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ROBOTICS

The 4-H Space Gatos robotics team is headed to the State finals FIRST competition in Spokane.

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The first in a multi-part series visits Waitsburg businesses and organizations to see what lies ahead in 2019.

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THE ARTS



DRAMA

TVAC presents the live theater production of Nana's Naughty Knickers Jan. 25 - Jan. 27.

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HOUSE FIRE DESTROYS DAYTON HOME



Photo by Teeny McMunn

A cowboy silhouette appears to be taking in the devastating scene of a house fire that destroyed the home of Joe and Kandis Cush at 740 S. 4th Street in Dayton in the wee hours of Monday morning. "The home is a total loss but everyone got out safely," said Columbia County Fire Marshal Clint Atteberry who said the official cause of the fire was a wood stove. Donation boxes and accounts for the family of three are in the process of being set up throughout Dayton. More information on family needs can be found at "Cush Family House Fire" on gofundme.com.

CCHS: A Year in Review

» *CEO Shane McGuire shares his thoughts with hospital commissioners at year-end meeting*

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—When the Hospital Board of Commissioners met in December, Columbia County Health System (CCHS) CEO Shane McGuire took the opportunity to thank them for their show of support since he has been at the helm of the organization.

"You have been great visionaries and you have been very supportive with this community. It has been challenging, but it has been impressive. There are a lot of elements you have allowed me to invest in to enhance services," said McGuire. "We are growing programs, making investments, and bringing on staff."

McGuire said CCHS is heavily focused on providing better value and better health outcomes for the whole population.

"It isn't just what we're doing inside the walls of the hospital, it's also what we're doing outside the walls of the hospital," he said.

CCHS is partnering with other agencies to bring programs into the community, as well.

Programs like Stay Active and Independent for Life (SAIL), the dementia Memory Café, and nursing services for students in the Dayton School District are just a few examples.

CCHS has participated in Washington State and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid population health initiatives such as the Accountable Community Organizations and Accountable Communities of Health, McGuire said.

"We are not only leading in the community, we are leading in the state, in many ways," said McGuire.

Recently Stephanie Carpenter, Director of Nursing Services at the Booker Rest Home, testified before the state legislature about the new Palliative Care Program.

McGuire said that while in Olym-

pia testifying about issues important to rural health care, he saw a KING Channel 5 news report featuring one of the University of Washington psychiatrists and CCHS LICSW Wayne Pollard, discussing the Integrated Behavioral Health Model currently in practice at the CCHS clinics.

In December, state representative Skyler Rude toured the CCHS facilities with him, and he hopes to work with Rude on important initiatives, such as providing dental services to Medicaid patients, which will fulfill the CCHS strategic goal of serving all patient needs.

McGuire told the commissioners about state funds that are available for capital improvements and/or construction of dental facilities for Medicaid patients.

He explained that reimbursement rates for dental services are better for rural clinics than they are for dentists in private practice. While local dentists want to serve that population, it isn't financially feasible for them to do so.

He also talked about the state's mandate that fourteen hospitals in the Washington Rural Health Access Preservation Group come up with new payment models, which is concerning because rural hospitals are not currently reimbursed for their true operating costs.

Finally, McGuire produced a three-year look back at finances for the commissioners.

McGuire said there has been a 48% increase in the Gross Operating Revenue Budget, over Year 2016, and he is predicting a 42% increase in Net Revenue, before expenses.

He said growing programs and services, and reliance on expensive contract labor has contributed to the slower growth of Net Revenue, after expenses.

He said collections for Accounts Receivable, and older AR, continues to improve.

Currently, the "un-audited bottom line" is in the red, but a clearer picture of 2018's finances will emerge as the financial team begins working with the hospital auditors over the course of the next few months, McGuire said.

Touchet Valley Communications Changes Hands

» *Dan and Trina Cole pass torch to Erik and Diana Young*

By Dena Martin | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG – Local entrepreneur Dan Cole said he hadn't intended to rid himself of more than one business, but when the right offer came along, he and wife Trina decided to accept. After 32 years in business, Cole sold Waitsburg Grocery, Inc. to Jamie Allen and Jesse Smit in September of 2018. On Jan. 1, he handed over the keys of Touchet Valley Communications, a Waitsburg Internet provider, to fellow entrepreneurs, Erik and Diana Young, of Prescott.

"Erik approached me and said he heard I had sold the store and asked if I would be interested in selling the Internet business, too. At first I said no, but after we thought about it for a few weeks, we decided to go ahead and sell," Cole said.

Young, who owns Young's Heating and Cooling, said he is a "glutton for punishment in taking on new projects" and that the Internet business is a perfect fit for what they are already doing.

"We use the same tools as with heating and air, we just need to learn the intricacies of Internet connection setups," Young said.

Cole will be working closely with the new owners as they work through the learning curve – an process he remembers vividly.

"I bought the business from John Stacey in 2001, not knowing anything about it. That was back in the dial-up days. I spent lots of time with ongoing education and constant upgrades. We went from dial-up, to wireless, to fiber optics," Cole said.

"My goal is to learn as much about Internet and providership as possible and to make an investment in the company. I'm hoping we can eventually provide better service and gain more customers as service im-

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Waitsburg Woman Faces Murder Charges

» *Leslie Moreno, 25, is scheduled to be arraigned on Jan. 14*

By Dena Martin | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG – A Waitsburg woman has been formally charged with second-degree murder for the stabbing death of her boyfriend, Marcus J. Alessio, 25.

Leslie Melgar Moreno, 25, of 206 Wheatland Drive in Waitsburg, is accused of fatally stabbing Alessio on Dec. 28, 2018. She was arrested and charged the following day.

According to court reports, Walla Walla County Dispatch received a call from Moreno at approximately 3:35 p.m. on Fri., Dec. 28. Moreno allegedly told dispatchers that her boyfriend had a knife wound, was unconscious, and that she was driving him to Walla Walla. Dispatch requested that Moreno pull over at the weigh station between Walla Walla and Waitsburg, where medics and law enforcement met her.

Deputies were unable to find a pulse and medics transported Alessio to Providence St. Mary Medical Center where he was later pronounced dead. On arrival at the scene, deputies found Moreno sitting atop Alessio in a Toyota Highlander. A large knife was on the driver's seat floorboard. Moreno's 4-year-old daughter was also in the vehicle.

Moreno allegedly told officers that she had been sleeping on the couch when Alessio began assaulting her and threatened her with a knife. Officers noted that Moreno had a black eye, a swollen jaw, and a split lip.

Moreno said Alessio went outside to the vehicle with the knife, and that she tried to take the knife away because he had a history of being suicidal. Alessio was stabbed during a struggle for the knife and Moreno grabbed her daughter, called dispatch, and headed to Walla Walla.

After consulting with Prosecutor Jim Nagle and Child

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Blast From the Past

Waitsburg is experiencing an especially mild winter, thus far, but that certainly wasn't the case in 1969. The front page headline in the Jan. 2, 1969 issue of The Times read "9" Snow and 24° below zero hit area." The lead story began:

"A snow storm which dumped nearly 10 inches of the unusual white stuff everywhere in the area was the news story of the week.

Accompanied by temperatures in the area which fell to 24 below zero, the show which began Friday night fell most of the weekend, turning into a dry, powdery top layer by Monday. The low temperatures stalled many people who were unable to start cars and trucks.

Two homes in Waitsburg burned to the ground because of heating problems which arrived with the storm."

It makes one appreciate our current mild temps, doesn't it?



The entire area was a photographer's paradise this past weekend. Here is a scene looking down Main Street from in front of the NB of C building.

Times File Photo

Above: This photo gleaned from the Jan. 2, 1969 issue of The Times shows Waitsburg following a 10" drop of snow. Temperatures of 24 degrees below zero resulted in two homes burning to the ground due to heating problems.

The sign for The Times building can be seen in the upper right of the photo.

Below right: Readers will recognize many of these local figures from when Dayton and Waitsburg were rivals rather than teammates.

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proves, "Young said.

Young said he has strong support from his bulk Internet provider who has laid out a plan to help him improve services and possibly expand outside of Waitsburg - hopefully, into Prescott.

He says the company currently serves about 150 customers. The business will be a family affair, with his son Caleb doing IT work and installations as well.

"I love spending time in Waitsburg and this felt like a good fit to add to what we're already doing. It gives us something else to be involved in while providing a community service," Young said.

And Cole isn't business-free yet. He still owns and operates L-C Applicators, Inc., a custom spray business, and is a quarter owner in Whiskey Canyon Sports Bar & Grill.

Cole hopes to have time freed up to focus more on the spray business.

"I have a new custom tractor, mower, and gopher snake. And I'd like to work more on implementing my drone into the business," he said.

"I'd like to thank all of my TVC customers for their business throughout the years," Cole said.

To learn more about Touchet Valley Communications and its services visit www.govtc.net.



On Your Mark, Get Set... Jack Roberts of Waitsburg and Dave Shreck (40) of Dayton seem to be getting ready for a footrace down the floor. Standing over the pair, giving his benediction is George Bodman (31) for the Cards. Randy Halsey (51) and Dan Henze (45) view the action from the side of the key. —Times Photo

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PIONEER PORTRAITS

Ten Years Ago January 15, 2009

One of Waitsburg's community meeting spots, Ye Towne Hall, 121 Main, remains closed while the board of Directors works with its insurance carrier to assess the extent of damage to the structure. Snow loads that accumulated on the roof in December caused a slight buckling of the ceiling. The facility is the regular meeting place for the Waitsburg City Council, Waitsburg Commercial Club, Meals on Wheels, American Legion, and other community events.

A warming trend after a few weeks of cold and snowy weather caused local river and creeks to fill with runoff and prompted local officials to take some proactive measures to ensure safety of local bridges and property. City of Waitsburg and Walla Walla County officials took a proactive approach. Anticipating the possibility of flooding, the City filled 500 sandbags and had them ready on pallets.

Twenty Five Years Ago January 6, 1994

(Huntsville) When Darrel Hamilton was a boy he didn't play with toys. He made them. "When I was 12 or 14, I made a little steam engine using a five-quart motor oil can for the boiler," he recalled. "It was the first thing that I made that would run." Now 70, Hamilton has fabricated an array of useful mechanical devices over his life time. And every one from scratch, like a master bailer. Today he is busy making red bearings for a large air compressor. There is almost nothing this machine doctor won't try to bring back to life.

Joan Otterson Kennedy, who graduated in 1959 from Waitsburg High School as class valedictorian and earned a doctorate in humanities from the University of Texas, has been named an "Outstanding Professor" at the community college where she teaches. Prof. Kennedy is the daughter of the late Otto and Ruth Otterson, of Waitsburg, and sister of Jack Otterson and Marilyn Hiatt, both of Waitsburg.

The unemployment rate in November 1993, rose in Walla Walla and Columbia counties, the state reports. In Walla Walla County, joblessness stood at 6.5 percent in November, up from an adjusted rate of 5.1 in October. In Columbia County, unemployment was 12.4 percent in November, compared with 11.9 in October.

Fifty Years Ago January 9, 1969

Photo caption: The innocent little Coppei creek let the area feel its muscle this past weekend as it went wild flooding many area along its banks and threatening homes and bridges. Here a grader which was to work on rebuilding a dike was mired in mud on the road leading to the Kermit Jones residence. The Coppei washed out a portion of road just below the Jim Hansen residence and threatened several bridges in the area.

Photo caption: The starting five for the Waitsburg Cardinals gives a cheer before the Endicott game in the local gyn. Clockwise from 12 are Jim Leid, Randy Halsey, Dan Henze, Jack Roberts and George Bodman. The Cardinals play their first league game against Connell here on Saturday.

Photo caption: A scene reminiscent of 1964 was this home on Preston Avenue surrounded by water from the Touchet. Perhaps if some of our esteemed national legislators had a hand in cleaning up after a mess such as this flood makes, they would be better able to see the need for the Touchet Dam

Seventy Five Years Ago January 14, 1944

Miss Mary Loundagin was installed as Worthy Advisor of the Rainbow Girls Wednesday, January 12.

Mrs. T. H. Davidson of the Huntsville entertained Sunday with a dinner for her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Dickson, who were celebrating their sixtieth wedding anniversary.

While weighing hogs at the coal shed scales, Wilmer Chichester stepped on a loose board and slipped through a hole in the platform. In falling, he struck his chin on the bumper of the car, cutting a gash that required five stitches.

Waitsburg votes will vote on the consolidation of school districts January 15.

One Hundred Years Ago January 17, 1919

William Pullman, one of the largest land owners and stockmen in Eastern Oregon, Saturday sold his entire holdings of cattle and land to the Neace Starke Company of Waitsburg for \$272,000. The sale includes 1000 acres of grazing lands in the vicinity of Baker.

School started in McKay Hollow Monday with 18 attending.

Mrs. Sarah Harmon has received word that one of the twin sons born to Mr. and Mrs. Asa Harmon at Wallowa, Ore a few days ago, died Jan 8th.

William Abbey and Wife of Redmond, Ore, spent several days in this city last week visiting Mrs. Mary Murphy and the Abbey Brothers.

One Hundred Fifty Years Ago January 19, 1894

As a result of the continued warm weather, butter and eggs are more plentiful and cheaper than usual this season of the year.

The continued blow of the warm Chinook wind accompanied by a heavy downpour for several days had a mighty effect on the streams in the part of the country with much damage resulting. The small bridge at the Whiskey Creek was removed as was the west end of the Preston Avenue bridge. The Star bridge above Dayton is gone as is the Hart bridge above Prescott.

TOUCHET VALLEY LIFE

BIRTH



Revilo James Neal made an early arrival, being born nine weeks early at Providence St. Mary's Medical Center in Walla Walla on Nov. 16, 2018. Revilo, born weighing 3lbs. 4 ounces and 17 inches long, was Life Flighted to Kadlec Medical Center where he spent 46 days in the NICU. The little man was released on New Year's Day, and weighed a whopping 6 lbs on Jan. 4. Revilo joins parents Kalijha Bicknell and Lane Neal, and big sister Zora Neal, at home in Prescott. Grandparents are Ron and Jill Neal and Jamie Bicknell and Doreen Stubbs.

EVENTS

Saturday, January 12

Dance/Drill Competition

Walla Walla High School, 800 Abbott Road
Noon

Walla Walla High School will host a 10-school dance competition. Competition begins at noon and door entry is \$5 for adults and \$3 for students with an ASB card. Competitors will perform 22 routines in six categories.

'Gift of Love' Family Film

Dixie First Christian Church, 66 S. Actor St.,
Dixie
4 p.m.

A story about unconditional love and the generous gift of love by a teenage boy for his beloved grandmother. Fellowship and refreshments at 4 p.m. with the movie starting at 4:30 p.m. The movie is free and suitable for families.

Wednesday, January 16

Royal Ballet Live Screening

Gesa Power House Theatre
6 pm.

The 2019 Live Cinema series begins with a screening of The Royal Ballet's La Bayadère (Royal Ballet). Filmed during a live event, the Live Cinema Series broadcasts offer audiences an equivalent to the best seat in the house, with incredibly detailed close-ups of the performers. The 2019 Live Cinema Series is sponsored in part by Shakespeare Walla Walla. This screening will run approximately 3 hours 15 minutes, including an onscreen introduction and two intermissions. Reserved seating tickets (\$15 Adults, \$10 Students) are available online at www.phtww.com or by calling the box office at 509-529-6500.

BIRTHDAYS

January 11: Krista McKinley, Bettina Anderson, Raymond Reed and Jay McKinley, Deborah Larsen.

January 12: Scott Reese, Alice Davey, Ron Miller, Yvonne Gusse, Nicholas Leid and Molly Payne.

January 13: Wes Romine, Janine John, Megan Withers, Kevin House.

January 14: Maxine Cecil, Janice Davis and Greg Smith, Jaylee Dunleavy.

January 15: Kayla Turner, Allene Severtsen, Glenn Baker, Wade Done, Melinda Lambert, Justin Kirk, Jesse Archer and Jack Sherlock.

January 16: Colleen McCoy, Patty White and Rueben Stokes.

January 17: Anna and Anthony Reese, Bret and Bethany Moser, Kimmie Hamann, Zane Johnson, Dan Beckley, John Janovich, Tyler Woodworth, Eric Rich, Sheena Henze, Jeff Schulke, Jim Davison, and Jon Jensen.

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OBITUARY

LAURA JEAN HEVEL

1925 ~ DECEMBER 23, 2018

Laura Jean Hevel, age 93, of Waitsburg, WA, died at home on December 23, 2018. The memorial service will be at the Presbyterian Church in Waitsburg on Saturday, January 26th at 2:00 p.m. There will be a private burial later at Olney Cemetery in Pendleton, Ore.

Mrs. Hevel was the daughter of Otis H. and Myrtle Westgate Hampton at Pendleton, OR. She graduated with the Pendleton High School class of 1943. She and Roger Hevel were married on March 23, 1947.

She graduated with honors from Oregon State College, 1947, where she was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority, Phi Kappa Phi scholastic honorary, Mortar Board honorary for women, and Omicron Nu honorary in Home Economics. She taught Home Ec at Grant High School in Portland for two years while Roger finished University of Oregon Medical School.

In 1953 she and her family moved to Waitsburg, WA, where Roger was in private medical practice for forty years, and she was the medical office manager for the last twenty-one years of his practice.

In 1953 Laura Jean joined the First Presbyterian Church of Waitsburg, served as an elder, and sang in the choir for more than 50 years. She served as the church treasurer for more than 40 years. She had been a Sunday School teacher and was a past president and active member of the Women's Association of the church. She and her husband traveled to medical symposia where he gained additional training. In 1976, they visited Christian hospitals in India and became supporters of the Witnessing Ministries of Christ, a Presbyterian mission to the dalits in India.

Locally she and Roger supported the Waitsburg pool, including funding free swimming lessons, the library, scholarships, the Historical Society, the Commercial Club, their church, and other local groups.

She was active in the PTA and other school activities when her children were at home and was an assistant Mother Advisor to Waitsburg's Rainbow for Girls. She was a member and past chapter President of Chapter BE, P.E.O. and a member of Eastern Star, Chapter #9. She was a member and past president of the Auxiliary to the Walla Walla Valley Medical Society.

She was the first woman member of the Waitsburg City Council where she served for two years, after which she served on the Waitsburg Planning Com-

mission for another 23 years. She was a long-time member and past chairperson of the Weller Library Board. She volunteered in the community as a piano player, also playing monthly for many years at the Booker Rest Home in Dayton. She enjoyed playing bridge and became a Gold Life Master as well as a Certified Director of the American Contract Bridge League.

She is survived by her husband at home, a son, David Roger Hevel of Richland, a daughter, Claudia Ann Hevel of Los Altos, CA, as well as four grandchildren: David Roger Hevel, Jr., Melanie Ann Hevel, John Robert Hevel Doty and Anna Dawn Hevel Doty, and great-grandsons Roger William Hevel and Elias Zachary Hevel, as well as numerous nieces and nephews. Predeceasing her were brothers Robert S. Hampton, Richard W. Hampton, and Otis H. Hampton, Jr., as well as infant children, Douglas and Paula Jean.

Memorials may be given to the Hevel Waitsburg Fund through Blue Mountain Community Foundation, Umatilla County Historical Society, or to the charity of the donor's choice directly or through the Rogg Funeral Chapel.



DEATH NOTICE

Jacquelin "Jackie" Greta Long Lyons, a longtime resident of Dayton passed away on Dec. 25, 2018, at the age of 92.

A funeral will be held on Sat., Jan. 19 at 11 a.m. at the Hubbard-Rogg Funeral Home in Dayton, followed by a luncheon at the Dayton Fairgrounds.

Memorials may be made to the Christian Aid Center in Walla Walla or charity of choice.
(Full obituary will be in the Jan. 17 issue.)

WEEKLY CALENDAR

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| <p>11
Prescott Story Time
Prescott Library
11 a.m.</p> <p>BINGO (every Friday)
Eagles, 222 E. Main, Dayton
Doors open 4 p.m.. BINGO 6 p.m.</p> <p>12
Waitsburg School Board
Elementary School Library
7 p.m.</p> <p>14
Waitsburg Story Time
Weller Public Library
10:30 a.m.</p> <p>Celebrate Recovery, Dayton
Catalyst Church (311 S. 4th)
Dinner 6 p.m.; Meeting 7 p.m.</p> <p>Prescott City Council
City Hall</p> | <p>7:30 p.m.</p> <p>15
Waitsburg Senior Round Table
Waitsburg Presbyterian Church
11:30 a.m.
Join local seniors every Tuesday for lunch. \$4 suggested donation for those over 60. \$7 charge for guests under 60.</p> <p>16
Dayton Story Time
Dayton Memorial Library
10 a.m.</p> <p>Dayton School Board
(Third Wednesday)
School Admin. Building
6 p.m.</p> | <p>Celebrate Recovery
Waitsburg Christian Church
6:30 - 8 p.m.</p> <p>Waitsburg City Council
Waitsburg Christian Church
6:30 p.m.</p> <p>17
Dayton Senior Round Table
Senior Center (403 E. Patit St.)
12 p.m.
Tuesdays and Thursdays. Call 382-2836 to RSVP by the day prior.</p> <p>Waitsburg Resource Center
106 Preston Avenue (side of Banner Bank)
2-4 p.m.</p> <p>Waitsburg School Board
Elementary School Library
7 p.m.</p> | <p>Waitsburg Parks & Rec Board Meeting
(Third Thursday)
Waitsburg High School Band Room
6:30 p.m.</p> |
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Waitsburg School Menus

Fruits & vegetables, nonfat chocolate and 1% white milk are offered with every meal.

Fri. 12 - B: Continental breakfast L: Nachos, cherry tomatoes, cucumber slices, fresh banana, fruit choice (canned)

Mon. 15 - B: Omelet, hashbrowns, sausage L: Hot ham & cheese on a bun, potato salad, fresh apple, fruit choice (canned)

Tues. 16 - B: Biscuit & gravy L: Turkey & gravy, mashed potatoes, whole wheat roll green beans, fresh grapes, fruit choice (canned)

Wed. 17 - B: Cinnamon roll L: Chicken noodle soup, crackers, garden salad, fruit cocktail, snickerdoodle, fruit choice (fresh)

Thurs. 18 - B: Breakfast pizza L: Tacos, black beans, fresh cantaloupe, fruit choice (canned)

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COMMENTARY/NEWS

**DENA MARTIN:
FROM THE EDITOR**

What's in a word, anyway?

It has been a trend in recent years, among those in pursuit of self-improvement, to choose a theme word to focus on for the year. Examples I've seen include: risk, freedom, courage, thrive, strength and health. There are a multitude of books, websites and "projects" based around the concept of adopting one word to focus on throughout the year.



While I have given the idea some consideration, I've never gone so far as to pick a word for myself. (As a lover of words choosing one would be near impossible!) However, in returning to my position as editor of The Times, the new publisher, staff and I have done a good deal of reflecting on what we'd like the paper to become.

As we discussed the changes we hope to make in the coming months, I recognized recurring words that will serve to guide us. I thought I would share a few of the words we want to see come to life through the pages of The Times.

Interactive

We want you! We want to see our readership actively participate within our pages. Please send us your news tips, items of interest, letters to the editor, birth and engagement announcements and reader photos. Oh! And if you visit somewhere of interest, take a photo of you reading The Times there so we can share with our readers. Our desire is to build and strengthen community. That's one of the special attributes of a small-town paper.

Local

Another benefit of a small-town paper is that the readership often has a personal knowledge of those we write about. We are able to share those items of interest that would not necessarily be of interest to a larger publication. While we can't go back to the days where it was standard business to report who bought a new car and what they paid for it, we will strive to share hyper-local bits of interest. That said, we also believe that "local" includes neighboring communities and even national news. If it affects our readers, it has a local impact.

Relevant

Which brings me to our plan to be relevant. Our hope is that our readers walk away from each issue with something new to think about, talk about, or apply to daily life. That may be learning something new about a fellow community member, becoming aware of what's going on in local government, or simply taking advantage of entertainment opportunities. We want to be a practical resource for daily living in The Burg.

Thought Provoking

We strive to be an unbiased source of local information and hope that the news within the pages of The Times sparks thought and discussion among our readers. We will also occasionally share items of interest from outside of our immediate area as we can learn from the mistakes and successes of others.

While far from being exhaustive, I believe the above word list paints a picture of what we hope The Times will become in 2019. I look forward to working with you, our readers, in that endeavor.

"Our hope is that our readers walk away from each issue with something new to think about, talk about or apply to daily life."

READER PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Photo Courtesy of Tom Land
Facebook was filled with photos of a spectacular Touchet Valley sunset that welcomed in the New Year. This shot, taken above the South Coppei, was captured by Tom Land on Jan. 1. The Times would love to share our reader photos. Send submissions to dena@waitsburgtimes.com with "Photo" as the subject line.

QUICK READS

WALLA WALLA PUTS A LID ON SEWAGE OVERFLOWS

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA –The City of Walla Walla has come up with a clever way to prevent clogged sewer lines. The January 2019 city newsletter explains that fats, oils and grease poured down the drain can catch on roots and imperfections in the lines to block the flow of sewage.

On a personal level, this can mean home and/or business sewage backups, potentially costly maintenance, and health hazards. When city lines become blocked, raw sewage can flow out manhole covers into the streets, possibly even reaching streams where it becomes an environmental hazard.

To help prevent this problem, the City of Walla Walla is providing its residents with free grease lids. These lids allow users to pour grease into a can, let it cool, and cap it with a lid. Once containers are full of grease, they can be dropped off for free at the Sudbury Landfill Household Hazardous waste facility where they will be used in the waste-oil furnace or recycled and put into products such as livestock feed, paint, detergents, etc.

Sounds like a win-win!

SCHOOL RETIREES SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

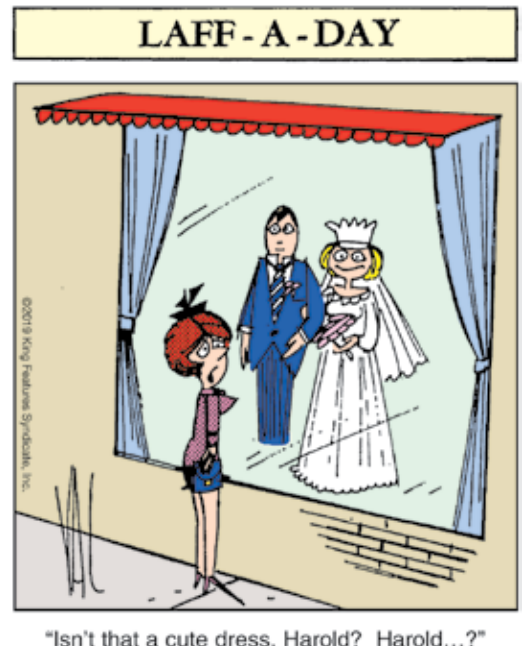
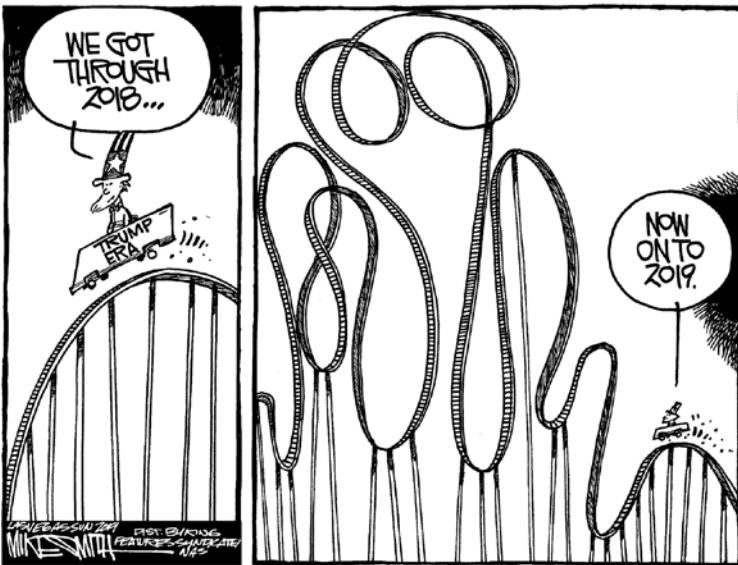
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WALLA WALLA VALLEY – The Walla Walla-Columbia School Retirees Association has two \$2,000 scholarships available. Scholarship grants are given to prospective teachers and/or candidates in other school-related fields that will student teach or do an internship experience in an educational setting to meet requirements for initial certification.

Applicants must be a high school graduate of Walla Walla or Columbia County and must student teach/intern between September 2019 and June 2020.

An online application is available on the Blue Mountain Community Foundation website. Go to the scholarship tab and locate the Walla Walla Columbia School Retirees application. Applications are due by March 1, 2019.

For more information contact Mardel Bierwagen at 525-6117 or gbierwagen6117@charter.net.



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Touchet Valley Weather

Jan. 9, 2019

Waitsburg's Seven Day Forecast

Day	Icon	High	Low
Wednesday	Scattered Rain	52	42
Thursday	Isolated Rain	54	39
Friday	Partly Cloudy	50	36
Saturday	Mostly Sunny	49	38
Sunday	Partly Cloudy	47	40
Monday	Mostly Cloudy	45	36
Tuesday	Sunny	43	34

Weather Trivia

Weather occurs in what part of the atmosphere?
Answers: The troposphere.

Weather History

Jan. 9, 1888 - Severe cold gripped much of the western United States. At Portland, Ore., the Columbia River was frozen for two weeks. In Southern California, temperatures dipped below freezing in some of the citrus growing areas.

Local Almanac Last Week

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Precipitation
Tuesday	42	26	38/28	0.00"	0.00"
Wednesday	38	24	39/28	0.00"	0.60"
Thursday	58	35	39/28	Trace	Departure from normal
Friday	58	42	39/29	Trace	Average temperature
Saturday	57	33	39/29	Trace	Average normal temperature
Sunday	55	41	39/29	Trace	Departure from normal
Monday	47	36	39/29	0.00"	+8.6°

Data as reported from Walla Walla

Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
First 1/14	7:34 a.m.	4:26 p.m.	9:48 a.m.	8:08 p.m.
Day	7:33 a.m.	4:27 p.m.	10:15 a.m.	9:09 p.m.
Thursday	7:33 a.m.	4:29 p.m.	10:40 a.m.	10:10 p.m.
Friday	7:33 a.m.	4:30 p.m.	11:03 a.m.	11:12 p.m.
Saturday	7:32 a.m.	4:31 p.m.	11:26 a.m.	Next Day
Sunday	7:32 a.m.	4:32 p.m.	11:51 a.m.	12:16 a.m.
Monday	7:31 a.m.	4:34 p.m.	12:18 p.m.	1:22 a.m.
Tuesday				

Dayton Offers Citizen's Academy

» *Academy program will increase communication between citizens and law enforcement*

THE TIMES

DAYTON – Sheriff Joe Helm is pleased to announce the 2019 Columbia County Citizen's Academy.

The Citizen's Academy will be held every Friday night from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. for 11 weeks beginning Feb. 1, 2019 through April 19, 2019. The classes will be held in the training room of Columbia County Fire District #3 located at 111 Patit Road, Dayton WA.

"This is a rare opportunity for the citizens of our community to learn more about the individuals who are protecting Columbia County and why they make the decisions they do. The intent of the Citizen's Academy is to create better understanding and communication between citizens and law enforcement through education," Helm said.

The curriculum will include such topics as public education and outreach, patrol procedures, the reserve deputy program, use of force and defensive tactics, street weapons and officer safety, crime prevention and

personal safety, court procedures, prosecuting crime, criminal investigations, collision investigations, sex offender information, drug enforcement, search and rescue and boat patrol. Participants of the Citizen's Academy will also be allowed to make a two-hour ride along with a deputy on patrol, as well as tour the Sheriff's Office, Communications Center and Jail.

Class size is limited, so apply early! The deadline to receive applications is Monday, Jan. 28. Applicants must have no felony convictions or recent misdemeanor convictions, and a background check will be conducted on all applicants. Persons accepted into the program will be notified no later than Jan. 28, 2019.

Completed applications may be dropped off at the front counter of the Sheriff's Office located in the ground floor of the Columbia County Courthouse or mailed to the Sheriff's Office at 341 East Main Street, Suite 1, Dayton WA, 99328. They can also be e-mailed to Civil Deputy Tim Quigg at tim_quigg@co.columbia.wa.us, or faxed to 509-382-4765. Questions about the Citizen's Academy can be directed to Civil Deputy Tim Quigg at 509-382-3982.

Applications can be downloaded from the Columbia County Sheriff's Office Facebook page of picked up at the Sheriff's Office.

SHERIFF'S LOG

WALLA WALLA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE DAILY PRESS BOARD LISTINGS

Dec. 19

Theft of fuel and attempted break in to cargo trailer at 22100 Highway 124

Dec. 28

During the week of 12/24/18, unknown suspects stole a Red Honda ATV from the 5500 Block of Barstow Road.

Jan. 3

Deputies responded to a report of a bullet hole in a residence at 205 E. Third St., Prescott.

Waitsburg Adopts 2019 Budget

» *Main Street Bridge tops list of 2018 projects, wastewater plant is focus for 2019*

By Dena Martin | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG – In a 2018 budget recap, Waitsburg Mayor Marty Dunn listed completion of the Main Street Bridge as one of the most important projects completed in 2018. Looking forward, the Waitsburg City Council approved a 2019 budget of \$1.98 million, slightly lower than last year's \$2.17 million budget, at its Dec. 27 meeting.

While "substantially complete" in 2017, the Main Street Bridge project was finally checked off as officially complete in 2018. The roughly \$1.8 million, three-year project, which spent approximately 10 years in the planning and fund-seeking stages, was funded largely through the state. The attractive, historically-styled replacement bridge will help mitigate flood hazards.

Another significant accomplishment in 2018 was the upgrade of every water meter in the City to smart meters that can be read remotely. The new meters allow the City to meet State requirements to be lead-free and will save many employee man hours in reading meters.

Other 2018 projects include ADA improvements, sidewalk replacements through the homeowner sidewalk replacement program, and tree trimming in Preston Park. A Park and Ride station was installed at the north end of Main Street, visitor informational signage was installed near the library, and the City purchased a vacant lot on Main Street with plans to develop a pocket

park. Top on the list of 2019 planned improvements is the replacement of the obsolete pressing system at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The system will be replaced with a belt-style press. The City also plans to purchase a sewer line inspection camera to video all City sewer lines to identify problems and prioritize future relining.

Goals listed in the 2019 city budget proposal include:

- Maintain basic services for citizens – law enforcement, water system, sewer system, garbage, park, cemetery, library, planning, building inspection, etc.
- Make repairs to certain City streets as a part of continued repair and maintenance
- Fund City debt obligations
- Provide for continuing education of City staff and crew
- Fund City Pool; including a third re-coating of the pool surface
- New recreational uses in Preston Park
- Plan for future waterline/roadway improvements on Taggart and Dewitt Roads
- Make various improvements to a variety of City-owned facilities
- Continue to work with the Army Corps of Engineers on a flood mitigation study
- Replace the obsolete pressing system at the wastewater treatment plant

"As with every year, the 2019 budget is designed to achieve a fundamental goal: to provide the level of service the community expects while operating in a fiscally responsible manner, and balancing revenues generated against controlled expenditures," said Mayor Dunn in his Mayor's Transmittal on the proposed budget.

WAITSBURG CITY COUNCIL UPDATE

DECEMBER 27, 2018

Council members Mayor Marty Dunn, KC Kuykendall, Kevin House, and Kate Hockersmith were present. Terry Jacoy and Jim Romine were absent.

- » Following a public hearing, council approved the 2019 final budget. (See story on this page.)
- » Danielle Carpenter provided a Parks and Recreation Board update.
- » Discussion on the possibility of changing the current City election process to fall in line with election laws of the state.
- » Passed a resolution allowing the city administrator to submit a grant application to the Washington State Military Department for an emergency generator at the wellfield.
- » Passed a resolution updating the City personnel policy regarding employee training. Amendments include provisions for City contributions toward the costs of training/education beneficial to the City, through written agreement, with allowance for such contributions being repaid to the City if the employee terminates employment before the amount of time determined in the agreement.
- » Discussed outsourcing garbage billing to Basin Disposal. Discussion tabled until January when actual financial impact to the City can be determined.
- » Discussion about moving City Hall from its current location to the former Jehovah's Witness church building located next to the City Shop. Discussion tabled until January when all council members can be present and to allow for further public input.
- » Discussion on the future of the fairgrounds grandstands facility. Discussion pushed to March to allow the Park and Recreation Board time to formulate a plan to save the structure.
- » Passed a business license threshold requirement imposed by the state.

The next City Council meets the third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. The next City Council meeting is January 16 and the public is welcome.

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NORRIS TAKES SECOND AT CHRISTMAS TOURNEY



Courtesy of Dayton School District
Dayton wrestler, Carlos Norris, won his first two matches at the Pomeroy Christmas Tournament on Dec. 29 to place second in the 132 pound weight class. Norris went 3-0 at the Sunnyside JV Tournament on Sat., Dec. 22.

DW BOYS PUT UP A FIGHT BUT FALL TO WHITE SWAN, 41-55

By Dena Martin | THE TIMES

WHITE SWAN, Wash. – A strong fourth quarter push wasn't quite enough to nab DW a win against White Swan on Saturday evening. DW ultimately lost the league road game to the Indians, 41-55.

DW found themselves down 14-32 at halftime but caught their stride to out-score White Swan 27-23 in the second half. They ended the night with a strong 14-6 fourth quarter but fell on the short end by 14 points.

Chris Andrews and Mason Finney led DW scoring with 14 points each. Teal Soaring Eagle led the Cougars with a game high of 23 points.

The WD boys are back in action on Thurs., Jan. 10 at WWVA and against Mabton on Sat., Jan. 12 in Dayton.

DW: 6 8 13 14 - 41

WS: 15 17 17 6 - 55

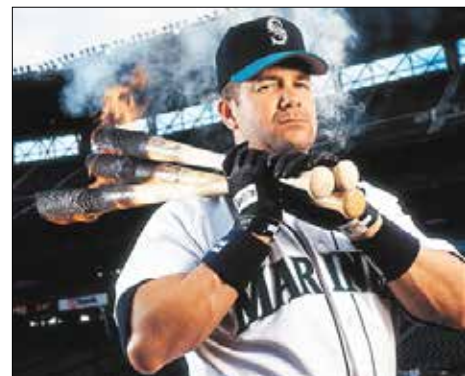
DW: Andrews 14, Evans 7, Finney 14, Johnson 2, Miller 2, White 2

WS: Blodgett-Edgar 2, Bill 5, Sampson-Creig 4, Bass 4, Ambrose 2, Leavitt 9, Zuniga 3, Soaring Eagle, 23, Lewis 4

EDGAR MARTINEZ FINAL YEAR ON HOF BALLOT

Editor's Note: The Times would like to welcome Waitsburg resident and sports enthusiast, Eric Umphrey, as our new sports writer. Eric was out of town this week, but will be covering local sports beginning with our next issue. He will also share occasional thoughts and insights on sports items of general interest beyond the Burg.

By Eric Umphrey | THE TIMES



Edgar Martinez

On January 22nd the results of baseballs 2019 Hall of Fame vote will be announced. Of interest to Mariners fans is whether Edgar Martinez will have the necessary 75% of the vote needed for election. This is his 10th and final year of eligibility. When Edgar retired the rules at that time gave a player fifteen years to get in as long as they received at least 5% of the vote. These rules were changed in 2014 to drop eligibility to ten years. As soon as the change was announced many thought this could have an effect on Edgar's chances of getting elected since at that time he only received 25% of the vote.

In 2001 an event at the all star game FanFest in Seattle included a contest to beat Edgar's time running to first base. His time was considered below average for a major leaguer and during his career he was seen as a slow runner. This was due to a knee injury he suffered in April of 1993. Before the injury in 1992 he actually stole 14 bases for the Mariners. After the knee injury he spent most of his career as a designated hitter. People of all ages tried to beat the time but no one did in the time I attended. People tend to forget that an elite athlete with an injury that didn't heal 100% is still much faster than the rest of us.

Something I didn't learn about Edgar until after his career with the Mariners ended has to do with his vision issue. He has an eye condition called strabismus that was diagnosed when

he was still in the minor leagues. This is a condition that prevents both eyes from moving together when looking at an object. At times his right eye would drift off giving him only use of his left. When this occurred he had difficulty with his depth perception and lost the ability to see changes in pitch velocity. In an attempt to reduce how often this condition would occur, he would do 30 minutes of eye exercises in addition to his workout routine.

Last year Edgar fell 20 votes short getting 70.4% of the vote. Over the course of the last ten years a few things have changed in his favor. #1 – No player has ever not made it in the next year after crossing the 70% threshold. #2 – The statistics used to measure player performance have expanded and evolved beyond just total hits, home runs, and runs batted in. He measures up very well in these newer statistics such as Wins Above Replacement (WAR). #3 – He is tracking ahead of last years pace. In recent years some sportswriters have been publicly releasing ballots so we can see who they voted for. As of this writing Edgar is on 90.3% of the public ballots and is already ahead +14 votes with a little more than one-third of the total vote in. If elected Edgar will be the only Mariner in the baseball Hall of Fame to play his entire career with the Mariners.



Basketball Schedules

DW Girls Varsity

- * Saturday, January 12, 5:00 Mabton @ Dayton
- * Tuesday, January 15, 6:00 Touchet @ Touchet
- * Friday, January 18, 6:00 Liberty Christian @ Dayton
- * Tuesday, January 22, 6:00 Touchet @ Dayton
- * Friday, January 25, 4:30 Columbia-Burbank @ Burbank
- * Saturday, January 26, 3:30 Tri-Cities Prep @ Dayton
- * Tuesday, January 29, 4:30 DeSales @ Dayton

DW Boys Varsity

- * Saturday, January 12, 6:30 Mabton @ Dayton
- * Tuesday, January 15, 7:30 Touchet @ Touchet
- * Friday, January 18, 7:30 Liberty Christian @ Dayton
- * Tuesday, January 22, 7:30 Touchet @ Dayton
- * Friday, January 25, 6:00 Columbia-Burbank @ Burbank
- * Saturday, January 26, 5:00 Tri-Cities Prep @ Dayton
- * Tuesday, January 29, 6:00 DeSales @ Dayton

DW Girls Junior Varsity

- * Saturday, January 12, 2:00 Mabton @ Dayton
- * Monday, January 14, 3:00 Pomeroy @ Dayton
- * Wednesday, January 23, 3:00 Pomeroy @ Pomeroy
- * Friday, January 25, 3:00 Columbia-Burbank @ Burbank
- * Saturday, January 26, 2:00 Tri-Cities Prep @ Dayton
- * Tuesday, January 29, 3:00 DeSales @ Dayton (two quarters)

DW Boys Junior Varsity

- * Saturday, January 12, 3:30 Mabton @ Dayton
- * Monday, January 14, 4:30 Pomeroy @ Dayton
- * Friday, January 18, 4:30 Liberty Christian @ Dayton
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DW Girls Take 68-21 WS Loss

By Dena Martin | THE TIMES

WHITE SWAN, Wash. – The DW girls' basketball team played a competitive first quarter, but ultimately took a hard hit in a Jan. 5 conference road game against White Swan.

"White Swan was a very quick and scrappy team. They put a lot of pressure on the ball and we didn't handle it too well," said Assistant Coach Desirae Jones.

White Swan had a tight two-point lead to end the first quarter 10-8. From there, they steadily gained momentum, making 19 points to DWs two in quarters three and four. The Cougars made 21 points to DWs 9 in the final quarter to take the game 68-21.

For DW, Sadie Seney was top scorer with eight points, followed by Tatumn Laughery with seven. Mackenzie Forney and Kira Boggs each brought in treys.

DW travels to WWVA on Thurs., Jan. 10 and hits the home court against Mabton on Sat., Jan. 12 in Dayton.

DW: 8 2 2 9 - 21

WS: 10 19 19 20 - 68

DW: T. Laughery 7, Culley 2, Seney 8, Mackenzie Forney 3, Boggs 3; 3 Pts: Laughery, Boggs; FT: Forney

WS: Sampson 4, Jackson 2, Andrews-Ike 6, Bass 12, Bock 9, Zagelow 2, G. Pineda 11, Van-Pelt 10, Scabbyrobe 4, Castilleja 5, Pineda 2; 3 pt: Andrews-Ike 2, Bass, Bock, Scabbyrobe; FT: Bass, G. Pineda 5, Castilleja

Rebounds: DW: 25, WS: 27; novers: DW: 25, WS: 7



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Waitsburg Welcomes 2019

By Dena Martin | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG – With a new year ahead, and the paper under new ownership, The Times thought it would be fun to take a walk around Waitsburg to learn what local agencies, businesses and organizations are anticipating in the coming year. In this multi-part series, The Times will work its way up and down Main Street, check in with off-Main businesses, and talk with churches, clubs and organizations to learn their plans for 2019. The series kicks off this week with a Waitsburg School District update followed by a “walk” down the east side of Main Street.



Photo courtesy of Waitsburg School District

Waitsburg School Board members pose for a photo in the elementary school library. l to r: Russ Knopp, Christy House, Ross Hamann, Lisa Morrow, Jason Kaehler. January is School Board Appreciation Month.

Waitsburg School District

With voter-approved capital improvement projects wrapped up, Superintendent Jon Mishra expressed appreciation to the community.

“Thank you to voters for your support of our field house construction, kitchen remodel, and district-wide HVAC upgrades. Each of these projects enhance the likelihood of student success,” Mishra told The Times.

The District continues to work on its “Waitsburg Foundations” and teacher Nicole Abel has developed a graphic representing the foundations.

Professional development will continue to focus on social-emotional development. Associated programs include the Character Strong program at the 6-12 grade level and Second Steps at the elementary level. The staff continues to research best practices in implementing discipline and behavior programs as well as how to best celebrate successes, Mishra said.

A newly formed Superintendent Advisory Committee has two meetings under its belt and will continue to discuss what is going well, what needs work, and how to address items that need work.

Mishra said the district will approach the community in November for an Enrichment and Operations



Courtesy Image

This graphic was created to depict the school district’s “Waitsburg Foundations.”

levy. In the meantime, he plans to provide information on the impact of the McCleary legislation on the Waitsburg School District.

Four school board seats will be up for election/re-election in November as well. Ross Hamann, Christy House, Lisa Morrow, Jason Kaehler and Russ Knopp form the current school board. Knopp and House have seats up for the normal re-election cycle. Morrow and Kaehler were appointed, rather than elected, and are required by state law to run in the next election.

“We continue to do what is best for our children. We want to send a special thanks to our school board members for their dedication. January is School Board Appreciation Month and they deserve a huge



Times File Photo

Columbia-Walla Walla Fire No. 2 joined with neighboring districts to quench a blaze that threatened Waitsburg’s Main Street in September.

Thank you!” Mishra said.

Fire No. 2

Columbia-Walla Walla Fire No. 2 has reason to celebrate in 2019. After years of scrimping, saving, and seeking donations and funding, the department was finally able to install a radio repeater on the hill at the north end of Waitsburg. The district received funding from a variety of sources including Wildhorse Casino and Resort, Puget Sound Energy, and the Department of Natural Resources, according to Fire District Commissioner Debbie Fortner.

The new repeater will become the new primary frequency and will eliminate dead spots throughout

the district. Once the radios are programmed, the new frequency is ready for use.

Fortner said the department will be holding a reorganizational meeting in January or February.

Longtime Chief Jim Callahan retired in 2017 and Chief Neil Henze retired late in 2018. Assistant Chief Colter Mohny is currently serving as Acting Fire Chief.

Columbia County Fire Commissioners are Debbie Fortner, Jim Hickam, and Bruce Abbey. Walla Walla County Commissioners are Jake Long, Jim Leid, and Randy Farley.

Mohny said the department is greatly in need of volunteers, both firefighters and EMTs.

The department currently has approximately 16 active volunteers, about half of what it had in 2016, Fortner said.

Mohny said the all-volunteer district has welcomed two new members, recently, who are in line for EMT training this spring through WWCC. The department will pay for training, with a two-year commitment from the volunteer. Anyone interested in becoming a member should contact a local volunteer.

Waitsburg Post Office

Waitsburg postmaster Mike Reed has been here long enough to know that he’s happy.

“I love Waitsburg! It has nice people; it’s a nice community. I’m starting to get to know people and learn their names,” Reed said, when asked what he thought of Waitsburg.

Reed took over as Postmaster in July after former Waitsburg Postmaster Dave Mueller retired.

The 56-year-old grew up in Nebraska but has worked for the postal service in Alaska, Wyoming, Colorado, and Washington. His most recent positions were as supervisor in Pasco and postmaster in Walla Walla.

He has lived in Pomeroy for the last two years and loves his home on the Tucannon River where he lives with his wife, dogs, chickens and a cat.

Reed is assisted by postal clerks Sarah Putnam, who has been in Waitsburg for three years, and Sarah Dorsch, who has been here for two-and-a-half. And the clerks have more than just a first name in common. Both worked in the Dixie Post Office prior to coming to Waitsburg.

Walt Warehime and Cindy Standring are full-time route drivers. Carol Foley and Jose Torres round out the staff as route substitutes.



Photo by Dena Martin

Waitsburg Post Office employees smile for the camera. l to r: Sarah Dorsch, Mike Reed, and Sarah Putnam.

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4-H ROBOTICS TEAM COMPETING AT FIRST LEGO FINALS IN SPOKANE

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON – In January, the Space Gatos, Columbia County’s 4-H Robotics and FIRST Lego League Team, advance to the State Finals in Spokane, after winning the Community Connection Award at FIRST Lego Regionals in Pasco.

Their coach, Jeanne Walter, said this is the third year the robotics team has advanced to the final competition. They are one of only six teams out of a field of 28 to do so.

Teams compete in Robot Design, Project Presentation and Core Values, and Robot Mission Games.

This team has been busy with community service this year, as well as working to solve this year’s theme, Into Orbit.

For that, the team tackled the design of a genetically modified space plant which would break down carbon dioxide at faster rates to produce more oxygen than plants normally do.

“They produced a container for the plants and used clustered, regular, interspaced, short palindromic repeats (CRISPR) to cut and paste DNA from a

money tree plant into a spider plant,” Walter said.

Walter said NASA has been researching plants for their abilities to remove harmful chemicals from the environment, so part of the students’ research involved determining the best-fit plants for space travel and how they can benefit astronauts on their deep-space voyages.

Walter said that as the team moves into high school next year they will need Java programmers, welders, and FIRST Tech Challenge Robot builders. They also need a sponsor to house the robot and the equipment, along with a work area where they can build and design.

“I hope, one day, a robotic team gets to go to the National Competition,” Walter said.

Walter said team sponsors donating \$750 or more will have advertising space on the team’s t-shirts, during competitions and local events.

Donations are being accepted through Banner Bank. Volunteers can contact Jeanne Walter through the County Extension Office in Dayton.



Courtesy Photo

The robot team Space Gatos were fearless building a new robot and writing missions on the fly when their first robot was not running as was planned, said Coach Jeanne Walter. The team is headed to FIRST Lego final competition in Spokane, in January.

Team members are l to r: Addie Johnson, Vaughn Walter, Balian Walter, Bennie Bryan, Phinehas Kerr. Josh Reser is the astronaut.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

TVAC Presents Nana's Naughty Knickers

» *TVAC presents Nana's Naughty Knickers, a comedy by Katherine DiSavino*

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—If you think Victoria has a secret, wait until you meet Sylvia Charles in the Touchet Valley Art Council production of *Nana's Naughty Knickers*.

This fast-paced romp, co-directed by Leah Stockton and Bev Startin, is a story about a twenty-something girl, named Bridget Charles, who comes to stay with her grandmother in New York City for the summer and discovers that her Nana, Sylvia Charles, is running an illegal boutique out of her apartment.

Apparently, Nana is selling handmade naughty knickers to every senior citizen in a five-borough area.

Will Nana get arrested, or evicted? Will Bridget be able to handle all the excitement?

Will the audience be able to handle all the excitement?

Startin said she read through a dozen scripts before narrowing her choices, and accepting this particular play,



Photo by Michele Smith

l to r: Kim Boggs, Roz Edwards, and Deb Fortner run through their lines for the TVAC production of *Nana's Naughty Knickers*, which opens on Jan. 25 at the Liberty Theater.

which is rated PG for adult humor.

"I do like comedy," she said. "This is one of the funniest things I read, and felt our audience would love it."

Nana's Naughty Knickers features a cast of nine, with Deb Fortner playing Bridget Charles.

Startin said she appreciates how well-prepared Fortner is at rehearsals.

"I wouldn't do a show without her," Startin said.

Startin said she appreciates all the members of the cast, from Kim Boggs, as Sylvia Charles, to Michael Luce, for a

small role as Hank the UPS Man, which she characterizes as "over the top funny".

And she is grateful to Joe Huether for designing the set, as well as his expertise as a lighting and sound technician.

"This is one of the most difficult sets I have worked with," she said.

Startin said she has eight variety shows and four musicals on her TVAC directorial resume.

She, and retired Dayton High School English teacher Leah Stockton, are co-directing *Nana's Naughty Knickers*, which is the second play they have worked on together.

Stockton's background as an English and Drama teacher is essential because, unlike musicals, plays rely mainly on dialogue to move the story forward, she said.

The duo co-directed last year's play *Murder on the Run* and they are promising another crowd-pleaser with *Nana's Naughty Knickers*.

Nana's Naughty Knickers is playing at the Liberty Theater at 7 p.m. on Fri., Jan. 25, and at both 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Sat. Jan. 26. There is also a matinee performance at 3 p.m. on Sun. Jan. 27.

Tickets can be purchased on Tuesdays and Fridays at the Liberty Theater box office, between 2-5 p.m., or by phone at 382-1380, and also online at www.libertytheater.org.

Entertainment Tidbits

» On December 28, Netflix Tweeted that over 45 million Netflix accounts (45,037,125 to be exact) had already tuned in to watch *Bird Box*, the latest Netflix original movie starring Sandra Bullock. That's more than one-third of the 130 million worldwide Netflix account holders.

» In 1998, the Copyright Term Extension Act (AKA The Mickey Mouse Protection Act) extended copyright protections by 20 years (from 75 years to 95 years), meaning no new works have entered the public domain for the past 20 years. This year, many literary works will lose their copyright protection. What does this mean? More editions (often less expensive) will be available to readers while writers and artists will be able to create new work based on old classics without infringing on copyright. The downside? As part of the public domain, anyone will be able to sell digital, audio, print, or even sequels and/or spinoffs. It becomes "buyer beware" for readers who are looking for the original version.

» Fans of the Blockbuster 2018 A Star is Born re-

make may enjoy the Netflix documentary *Gaga: Five Foot Two*. The film focuses on Gaga's off-stage life, especially how she copes with chronic pain and fan expectations.

» Netflix has also come out with a choose-your-own-version movie with *Black Mirror: Bandersnatch*. Viewers (or players, since the show is more of a streaming "game") choose what the character does next. Choices range from what to eat for breakfast to whether or not to kill other characters. Some have voiced concern over the data collected by Netflix. Is use of the data collected during the movie an invasion of privacy or an innovative way to improve customer service and marketing?



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WALLA WALLA - Join the Walla Walla Symphony on Sun., Jan 27 at 3 p.m. at Cordiner Hall for a free, family-friendly concert! "The Orchestra Swings" explores the elements that contribute to that magical moment when the orchestra starts to swing.

Admission is free with the donation of a non-perishable food item! A free Instrument Petting Zoo begins at 2p.m. and gives kids the chance to explore the instruments of the orchestra

Americanisms



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Talk about Art...

By Carolyn Henderson

All day, every day, we use things.

While this sounds ridiculously simple, think about it: when you make a tuna fish sandwich, you grab the can opener, scoop tuna into a bowl with a spoon, stir in mayonnaise, spread the filling on with a knife, and cut the final product in half on a cutting board.

When any of the elements you use – spoon, knife, bowl, cutting board – is beyond boring and ordinary, it adds a jolt of beauty to the experience.

“There is a satisfaction that comes with a combination of quality, beauty, and functionality,” says wood artist Dave Ulmen, who handcrafts sushi, cheese, and cutting boards, as well as coasters and wine waves, from laminated hardwoods.

The Spokane woodworker works in tandem with his wife, Liz, to create simple, yet elegant, boards that are art pieces in themselves, their patterns and colors drawing upon the natural patterns and colors of the wood. Ulmen sells his work in gift shops throughout the Pacific Northwest, and in 2007 was named Artist of the Year by Made in Washington stores, an accolade he sees as testament to the quality and artistry of his



Courtesy Photos

Artist Dave Ulmen will showcase his hardwood artistry at Dayton's Wenaha Gallery through Jan. 26.

products.

“Liz and I still use the first cutting board we made,” Ulmen says, when asked about the durability of his work. “We just rinse it, wipe it to damp/dry, and stand it on edge to finish drying.”

A “tool guy” since he was a child hanging out in his grandfather's workshop, Ulmen always knew he wanted to work with wood, although both he and Liz took the long way to get there, with initial careers as teachers who “spent a combined 71 years crafting skills and critical thinking,” he in 7th grade language

arts and Liz in elementary gifted ed. Upon retirement, the couple launched fulltime into woodworking. Now, they draw upon the skills and critical thinking of artists.

“It's a challenge creating consistency and quality – every board comes from a unique living organism that must be respected.”

Ulmen's hardwood artistry is on display at Wenaha Gallery (219 East Main, Dayton) through January 26 at Wenaha Gallery. The gallery is open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

TEENY MCMUNN: MY RECIPE BOX

Favorite Old-Fashioned Gingerbread

I really like gingerbread, molasses cookies, gingerbread cookies cut like little people, and my newest addition, which I can't believe I've reached my age and never had it before, cornbread with molasses. What a treat; but if you haven't bought molasses for a while, be prepared for a sticker shock. I'm out of molasses so I didn't get this made, but will soon. For me, it doesn't need any frosting or Cool Whip. This is a recipe I often go to when I want to make gingerbread.



I am looking for any Super Bowl recipes that are especially brought out for that day. I have a bacon pull-apart bread recipe I found and will share. It starts with frozen bread dough so one doesn't have to start from scratch.

I have a big pot of beans on, using the ham bone from Christmas. As a kid, we ate quite a few beans, I'm sure because they were cheap, but little did we know, also good for us. I remember bacon coming on a slab and that slab got cut up into small pieces and put into the beans. Often cornbread was made to go with it.

That ribbon Jello recipe I shared, and was going to make it to take with me when I saw my grandchildren---didn't get made. Now when I open the cabinet, eight boxes of Jello are staring at me along with two cans of evaporated milk, all of which are not inexpensive. Guess it will get made for the next visit.

INGREDIENTS:

½ c. white sugar	2 ½ c. all- purpose flour
½ c. butter	1 ½ tsp baking soda
1 egg	1 tsp ground cinnamon
1 c. molasses	1 tsp ground ginger
1 c. hot water	½ tsp round cloves
	½ tsp salt

DIRECTIONS:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease and flour a 9 inch square pan. In a large bowl, cream together the sugar and butter. Beat in the egg and mix in the molasses.

In a bowl, sift together the flour, baking soda, salt, cinnamon, ginger, and cloves. Blend into the creamed mixture. Stir in the hot water, and pour into the prepared pan.

Bake 1 hour in the preheated oven, until knife inserted in the center comes to clean. Allow to cool in pan before serving.

MY NOTES:

The last time I made this, I think I doubled it. And I don't remember that it took an hour to bake, so please check in 30 minutes. It might have, but that seems like a long time for a 9-inch pan.

ENJOY

Rental Movie Review: Hunt for the Wilderpeople

By Dena Martin | THE TIMES

One of the perks of having your older kids home for the holidays, at least around my place, is the ongoing discussion of which movies are worth seeing. Preferred genres and styles run the gamut among myself and my offspring so it's fun to find a flick that makes everyone's “like” list.

My nineteen-year-old recently recommended *Hunt for the Wilderpeople* that I felt deserving of review. A bit of research reveals that it premiered at the 2016 Sundance Film Festival and was shown throughout New Zealand, with limited release in America, which could explain why I'd never heard of it.

Hunt for the Wilderpeople is “quirky” to say the least. I tend to appreciate Coen brothers-style humor, so this was a good fit for me. I was immediately overcome with a case of the giggles as the movie kicked off with “Chapter One: A Real Bad Egg.”

A social worker introduces 13-year-old Ricky Baker, the film's protagonist, with the following warning:

“He's a real bad egg . . . We're talking disobedience, stealing, spitting, running away, throwing rocks, kicking stuff, defacing stuff, burning stuff, loitering, and graffitiing . . . and that's just the stuff we know about.” Clips of a chubby (and incredibly non-threatening) Ricky, engaging in the described flagrant acts of defiance, flesh out the narrative.

(I think it was the “spitting” and “kicking stuff” that brought on my giggles.)

Ricky is a defiant city boy that has been raised in foster care and is headed for the juvie system. A social worker brings him to the home of loving “Aunt Bella” and grumpy “Uncle Hec” who

live in the isolated New Zealand countryside, as a last shot at reformation.

Tragedy strikes, and Ricky, his dog, Tupac, and Uncle Hec (who we now learn is an escaped fugitive) become targets of a national manhunt as they flee in to the New Zealand bush, encountering one outlandish adventure after another.



This unique comedy-adventure is a fun, feel-good story with plenty of depth and emotion. Director Taika Waititi, who went on to direct Thor: Ragnarok, magically mixes dark humor and eccentric characters to create a truly heartwarming film. The movie boasts a talented cast, magnificent scenery and creative cinematography.

I would consider *Hunt for the Wilderpeople* appropriate viewing for young adults and up. Parents should be aware of mild swear words and a graphic hunting scene or two. The movie is free on Hulu and can be rented on Amazon.com for \$3.99.

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Department of Transportation Issued Pursuant to Such Act, these local governments hereby notify all businesses that they will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises as defined at 49 CFR Part 26 will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids or proposals in response to any invitations and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, national origin, or sex in consideration for an award.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Columbia County Weed Board hereby informs the public that on January 30, 2019 there will be a regularly scheduled weed board meeting and public hearing to adopt the 2019 Columbia County Weed List. The meeting will be held at 12:00 p.m. at 137 East Main Street in Dayton, the Columbia County Weed Board Office.

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Jan. 10, 2019
1-10-b

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Pursuant to the Revised Code of Washington 61.24, et seq. Trustee Sale No.: **WA-18-825977-SH** Title Order No.: **180301430-WA-MSW** Reference Number of Deed of Trust: **Instrument No. 2015-06287** Parcel Number(s): **36-07-21-65-0326** Grantor(s) for Recording Purposes under RCW 65.04.015: **KELLEY M NICKERSON AND SHIRLEY A NICKERSON, HUSBAND AND WIFE** Current Beneficiary of the Deed of Trust and Grantee (for Recording Purposes under RCW 65.04.015): **ALABAMA HOUSING FINANCE AUTHORITY** Current Trustee of the Deed of Trust: **Quality Loan Service Corporation of Washington** Current Loan Mortgage Servicer of the Deed of Trust: **Alabama Housing Finance Authority I. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that Quality Loan Service Corp. of Washington, the undersigned Trustee, will on **2/8/2019**, at **10:00 AM** At the main entrance of the **Walla Walla County Courthouse, 315 West Main, Walla Walla, WA 99362** sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder, payable in the form of credit bid or cash bid in the form of cashier's check or certified checks from federally or State chartered banks, at the time of sale the following described real property, situated in the County of **WALLA WALLA, State of Washington**, to-wit: **LOT 26 IN BLOCK 3 OF MILBROOKE PARK, AN ADDITION TO THE CITY OF WALLA WALLA, AS PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN VOLUME F OF PLATS AT PAGE 20, RECORDS OF WALLA WALLA COUNTY, SITUATED IN THE CITY AND COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA, STATE OF WASHINGTON.** More commonly known as: **20 FRANCIS DR, WALLA WALLA, WA 99362** which is subject to that certain Deed of Trust dated **7/20/2015**, recorded **7/23/2015**, under **Instrument No. 2015-06287** records of **WALLA WALLA County, Washington**, from **KELLEY M NICKERSON AND SHIRLEY A NICKERSON, HUSBAND AND WIFE**, as grantor(s), to **WALLA WALLA TITLE COMPANY**, as original trustee, to secure an obligation in favor of **MORTGAGE 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 **ALABAMA HOUSING FINANCE AUTHORITY**, the Beneficiary, under an assignment recorded under Auditors File Number **2017-10007**. 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: **\$26,347.39**. IV. The sum owing on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust is: The principal sum of **\$168,210.53**, together with interest as provided in the Note from **7/1/2017** 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 **2/8/2019**. The defaults referred to in Paragraph III must be cured by **1/28/2019** (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 **1/28/2019** (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 **1/28/2019** (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 **8/24/2018**.

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 HOUSING COUNSELOR OR AN ATTORNEY LICENSED IN WASHINGTON NOW** to assess your situation and refer you to mediation if you are eligible and it may help you save your home. See below for safe sources of help. **SEEKING ASSISTANCE** Housing counselors and legal assistance may be available at

little or no cost to you. If you would like assistance in determining your rights and opportunities to keep your house, you may contact the following: The statewide foreclosure hotline for assistance and referral to housing counselors recommended by the Housing Finance Commission: 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-18-825977-SH-Dated-10/3/2018-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-18-825977-SH-Sale-Line-1-800-801-8003-or-Login-to-http://wa.qualityloan.com-IDSPub#0145912-1/10/2019-1/31/2019](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-18-825977-SH-Dated-10/3/2018-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-18-825977-SH-Sale-Line-1-800-801-8003-or-Login-to-http://wa.qualityloan.com-IDSPub#0145912-1/10/2019-1/31/2019)
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PUBLIC NOTICE

In accordance with Sec. 106 of the Programmatic Agreement, AT&T plans to install a new telecommunication facility at 113 Whetstone Road, Dayton WA 99328. Please direct comments to Gavin L. at 818-898-4866 regarding site WL4555.

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Public Notice

The Waitsburg City Council in conjunction with the Waitsburg Planning Commission is taking Comprehensive Plan Amendment Applications for the 2018 Update Cycle.

Applications are available on the City's Website www.cityofwaitsburg.com under the Government section as well as Waitsburg City Hall, 147 Main Street, Waitsburg, WA 99361. All applications must meet criteria established by the Waitsburg City Council, development regulations, and Current Comprehensive Plan goals and Policies. The fee for submitting a Comprehensive Plan Amendment is \$300.00 plus any consultant fees that are incurred by the City in review and recommendation of any applications received. All applications must be received at City Hall by 4 pm on January 31, 2018 to consider for any 2018 updates.

Written testimony may be forwarded to the Waitsburg City Council and Planning Commission, P.O. Box 35, Waitsburg, WA 99361.

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ORDINANCE 2018-1050 AN ORDINANCE VACATING AN ALLEY BETWEEN E. 8TH STREET AND E. 9TH STREET

The full text of Ordinance 1050 is available for examination on the City's website www.cityofwaitsburg.com or at the City Clerk's Office, 147 Main St., Waitsburg, WA, during normal business hours.

Adopted the 16th Day of May 2018
Marty Dunn, Mayor

ORDINANCE 2018-1051

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WAITSBURG, WASHINGTON, AMENDING SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 7A OF TITLE 10 OF THE WAITSBURG MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE CITY FLOOD HAZARD AREA ORDINANCE

The full text of Ordinance 1051 is available for examination on the City's website www.cityofwaitsburg.com or at the City Clerk's Office, 147 Main St., Waitsburg, WA, during normal business hours.

Adopted the 18th Day of July 2018
Marty Dunn, Mayor

ORDINANCE 2018-1052 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING A PORTION OF THE 2018 BUDGET OF THE CITY OF WAITSBURG, AS ADOPTED IN ORDINANCE NO. 1048.

The full text of Ordinance 1052 is available for examination on the City's website www.cityofwaitsburg.com or at the City Clerk's Office, 147 Main St., Waitsburg, WA, during normal business hours.

Adopted the 17th Day of October 2018
Marty Dunn, Mayor

ORDINANCE 2018-1053 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WAITSBURG, WASH- INGTON, AMENDING CHAPTER 1 OF TITLE 9 OF THE WAITSBURG MUNICIPAL CODE

The full text of Ordinance 1053 is available for examination on the City's website www.cityofwaitsburg.com or at the City Clerk's Office, 147 Main St., Waitsburg, WA, during normal business hours.

Adopted the 17th Day of October 2018
Marty Dunn, Mayor

ORDINANCE 2018-1054 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WAITSBURG, WASH- INGTON, AMENDING CHAPTER 10 OF TITLE 6 OF THE WAITSBURG MUNICIPAL CODE

The full text of Ordinance 1054 is available for examination on the City's website www.cityofwaitsburg.com or at the City Clerk's Office, 147 Main St., Waitsburg, WA, during normal business hours.

Adopted the 27th Day of Dec 2018
Marty Dunn, Mayor

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-1055 AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE 2019 BUDGET OF THE CITY OF WAITSBURG

Section 2. Estimated resources, including fund balances or working capital for each separate fund of the City of Waitsburg, and aggregate totals (net of transactions between funds) for all such funds combined for the year 2019 are set forth in summary form below, and are hereby appropriated for expenditure at the fund level during the year 2019 as set forth below:

Fund	Amount
Current Expense Fund (001)	\$ 602,762
Cemetery M&I Fund (002)	\$ 105,500
Library M&I Fund (003)	\$ 2,800
City Street & Road (102)	\$ 260,750
Promotion (106)	\$ 500
Municipal Capital Improvement (107)	\$ 32,000
Water & Sewer Department (401)	\$ 974,100
Total All Funds	\$1,978,412

The full text of Ordinance 1055 is available for examination on the City's website www.cityofwaitsburg.com or at the City Clerk's Office, 147 Main St., Waitsburg, WA, during normal business hours.

Adopted the 27th Day of December 2018
Marty Dunn, Mayor

The Times
Jan. 10, 2019
1-10-f

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Session
Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Flag Salute
3. Roll Call
4. Delegates, Visitors and Guests
5. Additional items to be added to the agenda by the Superintendent
Meal break while conducting the business of the district
BOARD WORK SESSION
Executive Session REF 42.30.110 (g) -Evaluation of Superintendent

6. Open Public Meeting Act Required Training - Video (16 minutes)
7. Additional Comments and Information -
8. Citizens Comments and/or Business
9. Adjournment
Individuals with disabilities who may need a modification to participate in a meeting should contact the Superintendent's office no later than three days before a regular meeting and as soon as possible in advance of a special meeting so that special arrangements can be made.

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4:30PM Board Work

Americanisms



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— Helen Hayes

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Super Crossword

APT OCCUPATIONS

- ACROSS**
- 1 Ship parts
 - 6 One in a veil
 - 11 Very small: Prefix
 - 15 Sealed, say
 - 19 Early TV's
 - 20 Posterior
 - 21 Stick — in the water
 - 22 Songwriter's creation
 - 23 Martin the ticket collector?
 - 26 Actor Bana or Stoltz
 - 27 Pay to play poker
 - 28 Game with Wild cards
 - 29 Clinton the doctor?
 - 31 Caught at a rodeo
 - 33 Pollen lover
 - 34 Hardly fresh
 - 35 Worldwide
 - 38 Ellington the Peppermint Pattie factory worker?
 - 45 More greasy
 - 49 Ending for Israel
 - 50 ilk
 - 51 Car owners' org.
 - 52 Kelly the minister?
 - 54 "Let's go!"
 - 55 Former Apple messaging software
 - 57 See 64-Down
 - 58 Primate studier
 - 61 Markey and Bagnold
 - 63 Actor Hinds of 2017's "Justice League"
 - 65 Negligent
 - 66 Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand's purview
 - 67 Bailey the philosopher?
 - 72 Folder flap
 - 75 Meal tie-on
 - 76 Rice-based Spanish dish
 - 77 Ivory's counterpart
 - 79 Benatar the dairy owner?
 - 85 Fuzzy stuff
 - 87 Departure
 - 88 Standoffish
 - 89 Karmann — (bygone VW sports car)
 - 90 Nolte the clockmaker?
 - 92 Skeleton part
 - 93 +
 - 94 Ariz.-to-Kan. dir.
 - 95 Girls in the family
 - 96 Liotta the lamp designer?
 - 100 Gets dilated
 - 102 Basic deg. for designers
 - 103 Supermodel Carangi or actress Scala
 - 105 End profit
 - 110 Behar the chef?
 - 116 Airport stat
 - 117 Hotel chain
 - 118 Morales of film and TV
 - 119 Arden the demolition contractor?
 - 122 Shady giants
 - 123 Get-out-of-jail money
 - 124 Super-mad poet John
 - 125 "The Flea" poet John
 - 126 Blog addition
 - 127 Pot for stew
 - 128 Lauder of makeup
 - 129 Evil smilie
 - DOWN**
 - 1 Get gold, e.g.
 - 2 Target
 - 3 Center, e.g.
 - 3 Smacks
 - 4 Spork parts
 - 5 — cone
 - 6 "Viva Zapata!" star
 - 7 Alter totally
 - 8 Reply to "Who's in charge here?"
 - 9 Bounced down the court
 - 10 Actress Davis of two "Matrix" films
 - 11 Spam, say
 - 12 Langston Hughes poem
 - 13 Athletic team assoc.
 - 14 Film anew
 - 15 Not wobbly
 - 16 Throw
 - 17 Troop body
 - 18 Pt. of MIT or STEM
 - 24 Nuclear reactor tube
 - 25 Polar vehicle
 - 30 Polar pixie
 - 32 Curved arch
 - 36 High jump on a skateboard, informally
 - 37 Lacking a key, in music
 - 39 "Semper Fi" mil. branch
 - 40 Weirdo
 - 41 Rubik of cube fame
 - 42 Aiea's island
 - 43 Broccoli —
 - 44 Kit — (candy bars)
 - 45 Poet Nash
 - 46 Twisted wit
 - 47 — lazuli
 - 48 Frosted
 - 53 Abbr. on a pay stub
 - 54 "Please, Mommy, will you let us?"
 - 55 "Veni," in English
 - 56 Nero's 160
 - 59 Villain in Disney's "Aladdin"
 - 60 Waitress on TV's "Alice"
 - 62 Spruce (up)
 - 64 With 57-Across, Ali ring strategy
 - 68 Abate
 - 69 "Fighting" Big Ten team
 - 70 Cut, as pizza
 - 71 Cold and wet
 - 72 Like poison
 - 73 Japanese cartoon art
 - 74 Measures of memory
 - 75 Scaring cry
 - 78 — noire
 - 79 One of Henry VIII's Catherine's
 - 80 Et —
 - 81 Mug in a pub
 - 82 Jamaican citrus fruit
 - 83 Mean ruffian
 - 84 Wife on "The Addams Family," to her hubby
 - 86 Cover for a truck bed
 - 90 Crystal rubbers, perhaps
 - 91 Jab deliverer
 - 93 Control in a clinical study
 - 97 Certain wind player
 - 98 Very loudly, musically
 - 99 9-to-5er's weekly cry
 - 101 Main dish
 - 104 Art house film, often
 - 106 Went aboard
 - 107 Nitrogen compound
 - 108 Words after all or hole
 - 109 San Fran griddler
 - 110 All-terrain vehicle
 - 111 Fjord city
 - 112 Tasty tubers
 - 113 Egg-shaped
 - 114 Eye, in Paris
 - 115 Nut with caffeine
 - 116 Rock finale?
 - 120 Perched
 - 121 LP replacers

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS:

Super Crossword

Answers

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Weekly SUDOKU

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Go Figure!

answers

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
 ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

DIFFICULTY: ★★★

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult
 ★★★ GO FIGURE!

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THE LAST PAGE

WAITSBURG - FROM PAGE 7

A recent change at the Post Office has been the move and replacement of the outdoor mail collection box. The box, which was previously located on Main Street, now sits by the Post Office door.

"It was a safety concern. People were making U-turns and driving on the wrong side of the street to drop off their mail. I saw that the box needed replaced and it seemed like a good time to move it to a safer place," Reed said.

As expected, reactions have been mixed, he reported.

Though customers may not see the post office as a retail business Reed says the branches are competitive and he is appreciative of the local patronage.

"I want to thank everyone for using us rather than going to Walla Walla or College Place to buy stamps, cards, or to ship packages. When people shop local it helps with our revenue," Reed said.

Not to mention the added bonuses of avoiding long lines and seeing friendly, familiar faces.

Postage Increase on the Horizon

A postage rate increase will take effect on Jan. 27. The First Class Mail Letter (1 oz.) rate will increase by five cents from \$0.50 to \$0.55. Each additional ounce for a First Class Mail letter will cost \$0.15 (a decrease from \$0.21.)

The stamp price increase, along with other mailing and shipping increases, is the biggest price increase by total cents in the history of the post office, according to Newsweek. The increase is an effort by the USPS to offset ongoing operating losses.

To keep Waitsburg well-read, Warehime purchases new books each month and keeps a running list of requests.

"If someone wants a book, they just need to let me know. Unless it's a real specialty book, I'll try and get it in," she said.

When it started getting dark earlier, the library changed hours to close at five on Monday and Thursday, and added Saturday hours. The Saturday sessions have been well attended.

"If we keep having people show up, I will try and do more on Saturdays. I'm thinking of starting a game day," Warehime said.

Warehime leads a Monday morning storytime from 10:30 to noon and said all ages are welcome. Storytime generally involves reading, a craft or science project, and time to browse or play.

"It's a nice social time," Warehime said. Probably the biggest undertaking of the year is the summer reading program.

Library hours are Monday and Thursday from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., with a noon - 1 p.m. lunch break, and Saturday from 10 a.m. - noon.

10 Ten Art

In addition to becoming the new publisher of The Times, Lane Gwinn has big plans for her 10 Ton Press art studio. Igniting the creative spark in others is tops on her list of plans for 2019. Gwinn hopes to encourage more people to take up art by offering drawing, printmaking and painting classes starting as early as this month.

"In addition, we are creating an open drawing studio during 10 Ton Coffee's business hours, where people can come in and have free access to paper, materials and fun things to draw!" Gwinn said.

Gwinn says she already has a wonderful lineup of art shows planned for the year, kicking off with an exhibit of Carrie Hendrix's handmade musical instruments. The show opens January 10 with an artist reception Fri., Jan. 10 during the Bluegrass Jam at 10 Ton Coffee.

10 Ton Coffee

Luke Chavez and John Avery, who opened 10 Ton Coffee on Waitsburg's Main Street last May, say the shop has more than met their expectations.

"We love seeing the diversity of people that come through our doors. All ages, locals and out-of-towners," Chavez said.

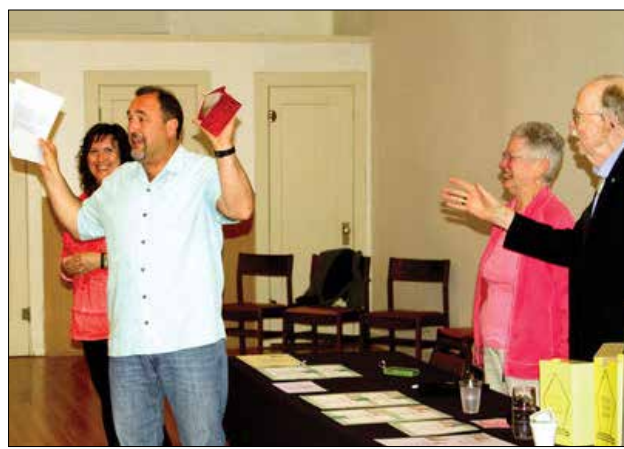
The men had a goal of building a reputation for serving the best coffee and using the best ingredients in all their products and are pleased with the positive feedback and reviews they have received on both their coffee and food.

"We love seeing the diversity of people that come through our doors."

**-Luke Chavez
10 Ton Coffee**

"Opening a new business in a small town as recent transplants was a little nerve wracking, but we have felt appreciated and welcomed by the people of this lovely town," Avery said.

In 2019, the owners plan to experiment with new menu items and to continue sourcing quality local ingredients. They also plan to expand their retail offerings to include coffee gear and a variety of items handmade by local artists."



Times File Photo

Dan and Trina Cole accepted the Commercial Club Business of the Year Award in 2015 for Waitsburg Grocery. New owners, Jesse Smit and Jamie Allen, hope to carry on the tradition of community involvement and service.

Waitsburg Grocery

With a few months of store ownership under their belt, Jamie Allen and Jesse Smit say that store ownership is going well.

The couple purchased the business in October of 2018, from Dan and Trina Cole. Dan Cole had operated the business, which has been named Waitsburg Business of the Year for its long history of community support, for 32 years before handing over the keys.

Smit said he and Allen each wanted to run their own business and were excited at the opportunity when they learned about the store being up for sale.

"We are excited and grateful to carry on a local, thriving business in a town that we love and want to be a part of," Allen said.

In recent months, a new floor was installed, courtesy of the Masons who own the building, and the bathroom has been remodeled.

Allen makes a habit of tempting the hungry by posting photos of her freshly made deli eats, including baked goods and take-and-bake dips, on the Waitsburg Grocery Facebook page. A recent post promoted Seahawk cinnamon rolls (with blue and green frosting), and a Game Day special of Seahawk nachos and chili dogs.

The couple intends to slowly bring in new products, such as the recently-added kombucha, and they are happy to hear customer requests.



Photo by Dena Martin

Weller Public Librarian Rosie Warehime displays her ongoing patron book wish list.

Weller Public Library

Waitsburg's favorite librarian, Rosie Warehime, is looking on the bright side. In fact, everywhere she looks (in the library, anyway) is brightly lit, thanks to the installation of new motion-sensing lights throughout the building this fall.

The improvements were made with funds donated to the library by the late Leona May Clarno, Warehime said. The library utilities and librarian salary are paid for through the City budget while the Friends of the Waitsburg Library raises funds for book purchases.

MORENO - FROM PAGE 1

Protective Services, and interviewing Moreno's daughter and Alessio's mother, Moreno was released with her daughter.

After later viewing security footage provided by a neighbor, officers elected to arrest Moreno on murder charges, according to the probable cause report. Moreno was arrested in Walla Walla and her daughter was left in the care of a friend.

Moreno is currently being held in the Walla Walla County Jail on \$250,000 bail. She is scheduled to be arraigned in Walla Walla Superior Court on Jan. 14, 2019.

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