under priority date of June 26, 1992, and through changes authorized on December 30, 2013, authorizes withdrawal of 89 gallons per minute, 58.15 acre-feet per year, for the seasonal irrigation of 55.45 acres. That Cert. No. 5260-A(B), under priority date of May 17, 1965, and through changes authorized on December 30, 2013, authorizes withdrawal of 142 gallons per minute, 152 acre-feet per year, for the seasonal irrigation of 55.45 acres.

FOR BOTH Cert No. G3-29233(B) & 5260-A(B): The authorized points of withdrawal are within the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 3, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 3, and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec.4, and the place of use is within the E $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$ of Sec. 4 and W $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$ of Sec. 3, ALL WITHIN T. 6 N., R. 36 E.W.M.

FOR BOTH Cert. No. G3-29233(B) and 5260-A(B): The applicant proposes to change the purpose of use to allow for the seasonal irrigation of a total of 94 acres under each water right.

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

Any interested party may submit comments, objections, and other information to the Water Board regarding this application. The comments and information may be submitted in writing or verbally at any public meeting of the board held to discuss or decide on the application. This application

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

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Dec. 10, 17, 2015
12-10-c

BEFORE THE WALLA WALLA COUNTY WATER CONSERVANCY BOARD WALLA WALLA, WASHINGTON

Notice of Application to Change the Point of Withdrawal, Add three Points of Withdrawal, Change the Place of Use and Change the Purpose of Use (Add Irrigated Acres) to Ground Water Certificate No. G3-21887(B)

TAKE NOTICE: That on November 4, 2015, Brimfield Steel, LLC & Reid Nelson, of Walla Walla, Washington filed application number WALL-15-10 with the Walla Walla County Water Conservancy Board to change the point of withdrawal, add three points of withdrawal, change the place of use and change the purpose of use (add irrigated acres) to Ground Water Certificate No. G3-21887(B).

That Cert. No. G3-21887(B), under priority date of October 3, 1973 authorizes withdrawal of 180 gallons per minute, 40.15 acre-feet per year, for the seasonal irrigation of 11 acres. The authorized point of withdrawal is within the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 34, and the authorized place of use is within the N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{2}$ of Sec. 35 ALL WITHIN T. 7 N., R. 33 E.W.M.

(1): For 145 gallons per minute and 22.15 acre-feet: The applicant proposes to add three points of withdrawal to wells located within the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 3, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 3, and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 4, to change the place of use to lands within the W $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$ of Sec. 3 and E $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$ of Sec. 4, and to authorize irrigation of 94 acres, ALL WITHIN T. 6 N., R. 36 E.W.M.

(2): For 35 gallons per minute, 18 acre-feet: The applicant proposed to change the point of withdrawal to a well located within the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 31, to change the place of use to lands within the E $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$ of Sec. 31, and to authorize irrigation of 18 acres, ALL WITHIN T. 7 N., R. 37 E.W.M.

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

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

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12-10-e

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

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

The Personal Representative named below has been appointed as Personal Representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the Personal Representative or the Personal Representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the Personal Representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(3); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of this notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both decedent's probate and non-probate assets.
DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: December 10, 2015.

Kevin Renz,
Personal Representative

Daniel J. Roach, WSBA #14633
Daniel J. Roach, PLLC
Attorney for Personal Representative
38 East Main Street
P.O. Box 1776
Walla Walla, WA 99362
509-522-6800

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Public Notice

The Walla Walla County Water Conservancy Board will hold its regular meetings for the year 2016 on the first Wednesday of each month at 2:00 PM at the *Walla Walla County Public Health and Legislative Building, 314 West Main, Room 213, Walla Walla.*

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

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

The Personal Representative named below has been appointed as Personal Representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the Personal Representative or the Personal Representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the Personal Representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(3); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of this notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both decedent's probate and non-probate assets.
DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: December 10, 2015.

By: /s/Dee Dee Fjeld
Deputy Clerk

Cora L. Edwards,
Personal Representative

Daniel J. Roach, WSBA #14633
Daniel J. Roach, PLLC
Attorney for Personal Representative
38 East Main Street
P.O. Box 1776
Walla Walla, WA 99362
509-522-6800

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OFFICIAL CALL FOR BIDS: Aggregate for Maintenance Rock

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

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

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

Bids must be sealed and plainly marked:

"SEALED BID – Aggregate for Maintenance Rock"

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

For the Board of Walla Walla County Commissioners:

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

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Notice and Summons by Publication Dependency No: 15-7-00153-1

Superior Court of Washington
County of Walla Walla
Juvenile Court

In Re the Dependency of:

REYES, Zailey Meleah

D.O.B.: 11/17/2015

To: John Doe, Father

A Dependency Petition was filed on November 20, 2015; a Fact Finding hearing will be held on this matter on: January 14, 2016 at 9:30 AM, at Walla Walla County Superior Court, 315 W. Main St., Walla Walla WA, Department I. You should be present at this hearing.

The hearing will determine if:
X your child is dependent as defined in RCW 13.34.030(6). This begins a judicial process which could result in permanent loss of your parental rights. If you do not appear at the hearing, the court may enter a dependency order in your absence.

your parental rights to your child will be terminated. If you do not appear at the hearing, the court may enter an order resulting in permanent loss of your parental rights in your absence.

To request a copy of the Notice, Summons, and Dependency Petition, call DSHS at (509) 524-4900. To view information about your rights, including right to a lawyer, go to www.atg.wa.gov/DPY.aspx.

Dated: Dec. 9, 2015
By direction of:
John W. Lohrmann, Judge
KATHY MARTIN
Clerk

By: /s/Dee Dee Fjeld
Deputy Clerk

Print Name: Dee Dee Fjeld

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File No. VAR15-009 NOTICE OF APPLICATION

The application described below has been submitted to the Walla Walla County Community Development Department (CDD).

File name/Docket #: Stoltz, Peach Ln, 5ft rear yard adjust -/VAR15-009

Application type: VARIANCE, CO MINOR

Applicant: STOLTZ MICHAEL S. & GRETCHEN L.

23 PEACH LN
BURBANK, WA 99323

Owner: Same
Date application submitted:

11/30/2015
Project description: The applicant has proposed to reduce the required rear yard setback (25-feet) to 5-feet, to allow for the construction of a new

accessory shop building. The proposed variance would allow for the applicant to better utilize the layout of their property. The project site is generally located at 23 Peach Ln. (APN 300812520410) and is zoned Burbank Residential. Required Permits/Approvals: Building Permit
Required Studies: None identified
Complete Application date: 12/3/2015
Notice of Application date: 12/17/2015

REVIEW PROCESS AND PUBLIC COMMENT: The decision on this application will be made by the CDD Director. The comment period for this project is fourteen (14) days from issuance of this notice; this period ends 12/31/15. The notice of application is required by RCW 36.70B.110 and Walla Walla County Code (WWCC) 14.07.080.

To be considered as a party of recordsend written comments to:
Walla Walla County Community Development Department
c/o Blake Nass, Assistant Planner
310 W. Poplar Street, Suite 200
Walla Walla, WA 99362
commdev@co.walla-walla.wa.us

APPEALS: The Director's decision may be appealed by the applicant(s) or parties of record to the Walla Walla County Hearing Examiner pursuant to WWCC 14.11.010 and 14.11.030.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Please contact Blake Nass, Assistant Planner, at 509-524-2618 or commdev@co.walla-walla.wa.us.

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PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS No. 15 4 00251 0 (RCW 11.40.030)

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA In the Matter of the Estate of

GERALDINE K. TAYLOR, Deceased.

The Personal Representative named below has been appointed as Personal Representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the Personal Representative or the Personal Representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court. The claim must be presented within the

later of: (1) Thirty days after the Personal Representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(3); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of this notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both decedent's probate and non-probate assets.
DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: December 10, 2015.

By: /s/Dee Dee Fjeld
Deputy Clerk

Dated: Dec. 9, 2015
By direction of:
John W. Lohrmann, Judge
KATHY MARTIN
Clerk

By: /s/Dee Dee Fjeld
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LEGAL NOTICES



Photo by Dena Wood

Joelle (l) and Laina Huffman, of Colbert, Wash., visit Izzy at his current pasture off Highway 12, on the south end of Waitsburg. Izzy and his pasture mates will soon be moving to a new home just east of Prescott.

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ed living facility in Spokane earlier this year, the Richards' made an offer on the pasture land and hoped to build a manufactured home in the far corner.

After weeks of waiting, the Richards' finally learned that the estate would be sold as one piece, which included the home located on 10th Street in Waitsburg. They eventually received a letter asking them to move their animals and possessions from the pasture by Dec. 31.

In the meantime, the Richards' had begun looking at a homestead owned by Mary Ballard, just east of Prescott. They placed an offer, had it accepted, and have been working steadily to get the pasture ready for Izzy and his friends.

The Richards' say the new location is ideal and, though less visible, has several advantages over the Waitsburg property.

"It will be safer for people, safer for the animals, and there is a lot more room," said Tawnya.

Tawnya said the 21 fenced acres give

the animals a lot more room to roam. Izzy will be visible from Highway 124, but his visitors will turn onto Hart Road to say hello.

The Richards' plan to create a large parking area along Hart Road, which will be much safer than the small turnaround where visitors currently stop, off Highway 12.

Tawnya said the house on the property needs extensive remodeling, which they have already started, but they hope to put their Waitsburg home on the market and move to Prescott this spring.

She says they can't wait to finally be on the same property with their animals, rather than traveling back and forth several times a day to feed, water, and break ice in the winter.

"It's all just fallen into place and we're really excited. Izzy is exactly five minutes from where he was before. And this new pasture is much larger and safer for everyone than the old location was," she said.

To be considered as a party of record send written comments to:

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NOTICE OF HEARING ON THE APPLICATION FOR A FRANCHISE

In the Matter of The Application of: Kooskooskie Cabin Owners, Inc.
P.O. Box 1074
Walla Walla, WA 99362

FOR PERMISSION AND AUTHORITY TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE, AND MAINTAIN A UTILITY SYSTEM WITHIN THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA, STATE OF WASHINGTON.

WHEREAS, Kooskooskie Cabin Owners, Inc. filed with the Board of Walla Walla County Commissioners, under the provisions of Chapter 36.55, RCW, an application for a franchise to construct, operate, and maintain a utility system within the public right of way in Walla Walla County.

All that part of County Road Log Number 97330, presently known as Mill Creek Road, a 2 inch water line at or near mile post 10.12, and a ¾ inch water line at or near mile post 10.17, both in 4 inch steel encasement, situated in Section 12, Township 6 North, Range 37 East W.M., Walla Walla County, Washington.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a hearing will be held on said application, by the Board of Walla Walla County Commissioners in their office in the Commissioner Chambers, County Public Health and Legislative Building, located at 314 West Main Street, Walla Walla, Washington, on Monday the 4th day of January 2016, at the hour of 10:30 a.m. or as soon thereafter as such hearing may be held.

DATED at Walla Walla, Washington this 14th day of December, 2015.

By: Connie Vinti
Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners

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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 Section 11 of this act and RCW 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.

DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: December 17, 2015

Ralph P. Taylor
Personal Representative
LARRY SIEGEL LAW
OFFICE
129 W. Main
Walla Walla, WA 99362

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PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS RCW 11.40.030

NO: 15-4-00250-1

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA

In re the Estate of:

DOMINIC FERRARO,

Deceased.

The personal representative named below has been appointed as personal representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the personal representative or the personal representative's attorney

at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing 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 PUBLICATION: December 17, 2015.

Helen Ferraro
Personal Representative
Attorney for Personal Representative:
Jeff Burkhardt, WSBA #39454
Burkhardt & Burkhardt, PLLC
6½ N. Second Avenue,
Suite 200
Walla Walla, WA 99362
509-529-0630

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Notice is hereby given that Waitsburg School District is accepting sealed bids for the sale of one used 2001 Pontiac Montana and one used 1997 GM Chassis Type A School Bus. Equipment may be previewed by appointment at 221 Willard. For additional information or to schedule an appointment please contact Colter Mohney at 509-337-6351 ext. 3400. Bids will be opened in the District Office, 184 Academy Street at 3:00 pm on Thursday, January 7, 2016. The Board reserves the right to accept or reject any bid.

Dr. Carol Clarke, Superintendent

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File No. SUB15-015 NOTICE OF APPLICATION

The application described below has been submitted to the Walla Walla County Community Development Department (CDD).

File name/Docket #: Odgaard 3 lot - E Maple Street/ SUB15-015
Application type: SUBDIVISION, CO SHORT PLAT
Applicant: ODGAARD, DARWIN
219 E MAPLE ST
BURBANK, WA 99323
Owner: ODGAARD, LYNNE K. (Formerly Hoffman)
219 E MAPLE ST
BURBANK, WA 99323
Date application submitted: 11/20/2015

Project description: The applicant is proposing to conduct a 3 lot short plat. This project will take two parcels owned by Lynne K. Odgaard that are 1 acre and 3.93 acres in size and result in 1 parcel that is 1.93 acres and two parcels that are 1.46 acres. Both lots would be serviced by individual wells and septic systems. The project site is generally located at 219 E. Maple St. (APN 300801510068 and 300801510069) in the Burbank Residential zoning district. Required Permits/Approvals: None identified
Required Studies: None identified
Complete Application date: 12/3/2015
Notice of Application date: 12/17/2015

REVIEW PROCESS AND PUBLIC COMMENT: The decision on this application will be made by the CDD Director. The comment period for this project is fourteen (14) days from issuance of this notice; this period ends 12/31/2015. The notice of application is required by RCW 36.70B.110 and Walla Walla County Code (WWCC) 14.07.080.

PUBLIC HOSPITAL DISTRICT NO. 1 COLUMBIA AND WALLA WALLA COUNTIES, WASHINGTON

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

NOTICE is hereby given that the Commission of Public Hospital District No. 1, Columbia and Walla Walla Counties, Washington (the "District") will hold a Special Meeting on December 22, 2015 at 6:00 PM in the Administrative Conference Room of the Dayton General Hospital, 1012 S. Third Street, Dayton, Washington. The Board changed the regular meeting scheduled for December 24, 2015 to December 22, 2015. However, to ensure compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act (Chapter 42.30 RCW), the Board will treat the meeting on December 22, 2015 as a special meeting, and provide notice of this meeting as required by law. The December 22, 2015 meeting is called for the purpose of considering and acting upon the following agenda items:

Item	Responsible	Time
1. Call to Order	Lisa Naylor	
2. Roll Call	Lisa Naylor	
3. Open Comment Period	Board/Public	10 minutes
a. Suggestion Box		
4. Review and Approval of Previous Minutes	Lisa Naylor	
November 24, 2015 – Special Meeting		
5. Calendar Review		5 minutes
a. Infection Control – 2/9/2016		
b. Quality Team – 1/07/2016		
c. Finance Committee – 1/26/2016		
d. Next Board Meeting – 1/28/2016		
6. Financial Reports	Lee Holter	15 minutes
a. November Monthly Financial Reports		
b. Warrants/ Write-Offs/ Collection Approval		
c. Hospital/Clinic Bad Debt Write – Off		
7. New Business		
a. Final Reading of Budget for 2016	Lee Holter	
b. CCHD District Compliance Plan	Lee Holter	
c. Election of Officers for 2016	Lisa Naylor	
d. CCHD Policy Tech	Shane McGuire	5 minutes
8. Old Business		
a. Hospital Remodel Design Schedule Update	Shane McGuire	
b. Status of CEO Search		
Resolution 14-2015	Lisa Naylor	
9. Administrator's Report	Shane McGuire	5 minutes
10. Adjournment	Lisa Naylor	

PUBLIC HOSPITAL DISTRICT NO. 1 COLUMBIA AND WALLA WALLA COUNTIES, WASHINGTON

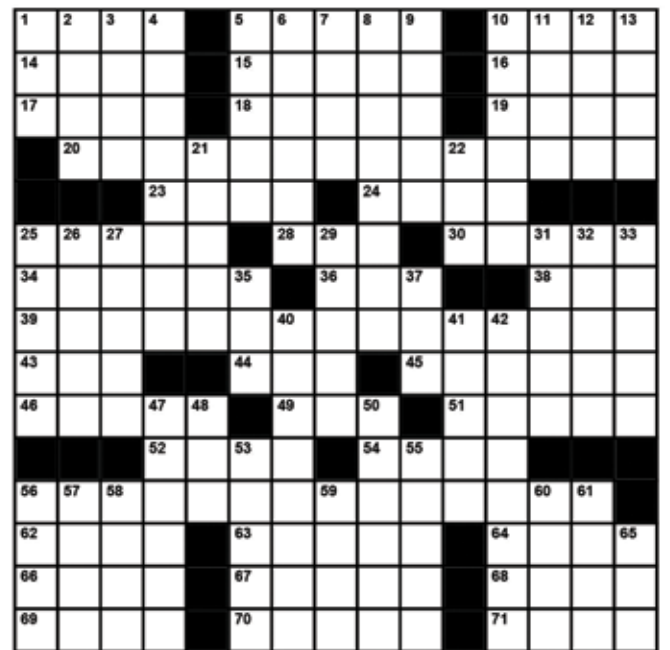
/s/ Lisa Naylor
President of the Commission

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 36. Chocolate in oval shape
 38. Collector's suffix
 39. Veal outlet (2 words)
 43. U.S.N.A. grad, for short
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 51. Heat-resistant glass
 52. Pretty girl
 54. Daylight savings saving
 56. Type of museum (2 words)
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 63. Regional flora and fauna
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 68. Backgammon equipment
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 6. Modifies
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 11. Food fish
 12. Cooper, now BMW
 13. Highland language
 21. Bakery offering
 22. Stand by
 25. Divider of logs
 26. Nitrogen compound
 27. Novel and innovative
 29. Birthplace of Muhammad
 31. Stubble remover
 32. Unction
 33. Flower part
 35. Mural
 37. African antelope
 40. Moonlighter's business
 41. Opinion
 42. These glands give out some hormones
 47. Manhandler
 48. Keep out
 50. Bleach
 53. Hindu titles
 55. __ orange
 56. Roman Emperor
 57. Ripened
 58. Michael Jackson's brother
 59. Kachina doll maker
 60. Weatherman's forecast
 61. Gym site
 65. Solicit

Last Week's Solution



CHRISTMAS SPECIAL

Christmas Special Edition

The Times presents our 2015 Christmas Special Edition, a longstanding Times tradition. As we do each year, we offer up the poems, stories and letters to Santa from students at Waitsburg Elementary School. A hearty thanks goes out to the Waitsburg staff and students for their help in making this issue possible.

This special edition would also not be possible without the support of the many local businesses whose advertising helps make these pages possible. Please consider these companies, large and small, and remember to patronize them in 2016.

The staff at The Times invites you now to share the joy of Christmas as seen through the eyes of local children, in their own words. We wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas.

~Ken, Dena, Michele and Linze

Kindergarten ~ Pam Nolan-Beasley ~ Letters to Santa (Cont. from Page 1)



Dear Santa,
Where do you live? How do you make the toys? How did you make everything? And Jesus and God helped, too. I want a toy horse doing barrel racing with a boy on it. And I want it roping a calf. I want the whole thing of it – the bulls out into the pasture. They bring him out, and he bucks. And more people to go with it riding bulls – even bucking horses. Can you write letters to me, Santa? And can you get me new boots, Santa – nice ones. I want Lincoln Logs. I can build a whole bunch of cool stuff with them.

Love,
Chance Savage



Dear Santa,
Santa, I sented you a Christmas card, cuz I have Christmas cards at my house. It has a Santa on it. When you give

us presents, you will see the Santa when you open the card. It's in an envelope. I want an Elsa and Olaf Doll, but you already know that. And my brother wants a puppy. Santa Claus said to my brother, "If it's too cold out in winter, we don't want it to freeze." And Jarod said, "If it's too cold out in winter you can just give me a stuffed animal or a toy."

Your friend,
Cheri Mathews



Happy Christmas, Santa!

I hope at Christmas Eve I have a fun time, and you do, too, Santa. Santa, I hope your reindeers feel good on Christmas, so you can give us presents. I really want a t.v. in my room, and I also want a toy sun. And I really want a toy star. And I also do want a journal.

I hope you, Santa, get my letter,
Chloe McCaw



Dear Santa,
We love you, and you're very nice. And when I lived in Dayton, thank you for giving me those two Barbie sets. One of them was a kitchen, and one was a dollhouse. And thank you for giving me those dolls. Even for the next Christmas can you please give me a Snow Princess Doll and an Ana? I already have Elsa, and I need Ana for friends. Thank you for giving me all these things, and I thank you so much.

Love,
Ellie Teal



Dear Santa Claus,
I like Santa to have a Happy Christmas. I sat on your lap and told you what I wanted – it was a motorcycle. Then I wanted a bouncy house, and I want a dirt bike, and then I want a huge playset for outside. And then I want a huge painting set for inside. And I want a bag of pencils and pens and one note-

book. And then I want a trampoline.

I'll see you next time, Santa,
Terry Klein



one who cleans the tank, and a journal, and a new pair of glasses for Mom. You better not shout. You better not cry. I'm telling you why. Santa Claus is coming to town.

Your friend,
Juca Beckman

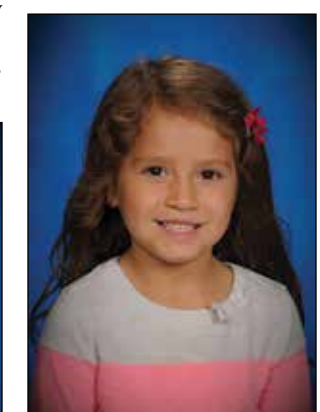


Dear Santa Claus,
Hi, Santa. I want to ride on one of Santa's reindeer, and I want the reindeer to have big horns. I want for Christmas is a live lion with hair around his head and neck. I want a live tiger, too, for my dad. And I want a Power Ranger Mega Mode. Santa, I like you, and on Christmas me, and my mom, and Dad are going to give you a big hug,
Logan Leroue

Dear Santa,
Good Morning. I love you because you give everyone presents, and also me, too.

For Christmas I want a kid computer and also a Cinderella costume, and a Barbie Doll with a tail that swims when you put it in the water. And a toy snake that comes with a controller for my brother.

Love, **Victoria Whitmore**



Dear Santa,
I like what you dress like. I hope you get me lots of presents. I want a Monster High Doll. Her name is Laguna. She has a blue hair that's big puffy, and her hair is long. She wears blue high heels, and her body is blue. And I want my own crown. And a dress and high heels that go with it, so I could wear it to school. And I want cute earrings.

Love you, **Santa, Maeklyn Lewis**

Dear Santa,
Could you please make my family happy? How are the elves? I ask for a Power Ranger toy. Give my dad a binder and another t.v. A fish tank for my mom, with fish, and water, and things for the fish to hide in, and a broken ship. A big fish – as big as the



CHRISTMAS SPECIAL

First Grade ~ Dinah Lindsey ~ Haiku Poems



Santa's Sleigh
Santa's sleigh is red
It can go super speedy
Santa's sleigh can fly
By Liam Williams



Snowman
Frosty must be cold
I can build a big snow-
man
It looks like diamonds.
By Tegan Largent



Snowballs
Snowballs can be big
I like to have snowball
fights
Sometimes it can hurt
By Landen Henry



Sledding
I walk up a hill
I go down with all my
friends
And my face gets red
By Jayton Gleason



The Star
It looks like sparkles
It goes at the top of the
tree
It lights up the night
By Rafael Vasquez



Snow
Snow s cold and white
I like snow because it's
white
It makes my cheeks red
By Kaden Tiedemann



Reindeer
Red nose, high flying
Big horns and he works
for Santa
He has nine good friends
By Rollin Carpenter



Snow Angels
First get on the ground
Put your arms out really
wide
Spread your legs and
move
By Hannah Peralez



Santa's Hat
Santa's hat is red
It has big fuzzy balls
It matches his suit
By Natalie Knudson



Christmas Tree
My tree will be big
I put on my bumblebee
ornament
We put on a star
By Ryder Hubbard



Christmas Stockings
They hang on my wall
Santa puts in pencils and
candy
They look like a giant
sock
By Beau Hazelbaker



Santa's Sleigh
Santa's sleigh flies high
It travels really fast
It delivers presents
By Akayden Acevedo



Christmas Lights
You hang them on houses
They light up the yards
You put them on trees
By Mason Rosenburger



Christmas Cookies
They taste good
They look pretty with
frosting
And with some sprinkles
By Ava Atwood



Candy canes
They hang on your tree
They taste like pepper-
mint
They are red and white
By Skylar McCann



Reindeer
Reindeer can fly fast
They did not like Ru-
dolph
Rudolph saved Santa's
sleigh
By Griffen Hinchliffe

Christmas
I like Christmas Day
It is a family day
I like Santa's gifts
By Ryleigh Crosby



Mittens
They go on your hands
They help with the snow
They keep my hands
warm
By Kenzie Castillo



Snowflakes
They come from the sky
They are white with holes
I catch them on my
tongue
By Mackenzie Strickland



Christmas
It is Jesus's birthday
We put ornaments on the
tree
We open our presents
By Trace Nesje



Snow
It comes out of the air
It falls onto the ground
It becomes snow
By Walker Keown



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CHRISTMAS SPECIAL

Second Grade ~ Wenda Parr ~ Winter Poetry



By Tyler Coulston
The important thing about winter is that I get to see my Grandma Debbie. It is fun and Grandma Debbie gets a nice bed. In winter I can go sledding and go see Santa. Winter is cold and you can make a snowman. But the most important thing about winter is that I get to see my Grandma Debbie.



By Shylee Elmore
The important thing about winter is that I can see my family. It is fun to see Aunt A.K. and she brings me presents. In winter I can open presents and I can see my cousins. Winter is cool. But the most important thing about winter is that I can see my family.



By Allyssa Green
The important thing about winter is that I can go snowboarding. It is fun and scary and sometimes I wipe out. In winter I can jump and have fun on my trampoline. Winter is white and cold. But the most important thing about winter is that I can go snowboarding.



By Jarod Hankins
The important thing about winter is that I will go to Grandma and Pappa's. It is snowy and cold and I get to hide in the snow. In winter I can make a snowman and see my family. Winter is super fun. But the most important thing about winter is that I will go to Grandma and Pappa's.



By Sarah Hong
The important thing about winter is that I can go ice skating. It is fun when it snows and I can build snowmen. In winter I can play in the snow and it is like a winter wonderland. Winter is a wonderful season. But the most important thing about winter is that I can go ice skating.



By Bea Karl
The important thing about winter is that I can see my family. It is cold and fun. In winter I can decorate my house and I can decorate my tree. Winter is snowy. But the most important thing about winter is that I can see my family.



By Kyleigh Pennington
The important thing about winter is that I get to open presents. It is fun to ice skate and play in the snow. In winter I can go to the mountains and see how steep it is. Winter is cool and snowy. But the most important thing about winter is that I get to open presents.



By Tucker Millar
The important thing about winter is that I can go up to the mountains. It is bumpy and it is fun. In winter I can look out the window and watch it snow. Winter is when I like to drink hot chocolate. But the most important thing about winter is that I can go up to the mountains.



By Abigail Morton
The important thing about winter is that it is Christmas. It is cold and snowy. In winter I can sled and open presents. Winter is freezing. But the most important thing about winter is that it is Christmas.



By Logan Seal
The important thing about winter is that I get to see my grandma. It is snowy and fun. In winter I can sled and play in the snow. Winter is for sliding down a gravel hill. But the most important thing about winter is that I get to see my grandma.



By Hagen Taylor
The important thing about winter is that I get to spend time with my family. It is super exciting and I feel very good. In winter I can go sledding and have a few wipeouts. Winter is fun. But the most important thing about winter is that I get to spend time with my family.



By Graycen Teal
The important thing about winter is that I can drink hot cocoa. It is brown and hot. In winter I can put marshmallows and sugar in hot cocoa. Winter is snowy. But the most important thing about winter is that I can drink hot cocoa.



By Mayra Vasquez
The important thing about winter is that I can see my family. It is fun to go and see Gramma. In winter I can feed my horse and she is part of my family. Winter is a fun time to play. But the most important thing about winter is that I can see my family.



By Steven Washburn
The important thing about winter is that I get to see my grandma and grandpa. It is fun and I get to play with my toys. In winter I can sled and make snowmen. Winter is cold. But the most important thing about winter is that I get to see my grandpa and grandma.



By Victor Whitmore
The important thing about winter is that I can see my family. It is fun and we can play. In winter I can decorate and make a snowman. Winter is wonderful. But the most important thing about winter is that I can see my family.



By Sara Wilson
The important thing about winter is that there are no bees. It is fun and I can play a game. In winter I can eat ice and I can build a snowman. Winter is white. But the most important thing about winter is that there are no bees.

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Third Grade ~ Marne Henderson ~ Christmas Stories



The Snowman Party
By Mason Tiedemann

It was a dark and cold Christmas Eve, everyone was sleeping. All of a sudden the snowmen from all over New York City came to life. They all went to the town square to have a big snowman party. They drank cold cocoa, ate frozen Christmas treats and ice skated. The snowmen also went sledding down Mount York. Ding, ding, ding...it was now midnight. Santa and his reindeer were pulling in. "Ho, Ho, HO Merry Christmas" he said loudly. When Santa left New York all of the snowmen went home to their families.



The Solen Present
By Preston Hinchliffe

It was midnight I was on the shelf in isle 7 of Fred Myer. The store was closed and only the watchmen were working that night. I heard glass breaking then I heard footsteps. The sound came closer, closer and then something grabbed me. All of a sudden I was in a bag and I was very scared. I heard the watchman say "HELP! I got robbed FLAT out." He called 911. I listened to loud cop car sirens get closer to us. I was relieved the burglar got caught. There were 5 cop cars with two police in each that came as quick as they could. The bad guy went to court and was sent to prison for stealing 5 expensive presents. He was mad! I was in the cop car for five whole days. Then the cop decided to buy me from the Fred Myer. The policeman took me home in his cop car and took me inside the living room he grabbed me out of the bag. I felt happy that I had a home. He put me under a tree. The next morning I was unwrapped by his son. I am a big true hero to him. The boy was 10 years old. He really liked me. The boy and I played for years. I had a perfect life.



Is That A Reindeer?
By Madison Kaehler

One night my Mom and Dad said "it's time to

go to bed." I was trying to fall asleep when I heard thumping on the roof. Every time I shut my eyes it kept going thump, thump, thump. I thought to myself, I can't take it anymore! I snuck out the front door, took my Dad's ladder and went onto the roof. I was too late. I kept looking around and then I saw them! It was reindeer, they flew off our roof! I saw a red nose on the one in front. I guess the story of Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer is real. I ran inside and woke up my Mom and Dad to show them but when we got outside, they were gone. "What did you want to show us?" asked Mom. "There were reindeer" I said. "Reindeer don't exist" said Mom. "Come onto the roof and I'll show you" I said. We climbed the ladder, and then Mom and Dad saw the hoof prints. "Wow!" they said, "let's go inside and check under our tree for presents." When we got inside we saw all of the presents. It was a great Christmas!



Christmas Morning
By Sawyer Nichols

I was born in the North Pole. One night when I was sleeping, my mom woke me up to say a snow storm was coming and we had to evacuate the cave we lived in. I got lost in the snow storm. While I was lost I heard a voice. "Ho-Ho-Ho Merry Christmas." Where did that voice come from? I thought. I became so tired I fell asleep in the snow. I woke up in the morning, I heard the voice again, "Ho-Ho-Ho". I looked around it seemed it was coming from a building. I walked to the building went inside. I saw 11 Reindeer and Santa Claus! Santa said, "I need one more Reindeer." Then he turned around, he saw me and he yelled, "Yeah! I have another reindeer." Santa ran and hugged me. He then said, "here; wear this, it's a bell." I replied "ok, but why?" Santa replied with "you're my pet reindeer!! We are gonna have fun together, like my other reindeer!" "What are we gonna do?" I asked. He didn't answer. The next morning, the sun was shining. I heard Santa calling me. "Where are you?" Santa asked. I loudly yelled, "I'm over here!" I ran over to Santa. He hugged me. It was now December 25th. It was Christmas Day!!! Santa hooked me to his sleigh. He loaded the presents in his big bag. Santa and I flew to Los Angeles.



The Walking Present
By William Hong

I am in a sleigh right now with a guy that says "HO, HO, HO!" The reindeer are chanting "Let's go, go, go, go, go!" Santa's elves are singing "Tra, la, la, la, la, la, la!" On Christmas Mountain everyone is so happy and excited! I want to do a back flip under a Christmas tree. I wonder where I'll be? The End



The Present from Santa Claus
By Paighton Webber

It was Christmas Eve and the children were in bed. The sound of bells woke them up. Then they heard Santa Claus, so they went down stairs but he was not there. They saw there was a present that Santa had left for them and they went back upstairs to bed.

"Why am I under a tree?" thought the present. When the kids woke up they unwrapped me and were very happy because I was the toy they had wanted. They played and played with me. Then they saw that there was one more present left under the tree. It was a present for the whole family. It was a family game, and they loved it. Now, every Christmas the family plays the game by the fire.



How Chet Saved Christmas
By Tanner Atwood

It was two days before Christmas Eve, all of the

elves were busy. At the stables, the reindeer were practicing jumping and flying. Rudolph jumped too late, missed the jump and he crashed! Worst of all he broke his leg! Rudolph would not be able to fly. One of the elves said "we still have Chet." "Ho, ho, ho," said Santa, "but Chet has no glowing red nose, ho, ho, ho!" "But he has a purple nose" said the elves.

I was in the stables eating hay when Santa barged in "ho, ho, ho, can you be our new Rudolph?" he asked. My mouth dropped open from shock and hay fell out of it. I said "what? You want me to lead the sleigh of presents?" "Ho, ho, ho, yes! Do you think I am kidding?" "Uh, yes" I replied. "But in two more days it will be Christmas Eve, ho, ho, ho" mumbled Santa. "I will do it!" I answered.

It is now Christmas Eve, I have been practicing flying all day. Santa comes to the stables and calls all of his reindeer by name, including mine. We fly off into the night, we deliver all of the presents. This has been the best night of my life!



X Box 1
By Race Hubbard

Hi, I'm a X Box 1. Santa's elf's made me. I was built for a boy named Race Hubbard. He lives on 4th street in Waitsburg, Washington. He has really wanted me for 2 months. He kept asking his papa every time he saw him. Every night he wished for me before he went to bed. Finally Santa went to Race's house and put me under the tree. The next morning, Race was really excited. He got up and ran down the stairs. When he got to the tree he grabbed me and he was so happy, because he was waiting for me...the X Box 1! After breakfast we played all day. I enjoy very much being an X Box 1 and playing with my new friend Race.



The Scared Present
By Cooper Selph

I was in Seattle at the Seahawks store. The owner of the store picked me up off the floor and wrapped me up. I was scared because the box was so dark. The paper was colorful with bears and bows. After a day of being scared, I busted out of the box. Right away I felt happy because the man was in the break room and he had his back turned. There was a green thing that had bright lights hanging off it's edges. I think it was called a Christmas tree because when I was on the floor in the store I heard a couple of boys walk by and say, "I want a Christmas tree to his mom. I ran as fast as I could to get out the door, I didn't make it and it made me frightened. Then there was a furry thing in the break room and it chased me around the Seahawk store for 5 min. or more. The furry thing ended up being a cat. It grabbed my leg. I felt happy because the owner wrapped me up again. I was in a box and four days past, on the 5th day I thought it was the scariest day ever.



The Tree With Two Lives
By Lucas VanHoose

Once upon a time I was up in the woods next to a cabin. A truck came up to me. I was scared. A family with 3 kids cut me down with an electric chain saw that the dad used. They put me in the back of their truck. They took me to their house.

The whole family decorated me with shiny ornaments and lights. A few days past, the kids were so excited they almost hugged me when they came into the room. Instead hugged their present under the tree. I felt a little sad for not getting any presents. They played with their toys. They used me for a light a lot of times. Five days later it seemed like the kid didn't like me anymore because they were outside having fun. That made me sad. I heard their cousin say, "Happy New Year!" That next day they took me outside and burned me down in the fire pit. About 8:30 AM two days after I came to life again. No one saw me, so I flew with magical fairy wings back to the woods. It was sad because I didn't get to see the family any more, but I was really happy to be in the woods. This time I went and planted myself in the ground right next to the castle on the very top of the mountain. The next year a different family, who lived in the castle came and cut me down. They took me to their cabin. They were excited and decorated me. They took me inside and put near the big red chair. I thought it was weird that they didn't put presents under me. It was only 11:50 PM. One hour later a big fat guy came in wearing a red suit. He put hundreds of presents under my branches. The magical frog put 5 cookies with chocolate milk out pretty close to me. The guy in the suit went over and ate the 5 cookies and drank all of the chocolate milk. He was so funny, because he told lots of stories while he was putting out all of the presents. All of a sudden he moved like a jumping rabbit and he was gone. I liked him, I thought he was nice. The next morning, around 10:30 AM there were kids who came into the room where I was put for everyone to see. All the kids were shocked with all the presents that were there. They were major happy with all their presents. I thought both the years I got to be a Christmas tree for the two different families was really fun. I liked watching the kids open their gifts. It made me feel special. I hope they have a good year, until next.

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Christmas Night By Arek Araya

Hi, my parents are trying to make me go to bed, I couldn't because I heard a noise. It was, I think, about 12:50 in the middle of the night. We lived in the front part of Wal-Mart. I liked living there because there was bunch of other toys, who I get to play with every morning. My mom said the noise was someone checking if anyone was in the store. A person that was shopping two days before Christmas came and took me off the shelf and 1/2 hour later I was at a house. That night, the people who lived there put me under a green thing and then the next morning they wrapped me. Two days later, really early in the morning, some kid unwrapped me. He looked happy and I was too! He was smiling and singing. He opened all the other presents he had under the tree. I was happy I was at his house and not at Wal-Mart. He played with me every day in the afternoon. I was so excited I was his present for Christmas that year.



The Best Present By Jason Watson

One Christmas night people were opening presents. There was a tall tree in the kitchen that said to me, "bite me! That way my trunk doesn't drink the water, because I don't want to be inside. I was that really big present behind the tree that bit him. The Cougars family of 6 people were scared because the tree was moving. Grandma leaned into the tree and picked me up. She opened me quickly. The rest of the family was leaning back near the table frightened of the tree and what it would do. Grandma saw a pair of dentures inside the box where I was wrapped. She said, "thank you to whoever got this for me." The mom looked around the room puzzled and asked, "who got those dentures for grandma?" No one admitted getting her that gift. Everyone in the room was confused when they went to bed. Not long after, Santa slid down the chimney and walked to the kitchen. Santa gave everyone dentures in their stockings. Everyone but grandma woke up early that next morning. They ran down the stairs and were very happy because it was

Christmas morning and they wanted to see what gifts they got. When they looked in their stockings everyone said "Christmas is ruined because we all got dentures in our stockings!" The Cougars threw away the wrapping paper along with all the dentures. Also they took the tree to the burning pile. Grandma woke up after all the presents and tree was taken outside. She tried to find the dentures that she opened last night, which was me, but she never found me. Something pretty surprising happened when she went to the bathroom. She was going to take a shower. I decided to shoot out of the faucet and make her fall down. She forgot that she had accidentally dropped me down the faucet last night when she went to bed. She was thankful that I jumped and scared, because she didn't like her old pair that had chunks of food in them. I was excited to be her new dentures.



The Reindeer By Alyssa Hollingsworth

Hi, my name is Comet. I live in the North Pole. Christmas time is here. I love Santa, he has a white beard, and a red suit. He is going to deliver presents all over the world and I get to lead his sleigh. I can't wait to lead the sleigh. It's now Christmas Eve, Santa and the sleigh are ready. Here we go! We are delivering presents, a boy named Tommy got a skateboard. A girl named Alyssa got a Zoomer Kitty. Another girl named Paighton got a tablet. We've just finished our work and got back to the North Pole. I feel tired and hungry. Time to eat, I am having spaghetti. Then I am off to sleep. I cannot wait till next Christmas.



The Tree By Jessika Lambert

I was hearing a cracking sound and I felt a funny feeling. Before I knew it I was on the ground! I was picked up and put into the back of a truck. I was back there for about 3 hours. When the people in the truck got to their house they took me in the living room. They watered me, I was so thirsty! I got decorated, and they put a lot of presents under me. It was the next morning, the family was up, they saw all of the presents and they were so happy. I was happy to celebrate Christmas with them.



The Fast Surprise By Brian Livermore

Once upon a time there was a present for a boy. The boy was excited for Christmas. He was hoping for a RC car. A big monster truck one. Christmas was only a few days away. He went to the store with his mom and showed her what he wanted. She said "maybe." I was so happy that the boy had chosen me. The boy could hardly wait for Christmas! The next morning he opened his presents. When he got to me he started to quickly unwrap me. He was excited that I might just be that RC Car he has been wanting. He finished unwrapping me. Lucky for me I was the first present he chose to play with that morning. I am happy that he plays with me every day. He likes how fast he can make me go with the remote control.



The Mysterious Present By Noa Tasker

On Christmas Eve a kid named Sam went to the store and he found the most beautiful present in a box. It was me. I was on a shelf in Wal-Mart. He begged his mom to get it. Finally she said "yes." When Sam got home he ran to the tree and put me under it. The next morning two kids came running down the stairs. First Chloe, Sam's little sister, opened her present. It was a pretty doll, Then Sam picked up his present, me! I jumped up 3 ft. out of his hands and out I popped. Arms, legs and two big, bold eyes because I didn't want Sam to open me up. I ran out the door into the forest! Sam chased me into the forest! He looked around, then he saw two eyes. He ran to it and the eyes grew bigger and bigger. Soon the eyes of a big bear jumped out and scared Sam! He stood on his hind legs sniffing Sam. Sam stood very still, then the bear walked away. He felt shocked because Sam had never encountered a bear before now. So Sam snuck deeper into the forest. Then he saw something bright. He saw a big tree that had bright lights all over it. Then there, under the tree I was sitting. Sam walked over and opened me. He felt happy that I had found a tree in the forest to sit under. I was a compass. He remembered that his house was south of where we were in the forest. Sam followed the compass and

found his house. He ran quickly inside. His parents were so scared that Sam was gone. Then he opened the door and was sorry that I had left him. After that Sam opened the rest of his presents.



The Walking Present By Jackson Karl

I go down onto a conveyor belt and walk on because I think it goes somewhere. I walk for a little bit then I stop walking but the conveyor belt is continuing to move. It took me for a two hour ride. I started to walk again. Finally I got so tired I laid down and slept on the conveyor belt that kept going and going. 2 hours later I woke up to see a big man in a red suit. He had a red cap. The conveyor belt is still going and he grabbed me gently and put me in a red bag. Which then went into his sleigh. What was cool is this sleigh could only be used by flying deer with only the man in the red cap driving. I am hopeful I am going to get to fly in

the sleigh tonight. I did get to ride with the guy in his sleigh. It was a ride that was bouncy at first and then a smooth one at the end. When we got to 5099 Orchard Street the big man took me out and told me to walk because I had feet. I didn't know for sure where I was going so I started walking in the grass. I walked for about 2 minutes. I saw a dog it started to chase me. I quickly scurried up a pipe to the roof. I ran on the rooftop and looked down, the dog is down below continuing to chase me. 3 minutes later I go down the chimney into the house. I close my eyes and fall asleep. I then wake up the next morning and see a little boy. I say "hi", the boy runs up to the couch. I talk to him again, "I'm not bad." He

asks me if I want to be his friend. I say, "yes I would like that." It's a no brainer! He and I walked together every day. We had a lot of fun. He is so excited he got me for a Christmas present because we played fetch. He seems to be ok with that because I have always waddled to get the ball when we played fetch. We are for sure best friends. The boy is 25 years old now and I still have fun with him. I am happy I was his present all those years ago. -- The End



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Fourth Grade ~ Deanna Coulston ~ Favorite Christmas Recipes



By Adelaide M. Johnson

My favorite holiday recipe is pumpkin pie. I like pumpkin pie because it is a family secret. I also like the pie because my grandma makes it a special way. The last reason I like it is because I can make it myself. That is why I like pumpkin pie. Here is the recipe to my favorite pie:

Pumpkin Pie

Ingredients:
2 cups of pumpkin
2/3 cups of sugar
1 teaspoon of cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon ginger
1/4 teaspoon cloves
1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
1 teaspoon salt
2 eggs
2 cups of milk
2 tablespoons molasses

Directions: Stir pumpkin to remove lumps, add dry ingredients and stir vigorously. Beat eggs slightly, add to milk and molasses and combine the two mixtures, blend well. Pour into pie shells and bake at 450 degrees for ten minutes, or until crust begins to color. Lower heat to 350 degrees for 40 minutes or until a silver knife comes out clean when inserted in the center of the pie.

P.S. My grandma's pie crust recipe is not included because it is a secret family recipe!



By Amy Bly

My favorite holiday recipe is French toast. I love French toast because we have it for Christmas every year. Sometimes my mom says I can help

make it to. French toast is super sticky and fun to eat. I chose French toast because I have it for Christmas every year and I love it. Here is how to make French toast:

French Toast

Texas toast
Eggs
Cinnamon
Powdered sugar

Directions: Dip the Texas toast in egg batter mix put it on the skillet set for 350. Turn over one time. Add powdered sugar and syrup; serve and enjoy!



By Cohen Allen Vails-Rauch

My favorite family recipe is ginger bread houses. I think they taste good when my grandma makes them. How we make them is we get walls and gum drops and some frosting. We mix them to look like our house. But the green gum drops are for the bushes. The M and M's are for the lights but the Twizzlers are for the roses. I hope you like them too. Here is what you will need:

Gingerbread houses

You get your ginger bread, frosting and candies and put some frosting where you put the walls so they're stable and you stick frosting to the sides of the walls so they stick. After that you put about 4 or 5 gumdrops in the yard of the house. Rip some gumdrop pieces off the gumdrop so you have leaves. Then use red gumdrops as red leaves.



By Cyson Morris

For my favorite recipe, I chose candied yams because I have never tried it before. I would like to try it. It sounds really yummy and I like candy so I will probably like it. When I try them hopeful I will like them. Maybe you would too. Here is the recipe:

Candied Yams

4 lbs. medium skinned sweet potatoes, peeled & cut into 1" pieces
2/3 C packed golden brown sugar
5 T butter
1 t ground cinnamon
2 C miniature marshmallows

Preheat oven to 375. Arrange potatoes in a 13x9 baking dish. Combine sugar, butter, cinnamon in saucepan on medium heat. Stir until sugar dissolves. Pour over yams. Bake yams for 50 minutes, basting occasionally. Increase oven temp to 500. Top yams with marshmallows and return to oven. Bake until marshmallows begin to melt.



By Jadyn Martinez

My favorite holiday recipe is Peanut Butter Bonbons. I love peanut butter bonbons because my sister did, but I don't know why. Also the reason why I chose this recipe is because it reminds me of my sister, Xochitl.

Peanut Butter Bonbons

1 1/2 cups of powdered sugar,
1 cup gram cracker crumbs (about 12 squares)
1/2 cup of butter
1/2 cup of peanut butter

1 package (6 oz.) semi-sweet chocolate chips

Directions
Mix powdered sugar and cracker crumbs. Heat butter and peanut butter over low heat until melted; stir into crumb mixture. Shape mixture into 1 inch balls. Heat chocolate chips with 1 table spoon shortening. Dip balls into chocolate with tongs until coated; place on wax paper. Refrigerate until firm.



By Jasper Morrow

My favorite holiday recipe is German style pancakes. The reason I love them is because. I can put any kind of syrup on them and they still taste good. I also like them because they fill me up. I also like how puffy they are. That is why I picked them as my favorite. Here is how you can make them:

German Style Pancakes

Ingredients
3 large eggs
1/2cup all-purpose flour
1/2cup milk, preferably whole
1/4teaspoon kosher salt
1/2teaspoon vanilla extract
2tablespoons unsalted butter
2tablespoons fresh lemon juice (optional)
1/2cup fruit jam (optional)
2tablespoons confectioners' sugar

Directions
Heat oven to 400° F. In a large bowl, whisk the eggs to combine. Add the flour and whisk until smooth. Add the milk, salt, and vanilla and mix until incorporated; set aside.

Add the butter to a large cast-iron skillet and transfer to oven until the butter melts. Remove from oven and quickly pour the batter into the hot skillet. Return to oven and bake until the pancake is puffed and golden, about 15 minutes.

Drizzle the lemon

juice (if using) over the pancake. Spread the jam (if using) evenly over the top. Sprinkle with the confectioners' sugar.

Recipe found on <http://southernfood.about.com/od/pancake-sandwaffles>



By Jayce Gleason

My favorite holiday recipe is Christmas crunch. It has a lot of chocolate in it. Also my mom makes it every year. The whole thing is covered in chocolate popcorn. This is why I chose Christmas crunch.

Christmas crunch

Kettle popcorn sweet n' salty (1 pkg microwave popcorn)
White almond bark
Christmas sprinkles
Pretzels
M&Ms

Melt almond bark in microwave, spread popcorn on waxed paper

Hope you enjoy, have a happy holiday!

My Favorite Recipe

By Julio Mercado

My mom's favorite holiday recipe is Icebox Pudding. My mom likes icebox pudding because she likes to make it on Thanksgiving. My mom also likes icebox pudding because she likes the taste of it. She says icebox pudding is very good! That is why I chose Icebox pudding. Here is how she makes it:

2 cans of crushed pineapple
2 packs of crushed graham crackers

1 big container of cool whip

Now here are the directions: use a rolling pin to crush the graham crackers (have them in a Ziploc bag). Then drain the liquid from the crushed pineapple. Use a glass dish to serve in. First place graham crackers on bottom of dish (cover the bottom). Make a layer of pineapple and cover with whipped cream. Continue the order again - graham cracker, pineapple, chipped cream. It makes



By Kairi Dahlby

My favorite holiday recipe is Pumpkin pie. Pumpkin pie is my favorite because my Grandma makes mine and she makes it the best. I also love Pumpkin pie because it is super yummy. Pumpkin pie is a light brown color. That is why I love Pumpkin pie.

Ingredients:

3/4 cup granulated sugar
1/2 tsp. salt
1 tsp. ground cinnamon
1/2 tsp. ground ginger
1/4 tsp. ground clove
2 large eggs
1 can (15oz) Libbys 100% Pure pumpkin
1 can (12oz) Carnation evaporated milk
1 uncooked 9-inch (4 cup volume) deep dish Pie Shell

Directions:

Mix sugar, salt, cinnamon, ginger and cloves in a small bowl. Beat eggs in a large bowl. Stir in pumpkin and sugar-spice mixture. Gradually stir in evaporated milk. Pour into pie shell. Bake in preheated 425 degree oven for 15 minutes. Reduce temperature to 350 degrees and bake for 40-45 minutes or until a knife inserted near the center comes out clean. Cool on wire rack for 2 hours. Serve immediately or refrigerate.



By Kylee Henry

My favorite holiday recipe is for brownies. I love brownies because

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Fourth Grade ~ Deanna Coulston ~ Favorite Christmas Recipes (Cont.)

they sometimes have a lot of chocolate. I like brownies also because they don't have to be chocolate. I love brownies when my grandma makes them.

1 cup of flour
1 cup of sugar
half cup of cocoa
2 eggs

half teaspoon salt
half stick of butter
a quarter cup of milk
Mix all ingredients starting with all the dry ingredients then the liquid

Next mix until the mixture is thick but easy to mix

Then grease a cake pan with olive oil

Pour the brownie mixture into the pan

Back for 20 to 25 minutes

Once they're done, let them sit for about 5 to 10 mins

Cut and serve



By Laney Crow

My favorite holiday recipe is sweet potatoes. I love sweet potatoes because they are sweet and good. Every Thanksgiving my mom makes them and I make sure I get some. I love sweet potatoes because they are super yummy. That is why I like sweet potatoes. Here is how you can make them too:

Sweet Potatoes:

6 yams
¼ cup Brown sugar
1 cup mini marshmallows

¼ cup Butter

Directions:

Preheat oven to 350

Peel and dice yams - put yams, in 9x13 baking dish,

Slice butter stick and place slices on top of yams,

Sprinkle brown sugar over top of yams and put marshmallows with yams and sugar,

Back in oven for 45 minutes.

ENJOY!



By Marahsyn Russell

My favorite holiday recipe is for posole. I love posole because my mom makes it only for certain occasions. My mom is the only person that I know who makes the best posole. Every time my uncle comes she makes it and everybody in my family loves posole. It tastes spicy and sweet at the same time. I chose posole because it is the best soup in the whole world!

1 TBS canola oil
2 (1lb) pork tenderloins, cut into 1 ½ in pieces

4 C fat free, lower sodium chicken broth
1 2/3 C chopped onion (about 1 medium)

1 ½ tsp ground cumin
1 tsp dried oregano
½ tsp freshly ground black pepper

¼ tsp ground cloves
1/8 tsp crushed red pepper

4 large garlic cloves, minced
2 (15.5oz) can white hominy, rinsed and drained

2 (4.5oz cans) chopped green chiles, undrained
1 C packaged angel hair slaw

½ C thinly sliced radishes (4 radishes)
½ C diced peeled avocado

2 limes, each cut into 4 wedges (optional)

Heat a large nonstick skillet over medium high heat. Add oil to pan: swirl to coat. Add pork to pan. Cook 8 minutes, browning on all sides.

Combine pork, broth and next nine ingredients (through chiles) in a 5 quart electric slow cooker. Cover and cook on LOW for 8 hours. Ladle posole into bowls: top

with slaw, radishes and avocado. Serve with lime wedges if desired.



By McKenzie Miller

My favorite holiday recipe is Jell-O Oreo pie. I love Jell-O Oreo pie because my grandma is the only person that can make it. I love Jell-O Oreo pie also because it is full of Oreos and chocolate. I like the surgery taste in it. That is why I chose Jell-O Oreo pie for my holiday recipe so I hope you like it to. Here is how it is made:

Jell-O Oreo Pie

2 PKG Oreo cookies n' cream instant pudding
2-1/2 cups of milk

1 tub cool whip
whipped topping thawed divided

1 Oreo pie crust
5 Oreos cookies cut in half

Beat pudding mixes and milk with whisk 2 min. Stir in half the cool whip. Pour into crust. Refrigerate 4 hours or until firm. Top with remaining cool whip and cookies just before serving.



By Peyton Struckmeier

My favorite holiday recipe is Gingerbread Boys. I love gingerbread boys because I like to make them with my grandma and my cousin, Tyler. I also like to go over to my friend's and eat the frosting off of his gingerbread boys. They are yummy and super easy to eat. I chose gingerbread

boys as my favorite recipe and I hope you like them too. Here is my grandma's recipe:

Gingerbread Boys

½ C shortening
½ C sugar
½ C dark molasses
¼ C water
2 ½ C Flour
¾ tsp salt
½ tsp soda
¾ tsp ginger
¼ tsp nutmeg
1/8 tsp allspice raisins
Candied cherries or red gum drops
Citron
String licorice
Decorator's icing
Cream shortening and sugar. Blend in molasses, water, flour, salt, soda, ginger, nutmeg and allspice. Cover and chill 2-3 hours. Heat oven to 375. Roll dough ¼ inch thick on lightly floured board. Cut with gingerbread boy cutter; place on ungreased baking sheet. Press raisins into dough for eyes, nose and buttons. Use bits of candied cherries and strips of citron and string licorice for other trims. Bake 10-12 minutes. Immediately remove from baking sheet. Trim with decorator's icing. Makes about 15 4" cookies.

By Teighan Anderson
My favorite holiday recipe is chicken potato soup. I like the soup because I like the potatoes and the broth that my mom makes, also I like the chicken. I love the smell and the taste of the chicken and potatoes. When the soup is hot at my house I wait until it is cool to eat. I hope you like the chicken potato soup if you want to make it. Enjoy!

6 cups cereal or noodles

The first thing you do to make Cheerio cookies is mix 1 cup of sugar, 1 cup of light Karo syrup and 1 cup of peanut butter until it is smooth. After you mix, add 6 cups of cereal or noodles. Once that is finished, cook in oven for 30mins. When they come out and you want them right away it is best to put the Cheerio cookies in a bowl. Next, eat and enjoy.

Chicken potato soup recipe

Ingredients
10 small potatoes
1 whole shredded chicken
½ cup sour cream
1 stick of butter
1 cup of whole milk
½ cup of mozzarella cheese
Salt, cornstarch
Cube potatoes, cover with ample water. Generously salt and boil until soft. Add chicken, sour cream, butter, whole milk and cheese. Gently mix while melting. Add desired cornstarch to thicken, if desired.

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By Makenna Barron
My favorite holiday recipe is Cheerio Cookies. I love Cheerio cookies because my dad makes them all the time. I also love them because they're so easy to eat. Cheerio cookies are also very sticky and yummy. I chose Cheerio cookies as my favorite recipe and I hope you will to. Here is how you can make them:

Cheerio cookies
1 cup of Sugar
1 cup light Karo syrup
1 cup peanut butter



By Weston Keown

My favorite holiday recipe is hard boiled eggs. I like hard boiled eggs because my mom makes

them for me. They are salty and good. They always make me full. I hope you like hard boiled eggs too. Here is how you can make them:

Hard Boiled Eggs

Ingredients: eggs and salt.

Directions: put eggs in a pot filled with water set the stove to 100 degrees cook for a minute take the eggs out and put salt on them, then enjoy!



By Zack Norris

My favorite recipe is brownies. They taste like chocolate. They are easy to make. Brownies have lots of sugar.

Ingredients
1/2 cup butter
1 cup white sugar
2 eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla extract

1/3 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
1/2 cup all-purpose flour

1/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon baking powder

Frosting:
3 tablespoons butter, softened

3 tablespoons unsweetened cocoa powder
1 tablespoon honey
1 teaspoon vanilla extract

1 cup confectioners' sugar

Directions
Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Grease and flour an 8-inch square pan.

In a large saucepan, melt 1/2 cup butter. Remove from heat, and stir in sugar, eggs, and 1 teaspoon vanilla. Beat in 1/3 cup cocoa, 1/2 cup flour, salt, and baking powder. Spread batter into prepared pan.

Bake in preheated

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oven for 25 to 30 minutes. Do not overcook.

To Make Frosting: Combine 3 tablespoons softened butter, 3 tablespoons cocoa, honey, 1 teaspoon vanilla extract, and 1 cup confectioners' sugar. Stir until smooth. Frost brownies while they are still warm.

Recipe from allrecipes.com



By Joshua Reser

My favorite holiday recipe is macaroni salad. I love macaroni salad because my mom and dad make macaroni salad with lots of salt and pepper. Another reason I like macaroni salad is because of the sweet pickles in it. That is macaroni salad is my favorite holiday recipe. Here is how we make it:

Macaroni Salad

Ingredients: 1 bag of elbow macaroni
6oz cheese cubed (cheddar cheese)
1/6 cup onion-chopped
5 eggs hard boiled and chopped
Mayo
Salt and pepper
Sweet pickles-chopped
Sweet pickle juice-2 table spoons.

How to make:
cook macaroni according to package directions
mix all ingredients together
put enough mayo in to make salad desire consistency (usually 1 1/2 cups)
salt and pepper to taste



By Yukon Mings

My Favorite recipe is fried duck. I like the breast meat of the ducks. Another reason is because I like the pepper on mine. I really really like it. I hope you will like it too.

Duck breast ingredients

- 1 can of mushroom soup
- Salt
- Pepper
- Olive oil
- Mushrooms of choice
- Directions

Put olive oil cast iron skillet. Fry the 4 duck breast. When almost done add mushrooms. When duck and mushroom are cooked, pour can of cream of mushroom soup on top. Let heat up and then eat.

By Braden Mings

My favorite holiday recipe is Wild Turkey Soup. I think it is really good. My dad made it for Thanksgiving from mine and my brother's turkey. The turkey was the best I had ever had. I hope he makes it again. Here is how to make it:

Wild Turkey Soup

- 2 wild turkey breasts
- 4 potatoes
- 2 cups of carrots
- 1 can of mushroom soup
- 1 package of onion soup mix
- Salt and pepper

Slice up 2 wild turkey breasts into small pieces. Chop up 4 potatoes and 2 cups of baby carrots. Put all ingredients in a crockpot with 1 can of mushroom soup and 1 package of onion soup mix also salt and pepper to your liking. Slow cook in a crockpot all day or until potatoes and turkey are done. Add water to your liking of the thickness of your soup.

Fifth Grade ~ Gabe Kiefel ~ Christmas Stories



Rudolf the Red-Nosed Reindeer

By Alexandyr Dahlby

Did you know that Rudolf never had a nose that glowed? He actually had very good eyesight to see in the fog. The reason for this is that Santa Claus took very good care of Rudolf. His father is Donder, a reindeer who pulls Santa's sleigh. That is how Rudolf got to be the head of the team. When Santa said "Rudolf with your nose so bright, won't you guide my sleigh tonight?" he didn't actually mean that. He actually meant only, "Will you guide my sleigh tonight." Perhaps this is the reason why Santa likes Rudolf so much. The End



Elves

By Andrea Gonzales

Elves live in California due to all the computers needed in the world. Their workshop is hiding in a tunnel under ground. Most of the elves moved their workshop to Silicon Valley to keep up with the demand for new technology. Elves use computers too, mainly to find kids' houses. This is why elves moved to California.



Santa Claus

By Andrew Rosenberger

Did you now that Santa has a black beard? He has a black beard so kids don't think he is Santa when he comes down the chimney. Perhaps this is why Santa looks like somebody else on Christmas.



The Grinch

By Aubri Araya

Once there was a Grinch. He was pink and he wore a dress, I don't know why he had a dress, but it fit him okay. He was full of joy. He was the happiest guy in the village. When I say that he wore a drees, I mean he never took it off. He had it on for 48 years. The Grinch's time came and went and the dress wore through and fell apart. After that, the Grinch was full of ANGER!!! This is why he tried to ruin Christmas for everyone in the village.

On Christmas Eve, the night he was planning to ruin Christmas, he went down to the village to begin. He stomped down to the village. A little girl ran to buy him something. She noticed that he was

mad, but he was usually happy. He was mad because he didn't have his dress. The little girl had gotten the Grinch a gift. Everyone gathered around. He opened the gift and it was a... tux. "I LOVE IT!" the Grinch shouted. He asked the girl what her name was. "My name is Jen," she said. That's all for now. Have a MARRY CHRISTMAS.



Jack Skellington

By Blake Jones

Jack Skellington was a skeleton who pretended to be Santa. He made horrible and terrifying gifts for children. Jack's favorite gift created was the haunted vampire doll. Jack was the king of Halloween and didn't know very much about Christmas. Jack delivered presents and when the kids opened their gifts, they were terrified. The parents had to tackle the toys and destroy them. There was a group of kids that captured Santa and sent him to the Boogey man. Santa escaped and went to grab his sleigh and save Christmas. Santa gave all the kids around the world good Christmas presents and went back to the North Pole. Jack was upset the kids didn't like his presents so he just stuck with Halloween. The end.



Dominik

By Sarabeth McGowen

Everybody thinks that Santa rides in a sleigh. But, he actually rides a magical, Italian donkey named Dominik. Dominik has the ability to climb walls to get to people's houses. Every time they go out to give gifts, the donkey runs into the window to get into the house. Every time Dominik is by the Christmas tree, he would spit a present out and flies away.

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The Sleigh By Brandon Leroue

Did you know that Santa's sleigh is not red? The sleigh that many people think it is red, is actually black. The sleigh is black for a reason, to help Santa stay hidden in the night sky. The black slay helps Santa deliver the presents. The sleigh actually helps make the presents and wraps them too. Perhaps the sleigh color is why no one can see Santa at night.



Santa Claus By Hayden Perez

Many people believe Santa lives in the North Pole. However, he really lives in my chimney. Last year, I made apple pie. Santa smelled it all the way from the North Pole, and He tried to break in from the chimney. Then he got stuck. That is why he lives in my chimney. We are hoping to get him out before Christmas.

in some stories Donder is Rudolf's dad? I didn't know that until yesterday.
THE END



Blitzen By Logan Mohny

Most people believe Blitzen lives at the North Pole, but he really lives in Alaska with his family. Blitzen has a good life. He has a job towing sleighs. He tows sleighs to stay in shape. A couple of weeks before Christmas, Santa sends him a letter saying to come and start training. His favorite treat is a golden carrot. He is the fastest out of all the reindeer. He and Rudolph are best friends. Rudolph lives in Maine and every once in a while, Rudolph comes to visit. Rudolph is a different story. Blitzen still has a scar from the crash of 1883 when the Neurotransmitter went out and they hit the tops off some trees. He will probably grow to be old and if you ever see Blitzen, be sure to say hi.



Polar Express By Monte Pettichord-Mathews

The Polar Express is the best train in the world. It was never on a train track, however. It was on the road and it went 80 miles-per-hour. Bob was one of the people on the train. When he sat down people came out with hot chocolate. People said that a guy lived on the top of the Polar Express. He would ride a four-wheeler down the polar express. When you see the place were Santa lives, while riding of the Polar Express, it will make you scared. It has elves that are two-inches long. However, when you see Santa, it's the best feeling in the world.



Chewbacca By Owen Yost

Did you know that Chewbacca is really Han's pet? Most people think Chewbacca is Han's co-pilot. However, he is really just a big lap dog. He looks more like a dog, anyway. He doesn't even speak. He just makes gurgling sounds. Perhaps this is why Chewbacca is so loyal. Every Christmas, Chewbacca puts lights on the space ship like a good boy. The End

and white hats because they are Christmas colors. Santa wants them to be different. People actually think elves have red hats. The real reason why elves have white and green color hats is Santa wants to trick people so that they do not see elves when they come out. Perhaps that's the real reason. That's what I think of elves.



Frosty By Seazyn Russell

Did you know that Frosty was not alive? Frosty was a snowman that was made by children that were very creative. That old silk hat, however, was not actually magic. The kids believed so much that he was alive, that they imagined the whole thing. They had so much fun with him. Frosty was remade every year by each new generation every winter. Kids made Frosty every year. Frosty became a legend and he *lived* forever.



Jack Frost By Danielle Hill

People say that Jack Frost makes the snow and the frost. But he does not. Mother Nature is the one who does it. Jack Frost is a fairy-tail, story, or movie. Whatever you read or have seen is not true. Mother Nature is the one who makes the snow, frost, and hard hail, that comes from the sky. What I am trying to tell you is that Mother Nature does all this stuff. Mary Christmas to all and to all a good night



Santa By Jay Dimak

Many people believe that Santa lives in the North Pole, but he actually lives in my couch. Santa got stuck in my couch last year when he took a nap because he was tired of delivering all the presents. He fell in and could not get back out but he is just stuck. I hope that we can get him out before Christmas.



Jack Skellington By Natalie Teal

Do you know about the movie "The Nightmare before Christmas?" If you do, you probably don't know the horrible truth. The horrible truth is that the protagonist, Jack Skellington, (The Pumpkin King) of course, was the original Santa Claus! He died before the other Santa Claus took his place. The other Santa Claus didn't even know Jack existed. The Santa Claus in the movie and the other people of Santa's home, Christmas Town, thought Jack impersonated Santa, but Jack just wanted his place back. Perhaps this is why Jack was so fond of Christmas.



Olaf By Makenzie Mikesell

Most people believe that Olaf is a snowman, but he is just a computer-generated image developed by Disney and Pixar. If Olaf was real he would have melted in the sun, which he didn't. Olaf always has a smile on his face. He is really good friends with Anna and Elsa. Elsa made Olaf with her powers. In conclusion, he is just a computer-generated character.



The Happy Yeti By Garrett Palmer

Most people think that the yeti is big, lives in a cave, and has white fur. However, he looks like a normal person. Every year Santa wouldn't bring him presents. So, he lost weight, moved into the city, and cut his hair. On Christmas, the yeti woke up in the morning and looked under his tree to found a lot of presents and he got what he wanted. MERRY CHRISTMAS!



Santa's Turkish! Laura Hill

Did you know that Santa is Turkish? In Turkish Noel Baba is the name for Santa. This means Christmas Father. Saint Nicolas is believed to be from turkey. This is why I think Santa is Turkish.



Donder By Levi Boudrieau

Did you know "Donner" is actually pronounced "Donder?" People have changed Donder to Donner in many different stories. Donder got old and retired from being one of Santa's reindeer. Perhaps people should pronounce Donder's name right as Donder and not Donner. Give Donder some respect and call him by his real name. Did you know



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Frosty the Snowman By Zack Wood

You may think you know a lot about Frosty the Snowman, but do you really? What you may think about Frosty is that he has a corn cob pipe, a button nose, and two eyes made out of coal. However, he actually has a carrot nose, button eyes, and no pipe at all. The reason he has no pipe is because he needs to stop smoking. Perhaps this is why people never see Frosty. He doesn't have a corn cob pipe, and a button nose, and two eyes made out of coal.



Grinch and Ebenezer Scrooge By Jennifer Morton

Who are two people that hate a time that you spent opening presents with your family? I have been doing research and it turns out that the two people that hate Christmas the most are actually best friends. Yep, you heard me right, the Grinch and Ebenezer are friends! Just take a minute to think about it. They both hate Christmas. I mean who hates Christmas? Wait...I just had a horrible thought. What if the Grinch and Ebenezer worked together to ruin Christmas? Anyway, why do you think that they

hate Christmas? I had a brilliant Idea. I would buy them Christmas presents. So my family, Laura Hill, and I went out and bought them presents. They said "Thank you, Merry Christmas," and they promised not to ever ruin Christmas again. Merry Christmas!



Cupid By Christian Cloin

Cupid is one of Santa's reindeer. On Christmas, he is next to Blitzen, the other reindeer in the front of the sleigh. Santa's Reindeer's names are Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Commit, Cupid, Donder, Blitzen, and Rudolph. Those are all the names of the reindeer. The End



Elf Story By Daylan Marlow

Most people think that elves make all of the gifts for Christmas. However, elves can't make everything. Also, elves are so small they can barely reach the table. They can't even reach the far things. Elves wear green suits with hats and the hats have bells on them. So, how does Santa get all the things he needs for Christmas?



Reindeer By Jesse Mings

Reindeer can't fly because they don't have wings. Reindeer live in colder areas and also like to eat peas, and grass. Reindeer can live up to

15-18 years old and live in Canada, Alaska, and at the North Pole. I think Reindeer like it better in a colder environment, such as Alaska because they have a bunch of fur. Reindeer are like Elk and Caribou. Reindeer have a fussy fur on their antlers called velvet. They get velvet when their antlers are growing. Their antlers get bigger as they get older.

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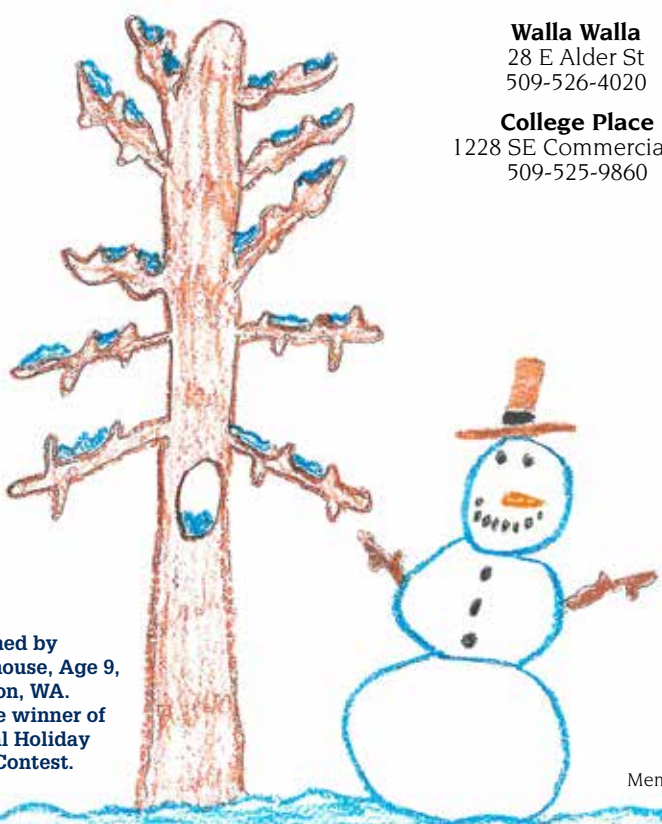
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