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## THIS WEEK

### DAYTON



### 4-H

New Columbia County 4-H leader Ashley Trevino is working to increase membership and add new clubs.

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### LIBRARIES



### Dozier

Former Walla Walla Co. Commissioner Perry Dozier is looking forward to spending more time with his sons and on his Waitsburg farm.

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### SPORTS



### WRESTLING

Three Waitsburg wrestlers received medals at the Pomeroy Christmas Tournament last week.

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## District Seeks Input in Waitsburg School Superintendent Search

CANDIDATE SELECTION IS EXPECTED IN MARCH, WITH NEW HIRE AT WORK JULY 1

By Dena Wood | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG – The Waitsburg School District is seeking community input as it begins the search process for a new district

superintendent to replace Dr. Carol Clarke who will retire at the end of June. Clarke has served as superintendent since 2004.

The school board has hired Dr. Bill Jordan of Northwest Leadership Associates to assist with the superintendent search, which they hope to have completed by March. Community members are asked to provide input by completing a survey at the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/wsd123>.

On Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in the library

of the elementary school, Dr. Jordan was to meet with interested parents and community members to discuss the process and receive input about the desired qualities and characteristics of the superintendent. All community members are invited to attend.

Jordan is the lead consultant for the search. He recently retired as Superintendent of Walla Walla Schools and is a former superintendent of the Prescott School Dis-

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## BLUEWOOD IS BUSTLIN'



Photo by Michele Smith

The Triple Nickle chair lift was full Monday morning at Ski Bluewood, as skiers and snow boarders enjoyed the huge snowfalls that have hit the Blue Mountains this winter. Bluewood reported that 142 inches of snow have fallen at the ski area this winter so far. See story on Page 2.

## Waitsburg Sets Legislative Priorities

CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS ARE ASKING STATE LEGISLATORS TO SUPPORT ITEMS ON THE LIST

By Dena Wood | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG – The City of Waitsburg wants to make sure that local representatives know where the city stands on the many important issues that will come before them in upcoming legislative sessions.

At their Dec. 21 regular meeting, the Waitsburg City Council voted to adopt a 2017-2018 state legislative priorities list. City Administrator Randy Hinchliffe said he believes this is the first time the city has formulated such a list.

Only one of the 18 items on the list elicited concern. That was the priority to “oppose any legislation which restricts or limits the ability of K12 education improvements, including school

choice, charter schools, and/or vocational voucher programs.

Council member Kate Hockersmith requested that approval be put on hold until the council could hear feedback from Superintendent Carol Clarke. She was specifically concerned with the reference to charter school and voucher programs and the possibility that funds could be taken from the schools.

Council member KC Kuykendall said he thought Dr. Clarke would be in support of increased flexibility for the school district. He was opposed to tabling the priority list because he wanted to make sure representatives had it before the first legislative session in early January.

The council agreed to strike the end of the sentence and approved, “oppose any legislation which restricts or limits the ability of K12 education improvements.”

The city council unanimously agreed to pursue the following legislative agenda items:

-Ensure cities have stable, sufficient, and flexible revenue options available to provide es-

## OROZCO ARRAIGNED IN COLUMBIA COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

Trial date for suspect in 1996 Dayton murder is expected to be set this week

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON--Benjamin Orozco made his first court appearance in Columbia County Superior Court on December 21. He was charged with second degree murder in the shooting death of Dayton resident Lance Terry, and with first degree assault, in the wounding of Dayton resident David Eaton. Both crimes that took place, in Dayton, twenty years ago.

Columbia County Prosecuting Attorney Rea Culwell said that Orozco has entered a not guilty plea to the charges.

On July 7, 1996, Orozco and an acquaintance, David De la Rosa, became involved in a confrontation with Eaton and Terry behind the PDQ convenience store at 403 East Main Street. It is alleged that Orozco shot Terry in the abdomen and the chest, and Eaton in the hand and the knee. Terry died the next morning at St. Mary's Medical Center in Walla Walla.

Columbia County Sheriff's deputies searched for the pair, who fled the scene on foot, and arrest warrants were issued for them.

De la Rosa was arrested in Mexico, in 1998, and he appeared in Columbia County Superior Court, where he gave a witness statement, posted a \$50,000 bond, and was released.

Orozco was arrested in the State of Nayarit, Mexico last April, and was extradited to Walla Walla County on Dec. 15, according to Culwell.

Orozco is currently being held at the Washington State Penitentiary in Walla Walla. Criminal Defense Attorney Jane Richards, from Asotin County, and Columbia County Public Defender, Rachel Cortez, are representing him, Culwell said.

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# TOUCHET VALLEY LIFE

## PIONEER PORTRAITS



Photo by Michele Smith

Skiers and snowboarders prepared to hit the slopes on Monday morning at the Ski Bluewood ski area south of Dayton.

## BIG SNOW YEAR FOR SKI BLUEWOOD

DAYTON—Kim Clark, General Manager of Ski Bluewood, said business over the holidays has been booming. “There are lots of guests. Everybody’s happy,” he said.

On Monday morning the day was sunny with 60 inches of fresh, packed snow at the summit, and 54 inches at the base.

“We’ve had 142 inches so far this year, and we’re not even a month into the season,” Clark said.

Ski Bluewood achieved its earliest opening in the

past five years, on Dec. 9. The ski area 22 miles south of Dayton returns to its regular Wednesday through Sunday schedule this week, and will be open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily.

Clark said that Ski Bluewood will also be open for President’s Day, Feb. 20.

For more information contact Ski Bluewood on Facebook, or online at: [www.bluewood.com](http://www.bluewood.com), or call the snow line at (509) 240-8991.

### Touchet Valley Weather

Jan. 4, 2017

#### Waitsburg's Seven Day Forecast

<b>Wednesday</b> Mostly Sunny High: 14 Low: 5	<b>Thursday</b> Mostly Sunny High: 15 Low: 3	<b>Friday</b> Mostly Cloudy High: 21 Low: 18	<b>Saturday</b> Partly Cloudy High: 27 Low: 25	<b>Sunday</b> Cloudy High: 36 Low: 31	<b>Monday</b> Mostly Cloudy High: 34 Low: 28	<b>Tuesday</b> Partly Cloudy High: 35 Low: 24

#### Weather Trivia

How many tropical storms develop in the Atlantic per year?



Answer: On average, ten.

#### Weather History

**Jan. 4, 1989** - Up to a foot of snow blanketed the mountains of West Virginia and strong winds in the northeastern United States produced wind chill readings as cold as 60 degrees below zero in Maine. Mount Washington, N.H. reported wind gusts to 136 mph.

#### Local Almanac Last Week

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Precipitation
Monday	41	22	39/28	0.01"	0.21"
Tuesday	44	37	39/28	0.03"	0.51"
Wednesday	44	32	39/28	0.00"	-0.30"
Thursday	47	30	39/28	0.00"	36.1°
Friday	48	28	39/28	0.12"	33.5°
Saturday	46	26	39/28	0.00"	+2.6°
Sunday	38	23	39/28	0.05"	

Data as reported from Walla Walla

#### Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
<b>First 1/5</b> Wednesday	7:35 a.m.	4:21 p.m.	11:11 a.m.	11:31 p.m.
Thursday	7:34 a.m.	4:22 p.m.	11:41 a.m.	Next Day
Friday	7:34 a.m.	4:23 p.m.	12:13 p.m.	12:42 a.m.
<b>Full 1/12</b> Saturday	7:34 a.m.	4:24 p.m.	12:48 p.m.	1:54 a.m.
Sunday	7:34 a.m.	4:25 p.m.	1:28 p.m.	3:07 a.m.
Monday	7:33 a.m.	4:26 p.m.	2:14 p.m.	4:20 a.m.
Tuesday	7:33 a.m.	4:28 p.m.	3:08 p.m.	5:29 a.m.

## CLASSIFIEDS

### HELP WANTED

#### POSITION'S ANNOUNCEMENT

Waitsburg School District is accepting applications for the following positions.

Full-Time Maintenance Custodian (4 am – 12:30 pm)  
Extra-Curricular Openings:  
HS Head and Assistant Track Coaches  
MS Head and Assistant Baseball Coaches  
MS Assistant Softball Coach

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



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### Ten Years Ago January 11, 2007

Councilwoman Markeeta Little Wolf has thrown her hat in the ring for the job of mayor of Waitsburg on the platform of keeping Waitsburg “in charge of Waitsburg.” “If we can’t govern ourselves, the City should be disbanded. That is where we have been headed and I want to turn that around,” she said.

Former Waitsburg resident Martin Huffman of Lyle, Wash., was presented the Lions Club International Foundation’s Melvin Jones Award last December. Huffman, the son of Doris Huffman of Waitsburg and the late Marvin Huffman, has served as president of the Lyle Lions Club the past three years and has been a member for 12.

A team of Waitsburg non-contact flag football players has been making a name for themselves the past several years. For the fourth year in a row, the eight-member Waitsburg Merchants flag football team has won the B division of the local league, a program of the Walla Walla Parks & Recreation Department, and advanced to the state playoffs.

### Twenty-Five Years Ago January 9, 1992

Waitsburg has a higher percentage of people over 50 years old than the county as a whole but recent population figures show the small city of about 1,000 people also has a higher percent of children under 14 than the county, a number suggesting growth.

With the announced retirement of City Clerk Joan Hays and her husband, city utility chief Elmer Hays later this year, the city will lose nearly a third of its workforce. The Hayses announced at the City Council meeting Jan. 2 that Dec. 31 will be their last day on the job, after a combined total of 43 years of city service.

Jean Miller, a past matron of the Waitsburg Chapter of Eastern Star, was given an appointment as the Grand Representative of Colorado, in a surprise visit of grand officers at the regular meeting of the chapter Monday night.

It would be hard to find more complete and up-to-date facilities for chemical containment and recycling than those of the McGregor Company’s Waitsburg plant. “It’s really state-of-the-art,” said Pat McConnell, manager of the Waitsburg McGregor, and the company’s satellite operations in Prescott and Walla Walla.

### Fifty Years Ago January 5, 1967

Myron Hamiker, 55, owner of the Wagon Wheel Café and Tavern, was charged with man slaughter Tuesday in the Monday night slaying of Luther Murphy, 41, Starbuck. Murphy was killed by a single shot from an M-1 rifle as he left the tavern at the edge of town following an altercation with Mrs. Hamiker.

The annual meeting of the Days of Real Sport, Inc. was held Tuesday night. President Kenny Smith presided, assisted by Secretary Herman Gohlman. The treasurer’s report showed the 1966 meet was a break-even affair. New members of the Race board were presented by the nominating committee. Named for new terms were Herman Gohlman and Joe McCown.

State Representative Vaughn Hubbard of Waitsburg this week joined with W. L. Minnick and H. H. Hahner of Walla Walla to form a partnership for the practice of law. The name of the new firm will be Minnick, Hahner & Hubbard.

### Seventy-Five Years Ago January 9, 1942

Master David McConnell caused quite a bit of excitement Saturday when he came riding into town in the nifty cutter his dad rigged up for the snow. With his jingling bells and spotted pony, David was the envy of all the kids in town including those who have stopped counting their birthdays.

Walla Walla County Tire Rationing Board has appointed Eric Aldrich of this city as the local examiner for the Waitsburg district, such appointment to be effective at once.

With weather as “unusual as in California,” our City has been deep in the throes of winter the past week. With roads of solid ice to roads piled high with genuine snow drifts, the Waitsburg district knows that winter is here.

### One Hundred Years Ago January 12, 1917

A record price was paid for brewing barley in Walla Walla last week when 1437 tons were bought at \$40 a ton.

Wheat of the Walla Walla Valley is now in Cincinnati, being transferred into “Matzos,” the unleavened bread of the Hebrews.

The A. B. C. Club met at the home of Mrs. Addie Bruce Tuesday evening for sewing and sociability. At ten o’clock the members spent a pleasant hour dancing, when refreshments were served.

Fred Bachmann and the Hinchliffe boys are plowing and Otto Alford is seeding this week.

### One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago January 15, 1892

Jan. 11, 1892 will never be forgotten by the people of Waitsburg so long as time with them shall last. On that day no less than 600 people congregated New School House to listen to and participate in the dedicatory exercises. We have the best school house for the money (\$16,000) in the State of Washington.

The sleighing has been good this week, and the young people have enjoyed it immensely. The merry jingle of the sleigh bells have constantly filled the air – day and night.

Our bank began work as the First National Bank of Waitsburg on Thursday, Jan. 14, 1892.

# TOUCHET VALLEY NEWS

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

## COURT NEWS

### Church Directory

#### St. Mark Catholic Church

405 W. Fifth, Waitsburg  
Mass Sunday 5 p.m.  
382-2311  
Father Bob Turner

#### Waitsburg Presbyterian Church

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

#### Waitsburg Chapel

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

#### Waitsburg Christian Church

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

#### New River Fellowship

121 Main St, (Town Hall)  
Waitsburg  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Worship 11 a.m.  
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520-5676

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#### Dayton Senior Round Table

Senior Center (403 E. Patit St.)  
12 p.m.  
Tuesdays and Thursdays. Call 382-2836 to RSVP by the day prior.

#### Waitsburg Resource Center

106 Preston Avenue  
2-4 p.m.

### 9

#### Waitsburg Story Time

Weller Public Library  
10:30 a.m.

### 10

#### Prescott Library Story Time

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

#### Waitsburg Senior Round Table

Waitsburg Presbyterian Church  
11:30 a.m.  
Join local seniors every Tuesday for lunch.



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

**6:** French Toast; Corn Dog, Fries

**9:** Breakfast Sandwich; Turkey Sub, Lettuce/Tomato/Onion, Cucumbers

**10:** Biscuit & Gravy; Chicken Nuggets; Sweet Potato Tots

**11:** Cinnamon Roll; Baked Potato Bar, Graham Crackers, Broccoli

**12:** Muffin & Yogurt; 100% Beef Tacos; Tortillas, Black Beans

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#### Dayton Senior Round Table

Senior Center (403 E. Patit St.)  
12 p.m.  
Tuesdays and Thursdays. Call 382-2836 to RSVP by the day prior.

### 11

#### Christian Women's Connection

Waitsburg Town Hall  
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.  
Humorous speaker Lynn Franz will keynote. Call Judy at (509) 399-2005 by Jan. 6 for a reservation.

#### Waitsburg School Board

Preston Hall Board Room  
7 p.m.

#### Waitsburg City Council

Lions Memorial Building (Fairgrounds)  
7 p.m.  
This is a date change from the regularly scheduled Jan. 18 meeting.

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## Columbia County Superior Court December 21, 2016

### Arraignments

-Benjamin Orozco, 42, Nayarit, Mexico; Charged with murder in the second degree and first degree assault for the shooting murder of Lance Terry in Dayton in July of 1996. Sheriff Rocky Miller has been working with the FBI to arrest Orozco who was located in Mexico in March, and has been held there. He was brought to the U.S. and served at the Tri-Cities Regional Airport on Dec. 15. He is being held in the Columbia County Jail on \$2 million bail. He will be subject to electronic monitoring if he is able to post bond. Orozco entered a not guilty plea on all charges. Omnibus and trial setting are scheduled for Jan. 4, 2017.

- Richard A. Brelo, 59, transient; charged with assault in the third degree and assault in the third degree. Brelo underwent a competency evaluation and was deemed competent to stand trial. He entered a plea of not guilty. Omnibus and trial setting are scheduled for Jan. 18.

-Charles Reed Walters, 34, Boise; charged with possession of methamphetamine, attempting to elude a police vehicle, driving under the influence, reckless driving and refusing to cooperate with a police officer. Charges stem from an incident that took place in June of 2014. Walters entered a plea of not guilty to all charges. Omnibus and trial setting are scheduled for Jan. 4.

### Resolutions

-Richard D Streck III, 41, transient; plead guilty to one count of identity theft in the second degree, and one count of obstructing a law enforcement officer. He was sentenced to zero days in jail with credit for two days served and must pay \$570 in fines and fees.

-- Casey J. Lynn Dunn, 23, address unknown; charged with one count of possession of a controlled substance other than marijuana, and one count of possession of stolen property. Resolution has been reached. Resolution hearing scheduled for Jan. 4.

### Trials Set

-Marshall Hernandez, 56, Dayton; Charged with burglary and assault in the 2<sup>nd</sup> degree, strangulation in Nov of this year and charged with 1<sup>st</sup> degree arson and 1<sup>st</sup> degree reckless burning in Jan. 2015. Pretrial is set for Jan. 18 and trial is set for Jan. 26 for both cases.

-Travis R. Garcia, 30, Dayton; charged with theft in the second degree - access devise. He is accused of charging an item for \$50.30 to wish.com on his ex wife's debit card in April. Trial is re-set for Jan. 30-31.

-Noe Jaimez, 21, Walla Walla; Charged with possession of methamphetamine, DWLS 3<sup>rd</sup> degree, and operating a vehicle with no interlock device. Trial set for March 6-7.

### Other

Delbert Harold Benson, 37, Dayton; charged with multiple theft and burglary charges from an incident that took place in 2012. Benson pled guilty to three charges in a plea agreement in 2013 and was sentenced to 25 months incarceration. He is now requesting a hearing to withdraw that guilty plea. Benson's attorney, William McCool, asserts that Benson didn't enter into the agreement knowingly, intelligently, and voluntarily. Benson's previous attorney, Dale Slack, acknowledges he did not inform Benson of a case setting precedence that a defendant's possession of recently stolen property, without other evidence, is not prima facie evidence of burglary. Benson is being held in the Walla Walla County Jail and the motion will be heard in Columbia County Superior Court on Jan. 3.

## BIRTHDAYS

**January 6:** Kurtis Reser, Maddie Callahan.

**January 7:** Cecil Webber, Erma Gilbertson, Patrick Donnelly, Jim Hofer, Alice Webber and Kristyn Scott.

**January 8:** Steven Price, Esther Presler and Todd Larsen.

**January 9:** Jennifer Nichols, Angela Crawford, Tim Estes, Nicholas Carpenter, Gail Thames, Gerri Glover, Trevor McGee and Jarod Gagnon.

**January 10:** Caden McCaw, Todd Harris, Cynthia Graham, Roddy Krause, Andy Hermanns, Kimberly Neal, Melissa Harting, Kyle Huwe, Amanda and Ashley Danforth, Kelly Zuger and Denise Winnett.

**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.

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## A Trump Pick Who Says This Land Is Your Land

By James Greiff, Bloomberg View

By almost every measure for the incoming Trump administration, Ryan Zinke, the president-elect's pick to run the U.S. Department of Interior, has the perfect resume.

He's a former commander in the Navy's Seal Team Six special-forces branch, which among other things took out Osama bin Laden. He's the lone congressman from Montana, where the Interior Department figures large because it owns significant swaths of land used for grazing and mining. And Zinke is all for developing and exploiting resources on public lands, earning him a lifetime score of just 3 out of 100 from the League of Conservation Voters.

But for those who still embrace the goals of the Sagebrush Rebellion, a loose coalition of ranchers, miners, drillers, hunters, off-road enthusiasts, libertarians and anti-government die-hards, Zinke is a heretic. The reason is that he is an unshakable foe of selling federal lands or transferring them to the states.

Repeatedly, Zinke has joined Democrats in opposing legislation that would require the department he has been named to head to shed its vast real-estate holdings. In July 2015, he voted for an amendment to block funding of "extra legal ways to transfer federal lands to private owners." Earlier in the year he voted against a Republican-sponsored budget resolution that would have set up a fund to do the same thing.

As Zinke, 55, explained it at the time, he grew up hunting and fishing in Montana and sees the value in making sure that what's public stays public. This year he voted to block the sale of a couple of million acres of federal forest land for logging.

Zinke has been so at odds with his party on this point that he resigned from the committee that drafted the Republican Party convention platform because, as usual, it included a passage about selling some of the 640 million acres owned by the federal government.

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## How To Rekindle the Magic in Our Political Union

By Megan McArdle, Bloomberg View

Shortly before I got married, I received a piece of sterling advice that I have been mulling a lot over the last year: "You have a big decision to make: Do you want to be married, or do you want to be right?"

Even a good marriage offers a lot of opportunities for grievance. Suddenly, you cannot make any major decision without consulting this other person -- who will, inconveniently, often have very different ideas from yours about where to live, what to spend the money on, how to raise the children, and whether to turn the basement into a home theater space or a library. (The correct answer, for those who are wondering, is "library.")

The more determined you are to win every battle, the more likely you are to lose what's important: the person you love so much that you have chosen to spend the rest of your life with them. And so every time you have a real disagreement -- the kind that cannot be finessed by agreeing that tonight you'll order Indian, and next time you'll get Chinese -- you have to think carefully before you decide to have that fight. Is this really the hill that you're willing to let your marriage die on? Because if not, now's a good time to shrug your shoulders and let them paint the ceiling teal. How often do you really look up there, anyway?

You have to decide this even when the grievances are more important than paint colors: Your partner snaps at you when they've had a bad day, leaves their junk lying around for you to pick up, spends too much money on things you don't need, or vanishes whenever your family comes over. Some hills are worth dying on. But a lot of them are of no strategic value in gaining your ultimate objective: a long and happy partnership.

If you spend your marriage trying to ensure that everything is always rigorously fair and just, and grabbing the flaming sword of righteousness every time some minor wrong is done to you, you may soon find that you spend more time fighting than you would have picking up their towels or going into the other room to watch a movie because your spouse is in a bad mood. Or you may find that you have a peaceful, clean house that's exactly as you want it -- because you're living there alone.

A reassuring note to my alarmed readers: I haven't been thinking about this because my marriage is on the rocks. Like everyone else, my husband and I had to get adjusted to the fact of another person around whose needs must be considered on par with your own. But we're doing just fine this year. It's another marriage I've been watching disintegrate: the one between red and blue states.

While traveling a few months back, I ended up chatting with a divorce at-

torney, who observed that what we're seeing in America right now bears a startling resemblance to what he sees happen with many of his clients. They've lost sight of what they ever liked about each other; in fact, they've even lost sight of their own self-interest. All they can see is their grievances, from annoying habits to serious wrongs. The other party, of course, generally has their own set of grievances. There is a sort of geometric progression of outrage, where whatever you do to the other side is justified by whatever they did last. They, of course, offer similar justifications for their own behavior.

By the time the parties get to this state, the object is not even necessarily to come out of the divorce with the most money and stuff; it's to ensure that your former spouse comes out with as little as possible. People will fight viciously to get a knickknack neither of them particularly likes, force asset sales at a bad loss, and otherwise behave as if the victor is not the person who goes on to live a productive and happy life, but the one who makes it impossible for the ex to do so.

*'It's another marriage I've been watching disintegrate: the one between red and blue states.'*

However damaging these battles are, at least they eventually end. Unfortunately, there is no divorce court for nations, and our last trial separation ended in the deaths of about 2 percent of the population. However much you have come to despise the other party, they're still going to be there: tracking dirt into the halls of Congress, demanding an equal say in the direction of the ship of state. It doesn't matter if you hate their ideas, their habits, and everything else about them; they're not going anywhere. So you two had better figure out how to live together.

This shouldn't be as hard as we make it. The two Americas have a lot in common: centuries of history, a language, a shared love of delicious barbecue. If you don't believe me, go spend a little time abroad. No matter how much you like the new country, there's a special feeling of joy, a subtle tension that melts away, when you walk out of the gate and find yourself surrounded by people who took the same history classes you did, watched the same television shows growing up, eat the same brands of cereal. These people get you in a way that no one else can.

We forget this because we spend all of our time counting up our grievances, and precious few counting up the stuff the other folks did for us, all the good times (and bad times) that we've shared. Yes, my fellow Americans, you sometimes annoy the heck out of me, and your taste in politicians often leaves a lot to be desired. But we're still family, and I love you guys. I wouldn't want to share a country with anyone else. So here's hoping that in 2017, we all have a very happy new year.

Megan McArdle is a Bloomberg View columnist.

GREIFF - FROM LEFT

As was reported when Trump nominated him, Zinke was personally vetted for the Interior post by Donald Trump Jr., an avid hunter and angler. And though you can't imagine the president-elect himself in a deer stand, on the campaign trail he said he would work to preserve access for hunters to public land.

The confounding thing about the argument for transferring federal land to the states or selling it to private owners is that those who make it might have the most to lose.

States such as Utah, Idaho and Nevada, where the federal government owns a majority of the land, often say they can do a better job of managing the real estate within their borders.

In Utah, for example, legislation adopted in 2012 -- and ignored by the federal government -- demanding a massive land transfer said the state would benefit because "cumbersome federal rules, regulations, processes, and management policies often prevent development of these resources resulting in diminished revenue to the State and its citizens."

Leaving aside the question of whether state employees are any more productive than federal employees, one implication is that the state would get a higher return for use of the land.

That actually wouldn't be hard to do, although ranchers, miners, loggers and others might not like it very much. As a rule, the federal government charges users much less than market rates. The same is true for other uses of federal land: The prices the U.S. government charges are way below market rates. As such, this represents a considerable subsidy to the private sector, particularly in Western states.

Just how big is hard to quantify, partly because federal land ownership is spread among several different agencies. One study estimated that letting cattle graze on federal land cost the U.S. government \$261 million a year, while others have placed it as high as \$1 billion. The timber industry and hard-rock mining have similar advantages. Miners pay a maximum of \$5 an acre for extraction rights under a law adopted in 1872.

Other studies have concluded that the states might rue the day they assumed ownership of federal lands because expenses would outweigh potential sources of revenue. Someone would have to pay for maintaining roads, dams and other infrastructure -- not to mention the hefty cost of fighting forest fires or remediating the environmental harm and pollution caused by mining, deforestation and erosion.

If states wind up owning large chunks of what is now federal land, it isn't hard to imagine a time when legislatures see real-estate holdings as an easy asset to sell for closing a budget gap. Once the land is out of the public domain, it's gone for good.

There is a lot that conservationists don't like about Zinke, who supports more extraction and exploitation of the natural resources on federal property. But at least he isn't on board with getting rid of the land that all Americans should consider part of their national birthright.

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# 5 Habits Worth Cultivating in 2017, According to a Dietitian

By Carrie Dennett, Special to The Washington Post

Whether you make formal New Year's resolutions or not, the changing of the calendar often leads to contemplating what changes we might like to see in our lives. On the nutrition front, these are my top five picks for habits worth cultivating in 2017.

### Cook more

Creating and serving even the simplest of meals is a profound way of caring for yourself and your loved ones. Homemade meals tend to be more healthful than ones you purchase, because when you cook from scratch, you know exactly what you're eating. That makes it much easier to eat in a way that aligns with your health goals.

Think that cooking is difficult or time-consuming? It can be, but it doesn't have to be. Even inexperienced home cooks can do wonderful things when they learn a few core skills: A few ways to cook vegetables; the ingredients for a simple vinaigrette; how to cook a pot of beans or whole grains; what to do with a piece of meat or fish, or a block of tofu or tempeh.

Nail down a few basics, assemble a small collection of condiments and seasonings that appeal to your taste buds and you're set. For inspiration, look for cookbooks and food blogs that embrace real-world "let's get dinner on the table" cooking with short ingredient lists that emphasize easily available fresh foods and pantry staples. Save any "project" cooking for the weekends.

### Consider why you eat

Sure, you eat when you're hungry, but what are the other reasons you eat? Boredom? Stress? Loneliness? Anxiety? Many people use food to meet needs that food simply wasn't meant to meet. When you find yourself reaching for food or mindlessly browsing the contents of your refrigerator, get in the habit of asking yourself, "Am I hungry?" If the answer is "No," ask yourself what you are expecting food to do for you in that moment. Usually, there are better, more meaningful ways of entertaining or soothing yourself.

### Reduce added sugars

According to the 2015-2020 Dietary Guidelines for Americans, it's difficult to get enough of the nutrients we need for good health without exceeding our calorie needs if we get more than 10 percent of our total daily calories from added sugar. The average American does get more than that, especially children, teens and young adults.

Added sugars are different from the natural sugars found in vegetables, fruits, grains, beans and dairy products. Added sugars, which include white sugar or other calorie-containing sweeteners, are highly refined from their original source and add calories without nutrients. Beverages are the biggest source of added sugars, followed by desserts and snack foods, but sugar is added to many prepared foods - including salad dressings and frozen meals - another reason home cooking is better for health.

### Eat more plants

If you make one change to your eating habits for 2015, a great choice would be to eat more whole plant foods: vegetables, fruit, whole grains, beans and legumes, nuts and seeds, herbs and spices. Simply put, adopting a plant-based diet is one of the best moves you can make for your health if you want to make your meals more nutrient-rich and reduce your risk of heart disease, Type 2 diabetes, cancer and other chronic diseases.

The good news is that plant-based diets can take many forms, from vegan to vegetarian to flexitarian to omnivore.

The common denominator is that they put plant foods at the center of your plate. If you also choose to eat animal-based foods (meat, poultry, fish, eggs and dairy), they play smaller, supporting roles. While the benefits of a plant-based diet come from eating a variety of plant foods, you can't go wrong by making vegetables the star. They are packed with vitamins, minerals and phytonutrients - compounds that reduce chronic inflammation and disease risk - while being lower in calories than other foods.

### Let go of rigid rules

Although it's hard to go wrong with eating plenty of plants and minimizing a reliance on highly processed foods, the fact is that there's no single perfect eating plan. A nutritious diet allows for flexibility and shifts over time to suit your tastes and nutritional needs. Trying to find and follow a "perfect" eating plan is not only an exercise in futility, but it also often leads to all-or-nothing thinking: You're either perfect or you're a failure. This can lead to feelings of shame, and shame is a lousy motivator for positive change. Perfection is the enemy of progress.

## SCHOOLS - FROM PAGE 1

tract.

Dr. Jordan will be available in the cage at WHS to talk with high school students who wish to meet with him on Wednesday at 11:30 a.m.

On Wednesday, Jordan was also to meet with focus groups, including Preston Hall ASB officers and representatives; WHS ASB officers and representatives; the District Leadership Team (consisting of Stephanie Wooderchak, Becky Dunn, and Colter Mohny); secretaries, custodians, food service staff and bus drivers; and instructional staff.

The search timeline shows initial candidate selection to take place March 1, with preliminary interviews being held the week of March 6. Final interviews are slated for the week of March 13 with the final selection and contract negotiations taking place the week of March 20.

The new superintendent will report for duty on July 1, 2017.

## COOKING INDIAN FOOD CLASS

DAYTON - The Blue Mountain Station Co-op class for February will be Cooking Indian Food. Chef Sarah Mayhew of Sipid Bites will teach how to make an authentic Indian dish, Chicken Tikka Masala, and an authentic Indian side dish.

Attendees will learn about Indian spices and participate hands-on before sitting down to enjoy a delicious meal with wine. The class will take place on Sun., Feb. 26 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Class size is limited so sign up soon by calling (509) 382-2577 or email bmscoopmarket@gmail.com.

## FLU OUTBREAK RESULTS IN TIGHTENED VISITATION RULES AT ST. MARY'S.

WALLA WALLA - Due to a surge of flu cases in the community, Providence St. Mary has implemented a restricted visitation policy to help prevent the spread of the disease.

Visitors must be either members of the immediate family (spouses, partners, and children) or individuals 18 or older. Healthy siblings may visit in the Birth Center but must report to the nurse's station to be assessed first.

All patients are restricted to two visitors, total, in the entire hospital at one time. This is intended to discourage large groups of people from being in waiting rooms, cafeterias, and public areas.

Visitors accompanying patients for Providence Medical Group clinic or diagnostic appointments who have a cough of influenza-like symptoms will be given a mask to wear and are asked to use good hygiene to protect others.

The restrictions will remain in place until the incidence of flu declines in the community.

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## 4-H is Alive and Well in Columbia Co.

NEW 4-H LEADER ASHLEY TREVINO IS WORKING TO INCREASE MEMBERSHIP AND ADD NEW CLUBS

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON--Since taking over from Donna Hangar as the Columbia County 4-H Club program coordinator in April, Ashley Trevino has been working hard to increase membership, as well as to keep the eleven existing 4-H clubs on track.

Trevino said she is happy overall, but would like to add more clubs to the list for older youth.

"We have 38% of the middle school enrolled in 4-H. I couldn't be more delighted with this percentage," said Trevino.

Trevino would like to see a higher rate of participation in 4-H for students in high school, where the enrollment rate is only 10% of the high school student body.

Trevino said that students may not know that they can be in FFA as well as 4-H.

Trevino has been working with Asotin County 4-H Coordinator Kim Belange, to develop a new club, targeting older students, called "Know Your Government." And she is working in concert with other county 4-H coordinators to develop a county and state ambassador club.

Trevino also said that new state policy for 2016-2017 requiring mandatory youth leaders in clubs should also help to increase enrollment.

"Adolescence is a very difficult time for most. The more involvement these

teens have in their community, the better chance of success they will have in their futures," said Trevino.

In October Trevino took advantage of a 4-H leadership forum in the Tri-Cities, as part of her own 4-H education.

"I took a lot of agricultural livestock classes, including the steer merit program," she said. "If we work with Asotin and Garfield counties, we could offer that."

"I also had a class in the Working 4-H Ranch Horse Club, where you learn how to cut cattle, round-up, rope, and vaccinate. That's a cool program to develop," she said.

"I think 4-H clubs are very important. They help youth build leadership and responsibility, they know about agriculture and healthy living, and they develop a good work ethic to help them become good citizens and adults," Trevino said.

"Overall this has been a great year. I enjoy seeing the community involvement with the 4-H members," she added. "Columbia County is a strong county built upon by strong community members that take pride in the county, and they know the value that 4-H has on its youth."

Local 4-H clubs currently have 88 members, and twenty two leaders according to Trevino.

Columbia County 4-H clubs include; Barnyard, Columbia County Corrals, Columbia County Livestock, Columbia County Marksmen, Columbia County Robotics, Cookin' Up Some Fun, Handy Helpers, Krafty Farmers R-U's, Pots and Pins, Rockin' D Riders, and Upper Whetstone Fleecers.

For more information about the 4-H program visit the WSU Extension Office at 137 East Main Street in Dayton, or contact Ashley Trevino at: (509) 3824741, or by email at: Ashley.Trevino@wsu.edu.



Photo courtesy of Ashley Trevino

4-H kids enjoy outdoor activities during the Bi-County Camp last June, held for 4-H kids in Columbia and Garfield Counties.

## Deputy PA Slack to Help in Garfield County

AGREEMENT BETWEEN COUNTIES ALLOWS DALE SLACK TO CONTINUE WORKING IN COLUMBIA COUNTY PART TIME

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—Columbia County Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Dale Slack will still have a job, in 2017.

The Garfield County Prosecutor, Garfield County Commissioners, Columbia County Commissioners, and the Columbia County Prosecuting Attorney have all stepped up to help secure Slack's position.

"Rea gave us permission to talk to Garfield County. Everybody wanted to save Dale's position," said Columbia County Commissioner Mike Talbot.

Slack will continue to work his normal 35-hour week, with the same pay and benefits, but he will spend three days working in Columbia County, and the other two days working in the Garfield Prosecuting Attorney's office. Garfield County will pay Columbia County \$46,000 per year for his services, according to Columbia County Prosecuting Attorney, Rea Culwell.

Garfield County will also provide for Slack's training, and pay his dues. Slack will travel to Garfield County to make court appearances, meet with law en-

forcement officers, and meet with victims and witnesses, said Culwell.

"I'm very happy," Slack said about retaining his job.

Slack explained that he had two job offers on the west side of the state, but didn't want to move his wife, Amy, and his six-month-old daughter, Matilda.

Slack said that Culwell circulated a "piteous" plea to other prosecutors, which led to talks with Matt Newberg, the PA for Garfield County, who needed some extra help.

Slack's position as Deputy Prosecuting Attorney for Columbia County was in jeopardy in 2017 due to budgetary issues in the PA's office, according to Culwell. Those issues also resulted in a reduction in hours of operation in the PA's office.

This week Culwell announced the resumption of normal business hours in the PA office. The office will be open on weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Culwell is also asking for the public's patience as her office processes a backlog of records requests and civil matters.



Dale Slack

### FIRST NIGHT CELEBRATION



Photos by Michele Smith

Above: Six year old Wyatt McGanty, son of Rachel McGanty plays The Chandelier game at Dayton's First Night celebration in the Multi-Purpose room at Dayton Elementary School.

Left: Five year old Justin Finch, son of J.D. Finch of Yakima, prepares to take one of six shots to win a prize basketball.

# Dozier Reflects on His Time as Walla Walla County Commissioner

PERRY DOZIER RETIRED LAST WEEK AFTER EIGHT YEARS; WILL SERVE AS INTERIM WW FAIRGROUNDS MANAGER

By Dena Wood | THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA COUNTY – Former Walla Walla County Commissioner Perry Dozier spent the last day of his two terms as county commissioner on Dec. 31.

He will continue to serve the county as interim manager of the Walla Walla County Fairgrounds until a permanent manager is hired this spring and looks forward to spending more time with his two college sons and investing more time into his Waitsburg farm.

Dozier was recently honored for his service at a commissioner-sponsored employee appreciation event. His fellow commissioners presented him with a clock in recognition of his eight years of service.

Dozier graduated from Whitman College with a BA in Economics. He has served as president of the Washington Association of Wheat Growers and has testified before the U.S. Ag Committee and U.S. Senate sub-committee on agriculture and farm-related issues.

He also served on the Northwest Grain Growers Board of Directors and was a member of the Washington State Barley Commission. Prior to running for county commissioner, Dozier served on the Walla Walla Planning Commission.

When Dave Carey announced he would retire as commissioner in 2008, Dozier decided to run for the position.

"I'm not sure exactly why I decided to run in the beginning but it's been an amazing experience and I've had the opportunity to work with the most dedicated people," he said. "Anyone who takes a job with the government and stays there, is dedicated, because they could go into the private sector and make far more money. I am really going to miss the people that I work with and their dedication."

While in office Dozier represented the agricultural interests of the county and its citizens. Committee assignments included the Walla Walla Watershed Management Partnership Board, the Snake River Salmon Recover Board, the Greater Columbia Behavioral Health Regional Support Network, Work Source Employers Committee, Work Force Development Council Regional Board, and Emergency Management Executive Board, to name a few.

Dozier said there are three accomplishments he is most proud of during his tenure as commissioner.

First, is the fact that the commissioners opted not to take the allowed annual 1% property tax increase in four of the eight years he was in service, even when times were tough.

"The economy experienced a downturn in 2010 through 2012, but the previous commissioners had been conservative and we had reserve accounts to pull from. I'm proud that through that time when the economy was hurting and we had a tougher time with revenues that we did not raise property taxes.

"We were able to balance the budget by utilizing



Courtesy Photo

4-HPerry Dozier is looking forward to investing more time into his Waitsburg area farm now that he has retired from the Walla Walla County Board of Commissioners.



Perry Dozier

reserve funds and by teamwork as commissioners with other elected officials. We chose not to take the 1% increase again in 2017," Dozier said.

In spite of some bad press and the fact that the building is now up for sale, Dozier cites the commissioners' decision to purchase a building at 1520 Kelly Place to bring social service agencies to a centralized location, as one of his successes.

"We were able to bring nonprofits like Heart to Heart and the Blue Mountain Action Council under one roof, and to establish a bus route with Valley Transit," he said. "Even though it cost a lot and there were unforeseen expenses, I think that was a very good move. Coupling that with the one-tenth of one percent sales tax to fund chemical dependency and mental health treatment dovetailed into helping a lot of people that need those services."

Finally, Dozier lists another controversial issue, transferring oversight of the county jail from the Sheriff's Office to the county commissioners, as a significant accomplishment.

"The commissioners had a different vision of what corrections is and we wanted to address the problem of repeat offenders," he said. "Now we have a mental health professional in the jail and can use the one-tenth of one percent tax for treatment. With the help of Mike Bates we've made a lot of improvements and have used inmate labor to bring the jail up to higher standards.

"Now we have other counties looking at what we did and calling to ask about it," he added.

Over his two terms, Dozier has also been involved in the adoption of stormwater provisions; considered many amendments to county codes; was part of the board when it entered into an interlocal agreement with the City of Walla Walla to form the Joint Community Development Agency; participated in many meetings on environmental-related topics, and was part of the board decision to prohibit production,

processing, storage, and retail sale of recreational marijuana in the county; and has helped keep the county in an excellent fiscal position as part of the county budget committee.

"It has been an honor and privilege to serve with Commissioner Dozier for the past five years," said Commissioner Jim Johnson. "His contributions to the citizens of Walla Walla County, many of which go unnoticed, have served to make our community stronger and more financially stable because of his efforts. I, along with Commissioner Duncan and past commissioners who served with Perry, wish him the very best in the future and thank him for his service."

Dozier said the decision to step down was not an easy one.

"The work load has increased dramatically over my eight years as commissioner. It's important to me now to have time to spend with my two boys, Logan and Kyle, who are finishing up college at WSU before heading into their adult careers. I also want to invest more time into farming again. If the term was for less than four years, it's possible that I may have run again," Dozier said.

"I really appreciate the support, which has been fantastic in the Waitsburg area, that I've received over the last eight years. It's been nice being local and it's been nice to work with Randy (Waitsburg City Manager Randy Hinchliffe) and to work with people from different municipalities. I've gotten to know a lot of people and the projects that we can bring together collaboratively mean so much. I hope the new commissioners keep those bonds," he added.

Dozier will keep busy as interim manager for the Walla Walla County Fairgrounds for the next several months.

"That will be fun. I've been the fairgrounds commissioner liaison, so this is like stepping into something I've already done. And I might contemplate running for office later," Dozier said.

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sential services.

-Make funding available from the Washington State Department of Transportation for Bicycle and Pedestrian Grant Program.

-Fully fund the State Flood Control Assistance Account in order to provide funding feasibility studies.

-Make allocation of Federal Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act funding to local infrastructure projects more equitable.

-Provide funding for infrastructure replacement programs like the public works assistance account and other programs that provide low interest loans to cities.

-Maintain the city-state budget funding partnership.

-Change the 1% Property Tax Cap to allow cities the authority to increase property tax to an extent that accounts for inflation and population growth.

-Modernize the Public Records Act so that cities can continue to provide open and transparent government to our residents.

-Continue funding of the Transportation Improvement Board for city street and pedestrian projects.

-Continue providing funding for the Municipal Research Services Center. (This is a nonprofit that provides legal and policy guidance to Washington governments.)

-Return local revenues derived from 6.1% increment of real estate excise tax, 20% increment from the water distribution utility tax, 60% of revenues from sewerage collection utility tax, plus 100% of revenues from solid waste collection utility tax to be administered through the Public Works Assistant Account for the sole purpose of serving a low-interest loan pool for local government infrastructure projects, known as the Public Works Trust Fund.

-Modify the Growth Management Act to better accommodate local economic and community development needs through increased flexibility based on the needs, wishes, and priorities of the local community;

-Make modifications to I-937 (a.k.a. Clean Energy Act) to allow and encourage utilities to recognize energy savings as a means of meeting imposed renew-

able portfolio standard levels.

-Increase the number of projects made available to local communities to participate in local revitalization financing initiatives which foster sustainable economic development.

-Distribute a per-capita share of state revenues associated with recreational marijuana production, processing, and sales regardless of whether or not a local jurisdiction allows such commercial activities, due to the cost implications which result state-wide stemming from the social and criminal

impacts of this growing commercial activity.

-Oppose any incremental road user tax or fee structure that is not offset with neutralizing reduction in fuel sales tax, including the cost of administration of potential road user tax.

-Oppose any legislation which restricts or limits the ability of K-12 education improvements.

-Provide funding through WSDOT for the replacement of the Highway 12 bridge over the Touchet River in Waitsburg.



Times photo

Funding replacement of the Highway 12 bridge over the Touchet River in Waitsburg is on the city's "to-do" list for the legislature.





# SPORTS



Photos by Andie Holmberg

Above left: Waitsburg's Tyler Hoffman (right) puts a pin on an opponent during the Pomeroy Christmas Tournament last week. Hoffman got a fourth-place medal. Above right: Waitsburg's Joe Adams (in colorful shoes) also gets a pin at Pomeroy. Adams took third place in his weight class.

## Three Cardinal Wrestlers Medal at Pomeroy Tourney

KY ADAMS AND JOE ADAMS PLACE THIRD; TYLER HOFFMAN GETS A FOURTH

By Andie Holmberg  
THE TIMES

POMEROY — The Waitsburg Cardinals faced tough competition amongst 17 teams representing regional schools from Washington, Oregon and Idaho at the annual Pomeroy Christmas Tournament on Thursday.

Weather once again brought changes to the winter sports schedule as other regional tournaments were cancelled, and Pomeroy accommodated additional teams looking to compete by adding an additional bracket round to the weight classes, as well as girls' brackets.

Teams at this year's tournament included all school sizes and a lot of fierce competition. Schools participating included: Waitsburg, Pomeroy, Colfax, Lind-Ritzville, Joseph, Enterprise, Clarkston, Pullman, Kittitas, Mabton, Hanford, Clearwater Valley, Orofino, Grangeville, Union, Potlatch and Willappa Harbor.

Six Cardinals competed in the tournament, with three wrestlers bringing home medals.

At 138 pounds, David Just won his first-round match versus Matt Crateau (Hanford) by pin 0:27. In the second round, Just was defeated by Jayson Blackburn (Union) by pin 3:30. Just then defeated Weston Arzen (Grangeville) by technical fall 3:01. Just's day ended after getting caught in a cradle by Dillio Vaughn of Clarkston. Vaughn pinned Just at the 1:13 mark.

"David wrestled hard today," said Waitsburg wrestling coach Lanny Adams. "He had some tough competition. He

got caught in a cradle and just couldn't get out of it."

At 145 pounds, Devon Newman advanced through the first round with a bye. In the second-round, Newman was defeated by Leighton Nedrow (Clarkston), by pin at 1:00. Cedar Fisher (Clearwater Valley) pinned Newman in his next match,

"Wasn't Devin's day today," Coach Adams said. "He got caught a little high in his last match and ended up getting turned. We have a couple of things to work on before our league meet in Liberty."

At 152 pounds, DeJay Meier was defeated in his first match against Clayton Meyer of Orofi-

no with a technical fall at 2:26. Marty Dickenson (Clarkston) pinned Meier in the next match at 0:46.

"DeJay worked hard. He is still adjusting to his wrestling prosthetic and stabilizing his base," said Adams.

At 170 pounds, Ky Adams wrestled especially hard and earned the third-place medal. Adams advanced on a bye in the first round. In the second round, he defeated Ben Smith (Clarkston) by technical fall of 18-3 (time not recorded). Adams lost to Taylor Roy (Clearwater Valley). Roy won by decision of 9-2.

"This was a tough match. Ky was on the offense most of the match. Roy just had good counters to Ky's shots,"

Coach Adams said.

In the consolation bracket, Adams defeated Nick Hardin (Orofino) by pin at 2:47, which advanced him to the match for third place. Adams won, pinning Josh White (Hanford) at the 1:29 mark.

At 182 pounds, Joe Adams received a bye in the first round. In the second-round match, Adams made quick work of Johnny Sarbacher (Enterprise), pinning Sarbacher in 27 seconds. Adams was defeated by Layton Paul in the third-round matchup. Paul pinned Adams, 3:23.

"Joe gave up about eight inches in height against his opponent. He wrestled hard and

scored first. Unfortunately, he got caught and couldn't get out from underneath," Coach Adams said. Joe Adams then pinned Jonathon Juarez (Willapa Valley) in 47 seconds, advancing him to the medal round for third/fourth. Adams pinned Brandon Bell of Clarkston at the 2:11 mark to bring home the third-place medal.

At 285 pounds, Tyler Hoffman placed fourth. Hoffman had a bye in the first round. He then defeated Jesus Matta (Mabton) by pinning him with a tight cradle at 1:26. Hoffman was defeated in his third-round match by Keira Owens (Clearwater Valley). Owens pinned Hoffman at 1:53.

"Tyler shot first and got the takedown. He turned his opponent but kept his hips a little high and got rolled. Little mistakes like that, we can fix," said Coach Adams.

Hoffman defeated Marcus Patterson (Clarkston) by pin at 1:41 to advance to the third/fourth-place bout. There he was defeated by Cody Gludt of Potlatch, who won by pin at the 1:46 mark.

"There was a lot of tough competition at this tournament," Coach Adams said. "We wrestled some teams that we will not see again this year, plus we got a chance to see some of our competition from the other

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### Junior Division

Champion	Elsie Mae Mann, Dayton	219
Reserve	Paige Gartner, Touchet	191
3	Tristan Sewell, MF	178
4.	Peyten Pratt, Prescott	161
5.	Monroe McCaw, WW	133
6.	Payden Henry, Touchet	105
7.	Madison McCaw, WW	100
8.	Hadley Hiner, WW	93
9.	Stella Barton, College Place	29
10.	Kaci Campbell, Athena	24

### Amateur Division

Champion	Jamie Thomas, WW	205
Reserve	Brooke Martin, WW	204
3.	Julie Maney, Helix	181
4.	Dawn Bonser, MF	139

5.	Chelsea Mann, Dayton	99
6.	Michelle Warren, WW	92
7.	Jamie Mayberry, Prescott	88
8.	Kristen Gwinn, Touchet	87
9.	Sarah Williams, Athena	74
10.	Sara Campbell, Adams	62

### Novice Division

Champion	Kacey Gartner, Touchet	144
Reserve	Dana Gregg, Touchet	134
3.	Kelly Currin, Dayton	116
4.	Brooke Martin, WW	115
5.	Judy Frazier, Touchet	92
6.	Adelle Smith, Waitsburg	91
7.	Courtney Frazier, Touchet	87
8.	Bobo McMillan, WW	82
9.	Dusti Crenshaw, Touchet	76
10.	Kim Smith, Touchet	72

### Buckle Champions - Rookies of the 2016 Season

Junior Division	Tristan Sewell, MF
Senior Division	Theda Hamlin Athena
Honors Division	Carol Crenshaw, Touchet
Amateur Division	Julie Mayberry, Prescott

The VGBRA invites anyone – guys and gals – who is interested in becoming a member to contact Rosie at (509)337-6366 or Sue (509)522-1137. All ages and skill levels are welcome. Further information and additional contact options are available at [www.vgbra.org](http://www.vgbra.org).

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regions prior to seeing them at the state tournament.

"There are moves that we need to work on getting out of, along with some we need to work on fine tuning. I am very pleased with the intensity that all six of the Waits-

burg Wrestlers showed today," Adams added.

The Cards will travel to Liberty on Jan. 5 for a league match. This will be followed by the Chiawana tournament on Saturday, Jan. 7. The Cards sole home match this season will be Jan. 10.

## TEENY MCMUNN: MY RECIPE BOX

# Kale Waldorf Salad

Here you go. A great way to clean out all the yummy stuff from the holidays and get the body back into healthy foods. I say that before I share my recipe for chocolate lasagna next week. Makes you kinda shudder, huh, but it's good, I promise.



This salad was served to me when we were invited to a friend's house for Christmas. It was flavorful and colorful. I don't eat a lot of kale (understatement), but when I have, it tends to be bitter. I didn't notice it at all in this recipe, maybe because the apple and raisins gave it a slight sweet taste, and the dressing was perfect.

4 c. packed finely chopped raw kale, preferable dinosaur kale----

(that's funny).

1 large red apple-Fuji or Honeycrisp

1 c. thinly sliced celery

½ c. walnuts toasted and chopped, divided

¼ c. plus 2 Tbsp raisins, divided

2 Tbsp Dijon mustard

2 Tbsp water, more if needed

1 Tbsp red wine vinegar

1/8 tsp sea salt

Place kale in a large bowl. Add half the apple to kale along with the celery, ¼ c. walnuts and ¼ c. raisins. Put remaining apple in a blender along with remaining ¼ c. walnuts, remaining 2 Tbsp raisins, mustard, water, vinegar and salt. Puree until well combined and slightly thick, adding water if needed to thin. Pour dressing over kale salad and toss to combine

MY NOTES: I don't have a lot to add to this, except maybe if it says toasted walnuts, it is worth the time to toast the nuts, as I find it gives them a different flavor. This dressing sure could be used for other salads, for instance, a green leaf, pear, walnut, and blue cheese salad.

Enjoy, and Happy New Year!

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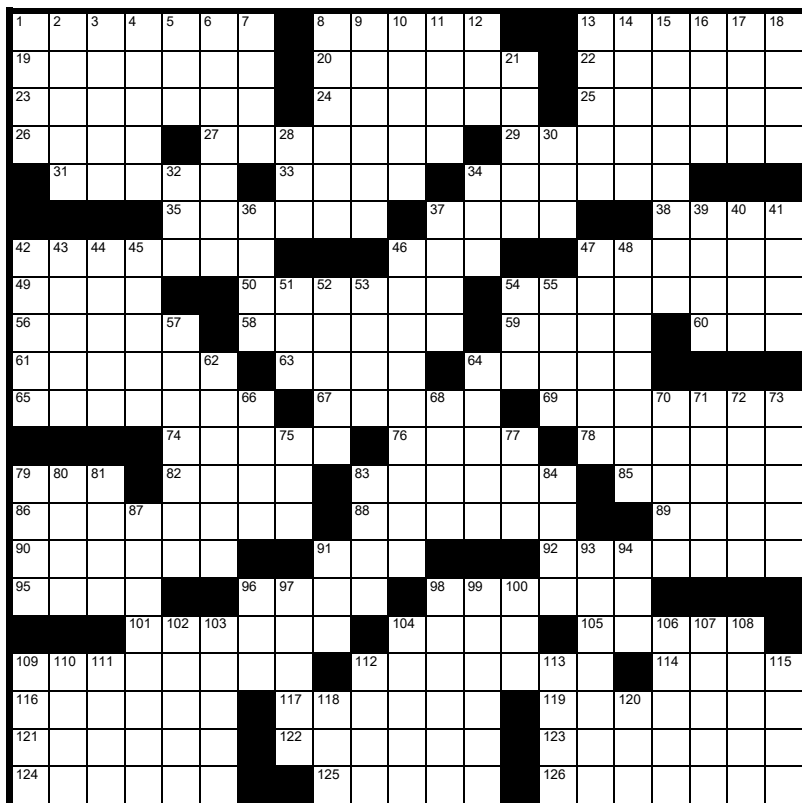
NOTE: The starts of 20 answers will spell out my message to you.

### ACROSS

- 1 Member of Group 17 on the periodic table
- 8 Bill once in the Senate
- 13 Picked
- 19 Edible mollusk
- 20 Go over again
- 22 Energy for a certain drive
- 23 Devious types
- 24 Word on 17 Monopoly spaces
- 25 Luck with football skills
- 26 He scored his first World Cup goal at age 17
- 27 Motion response
- 29 Team that set an NHL record with a 17-game winning streak in 1993
- 31 Vacation goal, briefly
- 33 Bulletin of \_\_\_\_\_ University (series of 17 annual publications)
- 34 Running mate?
- 35 Most inactive
- 37 Grp. operating Boeing C-17 aircraft as part of its Strategic Airlift Capability program
- 38 Pine
- 42 Culinary Hall of Fame member Emeril
- 46 Associate's field
- 47 Book 17 of the Old Testament
- 49 Visibly excited
- 50 "Stalag 17" director
- 54 Ready for the World hit with the lyric "Let me love you till the morning comes"
- 56 Neil ranked No. 17 on Rolling Stone's list of greatest guitarists
- 58 Like, sooooo handsome
- 59 Points of convergence
- 60 They may get burned
- 61 Colleague of Marx
- 63 TV role for Bruce Lee
- 64 "17 Again" actor Zac
- 65 Certain bread tidbit
- 67 Tijuana title
- 69 Most in need of moisture
- 74 Rated NC-17, say
- 76 Travel in waves?
- 78 Cause of blanching
- 79 Sink
- 82 "... for the \_\_\_\_ of it"
- 83 One with an odds job
- 85 Moss who set an NFL rookie record with 17 touchdown receptions
- 86 Full of wrinkles
- 88 "Twilight" character who turned into a vampire at age 17
- 89 Verizon's Internet, TV and phone service
- 90 Singer who died in a plane crash at age 17
- 91 Model Riccobono
- 92 "This is dreadful!"
- 95 Hunk of marble
- 96 Award for which "American Horror Story" was nominated 17 times in its first season
- 98 Wedding band?
- 101 Animal also called a dwarf leopard
- 104 Russo born on Feb. 17, 1954
- 105 Severity
- 109 City approximately 17 miles south of Tokyo
- 112 Expensive block
- 114 Four Seasons song "\_\_\_\_ 17 (Don't You Worry 'Bout Me)"
- 116 Valuable violins
- 117 Nation that celebrates Constitution Day on May 17
- 119 Herpetology subject
- 121 "To be specific..."
- 122 Emulate Earhart
- 123 Supervisor's charge
- 124 Egg carton designation
- 125 Childish way to say "You're wrong about me"
- 126 Time zone that covers the entirety of 17 U.S. states

### DOWN

- 1 Door device
- 2 More qualified
- 3 Clapton's "magnificent scream of unrequited love," per Guitar World
- 4 Ancient
- 5 Nastly stuff
- 6 Surrounds
- 7 Legendary loch
- 8 Altercation
- 9 Response to oppression
- 10 Adler in a Sherlock tale
- 11 Texting button
- 12 Greek cross
- 13 Metallic noise
- 14 Door device
- 15 Not easily persuaded
- 16 iPhone's info searcher
- 17 Biblical site in a famous Bosch triptych
- 18 "\_\_\_\_ your chance!"
- 21 Greyhound locale
- 28 Visionary thing?
- 30 Psyche part
- 32 Burn, so to speak
- 34 Boxing target
- 36 Risque and then some
- 37 \_\_\_\_ a soul
- 39 Fit for "Project Runway"
- 40 Detained or retained
- 41 Times to remember
- 42 Cake feature
- 43 Excruciating feeling
- 44 Overcharge
- 45 Seymour Skinner's mother on "The Simpsons"
- 46 Citrus-flavored drink
- 47 Motorcade component
- 48 More appealing, say
- 51 Bother big-time
- 52 Slightest
- 53 OkCupid user's goal
- 54 Season opener?
- 55 Bat mitzvah staple
- 57 Jackie of "The Hustler"
- 62 Budget selections
- 64 Christensen of "Traffic"
- 66 Durham institution
- 68 "My God, that hurts!"
- 70 Piece to be proofed
- 71 Banks in Chicago, once
- 72 "Likewise"
- 73 Risky rendezvous
- 75 Was in front
- 77 Bygone orbiter
- 79 Cherokee and others
- 80 Fussy to a fault
- 81 River ending in Yuma
- 83 Large group
- 84 Alter, as on Wikipedia
- 87 Dealt with a crash, say
- 91 Defib specialist
- 93 Carolina of fashion
- 94 "Exodus" hero
- 96 Source of shade
- 97 2016 Disney film with a Polynesian protagonist
- 98 Tasty trattoria treat
- 99 "Still..."
- 100 Union battler, briefly
- 102 Nation by the Diego
- 103 Snap course
- 104 Atkinson of "Bean"
- 106 "Understood"
- 107 Offer a hot take, say
- 108 Measuring stick
- 109 Half of a Chinese duo
- 110 Sharif on screen
- 111 \_\_\_\_ Sutra
- 112 Far from rosy
- 113 Comic Johnson
- 115 Noticed
- 118 Fertility lab stock
- 120 Faux \_\_\_\_



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