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# **ONE DOLLAR**

# **Rock Slide Blocks Tucannon Road**



Photo by Mike Reed

Times subscriber Mike Reed captured this shot of several car-sized rocks and about a dozen smaller boulders that fell from a cliff to block Tucannon Road on Monday evening.

# By Dena Martin | THE TIMES

COLUMBIA COUNTY – It should have been quitting time, but a 5:10 p.m. call to dispatch reporting a rock slide on Monday evening, sent the Columbia County road crew back to work.

The slide occurred at milepost 10 on Tucannon Road, according to Columbia County Operations Supervisor Wayne Tate.

"There were three to four very large, car-size rocks directly in the road and another dozen half that size," Tate said.

No one was passing through at the time and the road crew was able to use

a grader outfitted with a plow to shove the rocks off to the side of the road. Once the weather clears, they will return to pick them up and repair the divots left in the road, Tate said.

Tate attributed the fall to the freeze-thaw cycle. He said this is only the second time he recalls the road being blocked in the last 20 years but acknowledged that it is always a possibility.

"It's dependent on the weather. Moisture gets in cracks in the rocks, freezes, expands and knocks them loose. There's nothing that can be done about it. It's on private land and there are ledges and cliffs all along that area," he said.

# COMMISSIONER CANDIDATES WILL INTERVIEW MONDAY

## By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON – The local Republican Committee has selected three finalists from a slate of nine applicants in the running to fill the District 1 seat on the Columbia County Board of Commissioners.

A special meeting will be held at the Columbia County Courthouse on Mon., March 11 at 7 p.m. to interview finalists Thomas Konen, Ryan Rundell and Kaye Eaton.

It will be up to commissioners Chuck Amerein and Mike Talbott to choose one of the three applicants to fill the seat formerly occupied by Norm Passmore, who resigned in January.

Amerein and Talbott will meet in executive session following the interviews to make a selection. The commissioners had 60 days from Feb. 4 to complete the process of appointing a replacement for Passmore.

In the event that they cannot agree on one of the three finalists, the candidates will be referred to Gov. Jay Inslee for a decision.

Jordan Henderson, Roger Trump, Jay Takamura, Nick DePaulo, Shawn Brown and Brian Krause had also filed for the District 1 seat.

The person chosen by the Board will serve the remainder of 2019, said County Auditor Anne Higgins.

After that, candidates can run in November's general election to fill Passmore's unexpired term ending Dec. 31, 2020. Commissioners are elected to serve for four years, and that cycle will begin in Jan. 2021, she said.



While snow and cold is a far cry from what is typically viewed as standard camel climate, the Walla Walla Valley's favorite dromedary hasn't let the white stuff keep him from his duties. Izzy the Camel was out-and-about in Walla Walla, joining Walla Walla Sweets mascot Sweet Lou, to draw a crowd for the grand opening of the new Inland Cellular on Rose Street on Feb. 21. Izzy makes his home on a small farm just east of Prescott with owners Mickey and Tawnya Richards. Tawnya says the cold weather doesn't bother Izzy at all and that it can get well below zero in the desert.

# Waitsburg plans for emergency preparedness

# Flooding is not expected to be an immediate threat

## By Dena Martin | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG – At the close of nearly every winter, Waitsburg residents surmise about the likelihood of a high-water event like the Food of 1996. With a high snowpack and anticipated warming temperatures, this year is no different.

Statistics can be frightening. Washington's snowpack contains 30 million-acre feet of water, which is nearly the amount of water stored behind Grand Coulee Dam. Eight million of that was gained between Feb. 5 and 20, during record snowfalls, according to the Department of Ecology (DOE). That said, the state's snowpack was still only 91 percent of normal at that date, and lower than it was at the same point in 2016, 2017 and 2018.

"It's always possible to have a flood. The weather can be wacky. People should always be prepared to take care of themselves for three to five days," said Waitsburg Emergency Preparedness Committee Chair Kate Hockersmith.

"But as far as this year goes, I'm not particularly worried," she added.

Waitsburg's Emergency Preparedness Committee has been meeting regularly over the last year to streamline and update local emergency processes. Members include: Jim Romine and Kate Hockersmith (city council), Brian Treadway and Josh Wood (communications), Randy Charles (fire/EMT background), and Matt Spring (fire district liaison).

The Committee has finalized a Flood Emergency Notebook and copies are stored at City Hall and at the school district. The notebook includes a list of emergency phone numbers and contacts and emergency preparedness plans for Waitsburg and Walla Walla County.

"It includes a hierarchy of who gets called when, and information on where sandbags are stored, who has the key, how to get ahold of the food bank, etc." Hockersmith said.

On Feb. 21, several committee members met with Walla Walla County emergency management representatives to learn how Waitsburg can better work with the County in the case of flood or other emergency.

"Flooding was a big topic at that meeting. People seemed to agree that we may have localized flooding, but no one is expecting a massive event like the Flood of 1996. I didn't walk away scared," Hockersmith said.

City Administrator Randy Hinchliffe agreed.

"Based on what I receive from Walla Walla County Emergency Management, I see no imminent threat of flooding this year. The ground is not frozen, there are no ice dams, and melting, when it occurs, is slow and steady," he said.

Hinchliffe said that there has been a lot of work done in the City since the Flood of 1996.

"We have two new bridges and 13 homes were removed from the floodway to expand the water area that could be disbursed in the event that it tops the levees," he said.

He said that the City has elevated structures, made improvements along the levee and cleared vegetation. The power substation was moved and the wastewater treatment plant was both moved and elevated.

"The City has a new heavily-fortified dike by the fairgrounds to tie into the work the former flood control district did along Coppei Creek to protect that end of the City. And we now own the land above the springs to help keep them from getting washed out.

"We have an emergency action plan that helps guide the City on how to fight high water events, depending on where the threat is coming from and we have a stockpile of sand and sandbags," Hinchliffe said.

He said that the City is currently working with the Washington Military Department to procure a backup generator grant. The City has also entered into a Flood Mitigation Study with the Army Corps of Engineers.

"The study will hopefully result in more improvements to our flood control system. We hope to be able to present alternatives later this year," Hinchliffe said.

Hockersmith said dates and times of the Emergency Preparedness Committee meetings will be changing, but they will be made public and interested parties are encouraged to attend.

"I don't want people to be frightened, but I also don't want them to be complacent. We need to always be prepared," Hockermith said.



# **TOUCHET VALLEY LIFE**

# **NEWS BRIEFS**

# JIMMY DURANTE DAY FUNDRAISER MARCH 16

DAYTON – The Dayton Ladies Auxiliary 2618 will host their annual Jimmy Durante Day fundraiser at the Dayton Eagles on Sat., March 16. The event is open to the public and funds will be split between The Club and the local 4-H endowment.

Doors open at 3 p.m. Haystacks will be available for purchase for \$5 for adults and \$4 for kids. The event will include cake walks, silent auction and live auction. Silent auction items will be set up earlier in the week for viewing and starter bids. The Eagles is open from Mon. – Sat. from 4 p.m. – close. The live auction begins at 6 p.m. Silent auctions bids close at 8 p.m.

# BLUE MTN. COMMUNITY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE IS MARCH 18

WALLA WALLA – The deadline for scholarship applications for one of over 70 scholarship funds at the Blue Mountain Community Foundation is 11:59 p.m. on Mon., March 18. The Waitsburg Alumni Association Scholarship is one of the funds.

Visit www.bluemountainfoundation.org, click on "Available Scholarship Applications" and "Apply Now." For more information, contact the Blue Mountain Community Foundation at (509) 529-4371 or liz@bluemountainfoundation.org.

> THANK YOU FOR READING



# TIMES TRAVELERS



The Times made a trip to London with Seattle subscribers Tom and Linda Avery who were kind enough to share this shot with us.

# WWCSO

# Walla Walla County Sheriff's Office Daily Press Board

## August 24, 2018

Firearms were logged into evidence as found property. (NOTE: This event is listed on the Press Board sent out on March 5, 2019)

## February 26

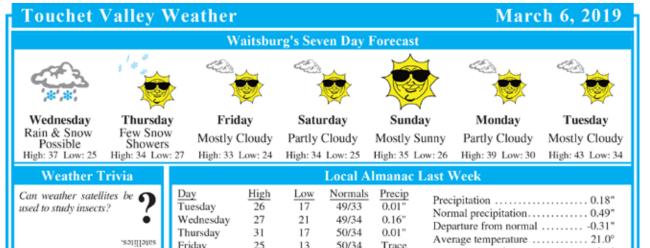
Shop building on S. "A" Street in Prescott was burglarized. Forced entry with items taken.

Possible assault reported in the 300 block of W. 4<sup>th</sup> Street in Prescott reported at 10:10 a.m.

Les Gallardo arrested at same address on W. 4<sup>th</sup> Street in Prescott on two felony and one misdemeanor warrants at 3:41 p.m.

## February 27

A woman was reported trespassing in the 200 block of W. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street in Prescott.



# **PIONEER PORTRAITS**

### Ten Years Ago March 12, 2009

John Hockersmith of Waitsburg and Jacob Harold of Walla Walla were honored by Walla Walla's Boy Scout Troop 305 on Saturday, Feb 28 for attaining the Eagle Scout rank. The two Scouts are good friends and both have mountain biked over 800 miles, crossing Washington State twice. Hockersmith is the son of Eric and Kate Hockersmith of Waitsburg. Harold is the son of Jim and Brends Harold of Walla Walla.

Photo Caption: Tri-City Prep will be Waitsburg-Prescott's first foes of the 2008 season there March 21 with these returning letterwomen leading the charge .Front row Alisha Marshall, Jordan Doepker, Hally Larsen, Val Hamann. Standing: Ashley Wilson, Rachelle Oseth, morgan Beckman, Ashley Coia, Megan Withers

### Twenty-Five Years Ago March 3, 1994

Robert Shields 73, of Dayton, is the world's wordiest man. His voluminous diary and other writings - now approaching 35 million words - have begun to draw national and international attention. Last weekend Globo Television of Brazil spent a day in Dayton filming and interviewing the writer. Last month a reporter and sound technician from NPR or National Public Radio, visited the writer in order to do a 10 minute profile for their "Morning Edition" program. CBC, Canada, Radio Australia and two Florida newspapers have also interviewed Shields recently about his diary.

Jack and Nancy Otterson are the recipients of the Commercial Club's Community Service Award for 1993. The Waitsburg married couple, well known in the area for their work with the Waitsburg Ambulance Service, youth activities and with the Rainbow Girls, were honored at the Commercial Club's annual banquet Tuesday, March 1.

### Fifty Years Ago March 6, 1969

Photo caption: 'State Fever" epidemic hits Waitsburg. Stricken with a bad case of State Tournament Fever is Mitzi Johnson of Waitsburg. Giving Mitzi comfort and advice are Jani Keve, Debbie Conover and Kathy Donnelly. Medical reports coming from Waitsburg indicate that this fever has struck in epidemic proportions. The only cure for this State Fever is to spend 4 days in a climate near the sea coast, (say in a city like Tacoma). Patients should be exposed to one or more basketball games per day, tapering off to a single championship contest on the final evening of the treatment.

Photo caption: A boisterous crowd congratulates Cardinals. The stands went wild and it was bedlam on the basketball floor as with a single second on the clock the Waitsburg Cardinals were mobbed by a happy and excited student body. A large and boisterous crowd followed the Cards to Dayton for the Friday game.

Waitsburg Lions Club will see two movies and hear a talk by Jack Englin on LSD and other drugs in common abuse today at the regular meeting on Tuesday evening, March 11.

## Seventy-Five Years Ago March 10, 1944

Five new school directors were elected Saturday for the new joint school district No. 401 and 100.

Answer: Scientists can determine when locusts hatch by using these

## Weather History

March 6, 1989 - A winter storm in the south central United States left parts of Missouri and Arkansas buried under more than a foot of snow. Heavier snowfall totals in Missouri included 14 inches at Springfield and 16 at Lebanon.

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Named were Elmo Tuttle, Jack Wright, Orin Walker, J. W. McConnell and Mrs. Amelia Talbot

The heaviest snowfall of the season came on Saturday morning, bringing an abundance of needed moisture. Wednesday was the warmest day of the season, with a high of 64 degrees.

Mrs. Charles Herring of Prescott left Thursday for Chicago where she will attend the wedding of their son Charles who will take as his bride, Miss Mary Helen Bemus.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wardrip gave a waffle supper on Thursday evening honoring their nephew, Cpl. Lloyd Smith. Cpt. Smith left Friday morning to resume his duties at Robins Field, Ga.

## One Hundred Years Ago March 14, 1919

The one-train-a-day service which has been in vogue for some months, and which bids fair to continue for some time yet, has opened the opportunity for an auto stage line between our county seat and the mainline train connection at Pasco. Two round trips will be made each day.

Harold Roberts hurt his foot during the basketball game with Walla Wallla Friday evening which ended 22-21 in favor of Waitsburg. Harold was unable to be in school on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Wilson arrived home the first of the week after a four months' visit with relatives and old friend in Illinois.

E.E. Wiseman and family who have been living in Seattle all winter have returned to this city to reside.

Family Washing - 30 cents per dozen pieces, rough dry at my home. West  $3^{rd}$  Street, Mrs. John Coley

### One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago March 16, 1894

Not for many years has the water in Coppei and Touchet been so high as it was this morning. Frank Vining, a faithful attaché at the Times office, had to swim to get to his post of duty this morning, but he got here just the same.

Miss Margaret Preston entertained about 20 of her young lady friends at a "fortune tea" on Tuesday afternoon. An exceptionally pleasant time is reported.

The W.C.T.U. will meet with Mrs. A. Stewart next Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock. All members are requested to be present.

# **TOUCHET VALLEY LIFE**

# **Reader photos of the week**



Thanks to Chris Mann who submitted this photo of Bradley Grende attempting to make it to work at the Tucannon River Wind Farm last month. It doesn't look like it was a successful commute, but from what we've seen posted on Facebook, it doesn't look like Grende was alone in his experience.

The Times welcomes reader photos like this one. Please email submissions to dena@waitsburgtimes.com.

# WAITSBURG SCHOOLS HOST CYBER-BULLYING AND SOCIAL MEDIA PRESENTATION

# By Dena Martin | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG - Walla Walla County Digital Forensic Examiner Tim Hollingsworth will give a presentation on Cyber-bullying and Social Media Concerns on Thurs., March 14. Hollingsworth will meet with Waitsburg middle and high school students before presenting to the community at the Waitsburg High School lower auditorium from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

While some experts do not feel that bullying is more prevalent than in years past, social media has made a significant impact on how it affects kids.

"Bullying does look different in this culture with the use of technology.

# BIRTHDAYS

March 7: Renee Adams, Jayce Dunleavy. March 8: Donovan Smith, Tanaa Maib and Scott Mason.

Twenty years ago, you could change environments to get away from the bully; that is no longer the case with social media," Waitsburg School District Counselor told The Times, earlier this month.

There have also been reports of students being exposed to YouTube videos of teens committing suicide and/or providing instruction on how to commit suicide.

In efforts to address bullying and harassment, the Waitsburg School District went live with the SafeSchools Alert system this month. Last month, the district hosted a visit from rodeo clown JJ Harrison and bull fighter Rowdy Barry, who met with students and the community about bullying.





This photo may qualify as cruel and unusual punishment, in light of current weather conditions. Bill Rodgers captured this photo of Waitsburg from the Main Street Bridge last April. "Hope springs eternal. It's coming soon," he said.

# WEEKLY CALENDAR



**Prescott Story Time** 

**BINGO (every Friday)** 

Eagles-222 E. Main, Day-

Doors open 4 pm, Bingo

**Columbia County Com-**

Commissioners' Cham-

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**Columbia County Com-**

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house 7 p.m. tit St.) 12 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Call 382-2836 to RSVP by the day prior.

Weller Public Library Board of Directors (First Tuesday) 7 p.m.

**Toddler Story Time** 

Dayton Memorial Library 10 a.m.

**Memory Café** (Second Wednesday) Noble Hunt, Dayton 10 a.m. - noon

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Celebrate **Recovery**, Waitsburg Christian Waitsburg Church 6:30 p.m.

**Dayton City Council** (Second Wednesday)

Dayton Senior Round

Senior Center (403 E. Pa-

Dayton City Hall

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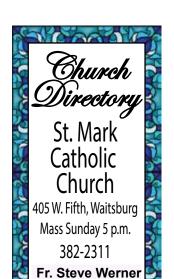
Center

2-4 p.m.

Waitsburg Town Hall Board (Second Thursday) Town Hall 7 p.m.

**Cyber-bullying & Social** Media Presentation WHS auditorium 6:30 p.m.

Prescott Parks & Rec **Board Meeting** (Second Thursday) District Office (101 S. D St., Ste. A) 7 p.m.



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504 Main

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

March 9: Larry Johnson, Robert Langdon, Steve Pierson, Jennifer Bennett, Kay Baker.

March 10: Bill Gluck, Win Deanna Anderson, Frank Reser and Casey Worth.

March 11: Jacqueline Klaas, Catherine Donnelly, Kelly Lodato, Aaron DeFord, James Kenworthy, Dan David Oliver and Adraine Michels.

March 12: Cherie Kurth, David Donnelly, Ben and Bill Brown, Susan Webber, Jimmie Young, Walt Warehime, Elizabeth Abbey, Teresa Johnson and Lory Duckworth.

March 13: Corey Puckett, Susan Watson, Kathy Logeman, Darla Fischer, Ryan Shweid, Dan Mortimore, Darin Groom, Louie Gagnon, Scott Hagerman, Mark Lanning and Larry Branson.

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Waitsburg Story Time

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Waitsburg American Legion (First Monday) Waitsburg Town Hall 6 p.m.



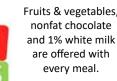
Waitsburg Senior Round Table Waitsburg Presbyterian Church 11:30 a.m. Join local seniors every

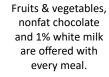
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Monday, 11

B - Scrambled Eggs & Bacon; L - Hamburger (cheese opt.), Tomato/Onion/Pickle, Fries Tuesday, 12

B - Biscuit & Gravy; L - Chicken Nuggets, Sweet Potato Tots

Wednesday, 13

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- B Breakfast pizza; L Strawhat

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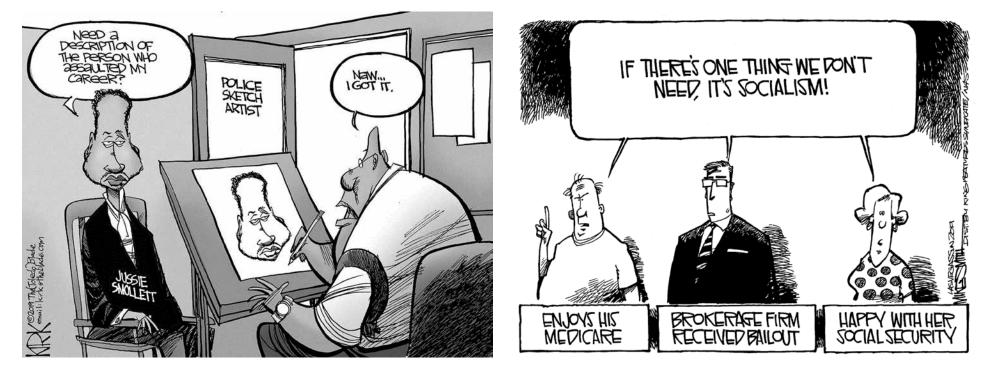
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# **COMMENTARY/NEWS**



# California Wildfires Spark Renewed Debate Over Underground Power Transmission Lines

By Don C. Brunell

November's Camp Wildfire was California's deadliest killing 86 people and destroying 14,000 homes along with more than 500 businesses. The financial fallout is forcing PG&E, northern California's electric utility, to seek Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection. It is a catastrophe we all hope to avoid.

The fire's probable cause was overhead power lines coming into contact with nearby trees which is an ongoing problem for powerlines attached to poles and metal towers. While we have located the ignition point, the problem is far greater than whether high-voltage powerlines should be above or below ground.

So why not require large transmission lines carrying power over mountains and prairies to be buried such as is done in major cities and newer housing and commercial developments?

Popular Science Magazine examined that alternative. Hurricane weary Florida residence wanted utilities to bury powerlines to avoid prolonged electrical outages. Ted Kury, a University of Florida researcher, found that in some places undergrounding would work, but it has other problems and carries a hefty price tag.

One key problem is finding ways to dissipate the heat generated when large amounts of electricity is transmitted from generators to customers; some of which are hundreds of miles apart.

"That's why utilities wrapped their underground wires in plastic and surround them with a conduit like oil to trial facilities tens of thousands of dollars—and outages often last much longer. In the case of semi-conductor fabrication in Portland-Vancouver metro area, even minor power outages harm production.

"In specialized industries like museums, a power outage can mean the difference between a safe, stable climate for art and an environment that starts to quickly degrade priceless artifacts. And as we've witnessed in the aftermath of Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico, damaged grids can claim human lives," Popular Science's Eleanor Cummins wrote last June.

Ultimately, neither system can protect power in every situation. "During Hurricane Sandy, which slammed into the northeast in 2012, underground electrical equipment flooded and aboveground utility poles were downed. It is nearly impossible to protect the electricity grid from damage,"Kury added.

The central issue is minimizing risk and rapid response. New technology helps.

For example, Dr. Edmund Schweitzer developed a system to quickly pinpoint transmission line failures and instantly route electricity around the problem. Today, SEL, Inc., is a world-leader in power technology and its Pullman manufacturing facility employs 5,000 people.

Many utilities now use drones to monitor remote powerlines and send crews to remote hazards which could drop power poles and powerlines.

The point is there are no magic remedies when it comes to stringing powerline above or below ground. There are trade-offs and while people don't want to lose electricity,

# LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Can it be! 30 years flood again? They are predicting cold weather into mid-March. At that time of the year there will be no gradual warmup und the temperature will turn to the 70s overnight. The mountains are full of snow along with all the farmland, add a week of rain, a chinook in the mountains instant flood.

Are you prepared? Is the city prepared? Hope so!

Thirty years ago there were three breakouts on the Coppei. FEMA fixed two and I told them about the third above me, but they said they didn't have the money to fix it. Water has a way of finding weak or low spots, and at the end of the last flood it broke through the bank above me. A small stream came down the middle of the flat aimed at the first turn of the race track.

The last flood washed my bridge out. It was 30 feet wide and 10 feet tall which the Coppei filled to overflowing. A full creek will find that low spot and break out to the middle of the flat, heading toward the fairgrounds and eastern Waitsburg. Thirty years of trees falling into the Coppei, one will surely lodge in that low spot (remnants of an old branch pile still remain) and a 30 feet x 10 feet wall of water will be heading towards town.

I don't mean to be an alarmist. I just want you to keep a close watch on the Coppei. Be Safe!

keep things from overheating," Kury wrote.

Trenching can be disruptive particularly in urban areas. Streets and highways are often closed during construction causing traffic jams. To remedy that, some contractors resort to direction drilling and installing pipe which then houses powerlines.

Kury found that a major obstacle is cost. For example, in North Carolina researchers calculated over 25-years burying the state's entire transmission network would raise the price of electricity by 125 percent. In Washington, D.C., the added cost is over \$1 billion which ratepayers will absorb in their monthly electric bills.

Proponents will argue that the cost of the corresponding outages are immense. Numerous analyses show even a one hour power outage can cost commercial and indus-



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Recovering from the catastrophic western wildfires of recent years, is expensive and painful. It is prompting researchers to not only re-examine electricity transmission, but how we manage our forests and rangelands.

Hopefully, collectively we realize there are no instant or magic solutions and resolve differences.

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

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# Letters Welcome

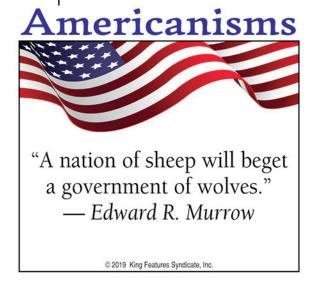
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Terry Hofer, Waitsburg

PS. Does the city have an alert system? Noon whistle, group with a bull horn to alert homes, shelter, someone to watch the river movements? I know you will say "it won't happen." WHAT IF IT DOES?





# **NEWS** The Percherons of Prescott

*AJ Carriages has grown to capture downtown Walla Walla business* 

## By Rob Holtzinger | THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA - Eight years ago, Jim and Amy Fenley, of Prescott, had the vision to fill a need in the wedding industry by offering horse and carriage services. The couple, married for fifteen years, share a love of horses.

"Everyone thinks girls love the horses so much, but when Jim and I met he had two horses and I had one" Amy said.

Their ten-acre farm is busy with eight horses and two miniature ponies.

The Times arrived at the Prescott ranch last weekend, to find Jim and Amy working with their team. The visit revealed an obvious love for their three draft horses and a strong willingness to provide a great experience for their customers.

As opportunities grew in the active summer months in Walla Walla, the couple began taking their team downtown on the weekends to "panhandle" as Jim put it. Providing taxi-on-demand in the most elegant manner; a time- honored tradition that is still greatly appreciated in major cities.

AJ Carriages also enjoys providing transportation for the Walla Walla Historic Homes tour.

"There's a lot of history in those older homes in Walla Walla. We enjoy getting to be a part of it," Fenley said. "We meet interesting people from all over the country."

Waitsburg's Pioneer Fall Festival the Fall Festival in Dayton provide more opportunities for the horses to display their talent and beauty. Local groups cover the cost making the rides free to the public.

The team has also been working the Pendleton Round-Up Parade and sometimes serves in military funeral services.

"The horses do great in public. They enjoy doing what they do, and like the people," Jim said.

The first Percheron the couple purchased was Maddock. The premier pure-bred white Percheron male was part of a team being sold to a buyer from British Columbia.

The buyer wanted a full team that measured eighteen hands tall or taller. Maddock stands at seventeen-and-a-half and was cut from the team and from the transaction.

He became available for sale and the Prescott couple made the leap to a draft horse. Jim feels fortunate







that they ended up with the one cut from the team.

"We talked to a guy who knows that other team well and he swears we got the best one of the three," Jim said.

Maddock displays typical Percheron demeanor friendly, intelligent and willing to work. At age fourteen, he is very much in his prime. Likely to live into his thirties, he will probably retire in his mid to late twenties.

Ned and Jed are black 13-year-old half-brothers. They are not pure of breed, but match Maddock for friendliness, intelligence and workability. The two are nearly identical except that Jed has one white rear hoof and one black, with some white on the shoulder. Top left: Maddock, Jim and Amy Fenley's first Percheron, leans low to give a kiss to young Arianna Biagi, on a visit to the Fenley's Prescott ranch last weekend. Above: Amy Fenley heads out to work with 13-yearold half-brothers, Jed and Ned. The horses can be found giving carriage rides in downtown Walla Walla

**Courtesy Photo** 

Maddock takes guests on a ride through Walla Walla.

and making appearances at local events.

Ned and Jed are slightly less in stature than Maddock, at about sixteen-and-a-half hands tall and weighing about sixteen-hundred pounds each.

The Percherons originally hail from western France and were bred for work as well as wartime. In the fields, these horses can go in places and elements that some tractors cannot. T

he largest population of Percherons in the world is in the United States. They are valued as working horses and sell from \$1,000 to \$10,000. Their average height it sixteen-and-a-half hands tall and they can weigh as much as 2,000 pounds, equal to that of an average Clydesdale.

Learn more about AJ Carriages of Walla Walla on Facebook.

# WAITSBURG CITY COUNCIL UPDATE FEBRUARY 20, 2019

K.C. Kuykendall, Terry Jacoy, Kevin House, Mayor Marty Dunn, Jim Romine and Kate Hockersmith were all present. be organized.

Unfinished Business:\
Discussion on possible changes to the City Charter regarding the election process. With elections in April, any changes would need to occur next

Sheriff's Office has busy week

*Two men stranded for six days* 

**Public Comment** 

- Commercial Club President Joy Smith said the Commercial Club has purchased some wayfinding banners to point out sites of significance.
- Jim Davison thanked the City crew for doing such a good job on keeping the sidewalks cleared.
- Justin Stegall provided an update on the Park and Rec Board. The three-year-plan has been drafted and will be reviewed and refined over the next few months. The draft includes review and listing of potential park assets, areas of responsibility for board and members, a brief history to date and outlines future tasks.
- Pam and Dave Chapman complained that numerous calls to the city and city crew manager have gone unanswered in response to charges they feel are unfair regarding sewer line installation. Mayor Dunn requested a meeting with the Chapmans, himself and the city manager.

### **New Business**

- Council approved a special use permit to the Society for Creative Anachronism (Middle Ages reenactment group) for camping in Preston Park on May 3-5 for the Canton's annual Newcomer's Encampment.
- Reviewed an updated interlocal agreement with Walla Walla County Sheriff's Office at \$80,000 for 2019 coverage. The new agreement is similar to past agreements but drops coverage hours slightly from 29.36 hours/week to 25 hours/ week. City Attorney Jared Hawkins noted that quarterly reports historically show that service has always exceeded the contracted hours. Kuykendall asked for clarification in the contract on what civil ordinances would and would not be enforced and noted some discrepancies in sections. Noted issues will be addressed and the agreement will return next month for approval.
- Approved legal services agreement with Hawkins Law Office with a slight increase of \$5/hour for hourly staff rates.
- Approved payment #1 of \$25,710 for Taggart Road Extension Project. Neighboring property owners in attendance expressed frustration and not being aware of what is involved with the plans. Kuykendall requested an on-site workshop with all involved neighbors to offer input or concerns. Mayor Dunn asked for a meeting to

year.

• City Administrator Randy Hinchliffe provided previously requested details on the Taggart Road intersection design. Council approved the design.

### Mayor Report: None Council Reports

- Romine: Emergency management will meet with the Corps. Of Engineers to go over plans.
- Hockersmith: Almost done updating flood phone list. Randy Charles is on the Emergency Preparedness Committee and joined Kate in attending the District #2 fire meeting. Matt Spring will serve as a liaison between the fire department and Emergency Preparedness. The urban forestry group is planning to give elementary school kids trees for Arbor Day.

### **City Clerk Report**

- The City should get some funds from the Complete Streets program to be used for sidewalks.
- The State will purchase three solar-powered speed signs to be placed at each entrance to the City.
- An application has been submitted to the State Military Department for an emergency generator and grant funding looks positive.
- Brian Schwer resigned from the City Crew and a replacement is needed.
- Election dates are rapidly approaching.
- The State Department of Health will perform a sanitary survey on the water system.
- The City is working with the architects that did the Downtown Streetscape Project for a downtown pocket park. The quote was \$200,000, which Hinchliffe said could probably completed for much less. The largest expense is the bathroom.
- Discussed possible purchase of a backer truck located in Ravensdale. Hinchliffe will try to look at it before the March council meeting.
- The new water treatment plant press was set to arrive last month.
- The City is trying to get a direct appropriation from the State for the installation of water line in the Taggart Road area.
- The City will let the school alter one of the ball fields to meet current sports needs.

# in the Rainwater District.

## By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—The Columbia County Sheriff's Office had a busy week last week.

"We've been putting in a lot of overtime," said Civil Deputy Tim Quigg speaking at last week's Citizen's Academy.

Quigg said there were ten arrests made last week, primarily due to Deputy Foxe's diligence.

He said all the arrests stemmed from ongoing investigations. Three burglary cases, two motor vehicle theft cases, one criminal trespass, two outstanding warrants, four theft cases, two malicious mischief cases and one drug possession case were cleared, paving the way to clear two more outstanding burglary cases, Quigg said.

Sheriff Joe Helm said two men stranded in a cabin in the Rainwater District for six days were found safe and sound on Friday.

"We were able to locate them, and ensure their safety," he reported.

On Feb. 28, Michael Hennessey of Kennewick called 911 to report his father, Joseph Hennessey, and another man missing, when they failed to return home from a Feb. 24 trip to the cabin.

Columbia County Search and Rescue was called to look for them and they were located at the cabin on Mar. 1, Helm said.

Helm said that after their truck got stuck in snow at the Rainwater gate, the men hiked three or four miles to the cabin in snow that was waist-high in places.

Helm would like to thank Kyle's Towing, specifically Jesse Page, and Kyle Anderson, for playing an integral part in the rescue. He also thanked Garfield County community members and the Washington State Patrol for their willingness to assist in the search.

# **NEWS**



**Courtesy Photo** A fundraising dinner and raffle is planned for March 22 in Dayton, to help raise money for Danica and Michael Gatlin while their youngest child, Chayton, undergoes cancer treatment. (L to r) Mason, Danica, Ava, Michael, Chayton.

# **GATLIN FAMILY FUNDRAISER** PLANNED FOR MARCH 22

The young family will spend most of the year walking their toddler *through cancer* treatment

## **By Dena Martin** THE TIMES

DAYTON – Michael and Danica Gatlin are still reeling after being blindsided by one those curveballs that life can lob out of nowhere.

The parents were originally told their almost two-year-old, Chayton, was suffering from a swollen gland. When it hadn't subsided after four weeks, they took the toddler to the emergency room on Jan. 23. The response was not what they expected.

Doctors immediately performed scans and, two hours later, Danica and Chayton were LifeFlighted to Seattle where Chayton received more tests, including a spinal lumbar tap. The next day, he was officially diagnosed with Rhabdomyosarcoma, a cancer of the soft and connective tissue. "It also affects the bone marrow, so they had to biopsy that, too. It was a lot, but he was tough through it all. He was running around by the second day and wavered.The hasn't first week was tough will all the scans, being

all the people. But he's snapped back to his regular personality," Danica said.

Chayton will require a total of 43 weeks of treatment. He and Danica are currently staying at the Ronald McDonald House in Spokane where they visit Sacred Heart Children's Hospital one or two times each week for treatment.

"We have to stay within an hour of the hospital in case Chayton gets a fever. We have to get him on IV antibiotics immediately if that happens," Danica said.

Chayton will return to Seattle in May and June for radiation and doctors should know if surgery is a possibility by the end of March or early April, Danica said.

Michael and Danica both grew up in Dayton and graduated from Dayton High School in 2012. The young couple began dating as sophomores and have three children together: Mason, age 4; Ava, who turned five on March 5, for all the community and Chayton who turns two on March 31. The worst part is wanting to couple purchased their first home in November. Danica is staying with Chayton in Spokane while Michael, who works at Hanford, continues to work and travels to Spokane on the weekend. Family and friends are pitching in to help with childcare. be made to the acthankful for her aunt at Home Street Bank in who set up a Gofundme account (which

in a strange place, and has since been closed) that brought in enough money to cover their mortgage for the next four months.

Family friends have organized a benefit dinner to help raise funds for food, travel and living expenses.

A "Help Chayton Kick Cancer" benefit dinner will be held on Fri., March 22 from 5-7 p.m. at the Dayton Elementary School multipurpose room. Dinner will be pulled pork sandwiches, baked beans, coleslaw and a brownie at \$10/ ticket.

The band T&T, with members Dr. Kyle Terry and Tom Anderson, will provide entertainment. Ticket price includes door prize drawings for donations from businesses in Dayton, Waitsburg and Prescott.

There will also be a 50/50 raffle. Tickets may be purchased at Waitsburg Grocery, the Dayton Public Health Department or by calling (509) 629-1656.

"We are so grateful help and support. The

# Waitsburg welcomes three new teachers

# By Dena Martin | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG - Several new faces joined the ranks of the teaching staff at Waitsburg Elementary School and Preston Hall Middle School this year. With the school year well underway, The Times checked in to introduce them to the community and find out about their experience in Waitsburg, so far.

**Shelby Pomerinke** Shelby Pomerinke is Waitsburg's

new music teacher, replacing Brad Green who retired after 22 years in the role. Pomerinke teaches PreK-4th grade general music and 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade band. Depending on scheduling, she will teach high school band and possibly choir next year.

Pomerinke grew up and graduated high school in Goldendale, Wash. The attended Whitworth University where she earned a bachelor's in Music Education with a focus on Instrumental Music. Last year was her first year teaching K-5 elementary music in Federal Way, Wash.

Pomerinke said she knew she wanted to teach, as a sophomore in high school, when she realized she could be the person to foster a love for music in others.

"When my favorite teacher was

asked why she was teaching, she replied, 'I'm teaching because it is how I chose to change the world,' which had a powerful impact on my decision to pursue education," Pomerinke said.

Former school board member Russ Knopp contacted Pomerinke about the job opening in Waitsburg after learning about her through her in-laws, which he attends church with in Walla Walla.

"This has been a really valuable learning experience. I have gained so much from my students and colleagues! I'm so glad I'm here," Pomerinke said, when asked about her experience in Waitsburg.

In her last positions, she said she taught about 500 K-5 students in 10-11 classes a day, which was exhausting.

"My schedule feels so much better in this position, and with less students, I get to know each of them so much better than I was able to last year. I know that as time goes by, I will only get to know my students better, as I get to see my elementary kids in middle and high school as well!" she said.

'This job has a wider age-range to work with, and therefore more concerts and events to plan for than my previous job," she added.

Pomerinke said the best part of her job is the kids.

"I know every teacher says that, but truly, watching and listening to the kids enjoy themselves making music fills my heart. Those moments where a kid grows from not wanting to be in music, to being excited for the next class bring me so much joy. Also, their growth as people! Seeing them say and do kind things for others and not give up on themselves makes this gig feel worth it," she said.

When it comes to challenges, Pomerinke said that planning for and creating management routines for such a wide age range and planning musical events has been her biggest hurdle but says she welcomes the challenges that she knows will make her a better teacher.

"The junior high band is going to Festival in a couple weeks, where we will combine with Dayton, play our songs for some judges, and receive feedback on how to improve as musicians. We will also be having a Spring Concert on May 13th, and the junior high band will be combining with Dayton's junior high band for their Spring Concert on May 30th. I'm really excited for the combo - the kids



Shelby Pomerinke

go home and not being able to. Chayton is such a trooper. He keeps us all strong. His last treatment will be the last weekend before Thanksgiving. I know we will be thankful for some family time," Danica said.

Donations can also Danica said she is count of Danica Gatlin Dayton.

will get to experience being in almost a full-sized concert band!" she said.

Pomerinke makes her home in Walla Walla where she lives with her husband, Doug, and cat, Nova. In her free time she enjoys spending time with her cat, playing video games and binging on Netflix.

Tabitha Jadin

Third grade teacher Tabitha Jadin said she grew up forcing her little brother to play school with her, but never really revisited the idea of being a teacher until after she graduated high school.

"I realized how much I care about kids and how amazing it would be to be in a profession where I get to work with them and watch them grow every day.

Jadin grew up and gradated in Duvall, Wash. She attended Central Washington University where she earned her bachelor's in Early Childhood Education with a minor in Literacy. She previously taught kindergarten at Roy Elementary School in the Bethel School Dis-



trict. "It was such а

Tabitha Jadin

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# 3rd Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Silent Auction Fundraiser Sunday, March 17 Waitsburg Town Hall Doors open at 3:30 p.m Donations \$15 per person All proceeds benefit Waitsburg Town Hall's operations and maintenance Tickets available until one week prior from Danielle Carpenter, Jim Davison, Ron Griffen, Karl Newell, Jim Romine, Ron Standring, Walt Gobel

# NEWS BRIEF

# **4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL COMEDY NIGHT FUNDRAISER**

WALLA WALLA – The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Comedy Night, to benefit the Moms' Network of Walla Walla, will take place at the Gesa Power House Theatre on Sat., March 9 at 7 p.m. VIP tickets are \$45 and reserved seating is \$25.

The night will open with a Lip Sync Sing-Off followed by the comedy of Emily Richman. Richman is a comedian, actor and director, a public speaker and an ordained minster.

Her comedy takes her experience as a woman living in a fat body, being single, online dating, and some of life's more difficult experiences, like medical emergencies or losing a loved one.

Funds help support the Moms' Network of Walla Walla, a nonprofit serving the Walla Walla Valley that provides programming from family-friendly events, ladies' nights outs, parenting education, play dates and more. Learn more at phtww.com.

# The Times

# **NEWS**



# New Village Shoppes operator feels at home in Dayton

Rori Budden welcomes new vendors and craft persons

## By Vicki Zoller | THE TIMES

DAYTON – A bright winter sun pours through the broad windows of the Village Shoppes on Main Street in Dayton, illuminating the varied and unique items that fill the interior. Proprietress Rori Budden is preparing to open for the day and moves with efficiency and thoughtfulness as she rearranges merchandise displays.

Budden has a wide-ranging work background, including experience in retail, and she is using that know-how to construct an inviting space where browsers can easily see all the eclectic goods that surround her. She has created a central work station where she can easily keep an eye on consignment and vendor spaces and make sure that they are looking tip-top and eye-catching. It is from there that she can greet incoming customers, chat with friends that pop in and develop plans for the future of the Shoppes.

Becoming the shopkeeper of an antique, crafts, and artisan store was a long time in the making. Budden first drove through Dayton while on a hunting/fishing trip in 2009. She was immediately struck by the quaint and inviting feel of the town and wanted to find a way to one day move here away from the hustle on the west side of the state. When life-changing events occurred, including a divorce, she used her experience working in parks departments to snag a job at Camp Wooten.

In 2016, she spent her first winter in the area living at Camp Wooten and eventually purchased a home in Dayton. When her father, Jan Budden, an antiques picker and seller, and his girlfriend, Laura Keith, came to visit in October of 2018, they too felt the attraction of this town.

Keith was looking for a good investment property and she and Jan popped into the Village Shoppes, which was for sale, to see if it would be a good fit. By November of 2018 the sale was closed, and they were the proud new owners.

Park work slows down in wintertime and Jan asked Budden if she wanted to manage the store for them for the rest of the winter. Budden figured it would keep her busy and she could help her dad out. It wasn't long before Jan and Keith realized they wanted to keep traveling and asked Budden if she could simply take over the business for them.

Since the sale of the Shoppes, there have been some noticeable changes inside. It is more streamlined with an open-concept feel. Many of the previous vendors have stuck around and Budden has added more consignment items to the shelves, nooks, and crannies. She hopes to develop new relationships with vendors, artists and Her goal, she says, is to "Bring in more fun treasures from fabulous vendors". And she can always count on her dad to procure interesting items like the bold, red 'FASHIONS' sign that sits in the front window.

Budden has many ideas for the Shoppes including featuring and selling locally made items that reflect Dayton, having active spaces for artist workshops and classes, and perhaps opening a small café or coffee shop in the back. She sees the building as a living thing and her job is to breathe new life into the space.

A quick tour around the Shoppes leads one to discover all kinds of fascinating items. Vintage hats, bobbles and jewelry, old dolls and puppets all sit alongside new works by local artists and crafts people.

It's a clever place run by a clever woman who cares about small town life. Budden is an avid gardener and artist. She grew up on and around farms which led to volunteering with 4-H and other youth groups. She said she hopes to be able to do that here in Dayton as well. Her patchwork past took her many places and to many different jobs but it is here that she feels at home. There are treasures to be found inside the Shoppes and Budden is one of them.

Winter hours for the Village Shoppes are Thursday through Saturday 10:30am to 5:30 and Sunday and Monday 11am to 4pm. She is also available to meet clients or potential vendors or consignment sellers by appointment and can be reach at (509) 382-9152.



SECTION

Photos by Vicki Zoller

Clockwise from top left:

New Village Shoppes manager Rori Budden grabs passersby attention with the large "fashions" sign displayed in the shop window. The sign was procured by her father, Jan Budden, who owns the business with his girlfriend, Laura Keith.

Vintage hats like these are just a few of the many new, used, antique, and crafted goods available at Village Shoppes.

An appealing display of colorful kitchen goods adds a homey feel to the store. Budden has steamlined the store to feel more open, but keeps all the nooks and crannies filled with unique treasures.

craftspeople as well as foster the relationships with the long-time sellers that are a mainstay of the Shoppes.

# **TEACHERS - CONTINUED FROM LEFT**

great experience and I learned so much!" she said.

Jadin began substitute teaching in the area after moving to Dayton with her husband of five years and their three-year-old identical twin boys. She then applied for a full-time position in Waitsburg.

"I spent some time substitute teaching in Waitsburg and instantly felt at home. The teachers and staff were so welcoming and supportive of one another, and the school environment was centered around building relationships with students," she said.

Jadin says the year has been challenging so far but says she loves her class and her teaching team.

"It has been a year of growth for me as a teacher and an individual and I have seen my students grow so much as well. I can't wait to see how that continues," she said.

"Teaching third grade has been quite a change from teaching kindergarten, but I love both grades for many different reasons. One thing I truly appreciate about my third graders is that they have such a great sense of humor. We make each other laugh every day!" she added.

Jadin said there is something different every day that makes her appreciate what she does.

"Sometimes it is seeing a light bulb come on as one of my students masters a challenging concept. Other days it's when I see my students showing compassion and support for one another," she said.

When it comes to challenges Jadin said she has had to accept that she will not get everything perfect every day.

"I want only the best for my students, but the reality is that my classroom will not always be organized, my lessons my not go as planned, or we might not get to do every experience that I would like us to. I am learning, however, that at the end of the day, if my students know that they are loved and that they are capable, it has been a successful day," she said.

### **Heather Ball**

Heather Ball is local to the area, having grown up in Walla Walla. She graduated from Wa-Hi and earned her bachelor's in elementary education, with a minor in psychology, from Eastern Washington University.

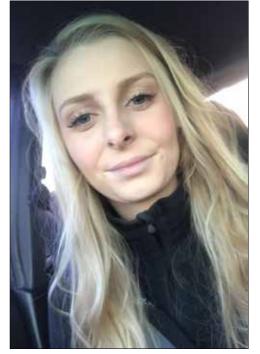
Ball assumed she would teach in Walla Walla, but when her boyfriend found work in Dayton, the couple moved there, and Ball decided she would substitute teach for a year. Instead, she applied for an opening in Waitsburg and was hired just before school started.

"I interviewed and they called me the next day to teach. It was two weeks before school started," she said. "I'd never had my own classroom before, and it was my first job. It was pretty stressful, but it worked out perfectly." Ball teaches  $6^{th}$  and  $8^{th}$  grade social studies,  $7^{th}$  and  $8^{th}$  grade English and a  $7^{th}/8^{th}$  grade combo enrichment class.

She was originally pursuing a degree in psychology, but when a professor shared his thoughts on the likelihood (or lack thereof) of getting accepted into a master's program and finding a job after, she began exploring other options. Ball said she realized she could help kids and make a positive impact as a teacher instead of a counselor.

"I knew I wanted to work with the middle school adolescent age. I like the growth at that stage. They are going through an identity crisis and trying to figure out who they are. I think that's the most crucial point to shape someone into being the adult they are going to be," she said.

"It wasn't planned, but it worked out perfectly. I get to motivate kids and help them get their legs under them



Heather Ball

and they can hopefully turn the path around if they're teetering," she added. Ball said that the best part of her job is the diversity.

"I never have a boring day, ever. Whether good, or bad, it's never boring. I always have a story to go home with," she said.

"I really enjoy the times we get to be out of the classroom in a non-educational setting and we can bond. They are all such great kids. Even the ones who give me trouble in the classroom are completely different kids outside the classroom," Ball said.

She said the most challenging part of her position are the emotional highs and lows.

"When I'm not able to make that connection, it breaks my heart and I feel like I'm failing," she said.

Ball lives with her boyfriend and six-month old German Wirehaired Border Collie in Dayton.

# **SPORTS**

# SPRING SPORTS FACE OFF AGAINST MOTHER NATURE IN DAYTON-WAITSBURG

Softball and baseball are on track, golf and track may face schedule adjustments

## By Rob Holtzinger | THE TIMES

DAYTON/WAITSBURG – Typically, in early March, people associated with Spring sports find themselves either complaining about, or at the very least, verbally expressing their desire for warmer spring weather. But this year is more extreme than usual.

Thus far, practices have been held in the indoor temperatures of gyms and multi-purpose rooms. Track and softball facilities at Dayton High School, the baseball facility in Waitsburg and the Touchet Valley Golf Course are still covered by 6-8 inches of snow.

"We are utilizing indoor facilities while we await warmer weather and snow melt," said Dayton Athletic Director Nikki Luper.

"We are in our second year as an athletic co-op, so there's still a learning curve scheduling buses and all the logistical matters, but we are getting better," she added."

Schedule-wise, plans remain relatively intact following the powerful snowstorms of late February. Baseball and softball remain on schedule for their season openers. Updates may have to be made for golf and track at later dates

"Players need at least ten days of practice to be eligible for season opening games. So far we are on a healthy pace," Luper said.

## Baseball

Head Baseball Coach Johnny Watts begins his second year at the helm and welcomes twelve players to this 2019 roster. Fundamental drills have been occurring since Wednesday February 27th in the gym at Waitsburg High.

"A few more kids would be nice, but all twelve want to play, and we'll take that every time," said the Skipper. Watts is assisted by Blaine Bell.

Opening day for the team is March 19, in Waitsburg, for a doubleheader hosting Riverside (Wa) at 3 p.m.

## Golf

The golf schedule does face some urgency with weather. The squad is coached by Mike McGahn, and the opening match is schedule for Tues., March 13 in Milton-Freewater. Thus far, swinging clubs, putting in the high school commons, and working on physical conditioning make up the practice routine.

"We are returning most of our golf team, although we are still quite young. Many were first-year golfers last year," said Mcgahn, who begins his fifteenth season as Head Coach.

Senior Logan Literal, juniors Kiya McCaw and Mckellyn Bradham return, as do Sophomores Ashton Phinney, Eli Talbott, Lexie Draper and Samantha Davis. Junior Seamus House joins the team as a first-year player.

Previews of the 2019 Dayton-Waitsburg softball and track teams will be in the March 14 issue of The Times. Below is the season schedule for softball. Shane Robins is the Head Coach and his assistant is Josh Wilson.

## **Baseball schedule**

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# **Seasons on the River**

### A column by Rob Holtzinger

The pair of August days Billy and I had waded the Touchet River in old tennis shoes, starting by the baseball-softball fields of Dayton High School and exiting the stream just before the Main Street bridge, seems more like a couple months passed, than the half year of days gone by.

Fond of walking down the gravel bar in the middle of the river, ankle deep, Billy, my twelve-year-old son and I, cast to the deeper water, ironically right off the bank, holes swirl two to three feet deep, shaded by trees and shrubbery that provide cooling for the rainbow trout holding and feeding in these pools.

Every few minutes, catching and releasing 6 to 9-inch rainbows. I enjoyed and appreciated the scene as my son was challenged with his youth and inexperience yet managed to hook and land a couple. Not too easy; not impossible! The shallow water running over the bar covered our ankles providing a cool contrast to the sun beating on us with its seventy-eight-degree strength. An almost euphoric blend of temperature sensations gave way to sweat just about the time we pulled our feet out of the water just before reaching the Dayton Main Street Bridge. Catching and releasing those rainbows, while obeying regulation and rules listed in the Washington Fish and



The banks of the Touchet River make for frigid February fishing as attested to by

sneeze-causing six months prior.

I was excited. Some good holes were accessible, and I was alone on the river. I would not ask Billy on this trip as only the experience of an older fisherman could muster the motivation and skill needed in such conditions. Or so, I foolishly thought.

As I hit the first tailwater that I thought I could cast and make a decent presentation, I noticed the eyelets on my fishing rod had already iced up. Ah, one of the realities of wintertime angling, I thought to myself.

Once breaking free, I sent the initial cast right into some tree limbs overhanging the stream. Drat! I was fishing with a single barbless hook spinner that was now being strangled to death by multiple branches and limbs.

hours on the banks, Holtzinger reluctantly opted to wait for warmer weather.

Wildlife pamphlet has been fun and dependable. We typically finish the stretch in anywhere from one-and-ahalf to three hours, depending on how much time we choose to spend. Sometimes, we work the stretch twice, fishing it harder, with more information, the second time through.

Braving the Touchet River banks and stream are quite different in February than the Norman Rockwellian days Billy and I are accustomed to in July and August.

I knew I had set a lofty goal to catch at least one steelhead before the day

was over. I would fish inside the city limits of Waitsburg, having only previously fished that stretch in the summer. Twenty-eight degrees replaced seventy-eight of summer, and the warm breeze complementing the cool water was now a frosty seven- to eight-milean-hour gust that occasionally skiffed off a layer of powder snow from deep drifts, slapping my rashed cheeks.

Instead of working through small puddles on river's edge, my hip boots were cracking and breaking ice. Weeds were frosted and downtrodden where they had been tall, green and Another announcement by the river and its season. In the summer, I would have cooled down a little and gone thigh-high to reach up and free my five-dollar lure. But on that February day, the risk was higher, and so was the water.

I once fell into the Tucannon on a cold day. Water rushing over my hip waders, soaked, and a mile from my car, in seventeen degrees, I began my brisk walk. Needless to say, never again! No, I would eat the cost of that brandnew spinner and quickly tie on another.

I prefer chasing these ocean returning rainbows with a spinner. The reasons are short and simple. I like to fish on the move and stay moving. Even more so during the winter

steelhead run.

I find one can easily over-fish a hole. I've been guilty of the offense many times, I'm sure. Steelhead tend to strike quickly, protecting more than feeding, and thus, with empty hands with a couple extra spinners in vest, many holes can be reached.

Cast after cast, no bites or signs of steelies. The water was swift and a bit muddy, perhaps the conditions were the reason. The extended time it took to break off and re-tie spinners did not help. Nor did the iced-up fishing rod eyelets.

In the end, I realized this goal would having to be achieved on a different day. Perhaps a little warmer, better casting, more fishing with Billy nearby.



# **SPORTS/NEWS**

# MODERN BASEBALL STATISTICS (PART FOUR – ULTIMATE ZONE RATING)

## A column by Eric Umphrey

This is part four in a series of articles introducing the new statistics that baseball announcers are using in broadcasts. Today's statistic is Ultimate Zone Rating which is used to measure a players defensive skill. UZR only started being recorded in 2002 so we don't have data before then. This statistic is provided by a company called Sports Info Solutions. They actually hire people to watch every defensive play in baseball and give it a rating. It looks to pay fairly well as the average salary for this position is \$32,000 a year.



Before we had companies performing professional analysis all we had to go on for a player's defensive contribution was fielding percentage and errors. This left a lot to be desired since it told us nothing about a player's range in the infield or the outfield.

If a defender got a bad jump on the ball or was just slow, he rarely received an error on the play. Also, there was no account taken for how hard the ball was hit. A third baseman fielding a routine ground ball coming off the bat at 88 miles per hour was treated the same as a ball coming at 119 miles per hour.

Now that we have data being measured on each play and multiple people reviewing and scoring each play, we have a more informed idea on which players are good at defense. That said, it is still subjective and the numbers on individual players can vary significantly from year to year.

At a high level this is how plays are broken down into buckets and assigned values. Plays are judged to be bunts, ground balls, outfield line drives or outfield fly balls. The ball speed is then judged to be slow, medium or fast. The playing field is then broken up into zones and each zone is given a difficulty probability based on the type and the speed.

I'll walk through an example of how this works. Suppose a line drive is hit directly between the center fielder and right fielder. Each has an equal 50% chance at the ball but only a small, say 10%, chance to catch it. No one manages to catch it.

Let's say the average run value for the play is .82 runs. So .82 runs \* 10% catch rate = .082 runs / each fielder is a -.041 runs taken off of their rating since they both had an equal chance. Now had it been caught let's say by the right fielder then the calculation would look like this. So .82 runs \* 90% drop rate = .738 runs for the right fielder. The center fielder doesn't get penalized for not making the catch.

Here is a chart from Fangraphs with Mariners info added by me for context.

Rating	UZR	Player	UZR	Year
Gold Glove Caliber	+15	Franklin Gutierrez	31.0	2009
Great	+10	Brett Boone	10.0	2003
Above Average	+5	Ichiro	5.0	2005
Average	+0	Justin Smoak	0.7	2011
Below Average	-5	Richie Sexson	-4.8	2005
Poor	-10	Brett Boone	-9.7	2005
Awful	-15	Raul Ibanez	-20.3	2007

Here are the top six Mariners seasons for UZR.

<u>Player</u>	UZR	Year
Franklin Gutierrez	31.0	2009
Ichiro	21.1	2003
Ichiro	20.4	2004
Ichiro	20.3	2006
Mike Cameron	19.2	2003
Adrian Beltre	18.5	2006

Notice how Ichiro appears to have gone from gold glove caliber to just above



Community members turned out in force to support the Team RELAY American Cancer Society fundraiser last Friday. The event netted \$2575 for cancer research.

# Shamrock BINGO draws a crowd

# THE TIMES

WAITSBURG – Team RELAY's annual Shamrock BINGO fundraiser was a huge success this year, according to organizer Karen Huwe. One hundred fourteen people attended the event, up from 75 people last year. The event, along with do-

# MIDDLE SCHOOL SKI DAY

nations from team members and community businesses, raised \$2575 for cancer research.

"I think people wanted to support the American Cancer Society and TEAM relay, and to get out," Huwe said.

Northwest Business Ser-

**Sponsors included:** 

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Blaze King Puget Sound Energy Debra and Roland Erikson Kenna's Etched Glass Becky Huwe Laht Neppur Chief Springs Fire and Iron Brew Pub The Prescott Tuxedo Waitsburg McGregor's Team RELAY members

<image>

Photo by Lisa Morrow

Waitsburg middle school students enjoyed stellar ski conditions at Ski Bluewood during an enrichment day ski trip on Feb. 27. "It was so beautiful out, fresh powder, and the sun was shining. It was great to have fun with the kids," said middle school teacher Heather Ball.

# **COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD NOMINATIONS**

# THE TIMES

WAITSBURG – Waitsburg Commer-

employee of a business or government entity who gives value added to their job description. It is usually an employee who provides patrons of their employer great customer service; someone that is recognized and appreciated in a workspace. Last year, Justin Gleason, of Waitsburg Grocery was recognized. Nominations should be accompanied by a letter explaining why that person or entity deserves to be recognized. Nominations must be received by March 20, 2019. Nominations can be mailed to : Waitsburg Commercial Club, POB 451, Waitsburg 99361, emailed to waitsburgcc@icloud.com, or given to any executive board member. Past nominations that have not been previously selected are reconsidered each year.

average in 2005? Examples like this show how this statistic isn't perfected yet. There is work still to be done with this statistic, but it is much better than what we had before.



# VSP Offers Additional Funding for the Spring 2019 Columbia County Yellow Starthistle Cost Share Program

Through the Columbia County Voluntary Stewardship Program (VSP), an additional \$50,000 in cost share funding has been made available for the Spring 2019 Yellow Starthistle Progam. This additional funding has the potential to substantially increase the Weed Board's current per acre cost share amount.

Applications and program information including chemical and aerial rates are available online at columbia.wsu.edu/county-weed-board, via email at <u>columbiacountyweedboard@hotmail.com</u>, or you may drop by the Columbia County Weed Board office between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday. In addition to accepting new applications, if you have previosly submitted an application for the current year and would like to add additional acreage, you may do that as well.

Applications will be accepted until March 25, 2019.

Funding is available for privately owned lands only. A VSP Survey will need to be completed in order to be eligible for the additional funding. The completed survey must be submitted at the time you submit your application!

Columbia County Weed Board 509-382-9760

cial Club is seeking nominations for its Annual Community Service, Business of the Year, and Employee of the Year awards.

Community Service Awards are traditionally given to an individual who consistently volunteers and contributes to benefit the community without compensation. Last year's award went to B.A. Keve.

Business of the Year recognizes a business that has delivered a product and level of service that is community-based and exemplary. Last year's award was given to Laht Neppur Brewery.

Employee of the Year recognizes an



# **LEGALS/NEWS**

### NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Pursuant to the Revised Code of Washington 61.24, et seq.Trustee Sale No.: WA-18-838876-SH Title Order No.: 8743684 Reference Number of Deed of Trust: Instrument No. 2014-09095 Parcel Number(s): 8736 / 360721751507 Grantor(s) for Recording Purposes under RCW 65.04.015: ANDREA MEADOWS, A MARRIED WOMAN AS HER SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY Current Beneficiary of the Deed of Trust and Grantee (for Recording Purposes under RCW 65.04.015): Freedom Mortgage Corporation Current Trustee of the Deed of Trust: Quality Loan Service Corporation of Washington Current Loan Mortgage Servicer of the Deed of Trust: Freedom Mortgage I.NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Quality Loan Service Corp. of Washington, the undersigned Trustee, will on 3/15/2019, at 10:00 AM At main entrance Walla Walla county Courthouse, 315 W Main, Walla Walla, WA sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder, payable in the form of credit bid or cash bid in the form of cashier's check or certified checks from federally or State chartered banks, at the time of sale the following described real property, situated in the County of WALLA WALLA, State of Washington, to-wit: Beginning at a point on the East line of Lot 4 in Block 15 of the Amended Plat of Green's Annex to the City of Walla Walla, according to the official plat thereof. 50 feet Northerly. measured along said East line, from the Southeast corner of said Lot; thence Northerly along said East line 50 feet; thence Westerly, and parallel to the Northerly line of said Lot, 235.2 feet to the West line thereof; thence South along said West line to a point therein which is 50 feet North, measured along said West line, from the South line of said Lot; thence Easterly to THE POINT OF BEGINNING. Situated in the City and County of Walla Walla, State of Washington. . More commonly known as: 307 N BELLEVÚE AVE, WALLA WALLA. WA 99362-2172 which is subject to that certain Deed of Trust dated 12/9/2014, recorded 12/15/2014, under Instrument No. 2014-09095 records of WALLA WALLA County, Washington, from ANDREA MEADOWS, A MARRIED WOMAN AS HER SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY, as grantor(s), to I AND TITLE OF WALL WALLA COUNTY, INC., as original trustee, to secure an obligation in favor of MORT-GAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS. INC. ("MERS"), AS NOMINEE FOR ACADEMY MORTGAGE CORPORATION, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, as original beneficiary, the beneficial interest in which was subsequently assigned to Freedom Mortgage Corporation, the Beneficiary, under an assignment recorded under Auditors File Number 2018-07799 II. No action commenced by the Beneficiary of the Deed of Trust as referenced in RCW 61.21.030(4) is now pending to seek satisfaction of the obligation in any Court by reason of the Borrower's or Grantor's default on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust/Mortgage. III. The default(s) for which this foreclosure is made is/are as follows: Failure to pay when due the following amounts which are now in arrears: \$10.160.76. IV. The sum owing on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust is: The principal sum of \$126,667.96, together with interest as provided in the Note from 4/1/2018 on, and such other costs and fees as are provided by statute. V. The above-described real property will be sold to satisfy the expense of sale and the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust as provided by statute. Said sale will be made without warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances on 3/15/2019. The defaults referred to in Paragraph III must be cured by 3/4/2019 (11 days before the sale date), or by other date as permitted in the Note or Deed of Trust, to

cause a discontinuance of the sale. The sale will be discontinued and terminated if at any time before 3/4/2019 (11 days before the sale), or by other date as permitted in the Note or Deed of Trust, the default as set forth in Paragraph III is cured and the Trustee's fees and costs are paid. Payment must be in cash or with cashiers or certified checks from a State or federally chartered bank. The sale may be terminated any time after the 3/4/2019 (11 days before the sale date) and before the sale, by the Borrower or Grantor or the holder of any recorded junior lien or encumbrance by paying the principal and interest, plus costs, fees and advances, if any, made pursuant to the terms of the obligation and/or Deed of Trust, and curing all other defaults. VI. A written Notice of Default was transmitted by the Beneficiary or Trustee to the Borrower(s) and Grantor(s) by both first class and certified mail, proof of which is in the possession of the Trustee; and the Borrower and Grantor were personally served, if applicable, with said written Notice of Default or the written Notice of Default was posted in a conspicuous place on the real property described in Paragraph I above, and the Trustee has possession of proof of such service or posting. The list of recipients of the Notice of Default is listed within the Notice of Foreclosure provided to the Borrower(s) and Grantor(s). These requirements were completed as of 10/2/2018. VII. The Trustee whose name and address are set forth below will provide in writing to anyone requesting it, a statement of all costs and fees due at any time prior to the sale. VIII. The effect of the sale will be to deprive the Grantor and all those who hold by, through or under the Grantor of all their interest in the above-described property. IX. Anyone having any objections to this sale on any grounds whatsoever will be afforded an opportunity to be heard as to those objections if they bring a lawsuit to restrain the sale pursuant to RCW 61.24.130. Failure to bring such a lawsuit may result in a waiver of any proper grounds for invalidating the Trustee's sale X NOTICE TO OCCUPANTS OR TENANTS - The purchaser at the Trustee's Sale is entitled to possession of the property on the 20th day following the sale, as against the Grantor under the deed of trust (the owner) and anyone having an interest junior to the deed of trust, including occupants who are not tenants. After the 20th day following the sale the purchaser has the right to evict occupants who are not tenants by summary proceedings under Chapter 59.12 RCW. For tenant-occupied property, the purchaser shall provide a tenant with written notice in accordance with RCW 61.24.060. THIS NOTICE IS THE FINAL STEP BEFORE THE FORECLOSURE SALE OF YOUR HOME. You have only 20 DAYS from the recording date of this notice to pursue mediation. DO NOT DELAY. CONTACT A HOUS-ING COUNSELOR OR AN ATTORNEY LICENSED IN WASHINGTON NOW to assess your situation and refer you to mediation if you are eligible and it may help you save your home. See below for safe sources of help. SEEKING ASSISTANCE Housing counselors and legal assistance may be available at little or no cost to you. If you would like assistance in determining your rights and opportunities to keep your house, you may contact the following: The statewide foreclosure hotline for assistance and referral to housing counselors recommended by the Housing Finance Commission: Toll-free: 1-877-894-HOME (1-877-894-4663) or Web site: http://www. dfi.wa.gov/consumers/ homeownership/post purchase counselors foreclosure.htm The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development: Toll-free: 1-800-569-4287 or National Web Site: http://portal.hud.gov/ hudportal/HUD or for Local counseling agencies in Washington: http://www.hud. gov/offices/hsg/sfh/hcc/fc/ index.cfm?webListAction=search&searchstate=WA&filterSvc=dfc The statewide civil legal aid hotline for assistance and referrals to other housing counselors and attorneys: Telephone: 1-800-606-4819 or Web site: http://nwjustice.org/ what-clear Additional information provided by the Trustee: If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the noteholders rights against the real property only. The Trustee's Sale Number is WA-18-838876-SH. Dated: 11/8/2018 Quality Loan Service Corp. of Washington, as Trustee By: Maria Montana, Assistant Secretary Trustee's Mailing Address: Quality Loan Service Corp. of Washington 2763 Camino Del Rio South, San Diego, CA 92108 Trustee's Physical Address: Quality Loan Service Corp. of Washington 108 1st Ave South, Suite 202, Seattle, WA 98104 For questions call toll-free: (866) 925-0241 Trustee Sale Number: WA-18-838876-SH Sale Line: 877-518-5700 or Login to: http://wa.qualityloan.com IDSPub #0147234 2/14/2019 3/7/2019

The Times Feb. 14, March 7, 2019 2-14-a

### Public Notice:

The Walla Walla County Conservation District is seeking applicants for an opening on its Board of Supervisors. This opening is for one of two positions on the board appointed by the Washington Conservation Commission. A district supervisor is a public official who serves without compensation and sets policy and direction for the District. An applicant must be a registered voter in Washington State and may be required to own land or operate a farm. Applicants for appointed positions do not have to live within the district to apply. If you need more information please contact the Walla Walla **County Conservation District** or go to the Conservation Commission website to apply:http://www.formstack.com/ forms/?1918463-JfwJs6JKCL Applications and supporting materials must be received by the Commission no later than March 31st, 2019. The Times

Feb. 28, March 7, 2019 2-28-a

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASH-

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

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA NO: 19-4-00044-36 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS RCW 11.40.030 In re the Estate of: LAUREL J. HELM,

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 PUBLICA-

TION: March 7, 2019. Jeffrey D. Helm Personal Representative Attorney for Personal Representative: Jeremy Hyndman, WSBA #44320 Basalt Legal, PLLC 6½ N. Second Avenue, Suite 200 Walla Walla, WA 99362 509-529-0630 The Times

### File No. CUP18-006 SEPA18-014 NOTICE OF REVISED APPLI-CATION / ODNS

March 7, 14, 21, 2019

3-7-b

Notice is hereby given on this date, 3/7/2019, that the application/proposal described in this notice has been filed with the Walla Walla County Community Development Department (CDD). The application/proposal may be reviewed at the CDD office at 310 W Poplar St., Suite 200, Walla Walla, WA 99362. All interested persons and parties The following additional documents have been recently submitted:

 Revised conditional use permit application documents (CUP18-006)

 Revised Exhibit

 A written statement dated

 11/14/2018

 Revised Exhibit

A written statement dated 11/29/2018

o Letter by Adar Lommasson dated 11/7/2018 o Preliminary floor plan for proposed "finishing

and storage room" o Email from Bernardo Lopez dated 11/21/2018 with imbedded floor plan and aerial

photograph **Revised SEPA** Checklist dated 12/8/2018 These documents are located at the office of the CDD at 310 W Poplar St., Suite 200, Walla Walla, WA, and shall be made available for public review during all applicable comment periods on the application/proposal. Preliminary determinations and information contained herein shall not bind the County and are subject to continuing review and modification.

1. Applicant: Bernardo Lopez dba Nano Arts, 96 Frontage Road; Walla Walla, WA, 99362

2. Property Owners: Armando Pimentel, 146 Frontage Road; Walla Walla, WA 99362

Cancion Nueva c/o Alberto Rosales, 146 Frontage Road; Walla Walla, WA 99362

Bernardo Lopez dba Nano Arts; 96 Frontage Road; Walla Walla, WA, 99362

3. Application filing date: 6/5/2018

Date that application 4. was determined to be substantially complete: 9/18/2018 Location and de-5. scription of proposed action: Nano Arts has proposed to expand operations of an existing art production facility which operates at 96 Frontage Road to properties to the north and south. The existing art production facility is located at 96 Frontage Road (APN 350611410067, 350611410042). The current application proposes expansion of the operations to include use of a newly constructed gravel parking lot to the north at the southwest corner of Farmland Road and Frontage Road (APN 350611410073); and secondly, use of a port of an existing building and parking lot to the south at 130 Frontage Road (APN 350611410043).

6. Application revisions: The applicant has submitted revised application materials that would modify application will be made by the Walla Walla County Hearing Examiner.

For additional information please contact the CDD at 310 W Poplar St., Suite 200, Walla Walla, WA 99362; 509-524-2610; commdev@co.walla-walla.wa.us.

Staff Contact: Lauren Prentice, Principal Planner, 509-524-2620.

This Notice of Application is required by RCW 36.70B.110 and Walla Walla County Code 14.07.080.

The Times

March 7, 2019 3-7-e

#### PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT VOTER'S REGISTRA-TION BOOKS

for the Waitsburg Precinct in the City of Waitsburg, Washington will be closed on March 29, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. and will remain closed until after the Annual City election being held in said City on Monday, April 1, 2019. Persons interested in voting in this year election and not already registered in the Waitsburg Precinct must register with the Walla Walla County Election's Department in person no later than eight days before the election.

Dated this  $5^{th}$  day of March, 2019.

City of Waitsburg Randy Hinchliffe, City Clerk The Times March 7, 2019 3-7-d

NOTICE OF ANNUAL ELEC-TION

OF THE CITY OF WAITS-BURG, WASHINGTON NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ANNUAL ELECTION OF THE CITY OF WAITSBURG, WASHINGTON, will be held on Monday, April 1, 2019, for the election of Mayor and five (5) Council Members, all for a term of one year as provided by the Territorial Charter of the City of Waitsburg.

Anyone who desires to run for City Council will need to fill out the Declaration of Candidacy form available on the City's website www.cityofwaitsburg.com on March 1st. Candidacy forms are due no later than March 10<sup>th</sup>. Those wanting to hold a caucus can do so no earlier than 35 days prior to the annual election and no later than 25 days prior to the annual election. For 2019, these dates are Monday, February 25th and Thursday March 7<sup>th</sup>.

This election will be done by Mail in Balloting and all Ballots must be received by Waitsburg City Hall no later than 8pm on April 1, 2019 to be considered for this year's election. The City will also count post marked (April 1, 2019 or prior) ballots after the Election as they come in to City Hall until 4pm on April 12, 2019 with Certification of the Election to occur no later than April 17, 2019. Dated this 5th day of March. 2019.

### Case No. 19-4-00039-36 NOTICE TO CREDITORS (RCW 11.40.030) In Re the Estate of

LARRY WAYNE DICKER-SON

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: 02/26/2019 Date of First Publication: 03/7/2019 |s|ROSSLYN L. JONES Personal Representative The Times March 7, 2019 3-7-a

may comment on the application, appeal rights are outlined in Walla Walla County Code Chapter 14.11

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

[ ] categorically exempt under SEPA

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

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

 SEPA Checklist dated 4/13/2018 (SEPA18-014)
 SEPA Checklist dat-

ed 8/28/2018 (SEPA18-014)

Site Plans
Conditional use

permit application received

6/5/2018 (CUP18-006) § Exhibit A written statement dated 4/12/2018 § Exhibit A written statement dated 7/12/2018 • Parking Lot and Soccer Field Lease for north parking lot 8/30/2018 the proposal to include an addition to the back of the existing art studio at 96 Frontage Road. This addition would be used for packing and storage. The proposed addition will be about 1,000 square feet.

7. Comprehensive Plan Designation: Rural Residential 8 Zoning District: Ru-

8. Zoning District: Rural Residential 5-acres (RR-5)

9. Critical Areas: The site is located in the following mapped critical areas: critical aquifer recharge area (Walla Walla River Shallow Gravel Aquifer) and seismic hazard area (moderate to high liquefaction susceptibility).

10. Required Permits and Approvals: Building permit, grading permit, SEPA review, critical areas review 11. Shorelines: None present

12. Development Regulations: Chapter 17.40 – Conditional Uses, Chapter 18.08 – Critical Area Protection, Chapter 17.18 – Development Standards – Density and Dimensions

13. Comments on this notice must be submitted in writing to the CDD at 310 W Poplar St., Suite 200, Walla Walla, WA 99362. Any person desiring to submit written comments concerning an application, or desiring to receive notification of the final decision concerning the proposal as expeditiously as possible after the issuance of decision. may submit the comments or requests for decisions to the Department within fourteen days following the date of final publication of the notice of application. Comments must be received by the Department before 5:00 PM on the following date: March 9, 2019.

 A public hearing will be held on this proposal; but it has not been scheduled yet.
 The decision on this Randy Hinchliffe, City Clerk The Times March 7, 2019 3-7-c

#### File No. SUB18-027 CAP18-023 NOTICE OF APPLICATION

The application described below has been submitted to the Walla Walla County Com-

munity Development Department (CDD). File name/Docket #: Aldrich,

LLC. Waggoner Road Short Plat/SUB18-027

Application type: SHORT SUBDIVISION, CRITICAL AREAS REVIEW

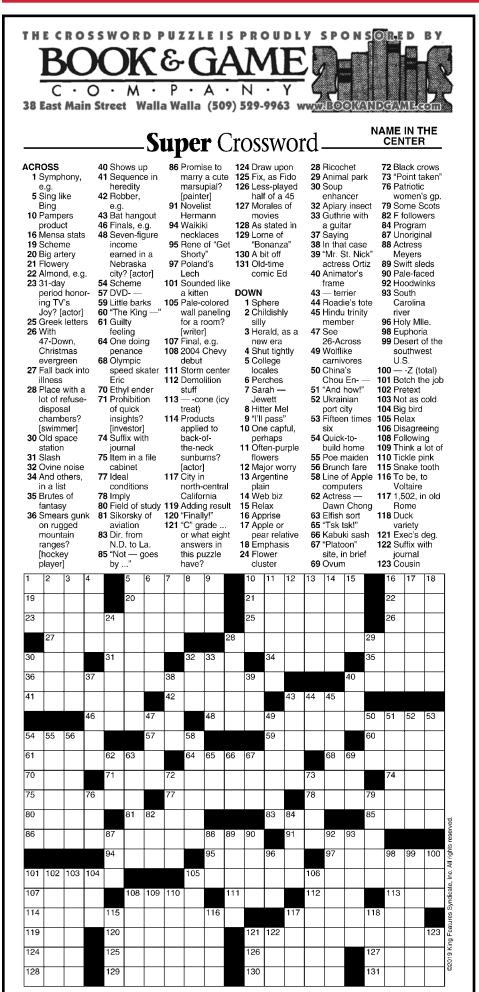
Applicant: RUPAR, BOB; 1545 GRAY LYNN DR; WALLA WALLA WA, 99362 Owner: ALDRICH LLC; 1545

GRAY LYNN DR; WALLA WALLA, WA 99362

Project description: The applicant has proposed a 2-lot cluster short plat which would divide a 4-acre residential lot from a 290-acre site at the intersection of Middle Waitsburg Road and Waggoner Road. The remaining 285-acres would be a resource parcel. The proposed residential lot contains a house and accessory buildings and is classified as a farm center parcel. The site is located generally at 7806 Middle Waitsburg Road (APN 360813410004), in the PA-40

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# **FUN & GAMES**



# TEENY MCMUNN: MY RECIPE BOX

# **Melt-in-Your-Mouth** Meatloaf

lirst, and honestly, I don't know if I will make this as it calls for making it in a crockpot, which may be the reason you make it. For me, I make meatloaf much like a stir -fry. It's never the same and it depends on what I have at the time.

We grew up with Mom putting crushed soda crackers



in, instead of bread crumbs (which I never measure). If I have a packaged meat loaf seasoning on hand, I use it, if not, a little of this, a little of that. I use the eggs, and most of the time, onions and, if I plan ahead, sausage.

I use about 1 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> pounds of hamburger and <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> pound of sausage, sometimes Italian. I like my meatloaf dense so that it will make a good sandwich the next day. Also, when I make meatloaf I will pop baked potatoes and squash in the oven with it.

INGREDIENTS:
1 ½ pounds ground beef
2 eggs
34 c. milk
2/3 c. seasoned bread crumbs
½ c. sliced fresh mushrooms
2 tsp dried minced onion
1 tsp salt
1/2 tsp rubbed sage.**see note

<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> c. ketchup 2 Tbsp brown sugar 1 tsp ground mustard 1/2 tsp Worcestershire sauce

### DIRECTIONS:

Combine eggs, milk, bread crumbs, salt, sage, and mushrooms in a large bowl. Crumble ground beef over mixture and stir well to combine. Shape into a round loaf, place in a 5-quart slow cooker. Cover and cook on low until a meat thermometer reads 160 degrees, about 5 to 6 hours.

Whisk ketchup, brown sugar, mustard, and Worcestershire sauce in a small bowl. Spoon sauce over meat loaf. Return to slow cooker and cook on low until heated through, about 25 minutes. Let stand 10 minutes before cutting.

MY NOTES:

I do like the topping suggested and I think I will try that the next time I make meatloaf, which will be soon.

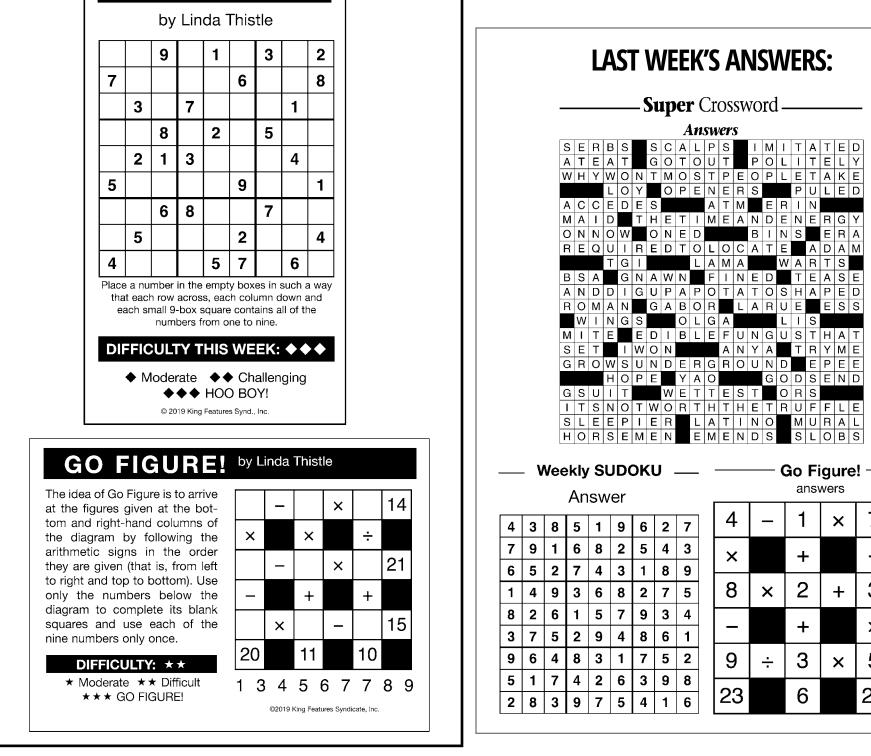
\*\*Here is what I found when I googled "rubbed sage." Ground sage is made by grinding the entire leaf into a fine powder like any powdered herb. Rubbed sage is made by rubbing dried whole sage leaves to create a light and fluffy mix. Rubbed sage is lighter and less concentrated so a teaspoon of rubbed sage will be less intense than a teaspoon of ground sage

So you might use less than a teaspoon of ground sage, if that is what you are going to use.

Also a thought - most of us have to drain the liquid off the meatloaf. I wonder if you are making it in a crockpot, if putting a metal rack under the meatloaf might be a good idea?

ENJOY. PERFECT DINNER FOR THESE CHILLY DAYS.

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# **LEGALS/NEWS** The Walla Walla Choral Society brings a bit of the bayou to Walla Walla

## By Brianna Wray | THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA - New Orleans is a jazzy blur of music, rich color and French cuisine like no other. If it had a recipe it would be one-part "Sweet Georgia Brown," one part jambalaya, and two parts "When the Saints Go Marching In."

Walla Walla Choral Society Artistic Director and lively pianist Gary Hemenway have the recipe just right, bringing New Orleans to the Gesa Powerhouse Theatre with a live band accompanying roughly sixty vocalists taking on a variety of classic songs.

From the audience, the experience is immersive. House lights rise on drummer Joshua Gianola, bass guitarist Michael Simon and tuba player Patrick Dunphy as the ensemble enters alongside piping trumpet from Nate "the Kid" Miller.

Music of New Orleans is an immer-



sive experience. It swells from every direction and takes to the stage, echoing up to the balcony seats and up still to the Electric Lounge on the top floor.

Their voices evoke visions of parade

routes, the clatter of beaded necklaces and the powdered sugar in the air.

The performance which ran March 3-4 featured almost two hours of classic songs like 'What a Wonderful World'

(Sarah Bergman) and 'When You're Smiling' (Keith Noel, soloist), offering a "small plate" of what New Orleans has to offer musically and historically.

The Walla Walla Choral Society is a group on a mission to make a positive sound in their community. Their next show honors the Blue Mountains in the Walla Walla Valley with an entire repertoire of music relating to the color, concept and perception of "blue."

"As singers in the Walla Walla Choral Society, we have an opportunity to participate in an activity that involves us artistically, builds community, enhances our skills, and results in a product of great beauty," said Board President Susan Greene.

Waitsburg's own Ken Taylor is member, but unfortunately, was ill the weekend of this show.

The Sound of Blue premieres at 7 p.m. May 13 at Cordiner Hall on the Whitman College Campus.



Photo by Lane Gwinn

The Mythical Movable Bluegrass Jam met at Claire German's Amo Art/Heaven space on the north end of Waitsburg this month. The group has previously met the first Friday of each month in Suze Wood's former studio space above Blush Salon. With Wood's recent move and construction taking place in The Times/The Q buildings, Claire offered up the Amo Art space, which reportedly boasts excellet light and acoustics. The group is open for everyone to participate or just to stop in, listen and enjoy. They meet the first Friday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

# Waitsburg launches Safe **Schools Reporting System**

Photo by

Systems allows witnesses to discreetly report safety issues

## By Dena Martin | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG-The Waitsburg School District has introduced the SafeSchools Reporting System as another tool in its arsenal to ensure student safety. Administration and the school board have been evaluating and testing the program which went live on March 1.

The free service allows parents, staff and students to easily report tips on bullying, harassment, drugs, threats of violence, health concerns or any other safety issue. Tips can be submitted through the SafeSchools Alert app, by phone, text, email or via the web.

Tips are immediately routed to district administrators who can investigate and respond appropriately. There is also an option for tips to be submitted anonymously.

Tipsters are issued a ticket number

# To use the SafeSchools Alert system:

- Download the free SafeSchools Alert in the app store.
- Phone (509) 204-5754
- Text (509) 204-5454
- Email 1657@alert1.us

Access the district link on the web at\_http://1657.alert1.us or find the link at www.waitsburgsd.org

Use the district identification code of 1657 in all communication.

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The district is hopeful that the app will be a helpful tool that is used appropriately. At February's school board meeting audience members asked about the possibility of the system being used for invalid tips since it allows for anonymous submissions.

"I would rather have a bunch false s and one real one," said District Superintendent Jon Mishra. "There will definitely be a learning curve."

and can see when a response has been issued. Tips are also archived for later

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# **LEGAL NOTICES (Cont.)**

zoning district. The following critical areas are located on site: erosion hazard areas with slopes greater than 15%. Required Permits: Critical Areas Review

### **Development Regulations:**

Chapter 17.18 - Development Standards – Density and Dimensions Title 16 - Subdivisions; Chapter 17.31 - Development Standards - Cluster Developments on Resource Lands; Chapter 18.08 - Critical Areas Protection Date of application: 11/28/2018 Date determined complete: 12/26/2018 Date of notice: 3/5/2019

## **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 3/21/2019. 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 record send written comments to

Walla Walla County Community Development Department c/o Lauren Prentice, Principal 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 INFORMA-

TION: Please contact Lauren Prentice, Principal Planner, at 509-524-2620 or commdev@ co.walla-walla.wa.us. The Times March 7, 2019 3-7-f

## File No. SUB19-001 CAP19-003

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

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

File name/Docket #: Linda Kelly - Burlingame Ditch Short Plat – Cluster SUB19-001/CAP19-003 Application type: SHORT SUB-DIVISION, CRITICAL AREAS PERMIT

### Applicant/Owner: KELLY, LINDA K 131 MOONLIGHT LN

**DAYTON WA. 99328** Project description: Linda

Kelly - Burlingame Ditch Cluster Short Plat. The applicant has submitted a 2-lot short plat application for a 195-acre site. The site is located within the Primary Agriculture-40 (PA-40) zoning district. The address is 387 Fredrickson Road, Touchet, WA 99324 (APN 340611210005). The proposal will create one cluster lot of about 1.5-acres and a resource parcel of approximately 193.5-acres. The following mapped critical areas are located within or adjacent to the project area: geologically hazardous areas (erosion hazard areas with slopes greater than 15%) and a fish and wildlife habitat conservation area (terrestrial habitat for wintering birds of prey). Required Permits: Critical

sions; WWCC Chapter 18.08 - Critical Areas Protection; WWCC Chapter 17.31 - Cluster Developments on Resource Lands: WWCC Chapter 17.18 Density and Dimensions Date of application: 1/18/2019

Date determined complete: 3/5/19

Date of notice: 3/7/2019 **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 March 21, 2019. The notice of application is required by RCW 36.70B.110 and Walla Walla County Code (WWCC) 14.07.080.

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