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WAITSBURG MAIN STREET, 1:41 P.M.



Dog walkers crossed Waitsburg's Main Street under a stormy sky on Tuesday afternoon.

Photo by Ken Graham

Waitsburg Community Weighs in On Main Street Bridge Design

ENGINEERS REQUEST DESIGN DECISIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

By Dena Wood | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG – Anderson Perry & Associates engineer Eric Zitterkopf was on hand at a March 10 community meeting in Waitsburg to answer questions surrounding design plans for the Main Street Bridge that is scheduled to be replaced in the summer of 2017.

The meeting was initiated after the city council was asked to choose railing designs at their February meeting. Council members wanted to know why detailed design decisions are required so early in the process, and requested more time to seek

public input.

Zitterkopf explained that, while the bridge itself isn't a historic structure, it resides in Waitsburg's downtown, which is a historic district. That means the Washington Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP) will have a say on what the bridge ultimately looks like, he said.

"Replacing the bridge is the easy part. It's getting the permits that is difficult," said City Administrator Randy Hinchliffe. "We need about a dozen, and it's a long process."

The bridge, which will be built using a \$1.7 million state grant, must be constructed during a low-water "fish window" in the summer, Hinchliffe said. In order to begin construction in 2017, permits and approvals must be completed in a timely manner.

Zitterkopf said the environ-

mental permitting is particularly time-consuming, and DAHP will need to sign off before the environmental permitting can be completed.

"This waterway and bridge is a huge asset for this town," council member K.C. Kuykendall said. "It's under-utilized right now because we don't do a great job with it and haven't made it particularly inviting. If we're going to go through a couple-million-dollar project of replacing it, then that's one of the things we may want to consider."

Kuykendall asked how the possible addition of a viewing area or deck, the integration of lighting, and the addition of walkways and/or bike paths might impact the railing.

"Those are the kinds of things we ought to be considering in this kind of a 100-year-project," he said. "And we'd hoped to be able to do that. But we were

afraid we'd be caught in a lurch because we had to pick from a pre-fab rail design, which will have an impact on what we do before or after."

Zitterkopf said there are a multitude of options for rail designs, and they had simply presented options that were typically accepted that would fit with the funds available. He said designs vary widely in cost, depending on the intricacy.

"You do have some time (to decide), depending on what you want your schedule to be. The sooner the better just so we can get everything crossed off," he said.

Business owner Joy Smith said she sees a lot of foot and bike traffic across the bridge that connects Preston Park to the newly developed Wait's Mill Park, and that walkability is a priority.

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Port Commissioners Ponder Railroad Lease

TALKS PROGRESS BETWEEN FRONTIER RAIL, WATCO AND THE PORT OF COLUMBIA

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON – At their meeting on March 9, Port of Columbia Commissioners heard from port manager Jennie Dickinson that progress is being made to turn rail operations for the Palouse and Coulee City short rail over to Frontier Rail, LLC.

Dickinson said the current rail operator, Watco, is completely willing to turn rail operations over to Frontier, but that the process is still in legal review.



Dickinson

Dickinson said there are 39 miles of rail, with eight bridges and their approaches, for the new railroad operator to maintain. There are also crossings and farm leases to take into consideration when drawing up a formal contract between the port and Frontier, she told the commissioners.

"We've got to set the tone right away," Dickinson said. She said she wants Paul Dedelius, commercial director for Frontier Rail, to know there is no port revenue for rail repairs.

"They are 100% responsible for maintenance, unless we get state grant funds," she said. "They are going to do this properly."

The port recently paid half the cost to replace an old wood storm water culvert, located in the rail right of way at the corner of a building owned by the Columbia County Grain Growers, because the culvert was plugged. That repair should have been performed by the rail operator, she said.

"We paid only this one time," said Dickinson. Commission Secretary Earle Marvin

asked about creating a firm fixed-price contract with Frontier, and he said that a detailed scope of work should also be established.

Dickinson assured him that she would obtain the right wording for the contract and that the port would create a general scope of work, through a grant from the state of Washington.

Last year the port received a grant in the amount of \$273,300 from the Washington State Department of Transportation's Freight Rail Assistance Program, to make repairs to the railroad bridges. That was done with the intention of reinstating rail service to the Touchet Valley, opening distant markets to Columbia County products.

Dickinson said that Seneca Foods and Frontier Rail each contributed money to the repair fund, and she said that there is \$287,000 available for the repairs. The total cost for making the repairs is \$300,300, and the Port will have to absorb the rest of the cost, she said.



TOUCHET VALLEY LIFE

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Courtesy Photos

Preston Hall Student Spotlight Students of the Month for February were (l to r): Violet Beckman, 6th grade; Riley Hubbard, 7th grade; McKellyn Bradham, 8th grade.

PIONEER PORTRAITS

Ten Years Ago March 23, 2006

Leadership in the senior citizen ranks and faithful service with recycling efforts in the Touchet Valley were recognized by the members of the Waitsburg Commercial Club at its Annual Meeting last Tuesday, as Lillian Judd and Jack Cyr were named Co-Community Service Award recipients.

Ballots for the City of Waitsburg's first-ever all-mail city election were posted this week in Waitsburg. Ballots are being mailed to all registered voters in the city and must be postmarked by Monday, April 3, 2006, or returned to Waitsburg City Hall to be valid. Some 750 ballots were mailed. The ballot lists incumbents Marty Dunn for mayor and Jean M. Hinchliffe for treasurer, both nominated at the Commercial Club caucus and by a second caucus which put up the More Choices Ticket and had as a slogan "Representative Government." Eight names are on the ballot for City Council, including the incumbents Orville Branson, Bettie Chase, Larry Johnson, Markeeta Little Wolf, and Mark Shively, along with Larry Clinton, Jim Helm and Bill Dawes. Dawes has indicated that he will not serve, if elected.

Twenty-Five Years Ago March 21, 1991

Bettie Chase, lifelong resident of Waitsburg and local historical expert par excellence, was named as "Citizen of the Year" by the Waitsburg Commercial Club at the annual banquet Tuesday evening.

Principal Intern Dan Butler has been working with a local group to explore the possibility of obtaining grant money to do some local planning on a variety of topics. In a committee meeting on March 11, Butler said the group looked into some ideas on assistance to parents, the possibility of some additional recreational equipment and facilities, and setting up a youth-managed employment agency.

Sandra Conover, a senior at Wait-Hi, was FFA Sweetheart of the Hillbilly Hoedown, a dance held recently in the multi-purpose room of the elementary school. The hillbillies at the youthful shindig stomped, hopped, jiggled and jogged to the marvels of electronic recording – audio tapes.

Fifty Years Ago March 24, 1966

The Grade School Rhythm Program will be presented on Friday night, March 25 in the High School Gym at 7:30. Glynn Davis announced that the program would consist of square dancing, round dancing, circle dancing, choral readings, and chorus singing.

Brown-eyed, brown-haired Kay Wehe, a 17-year-old Prescott Junior is a candidate for the title of Queen of the Days of Real Sport for 1966. Kay, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George R. Wehe lives on the family farm at Eureka where she has spent all of her 17 years.

Bill Dickeson arrived home on March 15 after spending the winter in California with his children. Despite the weather, spring has officially arrived now that Bill Dick is back in his old familiar haunts.

Seventy-Five Years Ago March 28, 1941

There has been a number of pretty good steel-head trout caught along the Touchet River close to the city the past few days. Maurice Ganguet last Thursday brought in one fish which measured 31 inches and weighed 6 1/2 pounds.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Ray and their daughter, Gloria Jeanne, Lolita Tricheir, Elizabeth Danielson, and Helen Recor of Prescott, attended the Rainbow Girls meeting in Dayton Friday night.

The Sorotus Club met at the home of Mrs. Melven Thomas Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Herman Gohlman gave a paper on 'Nylon Hosiery'.

One Hundred Years Ago March 31, 1916

O. M. Conover is plowing on the Dacres place near Walla Walla pulling nine 16-inch bottom plows and turning 12 feet of ground every day. He averages 25 acres per day with his tractor engine.

N. B. Atkinson, Frank Callahan, D.C. Eaton, Gus Vollmer, Walter Price and D. B. Stimmel were among the members of Waitsburg Local No. 1 who attended the Farmer's Union District Convention at Dayton Saturday.

Mason C. McCoy of this city recently received his patents for the United States, Canada, Puerto Rico and the Hawaiian Islands on what is considered by mechanics to be a very perfect railroad lock nut.

Appraisers of the Lewis Neace estate filed their report Saturday sating that the property in the State of Washington is valued at over a million dollars.

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago March 27, 1891

Everybody should take a paper. Even a paper of pins has many good points.

The Presbyterian Society of Christian Endeavor will observe Easter Sunday by holding an early morning meeting at six o'clock. Everybody is cordially invited to attend.

In his talk last night, Dunstan, the Regulator, gave the cigarette smokers a scorching rebuke. While smoking is a detriment to anyone, the act of doing so in the presence of ladies, denotes a very low forehead.

On Wednesday, Martin Hauber had a streak of bad luck, one of his horses, falling, smashing the buggy tongue into smithereens.

Touchet Valley Weather March 16, 2016

Waitsburg's Seven Day Forecast

Day	Weather	High	Low
Wednesday	Mostly Sunny	48	29
Thursday	Sunny	50	30
Friday	Sunny	53	34
Saturday	Mostly Sunny	54	38
Sunday	Mostly Sunny	56	39
Monday	Partly Cloudy	51	35
Tuesday	Mostly Sunny	54	36

Weather Trivia

When was the first weather forecast issued in a newspaper?

ANSWER: It was May 7, 1857 in the Washington Evening Star.

Weather History

March 16, 1989 - A winter storm brought heavy snow and high winds to the southwestern United States. Winds gusted to 60 mph at Lovelock, Nev., Salt Lake City and Fort Carson, Colo. Snow fell at a rate of three inches per hour in the Lake Tahoe area of Nevada.

Local Almanac Last Week

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Precipitation
Monday	54	39	53/36	0.00"	0.98"
Tuesday	51	32	54/36	0.02"	0.52"
Wednesday	60	41	54/36	0.08"	+0.46"
Thursday	65	39	54/36	0.16"	46.7°
Friday	48	36	55/36	0.15"	45.2°
Saturday	53	39	55/36	0.37"	+1.5°
Sunday	60	37	55/37	0.20"	

Data as reported from Walla Walla

Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Wednesday	7:00 a.m.	7:01 p.m.	12:38 p.m.	2:56 a.m.
Thursday	6:58 a.m.	7:02 p.m.	1:36 p.m.	3:45 a.m.
Friday	6:56 a.m.	7:04 p.m.	2:36 p.m.	4:28 a.m.
Saturday	6:54 a.m.	7:05 p.m.	3:36 p.m.	5:05 a.m.
Sunday	6:52 a.m.	7:06 p.m.	4:37 p.m.	5:38 a.m.
Monday	6:50 a.m.	7:08 p.m.	5:38 p.m.	6:07 a.m.
Tuesday	6:48 a.m.	7:09 p.m.	6:38 p.m.	6:35 a.m.

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TOUCHET VALLEY NEWS

EVENTS

FREE EASTER BREAKFAST AT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WAITSBURG - The Waitsburg Presbyterian Church will host a free Easter Breakfast at 9:30 a.m. on March 27. Everyone is invited to bring the whole family and enjoy a free homemade breakfast.

Church Directory

Waitsburg Presbyterian Church

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

Waitsburg Chapel

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

Waitsburg Christian Church

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

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

WEEKLY CALENDAR

18

Shamrock Bingo
Waitsburg Elementary Multi-Purpose Room
6-8 p.m.
American Cancer Society Fundraiser. Doors open at 5 p.m.

19

Prescott Lions All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast
Prescott Lions Hall (Hwy 124 & 'D' St., Prescott)
8-11 a.m.
Breakfast is held the third Sat, and Sun. of each month.

Waitsburg Resource Center
106 Preston Avenue
9-11 a.m.

The Center provides food and resources to families in the Waitsburg and Prescott School Districts.

Dayton Lions Crab Dinner
School Multipurpose Room
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Tickets must be purchased in advance at Dingles or from a Lions member.

FrogHollow Band/Prescott Lions Benefit Concert & Dinner
Prescott Lions Hall



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

18: Scrambled Eggs & Sausage; Tuna or Egg Salad Sandwich, Bean Salad
21: Breakfast Sandwich; Hamburger (Chips optional), Tomato/Onion/Pickle, Fries
22: Continental Breakfast; Chicken Nuggets, Tater Tots
23: Cinnamon Roll; Chili, Cornbread
24: Muffin & Cereal; Easter Ham Dinner

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7-10 p.m.
\$10. Proceeds go to held Bryan Johnson's medical expenses as he fights cancer.

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Waitsburg Story Time
Weller Public Library
10:30 a.m.

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Dayton Library Story Time
Dayton Memorial Library
10 a.m.
Storytime is free to the public and no library card is needed. Live Reading with Roz from 3:15 - 4 p.m.

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

Waitsburg Senior Round Table
Waitsburg Presbyterian Church
11:30 a.m.
Join local seniors every Tuesday for lunch. \$4 suggested donation for those over 60. \$7 charge for guests under 60. Meals on Wheels are available. Call 337-8541 for more info.

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Tuesdays and Thursdays. Call 382-2836 to RSVP by the day prior.

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Knit Together
Dayton Memorial Library Delaney Room
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

POLICE NOTES

Waitsburg/Prescott

Nothing reported.

Columbia County

Feb. 21
Burglary reported at buildings on US12, MP361.
Feb. 22
William Tewalt, 45, Dayton was arrested on two Benton County warrants. Approx. seven bags of pellets were stolen from the 1000 block of S. 4th St. Report of a shop on Hatley Gulch Rd. burglarized during the winter. Air compressor, welder, oxyacetylene tanks were reported missing. Parties were separated in a loud family disagreement in the 200 block of N. 2nd.
Feb. 23
Jonathan Weis, 22, Waitsburg was transported from Walla Walla and booked into the Columbia County Jail on a Columbia County warrant for assault in the 4th degree, domestic violence. Report of renters moving out and vandalizing house in 300 block of E. Washington. Report of young men shooting at coyotes from McKay-Alto Rd and into private property.

Feb. 24
Report of person with a protection order against resident trying to enter residence in the 300 block of E. Richmond. Deputy was unable to locate. Five dollars was taken from a vehicle on W. Clay. A search warrant of 705 E. Maple #7 in Waitsburg resulted in the discovery of stolen items and the arrest of Lonnie Marick. Threats to an individual being threatened by a resident for parking in front of the residence. Victim was assured that it is not against the law to park in front of a residence that is not yours. Litter on Hoge Hollow, MP 4. A fridge with a "free" sign was on the side of the roadway. No one wants it and it is not in front of a residence.

Feb. 25
A dog running at large attacked another dog along the dike. Report of trespassing in Lewis Peak area. Personal ID and documents were found on S. 4th St. and turned in. Unwanted subject refusing to leave property in 200 block of S. 2nd St.

Feb. 26
Knife was found on courthouse steps.

Feb. 27
Mutual reports of harassment in the 100 block of E. Patit. Both parties told to cease. Theft of approximately 20 gallons of diesel was stolen from a pickup in the 200 block of E. Jackson. Wallet found on N. Touchet Rd. and turned in.

Feb. 28
Report of a person seen inside the reporting party's vehicle in 100 block of W. Washington. Unable to locate. Collision in 600 block of Wagon Road when driver swerved to miss small dogs in roadway, left the roadway, and struck the side of a building. Report of harassing text messages.

Feb. 29
Report of two metal gas cans full of old oil stolen from 300 block of S. 7th by a male wearing a dark coat and driving a white pickup. Unable to locate.

March 1
Gary Marshall, 60, Burbank, was booked into Columbia County Jail on a court order. Vehicle prowl reported in 1200 block of S. 2nd; \$2-\$3 missing.

March 2
Several theft reports from Pik-a-Pop, Dayton Mercantile, Dingles, and General Store. Ray Schillinger, 23, N. Highlands, Calif. was arrested and booked into jail on two charges of theft in the third degree, one charge of giving false information to an officer, one charge of obstruction, and two out-of-county warrants.

March 3
Non-injury collision when driver failed to negotiate a curve on lower Weinhard Rd., fishtailed, and went off an embankment. Vehicle hit nose-first and rolled onto passenger side. Report of texting harassment.

March 4
Report of possible mail fraud. Aggressive panhandler trespassed from private property in area of 300 block of E. Main.

March 5
Report of erratic vehicle passing on right, speeding, and throwing beer cans out of car on N. Touchet Rd. Father was contacted and advised of complaint. Report of vehicle with erratic lane of travel on US12.

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BIRTHDAYS

March 18: Sherrie Larsen, Ben Daniel and Marisa Hoops.

March 19: Verna Allen, Elaine Reese, Norma Johnson, Terry Jacoy, Josh Mayberry and E. Neil Stephens.

March 20: John Hazelbaker, Arlene Winnett, Andrew Wright, Kristopher Patton, Stacey Grende and Paul John.

March 21: Brad Huffman, Doris Williams, Linda Stonecipher, Margie Huwe, Lane Huffman, Rebecca Stokes, Ken Lenhart.

March 22: Garrett Buffington, Kenneth Lewis, Mary Hamblen, Gia Fluharty, Amy Morrow and Cole Janovich.

March 23: Jayce Bayer, Sally Baker, Mary Hunziker, Beryl Witt, Ron Bishop, Seth Straayer, Jennifer Pierson, Sandy Baker.

March 24: Michael Smith, Fred Hamann, Chloe Pearson, Kim Iverson, Randy Sorick, Jeff Harper, John Dodson and Lacey Maki.

Want Public Information? Too Bad

By Justin Elliott, Special To The Washington Post

Two years ago last month, I filed a public-records request to the Federal Emergency Management Agency as part of my reporting into the flawed response to Hurricane Sandy. Then, I waited.

The Freedom of Information Act requires a response within 20 business days, but agencies routinely blow that deadline. Eight months later, ProPublica and NPR published our investigation into the Sandy response, but it did not include any documents from FEMA. The agency had simply never gotten back to me.

Finally, this Feb. 10 -- 492 business days past the law's 20-day deadline -- I got a curious phone call from FEMA. The agency was starting a "clean search" for the documents I asked for, because the original search "was not done properly."

Why?
"I wish I had the answer," the staffer told me. "There are quite a few cases that this happened to."

Documents are the lifeblood of investigative journalism, but these problems aren't of interest only to reporters. The Freedom of Information Act is supposed to deliver on the idea of a government "for and by the people," whose documents are our documents. The ability to get information from the government is essential to holding the people in power accountable. This summer will mark the 50th anniversary of the law, which has been essential in disclosing the torture of detainees after 9/11, decades of misdeeds by the CIA, FBI informants who were allowed to break the law and hundreds of other stories.

President Barack Obama himself waxed poetic about FOIA on his first full day in office in 2009, issuing a statement calling it "the most prominent expression of a profound national commitment to ensuring an open Government." He promised that his would be "the most transparent administration in history."

But Obama hasn't delivered. In fact, FOIA has been a disaster under his watch.

Newly uncovered documents (made public only through a FOIA lawsuit) show the Obama administration aggressively lobbying against reforms proposed in Congress. The Associated Press



found last year that the administration had set a record for censoring or denying access to information requested under FOIA, and that the backlog of unanswered requests across the government had risen by 55 percent, to more than 200,000.

The Republican-led House Oversight and Government Reform Committee looked into the state of the public-records law and in January issued a report with a simple, devastating title: "FOIA Is Broken."

Incredibly, it took my ProPublica colleague Michael Grabell more than seven years to get records about air marshal misconduct from the Transportation Security Administration. As he pointed out, his latest contact in the FOIA office was still in high school when Grabell filed his initial request.

After a reporter at NBC4 in Washington sought files related to the 2013 Navy Yard shooting, Navy officials actively strategized about how to thwart the request. The Navy only apologized after it mistakenly forwarded its internal email traffic to the reporter.

When a Mexican journalist asked the Drug Enforcement Administration in 2014 for files related to its role in the capture of drug lord Joaquín "El Chapo" Guzmán, the agency sent a letter back demanding \$1.4 million in fees to search its records.

"There's a leadership void that has gotten worse," veteran FOIA lawyer Scott Hodes told me. "It's not treated as an important thing within the administration."

Why is the law failing so badly after all the promises about transparency? My experience and the experiences of other journalists suggest the reason is twofold: incompetence and neglect.

When I probed a bit more into what had gone wrong at FEMA, the agency's entire FOIA apparatus started to look like a Potemkin village of open government. The FOIA staff was never trained properly, a FEMA spokesman told me. Of 16 positions in the office, eight have long been vacant for reasons that are not entirely clear. The backlog of requests at FEMA has ballooned to 1,500. That's more than double what it was less than two years ago.

Spokesman Rafael Lemaitre promised that the backlog was "frankly unacceptable to senior leadership here at FEMA, who have been aware of the problems and are taking actions to cor-

rect it."

"Obviously the Freedom of Information Act is a very vital resource for taxpayers," Lemaitre said. "Frankly, we haven't done a very good job of fulfilling that promise."

Over the past two years, whenever I periodically called or emailed for updates, agency staffers either ignored me, said their systems weren't working or told me they didn't have any new information.

My request outlasted the tenure of my original contact in the FOIA office. When I called 14 months into the process, I was told she had left the agency -- fair enough, as people change jobs all the time. But my request had apparently not been handed off to anyone else. No one seemed to know what was going on.

Last year, the federal FOIA ombudsman found that FEMA took an average of 214 days to process complex FOIA requests, the third-worst in the Department of Homeland Security, which gets the most requests in the government. (That compares to an average processing time for complex requests of 119 days across the whole government.) "A lack of responsiveness prompted lawsuits that cost the agency a bunch of money," said James Holzer, the head of the ombudsman's office, who praised FEMA officials for at least recognizing the problem.

A hiring freeze at the agency after sequestration didn't help matters. But officials told Holzer's investigators last year that the eight long-vacant positions in the public records office would be filled as early as last fall. Today, those jobs remain empty. The FEMA spokesman didn't have an explanation for what's taking so long.

When I tried to find out whether anyone had been held responsible for the fiasco, I didn't find much more transparency. "I cannot discuss any personnel issues, unfortunately," the spokesman told me.

Has the agency at least set a specific goal for when it will get through its backlog? "Our target is to get these cleared as quickly as possible -- I don't have a date for you."

Justin Elliott covers politics for ProPublica, with a focus on money and influence. He is still waiting, more than 500 days later, for an answer to his FOIA request.

What Drives Facebook's Attempts to be Cool?

By Hayley Tsukayama, The Washington Post

It would be easy to look at Facebook's recent acquisition of the startup Masquerade and scratch your head. Why, you might wonder, would a company worth roughly \$300 billion want to buy a company dedicated solely to putting goofy animations over people's selfies?

But the answer is there if you look at how Facebook has evolved over the years. The social media network is dominant, but it's also in a constant battle to be cool -- or at least just cool enough to stay relevant without being confusing for the older people on the network. Snapchat can make a whole business basically designed to confuse most people over the age of 25, but Facebook's audience doesn't allow for that. While Facebook may have started as a social network for college kids, those college kids are now in their 30s. And they've brought their parents to the party.

That's worked out for Facebook, which has turned its broad base of users into a goldmine. But that doesn't mean, however, that Facebook has resigned itself completely to being a social network for (relatively) old people. It's proven through a series of acquisitions and experiments of its own that it's looking closely at the competition to stay as relevant as it can.

Sometimes those experiments don't succeed, which happened when Facebook tried to make its own version of Snapchat -- Slingshot, remember? No? -- and looked like it was a little desperate. What has worked, however, is acquiring companies that complement Facebook's audience and its own functions. Facebook's acquisitions of Instagram and WhatsApp are the prime examples of this. Both have been a good way for Facebook to infuse its brand with something new, without having to invest too much in a copycat product. The fact that Facebook has more or less let both companies continue to run on their own post-acquisition also helps those products retain their audiences. Panic that Facebook's acquisition would dramatically change the culture of Instagram, for example, has largely subsided.

In that context, the Masquerade buy makes more sense, particularly since it lets Facebook take another step to go after a prime competitor for users: Snapchat.

In addition to being the one that got away for Facebook, Snapchat is an undeniable force with which Facebook must reckon. Snapchat sits at the center of several social media trends that are pretty important right now -- photo-based messaging, popularity among teens, personalization and a more mobile mindset.

Does Masquerade make Facebook a Snapchat killer? No, obviously not. But it does help the company take a small piece of the goofy, loose and completely shareable part of Snapchat's culture and incorporate it into its own massive social network. It gives it just a little bit of something new, and keeps it just in step with the most current culture -- which is just what Facebook wants. In addition to buying Masquerade, for example, this week Facebook also patented an algorithm that is aimed at detecting slang words its users type to put into a social glossary -- perhaps, reports said, for the hippest auto-correct feature ever.

Facebook's pursuit of cool, however, must walk a fine line. If Facebook did use its glossary to suggest slang terms, it runs the risk of alienating parts of its audience by being too ahead of the curve, said Kirsty Waller, senior vice president at SDL, an online translation service. "If Facebook gets the prediction wrong, users will feel like the platform doesn't understand them which can be off-putting."

With the Masquerade features, however, Facebook may face the opposite problem: once you pull something into the mainstream, it can lose its appeal. Now that everyone from your fifth-grade teacher to your grandparents will also be using filters to turn themselves into zombies or to face-swap with their cats, it may lose any semblance of cool.

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LETTER

A WONDERFUL SURPRISE

Dear Editor,

Thank you to the mystery person who left the large bowl of flowers on my front porch. It was a wonderful surprise

and cheers me every time I see it.

Jan Cronkhite
Waitsburg

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TOUCHET VALLEY NEWS

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY



Courtesy Photos

Waitsburg and Prescott school district's inducted new members into the National Honor Society at a ceremony at DeSales High School on March 9.

Top: Prescott inductees (l to r): Viviana Ochoa, Jocelyn Granados, Chris Butierrez, Katia Sanchez, Yoali Ortega. Above: Waitsburg inductees (l to r): Chloe Pearson, Gillian Pope, Robert Walsh, Tyler Wood.

NEWS BRIEFS

WAITSBURG KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

WAITSBURG - Waitsburg Elementary School will hold kindergarten registration for the fall of 2016 on Mon.-Thurs., March 28-31. Registration will be in the elementary office from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday and from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday.

All children who turn five, on or before, August 31 and live within the Waitsburg School District boundaries are eligible to register for kindergarten for the fall of 2016.

A current immunization record and an official state birth certificate will be needed to register. Official Washington State birth certificates can be obtained at your local public health office.

If you are not able to register your child on one of the registration dates, or if you have any questions, please contact the elementary office at 337-6461.

HIV/AIDS PREVIEW NIGHT

WAITSBURG - Parents with children in Grades 5-8 are invited to the Waitsburg School District

HIV/AIDS Parent Preview Night on Mon., March 21 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Board Room at Preston Hall Middle School, 621 Main St.

Following a preview of the materials, parents who wish to have their child excluded from participation in the HIV/AIDS Prevention Program may sign a release form. State law requires that parents or guardians attend such a meeting before they can have their child or legal ward excluded from participation in the HIV/AIDS Prevention Program.

Anyone with questions can contact: Dr. Carol Clarke, Superintendent/ Elementary Principal at 337-6301 or Stephanie Wooderchak, Secondary Principal at 337-6351.

ASTRONAUT AND WHITMAN GRAD TO VISIT

WALLA WALLA - Whitman College invites students and families to an evening talk titled "Daring to Dream Big - A Journey from the Wheat Fields to Outer Space." The talk will be given by astronaut and Whitman graduate Dorothy Metcalf-Lindenburger who will share the story of how she went from being a high school science teacher to an astronaut.

The event will be held at Whitman's Young Ballroom (Reid Campus Center) on Mon., April 4 at 7 p.m. The talk is free and open to the public.

LINCOLN HIGH PRESENTS ALICE IN WONDERLAND

WALLA WALLA - The Lincoln High School drama department will perform Lewis Carroll's Alice in Wonderland, March 24-26. Tickets are pay what you will and donations are appreciated.

Performances dates and times are Thurs. and Fri., March 24-25 at 7 p.m. and Sat., March 26 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Kids who attend Saturday's 2 p.m. performance will have an opportunity to get their pictures taken with their favorite characters.

Lincoln High School is located at 421 S. 4th Ave. in Walla Walla. Contact Jeremy Gradwohl at 526-8516 for more information.

BRIDGE - FROM PAGE 1

Resident Denise Winnett objected to current plans that include a sidewalk on the east side of the bridge, only. Families walk up one side, look at the water, then cross over to the other side, she said.

"Even if you look at historic pictures that were taken from the old water tower, there were sidewalks on both sides that swooped into Main Street, welcoming. One-sided is not as welcoming," Winnett said.

"I would rather trade away a more ornate railing than lose a sidewalk. If I had to pick where my money went, I would rather it continue our walkability than go toward a decorative balustrade," Smith said.

Zitterkopf said that adding a sidewalk to the west side would mean a cost increase. Because the new road will be significantly higher than the existing street, sidewalks would need to be removed and replaced down First Street in order to match up, he said.

Resident Herb Bessey asked if culverts could be installed under the raised roadway in order to provide drainage in the event of a flood.

Zitterkopf said the idea had been explored several years ago but was tabled based on objections from downstream property owners. It's easy to do if that's something the council wants to do, he said.

Zitterkopf said the initial plan was to advertise the project for bid in January or February of 2017, with construction beginning in June. He said he would meet with his project team to see how much time they had before a decision on the rail design had to be made.

According to Hinchliffe, Zitterkopf met with project team members after the meeting and let the city know that Anderson Perry would need to submit design plans to DAHP by mid April and would like to have a decision from the city by the end of March. Further discussion of the bridge is on the agenda of the March 17 city council meeting.

NEWS BRIEFS

WAITSBURG HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING

WAITSBURG - The Waitsburg Historical Society will hold its annual meeting at the Waitsburg Fire Station, located on Main Street, on Mon., Mar 28 at 10 a.m.

Anyone interested in learning more about the Historical Society is invited to attend.

DINNER & DANCE FUNDRAISER

PRESCOTT - The Prescott Lions have joined with The FrogHollow Band to throw a benefit concert with dinner at the Prescott Lions Hall on Sat., March 19 from 7-10 p.m. All proceeds will be donated to Bryan Johnson, who has been diagnosed with an aggressive form of cancer, to help with medical expenses.

Admission is \$10 and includes a chili dinner and dancing. Cold beverages will also be available for purchase.

COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT

DAYTON - Kids in Dayton are invited to spend Saturday morning before Easter in the city park hunting for Easter Eggs.

The annual Easter Egg Hunt will begin March 26 at 11 a.m. in the Dayton City Park. Areas will be set aside for kids in four separate age groups. A separate area will be available for kids needing parental assistance.

This year's Easter Egg Hunt is sponsored by the Dayton Kiwanis Club and Washington Federal Bank. For more information, contact Judi Pilcher at (509) 382-4771.

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Helping Kids Eat Better

COLUMBIA COUNTY HEALTH DEPT. PRESENTS VEGGIES AND FRUITS TO K-1 STUDENTS

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON — “Fresh-picked,” “sour,” “leafy,” “crunchy,” “spherical” and “spikey” are just a few of the adjectives students in Ms. Wamble’s Kindergarten/first grade classroom used to describe the smell, appearance, taste, and sound of a variety of salad greens and oranges they sampled at last week’s presentation by Vickie Hodgson, a health educator with the Columbia County Health Department.

Since the fall of 2015, Hodgson has been making interactive presentations every six weeks, in all four K-1 classrooms at Dayton Elementary School. The purpose of the program is to help students expand their knowledge about fruits and vegetables, and to encourage them to make healthier food choices.

“We also hope to broaden their horizons and tastes, and establish better eating patterns out of the lunch room,” Hodgson said.

Hodgson obtained a \$4,000 grant from the Inland Northwest Foundation Children’s Fund, in September of last year for the program, she said.

Last fall, students in Mrs. Ramirez’s and Ms. Yenney’s K-1 classrooms benefitted from Hodgson’s presentations. This year, K-1 students in Mrs. Payne’s and Ms. Wamble’s classrooms are getting the instruction.

“They are now able to sample a variety of fruits and vegetables that they might not get at home,” said Hodgson.

Hodgson’s focus on varieties of salad greens and oranges in Ms. Wamble’s classroom included a review of the prior week’s instruction about carrots.

“What shapes are they? What colors are they?” she asked them. And they remembered, listing “tubular,” “yellow,” “white,” “red” and “orange.”

Hodgson’s presentation about salad greens and oranges included facts other than shapes and colors. She also talked about nutritional value, growth habits, and threw in a little culinary history, including the fact that on his second trip to the New World Christopher Columbus brought lettuce with him.



Photo by Michele Smith

Vickie Hodgson, from the Columbia County Health Department (standing), gives presentation on veggies and fruits to Ms. Wamble’s K-1 classroom. Teacher Stephanie Wamble is seated at left.

After the presentation, came the taste test. Student helpers passed the salad greens and oranges around to their classmates, who got to see, smell, taste, and talk about them.

There were a few grimaces when the children were asked to try the Minneola orange. Overall, there weren’t too many objections from them.

Finally, Hodgson asked them to evaluate the fruits and vegetables on their like/dislike sheets.

“This is a really fun activity. The kids are very honest, and sometimes critical,” said Hodgson. “Some things they like, and some things, not at all.”

A letter to parents about the activity was sent home with the students, along with a handout on 50 ways to add more fruits and vegetables to their daily diet.

The students also received a sheet for them to

check off the fruits and vegetables they have tried, and a ruler from the Washington State Dairy Council, listing the five food groups.

They also received a cookbook featuring “crazy curly broccoli bake,” “rainbow veggie pocket,” “banana in a blanket,” and more.

A copy of the book “How Does Your Salad Grow” by Francie Alexander stays in the classroom for them to enjoy, Hodgson said.

Bosc pears are next week’s featured fruit, said Hodgson, who wondered what students would think about their brownish color.

It’s was hard to tell who was having more fun, Hodgson or the children. “I think they are as excited, as I am,” she said.

NEW ACTIVITIES AT DAYTON LIBRARY

Book chat, reading with a pooch and library card design are new programs

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON--A book chat for people who like to read, reading with a dog for children, and a contest to help design new library cards, are in the works at the Dayton Memorial Library.

“Sit, Stay, Read” is an activity that will help children improve their reading skills and reading confidence, according to the children’s librarian Carolyn Laib.

Laib said that on Fridays at 3:30 p. m., beginning on March 18, children can cuddle up and read with Tex, Laib’s three-year-old Australian shepherd.

Tex has spent some time with Booker Nursing Home residents in the past, and he is gentle, and sociable, Laib said.

Bring your own beverage to “Book Chat”, which will also take place at 7 p.m. on Fridays, beginning on April 8, according to head librarian Dusty Waltner and co-organizer Tanya Patton.

“This is to be more of a literary conversation, rather than assigning books to read,” Waltner said.

Patton agrees. She thinks life is too short to have to read books in a book club format, and wants to help provide a social opportunity for kindred spirits to talk about books.

There will also be games, camaraderie, snacks, and great laughs, Waltner promised. Waltner also talked about the art contest getting underway that will help decide designs for new library cards.

“We are starting to run out of library cards, and we are starting fresh on a new design,” she said, “so we decided to let the community in on it.”

The contest is open to people living in Dayton, and in Columbia County, Waltner



Courtesy Photo

Dayton children’s librarian Carolyn Laib (right) joins Tex and a young reader during “Sit, Stay, Read.”

said.

Entries are in four age groups: eight and under, nine through twelve, thirteen through seventeen, and eighteen and up.

One winner from each age group will be picked by members of the Blue Mountain Artists’ Guild at their meeting in March. Winners will be announced on March 31, and will each receive a \$25 gift certificate for pizza from Chief Springs restaurant, Waltner said.

Information about the contest can be found at the Columbia County Rural Library Facebook page, she said. The entry form can be picked up at the front desk at the library, or on the library website at: www.daytonmemoriallibrary.org.

Entries must be submitted by 2 p. m. on March 19, Waltner said.

Jaech Joins Dayton School Board

JUSTIN JAECH SR. TAKES OVER POSITION HELD BY STEVE MARTIN FOR EIGHT YEARS

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—At the regular school board meeting on March 2, Superintendent Doug Johnson administered the oath of office to its newest school board director, Justin Jaech, Sr.

The directors also presented outgoing director Steve Martin with a plaque in appreciation of his many years of service on the board.

“If anybody deserves recognition, you do,” said board chairman Dan Butler.

Martin told the directors that his availability to meet the requirements of serving on the school board had been getting harder due to his busy schedule.

“With eight years of experience I know it is often a thankless position that requires countless hours of preparation time, committee meetings, board meetings, mental energy, and late night phone calls with concerned constituents,” Martin said.

“I encourage each of you to engage in our district’s activities and community as much as you possibly can. It has been a pleasure serving as school board member, and I will not be a stranger,” he told the directors.

Justin Jaech now occupies the District 2 seat that was formerly held by Martin. Martin’s term ended in 2015, but last fall he decided not to run for reelection, in order to allow other people an opportunity to serve on the board, he said.

Michelle McCleary filed for the position, but had to withdraw, due to a move out of the district. Recently, both Martin and Jaech applied for the position, and both were interviewed by the board of directors on Feb. 24.

At the interview Jaech told the directors that good schools in the area influenced his decision to settle in Dayton. He spoke to the need for board members to provide good outreach to the community, and to be sensitive and available to community members.

After the meeting on March 2, Jaech said, “Children are the future. Good schools indicate pride in the community and hope for the future of the community. I hope to contribute to that.”

Jaech’s appointment on the board will end in 2017. He or someone else can then run for election to a two-year term on the board. In 2019 the election returns to its normal four-year cycle, according to county auditor Sharon Richter.



Jaech

Failed Capital Levy Raises Concern

WAITSBURG SCHOOL BOARD FEARS LOSS OF \$40,000 FIELD HOUSE DONATION

By Dena Wood | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG – School Board Chair Ross Hamann urged fellow board members to keep discussions on the recently failed capital projects bond a priority at last week’s board meeting. Topping his concerns is the potential loss of funds donated to help replace the district field house – one of the items included in the failed bond levy.

In a prior interview with The Times, Hamann explained that, in 2011, an anonymous donor gave \$40,000, administered through the Blue Mountain Community Foundation, to the community toward the construction of a new field house at the athletic field.

The gift came with two stipulations. First, the field house is to be named after Ken Zuger, who was once a top Waitsburg football player and schoolmate of the benefactor. The second stipulation set a completion date on the project of 2015. If the project was not completed by the end of 2015, funding was to revert to the estate.

The current field house is the old Whiskey Creek School Building that was moved to the athletic field and repurposed in 1931. Hamann said there “isn’t one adequate aspect” of the building that consists of two bathrooms, in very poor condition, and a storage area.

At last week’s board meeting Hamann said the benefactor had agreed to contact BMCF and ask them to let the district make one more attempt to raise replacement funds.

“We have funds available. We need to pursue the projects that were identified, find out what the community didn’t support, stay on top of it, and put together a better plan,” Hamann said, referring to the failed capital improvements bond.

Hamann said he’d had discussions with community members who felt things like air conditioning and an all-weather track were “want items” rather than “need items.”

High school teacher Jim Leid said he thought many community members were opposed to the expense of building and maintaining an all-weather track. “I don’t even think you have the staff on-board with that,” he said.

Hamann said the track was completely unusable last week, when the north end became a mud puddle for four days following a rain right at the start of track season.

Board members discussed the options of running the bond a second time versus seeking shorter-term levies to fund specific projects. They agreed to pursue discussions with the community and to create another survey to help determine where the bond fell short.

“We do have community support. We were only 13 votes shy of passing with a supermajority,” said Superintendent Carol Clarke.

“Kids these days have choices. Parents, teachers, and coaches have choices. We have to have decent facilities if we want to attract them here,” Hamann said.



Photo by Ross Hamann



Times File Photo

The installation of an all-weather track and replacement of the field house at the Waitsburg sports complex were two of the items on the school district’s 20-year \$4.8 million capital bond levy that narrowly missed receiving the required 60% supermajority to pass in February’s special election.

Top: The north end of the track has been rendered unusable following the recent rain events. Large puddles form and then take days to dry out. Track & field coach Jeff Bartlow said that portion of the track has been usable only eight of the first ten days of track practice this season.

Above: The old Whiskey Creek School building was moved and repurposed as a field house in 1931. The building houses the only bathroom facilities at the sports complex, aside from porta potties. A benefactor has donated \$40,000 toward its replacement, but the stipulated deadline has already been missed.



Courtesy Photo

Cheryl Hansen poses on the beautiful Bas-sengen Ridge in the Jotunheimen National Park in Norway. Hansen’s world travels led to her current position as Global Services Director at Washington State University where she inspires students to take hold of opportunity and seek adventure.

Waitsburg Native Inspires WSU Students

WSU’s Global Services Director, Cheryl Hansen, reflects on her journey from Waitsburg to the world

By Dena Wood as told by Cheryl Hansen | THE TIMES

The following is adapted from a speech recently given by former Waitsburg resident Cheryl Hansen, who is the Director of Global Services at Washington State University. Cheryl, daughter of Geraine and the late Jim Hansen, addressed college students at a recent professional sharing night, describing how she, a small-town girl from eastern Washington became interested in the world and ended up working, living, and experiencing life in 40 countries. Italicized portions are taken directly from Hansen’s speech.

Hansen said curiosity and a thirst for knowledge were instilled in her at an early age.

It started with my parents. My dad was a WWII veteran and came home after the war in Europe to take over the family farm. After he and my mom had all of their six kids at least in middle school, he decided he wanted to understand the farming practices around the world; how wheat in the Pampas of Argentina compared to Washington hard red winter wheat which is used for yeast breads,

hard rolls, and bagels, how the Maasai people in southern Kenya built fences for their cattle, or how the bakers in Japan milled the hard white wheat which originated in the Pacific Northwest to make Asian noodles.

Over the next 32 years her parents traveled to 56 countries and welcomed many international visitors into their home. At age 12, Cheryl made her first overseas trip to Spain, alone with her 15-year-old sister Mary, to bring home another sister for their brother’s wedding. The girls navigated themselves to Spain and back, with handwritten instructions from their mother, at the time that Francisco Franco died and Spain was breaking free of dictatorship.

During high school, Hansen participated in a two-week exchange program outside Tokyo, and realized that she wanted to study abroad.

I saved money from my summer harvest jobs, worked on campus throughout college, and when I graduated from the University of Washington, I went to Europe. In September 1985, I spent the next 11 months backpacking through 10 European countries, spending five months as an au pair taking care of three young Spanish girls and teaching them English. They liked having an American instead of their usual British nannies. I also picked up odd English-teaching jobs, took intensive Spanish lessons on the side, and met some won-

WAITSBURG SCHOOL BOARD WED., MARCH 9, 2016

Board members: Ross Haman, Christy House, Marilyn Johnson, Russ Knopp, and Randy Pearson, with Pearson absent.

Athletics: Seventeen Waitsburg students turned out for softball, with a total team of 24, including Prescott students. Nine boys turned out for baseball, with a team of 16. Twenty-four students signed up for track & field, with no students from Prescott or Jubilee participating at this time. (Since the school board meeting one student from Jubilee and one from Prescott have joined the team. See track preview on Page 8.)

Math Curriculum: High School math teacher Brad Green gave a presentation on the recently adopted Big Ideas Math curriculum. Green said it was “rigorous” but that he was very happy with it. High School math teacher Jim Leid agreed.

Sidewalks: Supt. Clarke reminded the board that the district has agreed to work with the city to take advantage of the city’s sidewalk grant and replace the sidewalk along Academy street. The cost to the district will be approximately \$2,500. Clarke said engineers suggested replacing from Main Street to the walkway at the entrance to the elementary school. The recommendation is to raise the sidewalk 6” rather than putting in curbs, which would cost \$12-15,000. The board discussed designating the area along the playground fence for parallel parking rather than angled parking to increase safety and bus access. Construction will be put out for bid in May with construction taking place over six weeks in the summer. The school will need to make provisions for students accessing the school for the Summer Feeding Program during that time.

Summer Feeding Program: Supt. Clarke gave an update on the Summer Feeding Program, which originally received state funding approval for five years. Cost to the district last year was \$3,000 for food and labor. More students were served in 2015 than in 2014, the program’s first year.

Capital Projects Bond: The board discussed the need to keep the capital bond proposal, which fell shy of garnering the required super-majority by 13 votes in February’s special election, as a priority and to solicit more input from the community. See story on this page.

Personnel: Approved the hire of Tally Ross as assistant middle school softball coach.

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SPORTS



Times File Photos
Far left: Junior Kyle Gradwohl will be a threat at the plate as well as on the mound for the Tigers this year. Near left: Junior Jacob Dunn will bring his experience as pitcher and catcher.

Dunn, Gradwohl Give Tigers Pitching Prowess

PLAYERS FROM WAITSBURG WILL JOIN PRESCOTT BASEBALL TEAM THIS YEAR

By Ken Graham | THE TIMES

PRESCOTT – The team will be called the Tigers, but several players from Waitsburg High School will join Prescott High's baseball team to create a strong contender the Southeast 2B District 9 league this year. Coach Dustin Snedigar said

that veteran pitchers Jacob Dunn and Kyle Gradwohl, both Waitsburg juniors, will be mainstays for the Tigers on the mound. A number of other players will get some pitching time as well, he said, including Tyler Fedderson, Joe Adams and Walter Hartwell. Dunn and Gradwohl are both set to pitch this summer for the American Legion Walla Walla Bruins. When he's not pitching, Dunn will be the team's primary catcher. Gradwohl will share duties behind the plate, along with Chris Philbrook, Brayden Miller and Nigel Hageman, of Jubilee Academy. Snedigar said he has a total of 17 players on the current roster,

including 10 from Waitsburg, six from Prescott and one from Jubilee. Snedigar sees Asotin as probably the strongest team in District 9 this year. "Tri-Cities Prep will also have a very strong team this year," he said. "And DeSales and WWVA (Walla Walla Valley Academy) will also be tough." The Tiger assistant coaches this year are Jeff Foertsch and Jeff Umbarger. Prescott was scheduled to host a jamboree, to include Dayton and Touchet teams, last Saturday, but it was cancelled due to rain. They were to host Pomeroy Tuesday night. They will play in Touchet Saturday.

Prescott Tiger Baseball Roster

- Trey Potts - (Outfield) – Waitsburg Senior
 - Jacob Dunn - (Pitcher/Catcher/1st) – Waitsburg Junior
 - Kyle Gradwohl - (Pitcher/SS/Catcher) – Waitsburg Junior
 - Tyler Fedderson - (Pitcher/1st/2nd) – Prescott junior
 - Oscar Garcia - (3rd) – Prescott junior
 - Brandon Boudierau - (Outfield/P) – Waitsburg sophomore
 - Chris Philbrook - (Outfield/Catcher) – Waitsburg sophomore
 - Cade Branson - (3rd/1st) – Waitsburg sophomore
 - Joe Adams - (3rds/SS/P) – Waitsburg Junior
 - Brayden Miller - (Pitcher/Catcher/Outfield) – Waitsburg Freshman
 - Tyler Hoffman - (1st) – Waitsburg senior
 - Walter Hartwell - (Pitcher/2nd/SS) – Waitsburg freshman
 - Christian Caro - (Outfield) – Prescott junior
 - Jose Iglesias - (Outfield) – Prescott freshman
 - Isaac Valdivinos - (Outfield) – Prescott freshman
 - Nigel Hageman - (Catcher/Outfield) – Jubilee Academy
- Coaches: Dustin Snedigar, Jeff Foertsch, Jeff Umbarger

YOUNG LADY TIGER TEAM SHOWS STRONG DEFENSE



Times File Photo

Jaidyn Brown will be the Prescott Lady Tigers' go-to pitcher this year.

Coach Potts lists good leadership and communication as strengths

By Dena Wood | THE TIMES

PRESCOTT – With just two week's practice under their belts, Lady Tigers head softball coach Angie Potts is optimistic about what she expects to be a highly competitive season. "The whole league is looking good this year. There is no particular standout. I think we'll all have the ability to beat each other, depending on the day," she said. Potts has coached with the Prescott program for fourteen years and has been head coach for eight. She is assisted by Allan Wilson. Wilson was officially hired as assistant coach for the first time last year, but has helped with the program for the last seven years, Potts said. Twenty-four girls turned out for the Tigers softball team this year; 17 from Waitsburg and seven from Prescott. "Experience-wise, we're a young team. There are four seniors and four juniors on the team, but only two of the seniors have experience," Potts said. "We have a lot of sophomores, but some of them got playing time on varsity last year, as freshman, so they're not inexperienced, just young," she added. So far, Potts has 14 girls on the varsity rosters. Se-

nior Jaidyn Brown will pitch and Jade Alleman (jr.) will catch with Lexi Brannock (jr.) as backup catcher. Chloe Pearson (fr.), Timber Frohreich (jr.), and Ruby Romero (sr.) will share time at first. Deja Williams (fr.), Brannock, and Athziray Amezcua (sr.) will cover second base. "Athziray hasn't turned out for softball before but she has a natural ability. She could have been really good (if she had)," Potts said. Bailey Adams (sr.) and Anna Nerf (so.) will take turns at third base and Devon Harshman (fr.) and Williams will play shortstop. Tayler Jones (so.), Ariel Sandau (so.), Jocelyn Granadas (so.), and Frohreich will cover outfield. With no room for a J.V. coach in the school's budget, Potts said they had to cancel the two J.V. double-headers. Instead she's trying to provide J.V. playing time by tagging games onto the existing varsity matches. The first J.V. game will follow the March 15 home varsity game against Pomeroy. "From what I'm seeing so far, we have a strong defense. The girls are working hard and hustling. We also have good leadership and communication," Potts said. "We have a young team which is both a strength and weakness. It gives us room to grow, improve, and build," she added. Several players took a break from last Friday's practice to talk with The Times about the upcoming season. "Everyone is really into it this year. We're out there to win. We have a lot of underclassman, so we have a lot of room to improve," Sandau.

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"I think, with 24 turning out, it makes us push each other to compete," Harshman added. "I think we're going to do pretty great. There's good communication in the outfield and I think adding Bailey to third will really help," Jones said. The season's kickoff jamboree, scheduled for Sat., March 12 was rained out. The Lady Tigers took to the field for their first game against Pomeroy in Prescott on Tues., March 16. They play Wa-Hi at 4 p.m. in Prescott on March 16, then travel to Touchet for an 11 a.m. game on Sat., March 16.

SPORTS



Times File Photos

Above, from left: Landon Callas competes in the 110 meter hurdles. Travis Crockett runs the 100 meter sprint. Emily Adams completes a distance event.

Coaches Expect Strong Performances from Waitsburg Track Athletes

RELAYS AND HURDLES WILL BE MAJOR FOCUS IN EFFORTS TO SEND ATHLETES TO STATE

By Ken Graham | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG – Coach Jeff Bartlow says he is very optimistic about the strong performances he expects from his track and field athletes this year.

“We should have a great team this year,” he said. “I expect to win some meets, and to send a lot of these kids to state.”

As of this writing, the Waitsburg track roster includes 21 boys and five girls. The team includes one athlete each from Prescott and Jubilee Academy – both boys – and the rest from Waitsburg.

Travis Crockett, a junior and veteran sprinter from Jubilee,

should be a force in the 100-meter sprint and the relays, Bartlow said. He is also expected to compete in the high jump.

Bartlow said he expects the boys’ relay teams to be highly competitive this year. Besides Crockett, athletes competing for spots on the 4 X 100 and 4 X 400 relay teams include juniors Nick Kitselman, Joe Leamy and Landon Callas, and sophomore Joe Larue.

Waitsburg has a reputation for strong performances in hurdles, and this year should be no different. Callas went to state in the 300 meter hurdles last year and hopes to go again in both 300 and 110. Larue also expects to specialize in hurdles.

The team has three senior boys, all of whom compete in throwing events. Mark Montgomery will likely throw shot put, javelin and discus. Brandon Penner will specialize in discus and javelin, and Zion Branson will compete in shot put and discus.

Junior Skylar Wood is expected to be very competitive for the Cardinals this year in distance events, including 800, 1600 and 3200 meter races.

On the girls’ side, veteran distance runner Emily Adams will be shooting for spots at the state meet in multiple events, Bartlow said. Over the course of the season she is expected to compete in the 800, 1600 and 3200 meter events. She is also very strong in long jump and triple jump, and competed at the state meet in TJ last year.

Bartlow’s assistant coaches this year include Joanna Lanning, who specializes in distance events; Lanny Adams, throwing events; Natasha Montgomery, high jump and long jump; Greg Fry, relays; Ron Hunnington, hurdles; and Leslie Stockton, distance events.

The season kicks off for the Cardinals Thursday with a meet in Kennewick. The team travels to Clarkston for a District 9 meet next Wednesday.

Waitsburg Track and Field Roster

Girls

Emily Adams	11	W	Tom House	10	W
Julia Taylor	11	W	Korben Duffy	10	W
Stephanie Nerf	11	W	Kaleb Bryant	9	W
Clarrissa Espanol	10	W	Brayden Wood	9	W
Leena Baker	9	W	Daltin Lambert	9	W

Boys

Brandon Penner	12	W	James, Austin	9	W
Mark Montgomery	12	W			
Zion Branson	12	W			
Cameron Terry	11	W			
Nick Kitselman	11	W			
Joe Leamy	11	W			
Dylan Knowles	11	W			
Landon Callis	11	W			
Skylar Wood	11	W			
TJ Morrison	11	W			
Travis Crockett	11	J			
Andre Potts	11	P			
Joe LaRue	10	W			

Head Coach – Jeff Bartlow

Assistant Coaches –

Joanna Lanning, Lanny Adams

Volunteer Assistants –

Leslie Stockton, Ron Hunnington, Greg Fry, Ann Adams, Natasha Montgomery

Local Ladies Receive NBHA Awards

ANGELA ADAMS TAKES TOP PLACING AS DIVISION ONE CHAMPION

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA – Several local ladies received honors at a February awards ceremony in Walla Walla for the District 9 National Barrel Horse Association 2015 championships. The NBHA, based in Augusta, Georgia, has over 23,000 members and offers sanctioned barrel races for men, women, and youth throughout the U. S. and in twelve countries.

Washington State’s District 9 includes Walla Walla and Columbia Counties. Below are the 2015 District 9 winners.

Division One champion is Angela Adams with 74 points. Adams lives in Prescott with her husband Jacob, and is a wife, mother, and school teacher. She is the daughter of Glen and Adelle Smith. Kim Kammezzind and Karla Lane were

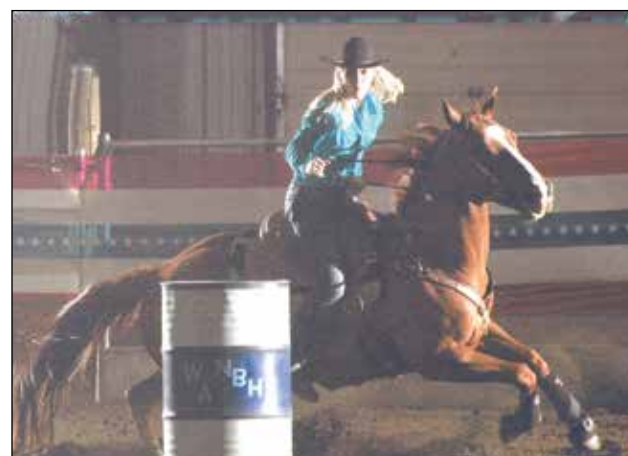
next with 54 points each, Adelle Smith was fourth with 47 points, and Lindy Maslen was fifth with 9 points.

Sue Rizicka of Dixie took second place in Division Two with 49 points. Ruzicka is a wife, grandma, NBHA state director and president of District 9. She raises and trains her own barrel horses. Melissa Bieber was second with 44 points, Carol Jones was third with 32 points, Tamara Morris was fourth with 19 points and Cindy Davis was fifth with 14 point.

Division Three champion is Charmaine Beck with 59 points. Beck is a 65+ year-old mother, grandmother, and substitute teacher. She raises her own barrel horses and used to own race horses in the Walla Walla area. Second place went to Jamie Thomas with 54 points, Judy Poitras was third with 35 points, Bobo McMillan came in fourth with 18 points, and Barb Brown took fifth with 13 points.

Sixty-five-year-old Canadian transplant Rosie Gallaher was divi-

sion champion in Division Four with 91 points. Gallaher, who lives in Dayton, is a wife and grandma who has been barrel racing for 60 years. She enjoys the sport and has much admiration for barrel racers everywhere and at every skill level. Second place went to Kim Thompson with 61 points, Michelle Warren was third with 35 points, Janis Dean took fourth with 30 points and Kristy Frank came in fifth with 23 points.



Courtesy photo

Angela Adams rounds a barrel during a race last year. Adams was named Division One NBHA District 9 Champion for the 2015 season.

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"Gloden Thicket" by Jill Ingram

Courtesy Image

LOCAL WATERCOLORIST JILL INGRAM USES ART TO DEPICT LIFE ON THE FARM

DAYTON - For watercolorist Jill Ingram, who grew up on a farm and married a farmer, art is as much of her life as wheat and pigs. The daughter of Dayton artist Iola Bramhall, Ingram dabbled with painting and drawing throughout her childhood, but things became more serious when she turned to art as part of her healing process after a horse accident.

Ingram has made a name for herself in the art world. For several years she operated Jill Ingram Watercolors in downtown Dayton and sold her work nationally and internationally through galleries in Seattle and Spokane as well.

Ingram is the featured Pacific Northwest Art Event artist from Mon., March 14 through Sat., April 9 at the Wenaha Gallery, located at 219 Main Street in Dayton.

There will be an artist's reception on Sat., March 19 from 104 p.m. at the gallery. The public is invited to meet and greet the artist and enjoy free refreshments.

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Cheryl at the Palmer Station Research Center in Antarctica.

Cheryl (r), her sister Mary (l), and their pet burro Poncho, posed outside their home for a childhood Christmas card photo.

derful people...

Hansen returned to the U.S. and worked for two years as a student activities coordinator at Cottey College in Nevada before taking an opportunity to travel to Brazil, where she raised poultry to sell to miners.

I was the only North American within a 200+ mile radius witnessing the miserable living conditions that miners had in plastic-lined huts, earning \$1.50 a day to unearth gold and emeralds. A year later I took an English teaching position in the city of Goiania.

In 1991 I was admitted to Oregon State University in the graduate program, College Student Services Administration. I obtained an assistantship in the Office of International Education where I received my foundation in helping international students and scholars.

Over the next 20 years Hansen worked as Director of International Programs at two Washington State community colleges, was Director of International Admission at two universities, and worked with Washington State's International Trade Office overseeing the education portfolio and helping higher learning institutions promote their programs to overseas markets. These positions took her to Turkey, South Korea, Hong Kong, Norway, Thailand, China, Germany, India, Sweden, Mexico, and many other countries.

Another career highlight included the opportunity to work in Antarctica -- the harshest, driest, coldest place on earth at the bottom of the world,

in two of the three U.S. research stations. In 1999-2001, I supported scientists and their research for one austral summer at the South Pole Station, and two winters at Palmer Station on the Antarctic Peninsula. I worked with other Americans and international scientists, who, like myself, had been to six continents, and Antarctica made the seventh.

I was curious about the few women who were at the Amundsen-Scott South Pole Station when I was there and interviewed nine of the 43 to tell their story. It was printed in the Antarctic Sun, and I'm told it was the most-read issue ever.

Throughout her speech, Hansen encouraged her young listeners to open their arms to opportunity, take chances, and develop relationships.

Actively participate, get engaged every day, this is your life. Do one-percent more than you did the day before and you'll be amazed at how rich your life experiences will be and how many others you will impact.

My career working in international education is still evolving, ever-changing as the world changes. It's been a pleasure being here tonight and sharing with you how important being curious, seizing opportunities, and actively participating in my life helped me get to where I am today.

Through her position at WSU Hansen provides leadership and vision in the development and implementation of the university's programs, services and policies. She also provides strategic direction to staff who manage all immigration processing.

LEGAL NOTICES (Continued)

No. 15-3-00201-0

In the Superior Court of the State of Washington for the County of Walla Walla
Cassandra Kirchbaum, Petitioner,
Lucas Hancock, Respondent.

The State of Washington to the said Lucas Hancock: You are hereby notified that the petitioner in this case is moving to finalize her proposed parenting plan by default. You may serve a copy of your answer upon the petitioner at the address below stated; and in case of your failure so to do, judgment will be rendered against you according to the demand of the petition, which has been filed with the clerk of said court. Without a response, the court may enter an order of default against you, and the court may, without further notice to you, enter a decree and approve or provide for the relief requested in the petition. Serve a copy of your response on Cassandra Kirschbaum at 2310 Kendall Rd., Walla Walla, WA 99362.

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ORDINANCE SUMMARY BY TITLE ONLY FOR PUBLICATION PURPOSES ORDINANCE NO. 1895

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DAYTON, WASHINGTON, REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 1760 AND CHAPTER 9-26 OF THE DAYTON MUNICIPAL CODE; AMENDING TITLE 6 OF THE DAYTON MUNICIPAL CODE; AND ADOPTING A NEW NUISANCE ORDINANCE WHICH DECLARES CERTAIN MATTERS TO BE NUISANCES, PROHIBITS NUISANCES, AND PROVIDES FOR ENFORCEMENT OF THE ORDINANCE THROUGH TITLE 21 OF THE DAYTON MUNICIPAL CODE.
SECTION 1. REPEALING AN ORDINANCE.
SECTION 2. REPEALING A CHAPTER.
SECTION 3. CREATION OF NEW DAYTON MUNICIPAL

CODE CHAPTER 6-9. SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.

The full text of Ordinance 1895 adopted the 14th day of March, 2016 is available for examination at the City Clerk's Office, 111 S. 1st St., Dayton, WA during normal business hours, Monday - Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

By: /s/ Craig George, Mayor
Attest: /s/ Trina Cole, City Clerk-Treasurer
Approved as to form: /s/ Quinn Plant, City Attorney

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ORDINANCE SUMMARY BY TITLE ONLY FOR PUBLICATION PURPOSES ORDINANCE NO. 1894

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DAYTON, WASHINGTON, CREATING A NEW TITLE 21 AND ITS CHAPTERS AS RELATED TO THE CODES, ORDINANCES AND REGULATIONS OF THE CITY OF DAYTON

The full text of Ordinance 1894 adopted the 14th day of March, 2016 is available for examination at the City Clerk's Office, 111 S. 1st St., Dayton, WA during normal business hours, Monday - Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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ORDINANCE SUMMARY BY TITLE ONLY FOR PUBLICATION PURPOSES ORDINANCE NO. 1897

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DAYTON, WASHINGTON, AMENDING THE CITY OF DAYTON 2016 BUDGET, ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 1889, DECEMBER 7, 2015.

SECTION 1. AMEND. SECTION 2. ADOPT. SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.

The full text of Ordinance 1897 adopted the 14th day of March, 2016, is available for examination at the City Clerk's Office, 111 S. 1st St., Dayton, WA during normal business hours, Monday - Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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ORDINANCE SUMMARY BY TITLE ONLY FOR PUBLICATION PURPOSES ORDINANCE NO. 1896

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DAYTON, WASHINGTON, REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 1597, ORDINANCE NO. 1692, AND ORDINANCE NO. 1746; AMENDING ORDINANCE 1872; AND AMENDING SECTION 06 OF TITLE 1 CHAPTER 2 OF THE DAYTON MUNICIPAL CODE, ESTABLISHING THE TIME OF DAYTON CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

SECTION 1. REPEALS. SECTION 2. AMEND. SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY. SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.

The full text of Ordinance 1896 adopted the 14th day of March, 2016 is available for examination at the City Clerk's Office, 111 S. 1st St., Dayton, WA during normal business hours, Monday - Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Description of Proposal: Walla Walla County Shoreline Master Program (SMP) Update
The proposal is an update to the 1975 Walla Walla County SMP to be consistent with state law as required by the Washington Department of Ecology pursuant to SMP Grant Agreement No. G1400494. This action implements the Washington State Shoreline Management Act (Chapter 90.58 RCW), which governs the development of Washington's shorelines. The SMP includes goals and policies, development regulations, and shoreline jurisdiction maps with shoreline environment designations. This proposed non-project action would modify Chapter 3 of the Walla Walla County Comprehensive Plan (Shorelines Element), repeal the 1975 SMP, and create a new Walla Walla County Shoreline Master Program containing goals, policies and regulations to govern the use of County's shorelines.

Proponent(s): Walla Walla County

Location of Proposal: Not site-specific. The updated SMP will apply to shoreline jurisdiction within Walla Walla County. Shoreline jurisdiction encompasses approximately 225 miles of river shoreline, including the Snake and Columbia Rivers, the Walla

Walla and Touchet Rivers, Mill Creek and lower Yellowhawk Creek. Shoreline jurisdiction also includes the shoreline of Bennington Lake. For each of these water bodies, jurisdiction includes land within 200 feet of the ordinary high water mark (OHWM), its floodway, contiguous 100-year floodplain extending a maximum of 200 feet inland of the floodway, and any associated wetlands. The County did not elect to expand shoreline jurisdiction to encompass the entire 100-year floodplain or critical area buffers.

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030 (2) (c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

The Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) is based on the draft SMP and reflected in the following environmental documents:
Shoreline Analysis Report for Shorelines in Walla Walla County and the Cities of Walla Walla, Prescott and Waitsburg (Shoreline Analysis Report). September 2014.
Shoreline Restoration Plan for Shorelines in Walla Walla County and the Cities of Walla Walla, Prescott and Waitsburg (Restoration Plan). June 2015.
Cumulative Impacts Analysis for the Walla Walla County Shoreline Master Program. November 2015.

This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340 (2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for fourteen (14) days from the date below. Comments must be submitted by March 31, 2016.

The lead agency has determined that the requirements for environmental analysis, protection, and mitigation measures have been adequately addressed in the development

regulations and comprehensive plan adopted under chapter 36.70A RCW, and in other applicable local, state or federal laws or rules, as provided by RCW 43.21C.240 and WAC 197-11-158. Our agency will not require any additional mitigation measures under SEPA.

This DNS may be withdrawn at any time if the proposal is modified so that it is likely to have significant adverse environmental impacts (unless a non-exempt license has been issued if the proposal is a private project); if there is significant new information indicating, or on, a proposal's probable significant adverse environmental impacts; or if the DNS was procured by misrepresentation or lack of material disclosure.

Lead Agency: Walla Walla Community Development Department (CDD)

Responsible official: Thomas Glover, AICP; Director

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Walla Walla, WA 99362
Phone: 509-524-2610
Email: commdev@co.walla-walla.wa.us

Issue Date: 03/17/2016

Signature: /s/ Tom Glover
Date: 03/15/2016

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

You may appeal this determination, in writing, to the CDD no later than fourteen days from the date of issue. You should be prepared to make specific factual objections. Contact the CDD to read or ask about the procedures for SEPA appeals and obtain details regarding submittals for appeals (including application forms and fees). Walla Walla County Code (WWCC) Chapter 14.11 outlines the County's appeal procedure.

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