



THIS WEEK

DAYTON



DIRECTOR

Justin Nix is hired as new director for the Dayton Chamber of Commerce.

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WAITSBURG



RETIREMENT

Dr. Carol Clarke will retire from the Waitsburg School District in June, but is heading to warmer climes.

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SPORTS



TRACK

Twelve Waitsburg athletes will move on to regional competition this weekend.

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Photo by Dena Wood
 Howard and Dona Jean Smith have been selected as parade marshals for the 2017 Waitsburg Celebration Days parade. The couple say they are honored to be chosen and are looking forward to leading the parade in a convertible owned by their good friend, Bob Collins. The Smith family has been farming in Waitsburg since 1919. Left: Howard and Dona Jean relax on the sun porch of the family farmhouse, built in 1911. The Smith family was the first family to occupy the home.

Howard and Dona Jean Smith are 2017 WCD Parade Marshals

The Smith family has farmed in Waitsburg since 1919

By Dena Wood | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG – Because she has never driven a truck, and has sat in the saddle only one time (and immediately wanted off!) Dona Jean Smith said she was “flabbergasted but very honored” to be chosen parade marshal for the 2017 Waitsburg Celebration Days Parade. Husband and co-marshal, Howard, a third-generation Waitsburg wheat farmer, heartily agrees with the honor of being selected.

Howard’s great grandparents migrated from Missouri to settle in Milton-Freewater. In 1919 his grandfather, also named Howard

Preston Smith, and his wife, Lillian (Cox) Smith, purchased a lease on the Waitsburg homestead where Howard and Dona Jean live today. The home was built in 1911, but stood empty for the first eight years of its existence, until his grandparents made it their home in 1919.

“The people that owned the property evidently had to build a house to own the property, and had to have so many acres of trees,” Howard said.

Howard’s parents, Jake Lee Smith and Frances (Burroughs) Smith, married in 1932 and raised their family on the family homestead. Howard was born in 1933 and grew up on the farm with his sisters, Lassie (Smith) Wittman and Jill (Smith) Wood.

“I’ve lived in this house my entire life, except for four years when Dona Jean and I lived at my grandmother’s house in Waitsburg,” Howard said.

Howard attended Waitsburg schools and graduated from WHS in 1951. He said he enjoyed all school sports, but especially loved football and basketball. He spoke proudly of the football team winning eight of ten games his senior year.

Howard attended Washington State University for one semester, taking ag-related classes, before returning home to run the farm when his father became ill.

“Running the farm is what I’d wanted to do all my life,” Howard said. “As a farmer, you’re your own boss, and I like to learn from what others were doing. My dad was a good farmer, but I was better. I was more particular and I worked at it every day,” he added.

Dona Jean is a “firecracker baby,” born in Jamestown, North Dakota, on the Fourth

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Mule Mania Comes to Dayton Memorial Day Weekend

The three-day event is admission-free and open to people of all ages

By Ian Smay | THE TIMES

DAYTON – Dayton will host its seventh annual Mule Mania, sponsored by Columbia REA, from May 26 – 28 at the Columbia County Fairgrounds.

The events will begin on Friday at 8 a.m. in the fairgrounds outdoor arena. The mule showings and competitions are expected to conclude around 4 p.m. that day, giving spectators eight hours to watch a wide variety of classes.

Friday will also see the first of two nights of the renowned chuckwagon feeds, which feature many traveling groups that cook food using only the materials in their old-fashioned chuckwagon. The dinner has been well-received each year, and tickets usually sell out for both nights, before the weekend’s activities start. The feed will start at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$7.50 for children.

Mule Mania will also be holding a parade immediately following the

Dayton Days parade on Saturday. The parade starts at 10 a.m., with Mule Mania’s parade beginning directly after the completion of the Dayton Days parade.

Events will continue later Saturday starting at 1 p.m. in the outdoor arena at the fairgrounds, and will feature both mule competitions and exhibitions. Saturday night’s chuckwagon feed will also begin at 5:30 p.m., and will be followed by the “Nuke Town” band at 6 p.m. The concert will end the night at 10 p.m.

Sunday will be the final day of festivities, featuring more competitions and showings in the outdoor arena. There will be western and arts and crafts vendors, as well as a beer garden and food vendors open at the fairgrounds during the showings in the arena. The events will end around 4 p.m. and will be followed by an awards ceremony to wrap up the weekend.

Columbia REA is the main sponsor for Mule Mania this year, and various smaller sponsors help support the weekend. The event is run by the Mule Mania Committee and is helped by many volunteers, according to committee chair Bev Rising. The first Mule Mania in Dayton took place in July 2011. More information can be found at mulemaniadayton.com.



Photo by Dena Wood
 Waitsburg Historical Society President Richard Hinds points out a bowing foundation in the Wilson-Phillips House Museum. The damage increased dramatically over last year’s very cold and wet winter.

STRUCTURAL DAMAGE CLOSES W-P HOUSE

FOUNDATION REPAIRS WILL COST THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY \$38,000

By Dena Wood | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG – Members of the Waitsburg Historical Society received some unwelcome news while trying to be proactive about maintaining the Bruce Museum Complex properties.

Inspectors discovered structural damage to the Wilson-Phillips House, which will cause the building to be closed this summer until repairs – which are estimated to cost about three times the society’s annual budget – can be made.

Historical Society President Richard Hinds said the group realized last year that they needed to start setting funds aside for regular maintenance of the complex properties, which include the Bruce Museum, Carriage House, Wilson-Phillips House, Wilson-Phillips Garage, and the

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TOUCHET VALLEY LIFE

OBITUARY

ERNEST A. HERMANN

APRIL 26, 1937 – MAY 10, 2017

Ernest (Ernie) was born east of Prescott where the sun rises on April 26, 1937 to parents, Edward and Vida Hermanns. On May 10, 2017 at his home on the west side of Prescott where the sun sets, Ernie's spirit left us to be with others in the Heavenly Kingdom. His earthly journey spanned 80 years.

The family moved to California in 1949 where Ernie would graduate early from Chaffey high school in Ontario in January of 1955. Ernie married his first wife in 1956 and divorced in 1975.

Ernie was a great outdoorsman which began by hunting with his dad at the age of 11. In 1958 Ernie and his dad set up an Elk Camp in the Blue Mountains after moving back to Washington from California. The Elk Camp has continued through the years to this date with his sons and long time friend, Jack Roberson, along with many others who joined them in hunts and were fortunate enough to listen to the many hunting stories shared by Ernie throughout the decades. Ernie also enjoyed fishing, boating, snowmobiling, motorcycles, race cars, traveling, attending all types of sporting events, pot-lucks, playing cards and dancing. He loved playing music as often as possible with his mentor and life-long friend, Chuck Morgan, as well as with others. Louis L'Amour was his favorite novelist to read, and he enjoyed western movies as

well, especially a movie with John Wayne. Also, he was a Boy Scout leader and a Little League coach.

Ernie worked at Boise Cascade from 1958-1964 before working at Inland Machine. In 1973 Ernie fulfilled his dream of owning and operating his own business. Hermanns Welding and Machine opened for business in Prescott, WA where Ernie prospered as its Structural Engineer. If it was broke and could be fixed, Ernie could get the job done. His welding and fabrication knowledge has been carried on in many of his employees, students and those he inspired including his grandsons Zac and Brandon, and to his stepson Rick, who he considered his best welder. Ernie enjoyed teaching very much and taught welding from 1977-78 at the Washington State Penitentiary through the Walla Walla Community College program.

Ernie believed in God, putting his Faith in Jesus as his personal Savior. He believed in Family and Friends, and he believed in his work. He was a kind and gentle soul, a man of integrity, who gave much without expecting anything in return. He was always caring and thoughtful, and would help those in need. Ernie was a good man who was loved and respected by many people. He lived the life he wanted to live and will truly be missed.

On November 20, 1976 Ernie married the love of his life, Patricia Cooper, at the Prescott Christian Church where he later became a Christian in 1984. He was baptized in the river at Lyons Ferry. This 40 year marriage brought together many children. Ernie is survived by his wife, Patricia of Prescott;



his children Debra Lynn (Allen) of New Orleans, LA; Charles Edward and Jeffery Ernest (Kim) of Kenai, AK; Donald Wayne (Debra) of Walla Walla, WA; and Jodi Marie, Tamila Sandberg (James) and Rusty Cooper of College Place, WA; Richard Cooper (Kim) and Rick Cooper of Prescott, WA; 17 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; a sister Kay Pettichord of Cheney, WA and younger sister Dee Merriman of Iowa. His parents, sister Charlotte Brown and grandson Trevett Sandberg all preceded him in death.

Viewing and Visitation will be held on Thursday, May 18, 2017 from 3:00PM until 7:00PM at Herring Groseclose Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 10:00AM on Friday, May 19, at the Prescott Community Church on Hwy.124 in Prescott, WA, with Pastor Mike Medley, officiating. Interment will follow at Ivy Cemetery in Prescott, WA.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Providence St. Mary Regional Cancer Center through the Herring Groseclose Funeral Home, 315 W. Alder St., Walla Walla, WA 99362

PIONEER PORTRAITS

Ten Years Ago Thursday, May 24, 2007

People playing the ponies last weekend at the 94th Annual Days of Real Sport bet a total of \$48,275 during the two-day race meet.

It was another long and enjoyable Days of Real Sport Parade. Heading the parade was 2007 Queen Brittany Prince and her royalty, Princess Brandi Toomey. Riding as Parade Marshal was 1950 DRS Princess Meredith Huwe.

Former Waitsburg Schools superintendent and downtown business owner Robbie Johnson was the unanimous selection to fill the City Council vacancy created by the resignation of Orville Branson last month. Mayor Markeeta Little Wolf and Councilmen Larry Clinton, Jim Helm, Larry Johnson and Leroy Cunningham questioned Johnson and two other candidates, Ken Lenhard and Mark Shively, for 1 1/2 hours before deciding on Johnson unanimously on the first vote.

Twenty-Five Years Ago May 21, 1992

Upwards of 2,500 people turned out under picture-perfect blue, sunny skies Saturday for the Days of Real Sport parade in Waitsburg. Sixty-eight entries of marching bands, visiting royalty and horseback riders, floats, Cub Scouts, hitch-hikes, rigs and Rainbow girls stretched more than a mile down Main and Seventh streets under picture-perfect blue, sunny skies.

The man who keeps the school buses rolling is retiring. Jim Young of Waitsburg, will retire on Aug. 31. "I hate to hear that," responded school board member Terry Jacoy. The school "reluctantly" accepted Young's resignation during an open board meeting May 13. Less than an hour later, his boss, Superintendent Ed Larsen, also announced he will be retiring on the same day as Young.

Fifty Years Ago May 18, 1967

Mrs. Orville Fullerton of Huntsville has been named "Pioneer Woman of the Year" by the Eastern Washington State Historical Society. She will receive the award on Thursday, May 18 in Spokane. The announcement along with pictures of Mrs. Fullerton is scheduled to be on KREM, KXLY and KHQ 11:00 p.m. news broadcasts Thursday evening.

Notice: Days of Real Sport red shirts should be worn starting Monday, May 22 through the celebration days, May 27-28.

Seven teachers have submitted their resignations to Superintendent Gerald Maib. James Faix will be working under a research fellowship at Southern Illinois University. Art Jarvis will enter the Enumclaw system after two years here. Larry Utzinger is leaving the teaching profession to farm while Mrs. Utzinger will be teaching at Umapine. Orvil Clay has accepted a position to teach biology in the Silverdale, Washington high school. Mrs. Olive Smith who has headed the commercial department, has no teaching plans in mind. Norman, Wood, who has been with the school system in a custodian and bus driver capacity, has resigned effective June 1. He will farm at Pomeroy.

Seventy-Five Years Ago May 22, 1942

Receiving baseball letters this year are Earl Arthurs, Andrew Weir, Kenneth Hays, Bull Dunn, Robert Estes, Richard Wolfe, Raymond Estes, Jack Blize, Lyle Huwe and Wayne Hinchliffe.

The eighteen graduating seniors were entertained at a breakfast given in their honor by their class advisor, Miss Helen Melville.

Friends of Prescott, Walla Walla and Waitsburg assembled at the home of newlyweds Mr. and Mrs. Mancil Hopwood and gave them a surprise. The evening was enjoyed by those present and dainty refreshments served later in the evening.

One Hundred Years Ago May 25, 1917

C. W. Wheeler passed away at Seattle Saturday evening, May 19th at about 8 o'clock. He was 65 years of age.

Will Harris this week purchased of Chas. W. Smith 350 acres of farm land near Menoken and adjoining the Mrs. W. D. Wallace farm on the south. Consideration \$85 per acre.

Miss Mildred Tabor who is taking training as a nurse in the Seattle General Hospital arrived last Friday and will spend a few days vacation with her sister Mrs. C. R. James, and family.

The Ladies of the G. A. R. will assemble on Monday afternoon on May 28 at the home of W. W. Long on East Third street to prepare 42 evergreen wreaths for decorating the graves of veterans in our two cemeteries.

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago May 27, 1892

Prof. Merwin Pugh has decided not to take charge of the Empire Business College, but to remain another year at least as principal of Waitsburg Public School. He decided that it would be exceedingly unwise to give up a certainty of \$100 per month for an uncertainty. Crops of all kinds are looking well but in some localities mustard and dandelions look about the most promising.

A. C. Dickinson will go to Seattle on Monday, a delegate from this county to the prohibition convention.

J. J. Woodworth and C. W. Cramer and family arrived home from their up-country trip. They come back full of disgust of course. Waitsburg is the best place yet discovered.

Touchet Valley Weather

May 17, 2017

Waitsburg's Seven Day Forecast

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Few Showers	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy
High: 58 Low: 43	High: 66 Low: 45	High: 72 Low: 48	High: 72 Low: 51	High: 76 Low: 50	High: 77 Low: 53	High: 82 Low: 58

Weather Trivia

How can you tell how many miles away a lightning bolt is?
Answer: Count the seconds between the lightning and the thunder and divide by five.

Weather History

May 17, 1983 - A golfer, playing the Fox Meadows Course in Memphis, Tenn., was struck by a bolt of lightning that went through his neck and down his spine, came out a pocket containing his key, and went into a nearby tree. Miraculously, he survived to tell the tale.

Local Almanac Last Week

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Precipitation
Tuesday	75	47	69/47	0.00"	0.16"
Wednesday	83	53	69/47	0.00"	0.48"
Thursday	69	50	69/47	0.12"	-0.32"
Friday	58	43	69/47	0.03"	56.3°
Saturday	58	40	70/48	0.01"	58.4°
Sunday	62	43	70/48	0.00"	-2.1°
Monday	66	41	70/48	Trace	

Data as reported from Walla Walla

Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Wednesday	5:18 a.m.	8:21 p.m.	1:01 a.m.	10:59 a.m.
Thursday	5:16 a.m.	8:22 p.m.	1:37 a.m.	12:01 p.m.
Friday	5:15 a.m.	8:24 p.m.	2:10 a.m.	1:06 p.m.
Saturday	5:14 a.m.	8:25 p.m.	2:41 a.m.	2:13 p.m.
Sunday	5:13 a.m.	8:26 p.m.	3:11 a.m.	3:24 p.m.
Monday	5:12 a.m.	8:27 p.m.	3:41 a.m.	4:37 p.m.
Tuesday	5:12 a.m.	8:28 p.m.	4:14 a.m.	5:52 p.m.

CLASSIFIEDS

HELP WANTED

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT: Waitsburg School District is accepting applications for a 5th grade teacher for the 2017-2018 school year for which applicant must hold an 'Elementary Education' endorsement. Application materials are available online @ www.waitsburgsd.org or by calling the District Office at (509) 337-6301. Position is open until filled. Waitsburg School District is an E.O.E.

HELP WANTED

Positions open in the Dayton School District for HS Assistant Volleyball Coach, HS Assistant Football Coach, Middle School Volleyball Coach and Cheer Advisor. Applications can be obtained at the District office at 609 S 2nd Street or on-line at www.daytonsd.org or call Jana Eaton at 382-2543 for more information. Closing date May 25, 2017 or until filled. EOE

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

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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.

PJPRD Board Meeting
101 S. D St., Ste. A
7 p.m.

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WAITSBURG CELEBRATION DAYS

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

Prescott Lions Breakfast
Lions Building
8-11 a.m.

Book Chat
Dayton Memorial Library
6-8 p.m.

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Prescott Lions Breakfast
Lions Building
8-11 a.m.

22

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

Celebrate Recovery, Dayton
Catalyst Church (311 S. 4th)

Dinner 6 p.m.; Meeting 7 p.m.

Dayton City Council
City Hall
7 p.m.

23

Waitsburg Senior Round Table
Waitsburg Presbyterian Church
11:30 a.m.

Dayton Senior Round Table
Senior Center (403 E. Patit St.)
12 p.m.

Beginning Sign Language Class
Dayton Memorial Library
6 p.m.

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Dayton Story Time
Dayton Memorial Library
10 a.m.

WDFW Blue Mtns. Wildlife Areas Management Plan Mtg.
Waitsburg Town Hall
6 p.m.

Celebrate Recovery, Waitsburg

Waitsburg Christian Church
7 p.m.
Help for recovering from any hurt, habit, or hang-up

Historic Preservation Committee
City Hall
7 p.m.

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Dayton Senior Round Table
Senior Center (403 E. Patit St.)
12 p.m.

Waitsburg Resource Center
106 Preston Avenue
2-4 p.m.

Soup for the Soul
Dayton First Christian Church (410 S. 3rd, Dayton)
5:30 p.m.
Last Friday of the month.

Prescott School Board
High School Board Room
6 p.m.

Open Studio
145 1/2 Main Street (Use side door and come upstairs)
6:30 p.m.
Bring your own snacks and beverages

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Waitsburg Presbyterian Church

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Worship 11 a.m.
337-6589
Rev. Bret Moser

Waitsburg Chapel

320 W. 2nd
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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
Rev. Matthew Wyatt

New River Fellowship

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

School Lunch Menu

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

- 19: French Toast; Mozzarella Cheese Sticks, Marinara Sauce
- 22: Omelet & Toast; Turkey Sub, Lettuce/Tomato/Onion, Cucumbers
- 23: Biscuit & Gravy; Chicken Nuggets, Sweet Potato Tots
- 24: Cinnamon Roll; Baked Potato Bar, Graham Crackers, Broccoli
- 25: Muffin & Yogurt; Beef Tacos, Black Beans

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BIRTH



Asher James Hilton was born at 8:11 a.m. on May 1, 2017, at Providence St. Mary's Medical Center in Walla Walla, weighing 8lbs. 3 oz. Asher is the son of James Hilton and Leah Long. His grandparents are Jake and Michelle Long, Robin Hilton, and Jim Hilton. Asher joins big sister Shauna Hilton at home.

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May 3: At approx. 1900 hours, a victim was bit by an unknown dog at his residence on Kinnear St. in Waitsburg, sustaining injury.

May 6: Dispatched to a physical domestic on Shelton Dr. in Prescott. Victim stated his wife became jealous after looking at his cellphone and slapped him across the face. Suspect admitted slapping and was taken to jail for 4th degree assault - domestic violence.

May 5: Dispatched to Lewis Peak road for a death investigation.

May 7: Dispatched to Taggart Road for an assault. Deputies arrived and obtained written statements from the victim and witnesses. The suspect called dispatch but refused to give his location.

May 12: Dispatched to Jubilee Youth Ranch for two students found in possession of marijuana. Questioned both students and the staff member who found the marijuana and all stories were conflicting. No arrest was made; forwarded to prosecuting attorney.

May 14: Dispatched to West St. in Waitsburg for a forced entry burglary by a neighbor. After speaking with both parties this seems more like a dispute between neighbors and no evidence of the alleged burglary was observed.

BIRTHDAYS

May 19: Gerald Hawks, Tom Western, Gerald Collingwood, Terry John, Everett White, Walter Richard White, Joan Summers and Jimmy Crawford.

May 20: Nektarios Reese, Wanda E. Johnson, Brandee Wheeler, Don Glover, Greg Reser, Judy Largent, Lyndsey Huwe and Vickie Hamann.

May 21: Paul Powers, Johnathan Quigg and Jr. Eastwood.

May 22: Nancy Startin, Victor Langdon, Kathryn Kirk and Reed Olsen.

May 23: Allen Ford, Greg Bichsel, Kathy Maioli, Elizabeth Hermanns and Bill Box.

May 24: Bob Patton, Guy McCaw, Amanda Short, Amanda Higgins and Alexander LeClerc.

May 25: Bill Hinchliffe, Holly Foster, Jason Payne, Wes Leid, George J. Robinson, Greg Leid, Abby Grende and Iris Reed.

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Trump's Critics Need More Than Vague Insinuations to Stop Him

By Barton Swaim, Special to The Washington Post

If President Donald Trump's critics in the Democratic Party and the news media want to bring him down -- which manifestly they do, at all costs -- they had better come up with something better than vague insinuations and clumsy metaphor-heavy inferences. An editorial in Friday's New York Times -- "The Trump-Russia Nexus" -- is a fine instance of the kind of empty gesturing I mean.

The word "nexus" itself a word writers sometimes use when they don't have something more concrete or specific to allege. It's not any one thing, the word seems to say, it's everything. Or nothing.

This nexus begins, according to the Times, with the Trump organization's considerable business dealings with Russian firms. Eric Trump said in 2013 that the company borrowed capital mainly from Russian banks -- leading the Times to say that "Russians have bankrolled Trump golf courses." (A tip for writers: If it's good, you "fund" it or "finance" it. If it's bad, you "bankroll" it.) After running through similarly inconclusive "connections" -- Mike Flynn, Jeff Sessions, Paul Manafort, Roger Stone, Carter Page -- the Times editors invoke the smoke/fire cliché, not by using it themselves but by attributing it to the administration: "Mr. Trump and his associates can cry themselves hoarse that there is neither smoke nor fire here." And then the clincher: "All in all, the known facts suggest an unusually extensive network of relationships with a major foreign power."

So all we have so far is an "unusually extensive network of relationships." If it were Hillary Clinton and not Trump we were talking about, this "unusually extensive network of relationships" would no doubt be counted as a strength. Behold her vast experience -- she knows all the key players! Of course, if two or three states in the northern Midwest had tipped just slightly the other way in the last election, no one now exercised by this nexus would care about it.

But for some reason Michigan and Wisconsin went red -- either because Clinton barely campaigned there or

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The Times

A PROUD TRADITION

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Culture Thrives When It's 'All Shook Up'

By George Will

In July 1954, a 19-year-old Memphis truck driver recorded at Sun Studio the song "That's All Right." When a local disc jockey promised to play it, the truck driver tuned his parents' radio to the station and went to a movie. His mother pulled him from the theater because the DJ was playing the record repeatedly and wanted to interview the singer immediately. The DJ asked where the singer had gone to high school. He answered, "Humes," an all-white school. The DJ asked because many callers "who like your record think you must be colored, singing the way you do." Elvis Presley from Tupelo, Mississippi, had committed "cultural appropriation."

According to Ray Connolly in "Being Elvis," Arthur "Big Boy" Crudup, a black Mississippian, had popularized "That's All Right." When Presley first entered the recording studio, he was asked, "Who do you sound like?" He replied, "I don't sound like nobody." Actually, he sounded like someone melding the sounds of gospel, country and what was then called "race music" -- music by Southern blacks -- to make something new.

The hysteria du jour, on campuses and elsewhere, against "appropriation" illustrates progressivism's descent into authoritarianism leavened by philistinism. This "preening silliness" -- the phrase is from The Federalist's David Marcus -- is by people oblivious to the fact that, as Marcus says, "culture blending is central to the development of, well, everything."

Indignation about appropriation is a new frontier in the ever-expanding empire of cultivated victimhood: "Marginalized" persons from a particular culture supposedly are somehow wounded when "privileged" people -- those who are unvictimized or less victimized -- express or even just enjoy the culture of more pure victims without their permission.

The wearing of sombreros at tequila-themed parties triggered -- to speak the language of the exquisitely sensitive -- the anti-appropriation constabulary at Bowdoin College. Oberlin College's palate police denounced as "appropriative" an allegedly inauthentic preparation of General Tso's chicken. Such nonsense is harmless -- until it morphs into attempts to regulate something serious, like writing fiction: Do not write about cultures other than your own.

With characteristic tartness, novelist Lionel Shriver responded to this "climate of scrutiny" when, at a writers' conference, she clapped a sombrero on

her head and said: We're not supposed to try on other people's hats? That's what we're paid to do. Instead, "any tradition, any experience, any costume, any way of doing and saying things, that is associated with a minority or disadvantaged group is ring-fenced: look-but-don't-touch."

Eugene Volokh, law professor and maestro of the Volokh Conspiracy blog, drolly says: If only there were a word for "telling people that they mustn't do something because of their race or ethnic origin." Asks Franklin Einspruch, writing in The Federalist, "Where does new culture come from? It is copied, with alterations, from existing culture. The process is reproductive. Sexy, even. So of course, the outrage-as-a-lifestyle wing of the progressive left wants to dictate rules for its proper enjoyment."

The Federalist's Robert Tracinski says appropriation is actually learning through admiration, adding: "The left loudly promotes its flattering self-image as ... more culturally open and advanced -- more intellectual, artistic, and cosmopolitan," but its "appropriation" tantrums reveal how its fixation with "racial identity and resentments ends up imposing the narrowest kinds of parochialism."

The University of Pennsylvania's Jonathan Zimmerman, writing in The Chronicle of Higher Education, says "the mostly left-wing quest for cultural purity bears an eerie echo to the right-wing fantasy of national purity, which peaked during the so-called 100-percent-American campaigns of the early 20th century." Of Chuck Berry, Zimmerman writes: "His first big hit, 'Maybelene,' adapted an old melody that had been recorded by country-music performers like Bob Wills and His Texas Playboys. Berry combined the 'hillbilly' sound of white country with the African-American rhythm and blues that he imbibed in his native St. Louis." For this, he was heckled in Harlem.

John Lennon said, "Before Elvis, there was nothing." Not really: There was Crudup, and before him there was a long, creatively tangled line of precursors. Elvis, said Mick Jagger, was "an original in an area of imitators." Actually, no cultural figure is entirely original.

Listening to Radio Luxembourg late one night, teenaged Keith Richards heard "Heartbreak Hotel," and "when I woke up the next day I was a different guy." Bob Dylan, a freewheeling cultural appropriator himself, said, "Hearing Elvis for the first time was like busting out of jail." Those who would wall off cultures from "outsiders" are would-be wardens.

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Amazon has Made Seattle Wealthier, and Angrier

By Joni Balter, Bloomberg View

Strolling through the bustling construction zone of Amazon's urban campus in Seattle, you instantly recognize the charm offensive the company has aimed at its hometown. "Banistas" at two outdoor stands offer bananas -- a visual cue to Amazon's smiley logo -- to employees and passers-by.

Most American cities would do backflips to have a jobs juggernaut like Amazon.com in their midst. After all, the company will soon fill more than 10 million square feet of office space in a place where it now employs more than 30,000 people.

But Seattle is not like other places. Locals resent the enormous traffic problems, soaring housing prices and building frenzy that have accompanied this bonanza, all of which cause jitters about inequality in a town that sees itself as egalitarian.

For decades, Seattle was a city that worked. People could travel across town without having an anxiety attack. They could park near a destination. Not so much anymore. The tech and web industry expansion has clogged roadways, changing the way the place functions. Or doesn't.

Amazon is often singled out for Seattleites' wrath, even as the company boasts that a number of employees at its sprawling campus on the northern edge of downtown walk or bike to work. If you ask who has the better deal in the uneasy relationship between e-commerce giant and "superstar city," the company holds the larger end of the stick.

Long standoffish, Amazon is trying to change its image with worthwhile and sizable efforts.

Just this week, it announced plans to permanently house more than 200 homeless people in one of its new buildings, probably the company's most enduring gift yet to the city. Amazon earlier lent an old hotel scheduled for future development to the same nonprofit group that serves homeless women, children and families.

CEO Jeff Bezos's family recently donated \$35 million to Seattle's Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, on top of earlier gifts of \$30 million. Amazon gave \$10 million toward a new University of Washington computer science and engineering building.

But Amazon is not yet known for substantial charitable work. "I don't see Amazon's aspirational goal for being a philanthropic leader for the region," former Mayor Norm Rice said. "It's still forming."

To use one yardstick, the company lacks an employee-match giving program. Having one would alter some sentiments, said Michele Hasson, fundraising consultant.

True, millions of dollars in donations for various endeavors are nothing to sneeze at, but a more meaningful act might involve another project -- one that seems to acknowledge the accusations that Amazon plays a role in perpetuating income inequality.

The company has announced it will provide space and equipment for five restaurants catering to employees and the public, to be managed by a nonprofit called FareStart. The goal is to train entry-level food-service workers so they can land higher-paying jobs.

"They say the 1,000-mile journey begins with a single step, and that is probably the right magnitude," said labor economist Jacob Vigdor, a professor of public policy and governance at the University of Washington, referring to the worker-training program.

But, Vigdor continued: "Realistically, this will probably help a few dozen people in a nation where we have millions living in poverty. They are doing their work in Seattle, but if you ask where has Amazon and technology change destroyed jobs, Amazon and electronic commerce can be blamed for the disruption of millions of retail jobs."

Former Seattle Mayor Mike McGinn

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tapped into the bountiful local angst with his recently announced campaign to reclaim his old job under the banner of: "Keep Seattle." Keep Seattle what? Fill in the blank. The intention is the way it used to be.

Amazon is sensitive to the implicit criticism. In 2015, John Schoettler, the company's vice president of global real estate and facilities, ventured out of Amazon's shell far enough to lead the local business chamber.

"I believe we are trying to change," Schoettler told a public forum last month. "We are a very bashful company in many respects." He later added: "We are never going to please everybody, that's an impossible thing, and we will die trying to do that. ... We want to be a good neighbor, a good contributor."

Amazon is Seattle's largest property taxpayer and private employer, and it pays its employees here pretty well. The accompanying construction boom and hiring spree have boosted the broader vibrant economy, which has seen 99,000 new jobs added in the last seven years. Thirty percent of them are in tech.

On the other side of the ledger, the runaway growth has made the place less affordable for longtime residents and compounded the income divide. At the same time, Amazon and its top employees benefit from a favorable tax climate. Neither the state nor the city has an income tax, though a few mayoral candidates and the city council would like to change that.

In the 1990s, locals growled that another Seattle-area company, Microsoft, was crowding roadways, diminishing

livability and being aloof. Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates said then he was building his company and would get to philanthropy eventually. He did so in dramatic fashion.

Amazon was fortunate to locate in an almost ready-made neighborhood, where Microsoft co-founder Paul Allen owned much land and once envisioned a large downtown park. Voters said no to the park; they would have had to pay some of the costs.

So the neighborhood is becoming an innovation and tech center, with Amazon joining the Gates Foundation and many other health and research organizations -- a veritable STEM City.

Despite the thumbs down on the park, voters approve most tax measures. Yes, to billions of dollars of transportation improvements. Yes, to more low-income housing. Yes, to greater park spending generally.

Longtime residents feel they have paid for infrastructure that Amazon is capitalizing on. Historian Knute Berger, for one, feels that Amazon bears big responsibility for much of the rapid change, even if he doesn't blame the company for all the ill effects.

"I think Amazon gets the best part of the deal," Berger said. "I lived here before Amazon. It was a great city. Now I think it is a city with big problems."

It's hard to sneer at a company building a high-tech tomorrow town and trying to make amends on the home front. But the many overwhelming impacts of rampant transformation deserve a very Seattle retort: Your efforts are noticeable and welcome -- but you have a ways to go.

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because Russia "hacked the election," a phrase so resonant and eerie that the resistance movement hasn't noticed it doesn't make sense, even as a metaphor.

Let's assume, though, that the Russians did attempt to influence the U.S. election. I remain unconvinced, however, that the choice between Clinton and Trump was the obvious one the president's despisers assume it was. Here I will politely differ with The Post's Anne Applebaum -- who, however, at least offers a reason for Russia's supposed preference for Trump instead of simply stating it. "Russia would have needed no inducements or collusion to support Trump's election campaign," she writes. Really? Why not? "His personality is the kind they understand, his cynicism and his dishonesty are familiar, his greed is the same as their greed."

Hold on. Why wouldn't that be a reason for the Putin regime not to support Trump? Why, in other words, is it so indisputably apparent that Russia would prefer to deal with a U.S. president who combines realpolitik cynicism with sheer madcap unpredictability in proportions that vary from day to day? I would have thought the chauvinists running the Russian government would prefer the United States to be led by a big-hearted progressive woman whose party -- until the last election, anyway -- didn't think Russia was a serious threat. That's at least as plausible, in the absence of hard evidence, as the assumption that Putin wouldn't like the "hawkish" Clinton --

whose hawkishness, I suspect, looks hawkish mainly in comparison to President Barack Obama's indecisiveness.

Maybe Trump is precisely what they wanted, but what led Applebaum to make this assertion in this instance is not something I would describe as evidence but a collection of photographs of Trump smiling and glad-handling the Russian ambassador and foreign minister in the Oval Office. These wordless images -- much like photographs of then-Secretary of State John Kerry smiling with his Iranian counterparts or Obama grinning side by side with Raúl Castro -- function in much the same way as ill-defined terms such as

"nexus" and "hacked the election" function: They fool us into assuming we know something we don't know. Look, there's a "connection" between Trump and the Russians: They're shaking hands and smiling!

Trump's resistors won't bring him down if they keep convincing themselves that all they need are a few easy insinuations. Alleging "an unusually extensive network of relationships" won't do it. Three-and-a-half more years of this, and he won't be impeached. He'll be reelected.

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4-H CLEAN-UP



Courtesy Photo

The Swine Swagger 4-H group filled bags of garbage while cleaning along the back side of Preston Park, along the dike, on April 28, as part of their contribution to April's designation as Earth Month.

PATRIOTIC SEND-OFF



Courtesy Image

Community members gathered outside Waitsburg Town Hall on Saturday morning, May 13, to celebrate with Dixie resident Bob Brock as he kicked off his cross-country Patriotic Jeep Tour. Brock will end his journey in Washington D.C. where he has been selected to drive in the National Memorial Day Parade on May 29. Brock will honor veterans and law enforcement officers, throughout his ride. Interested parties can follow his progress, in pictures and video, by visiting the "Patriot Jeep" page on Facebook.

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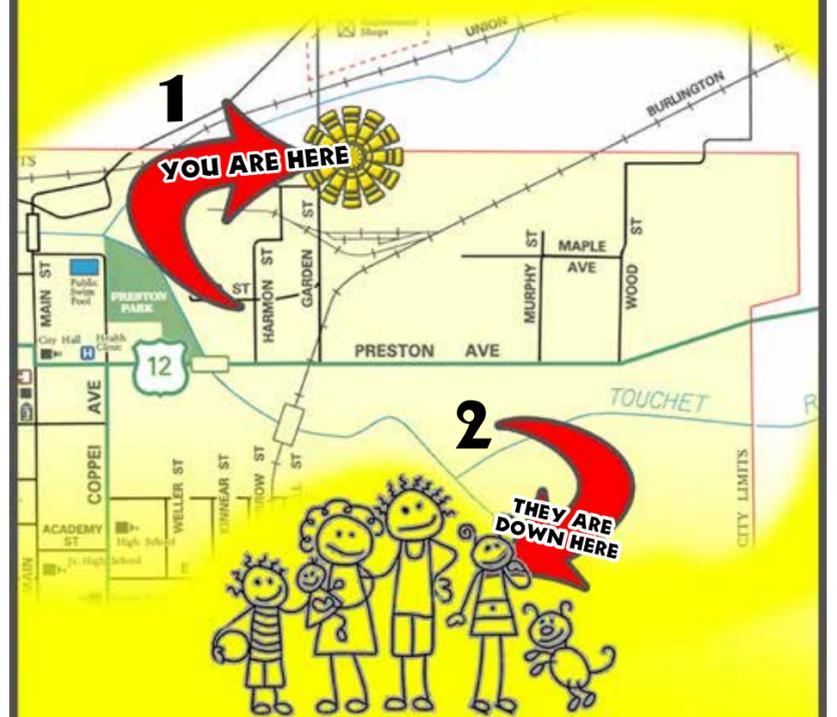
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Justin Nix is New Dayton Chamber Director

NIX TAKES OVER FOR ANDREW HOLT, WHO LEFT TO BECOME MAIN STREET MANAGER IN YAKIMA

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—On his second morning managing the Dayton Chamber of Commerce, Justin Nix was busy posting information about Azure Mountain Botanicals and a Mother's Day event at The Blue Mountain Station to Facebook, and hosing down the sidewalk in front of the chamber office.

Nix, who is has replaced Andrew Holt at the Chamber, said he was hired by the Chamber board because of his skills in social media marketing.

"I will be working to bridge the gap between the Baby Boomers and the Millennials, while promoting regional tourism and economic growth," Nix said. "I want to get the word out about how great Dayton is."

"I was really inspired to come here and show off Dayton," said Nix, who has visited Dayton off and on for the past 10 years.

"The people in Dayton are so friendly. It's like being in the south again," he said.

Nix said he was born in Mountain Home, Ida., grew up in Walla Walla, and graduated from high school in Biloxi, Mississippi.

He said he was working on a baseball scholarship in Biloxi when a car accident injured him so badly he had to give up baseball. "I decided to move back to Washington," he said.

His first job in Washington was in the Tri-Cities, at retail store called Buckle. That job took him back to Biloxi to work as part of the management team at Buckle. He said he stayed a few years, but came back to the Tri-Cities in 2003.

Then, he said he moved to Walla Walla to work as an assistant marketing manager for Sherwin Williams, and he also opened a personal training business, In Sync Gym, in Walla Walla.

After that, he worked for Verizon Wireless in College Place, which led to a promotion at two corporate Verizon Wireless company locations in Spokane.



Photo by Michele Smith

New Dayton Chamber Director Justin Nix smiles from his new office in Dayton.

"I took time off after I left there, and traveled around the United States for a year," Nix said.

Nix said he then did a stint at Pitney-Bowes, before moving to Puerto Rico, where he worked on a privately owned organic farm.

Since coming to Dayton, Nix has joined a pool league at Woody's Bar & Grill, gotten to know the folks at the Eagles, and has joined the men's golf league, he said.

At the chamber office, Nix said he has been "going over the books and he plans to start walking around town, reaching out to chamber members. He also plans to take a tour of the Port of Columbia facilities, with the Port's Economic Development Coordinator, Brad McMasters.

"We're going to get the word out that we're here to help," he said.

Nix said he is grateful to the chamber board for the job opportunity, and to Tracy Clark, the interim Chamber Director, for helping bridge the gap between the time Andrew Holt left to take a job in Yakima, and his first day of employment at the chamber, on May 8.



City Planning Director Karen Scharer has created a Word Cloud from comments made at Envision Dayton 2039 workshops

DAYTON CITY COUNCIL HEARS ABOUT 2017 ALL WHEELS WEEKEND

Adopts Shoreline Master Program Comprehensive Update

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—Special guest Bette Lou Crothers spoke about progress for this year's All Wheels Weekend event at last week's Dayton City Council meeting.

Crothers showed the council the All Wheel's Weekend T shirt design, which showcases the 1962 Ford Galaxie state patrol car, which won last year's Peoples' Choice Award, along with the 2016 Friday Night Coolest Cruiser winner, which is a 1931 Ford Victoria.

Crothers said to expect the usual events at All Wheels Weekend, including the Poker Walk, and the "ever-popular Men's Drag Race. It's pretty much business as usual. It is patterned exactly after last year's," Crothers told the council.

Crothers said she has been coming to city council to promote All Wheels Weekend for the last 23 years.

In her report to the council, Planning Director Karen Scharer talked about two recent Envision Dayton workshops, which were held to gather information about what the public thinks Dayton should be in 20 years' time.

Scharer showed the council a "word cloud" she made based on comments from Envision Dayton 2039, Community Conversations and Community Treasures. She said she will be analyzing information provided by the public. The results from Envision Dayton 2039 will be linked to the 2019 Comprehensive Plan project webpage.

The city is still working on water and sewer revenue bonds, according to City Administrator Trina Cole. The city has applied to the USDA hoping to get an equivalent, or lower interest rate, for a longer period of time, she said.

"Once we received the bids back from the private placement company, they said they can't fund it because they can't beat the interest rate. There is a little confusion on senior and junior liens on our revenues. The attorney said USDA is confused. We have a bond attorney, and he is basically saying he thought the USDA is confused on senior and junior lien requirements," said Cole.

"We are now trying to work it out. . . It is confusing. We hope to have financing by the time the South First Street project is underway," said Cole.

In other city business:

Action was taken to adopt the City of Dayton Shoreline Master Program Comprehensive Update, as an element to the Dayton Comprehensive Plan. The full text is available during City Hall regular business hours.

Action was also taken to award the West Main Street Sidewalk Project contract to the lowest, responsive bidder, Moreno & Nelson Construction Co., in the amount of \$246,098, upon the Transportation Improvement Board's approval.

Action was taken to authorize a budget amendment in the capital improvements fund to account for an Association of Washington Cities Safety Grant, to be used to purchase sidewalk maintenance equipment, and to amend the budget to account for 2017 beginning fund balances.

Action was taken to proclaim May 2017, Older Americans' Month.

Mayor Craig George was also authorized to sign a letter for the city to receive a \$1,500 grant through the Blue Mountain Community Action Foundation, to help the Friends of the Dayton Dog Park with fencing at the park.

New exhibits on tap for Boldman House Museum

Embroidery, crocheted handiwork, Boldman family car, will be on display soon

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON — "We are preparing for Dayton Days. We have an outdoor, old fashioned, fun activity for kids of all ages," said Boldman House Museum Director Sylvia Beuhler.

Activities will include two favorites: doing laundry with a washtub and scrubbing board, and making butter in a hand crank jar. There will also be old fashioned tools available for grinding wheat, peeling apples, and shelling corn. Kids will also be invited to plant flower seeds in the garden, Beuhler said.

Beuhler said tours of the house and the activities for children will take place on May 27, from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Beuhler is also utilizing the basement at the Boldman House Museum for changing exhibits. She intends to create exhibits from "things that are always in boxes and stored away."

"We think Gladys (Boldman) did the embroidery," Beuhler said about the exhibit, which features crocheted and embroidered handiwork, including pillowcases, bureau scarves, tablecloths and pillowcase edging.

Patterns for some of the quilt squares were supplied each week by The Washington Farmer news-



Photo by Michele Smith

Boldman House Museum Director Sylvia Beuhler shows off some of the embroidered linens that are part of a new display at the museum.

paper, Beuhler pointed out. Scissors, sewing baskets, irons, iron-on transfers, and pin cushions used by the Boldman women are also included in the exhibit.

Beuhler said the exhibit will run until Christmas, and then will be changed to something never shown before, such as photos, Boldman family vacations, or clothing exhibits.

The museum steering committee is also working on an exhibit to

go along with the newly acquired Boldman family car, and that will be available for viewing during All Wheels Weekend in June.

The Boldman House Museum is located at 410 North First Street, in Dayton. Summer hours are Wed. - Sat. from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. The museum will also be open on the second Sunday of every month, through the month of August, from noon - 4 p.m.

CORRECTION: Photos of the Boldman House Museum car in last week's issue of The Times were incorrectly credited to Michele Smith. The photos were taken by Sylvia Beuhler.

Carol Clarke Retires after 13 Years in Waitsburg

But welcomes another opportunity for growth in Panama City

WAITSBURG – Carol Clarke has faced and overcome many challenges in her life, but when it comes to retiring she's already chalked it up as a "fail." The school district superintendent and elementary school principal will wrap up her 13th year and officially retire from Waitsburg on June 30, but will leave for a new job in Panama City, Panama in July.

As with most of the experiences in her life – many that could be described as difficult or unpleasant – Clarke is excited to pursue just one more opportunity for growth and service.

Clarke was born on a fifth-generation family farm in Matoon, Ill., but spent her childhood moving with the navy when her father re-enlisted shortly after her birth. She had lived in 30 addresses by the time she was 31 years old (a fact she discovered while trying to adopt her sons) and said she loved the experience of seeing new places and meeting new people.

She graduated from Ray High School in Corpus Christi, Texas and says her claim to fame is that she attended high school with actress Farrah Fawcett. However, with 700 students in her graduating class, and Farrah being three years older they "didn't travel in the same circles," she said.

Clarke graduated from high school on June 1, 1967. This year,

on the 50th anniversary of her high school graduation, she will give the baccalaureate closing prayer for the class that was in kindergarten the year she began teaching in Waitsburg.

"That's pretty special," she said. The day after Clarke graduated, her parents put her on an airplane to Illinois and her dad went to Vietnam on an aircraft carrier.

Clarke said she wanted to be a special educator because she had always had good experiences in school. She saw that wasn't the case for everyone, and wanted to help others learn to accommodate and adapt. She said she was denied the opportunity because of a speech impediment that resulted from her hearing impairment.

Instead, she graduated from Southern Illinois University in 1972 with a bachelor's degree in elementary education. She taught at Luke Air Force Base before working with the Department of Defense in Germany, where she taught in an American kindergarten.

She returned to the U.S. in 1976 and attended graduate school at Memphis State University, where she earned her masters of education in reading while working as a teacher in a K-12 Christian school.

She had met Stan Clarke, who was an air force officer, while in Germany, and when he returned to the U.S., they strengthened their relationship, and later married. She joined him in California and worked toward a second master's degree as a school psychologist at University of California Davis, while working as a teaching assistant at the university.

In 1979, Stan accepted a position as Grower Relations Manager for Chateau Ste. Michelle winery in Grandview, Wash. Carol was hired as a reading specialist for special needs students in Grandview, which was exactly what she had wanted to do when she was denied the opportunity 10 years prior.

"It gave me so many opportunities to grow professionally and personally. I learned braille. I learned to sign. I really honed my skills in how to work with children with challenging behaviors," Clarke said.

After 10 years in Grandview, Clarke accepted a position as a teacher for the deaf and hearing impaired in the Sunnyside School District. She was later encouraged to go into administration and earned her principal credentials as well as her doctorate.

"Earning my doctorate wasn't something I did for professional advancement. It was something I did as a personal accomplishment," Clarke said. "Quite a challenging accomplishment while raising three children, a niece, and a husband," she added, laughing.

She became an administrator in the Sunnyside School District in 1996. She was offered principalship of Chief Kamiakin Elementary School in 2001, which was the year she completed her doctorate, and the year Stan accepted a position as WWCC Enology and Viticulture Instructor, in Walla Walla.

With their children out of the house, Stan and Clarke lived apart

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Courtesy Photos

Carol Clarke in her office at Waitsburg Elementary School. She will retire from Waitsburg in June and will travel to Panama in July, where she will work at a private Christian school.

Top: Clarke at the Mira Flores Locks of the Panama Canal with the Pacific Ocean in the background, during a recent visit.

Above: Clarke hides out among the banana trees in Balboa, Panama.



Courtesy Photo



Photo by Dena Wood

Top: Jake Lee Smith rides Tony, in the fairgrounds infield during the Days of Real Sport, years ago. All of the Smith children learned to ride on Tony, who lived to be 34 years old, according to Howard Smith. Howard and Dona Jean pose outside the family farmhouse.

of July. She still remembers traveling to Washington by train with her parents, Jay and Fern Weeks, when she was three years old. Jay was in the lumber business, and Dona Jean grew up with siblings Betty Lou (Weeks) Branson, James, and Kathy (Weeks) Payne.

She completed her first three years of high school in Dayton, and was crushed when the family moved to Lind, Wash. during her senior year. After graduation, she moved to Walla Walla, where she lived in a dormitory-style building and took nurse's training at St. Mary's hospital.

Howard and Dona Jean met in 1952, when Howard's father, who was hospitalized at the time, decided to play matchmaker.

"He told me he had a blonde and a brunette picked out for me, but I never dated the blonde," Howard said, laughing.

The couple was married at the Catholic Church in Walla Walla when Howard was 20 and Dona Jean was 19. Neither was Catholic, but Dona Jean lived with a Catholic family while in nurse's training, and Howard became close with Father Callahan, who married them.

"He was a great sports fan, and I knew him pretty well. We became good friends even though we beat St. Pat's - it's DeSales now - every time," Howard said, laughing.

They celebrated their 64th anniversary last February.

Dona Jean left nursing to stay home and raise their four children: Howard Jr., Debbie (Davison), Laurie (McKinley), and Pam (Hermanns). They lived in town briefly, before assuming residence at the family homestead (known as the Hungate Farmhouse, after the people that owned the land) after Howard's father died.

"I've always been home and have enjoyed it a lot. I did quite a bit of cooking for the crew. Both of our mothers were excellent cooks," Dona Jean said.

At 84 years old, Howard is still actively farming the operation that is now a partnership between him and son, Howard Jr. Grandson Jacob works for them and will one day take over, Howard said.

As their children grew, Howard became known for his heavy involvement with the Junior Livestock Show. Both his children and grandchildren have

shown steers at the Spokane Livestock Show, with a total of eight wins between them.

Granddaughter Stephanie (Smith) Hinchliffe won Grand Champion three out of four years in high school, Howard said. Now, grandson Preston (Hinchliffe) carries on the tradition and is showing his second 4-H steer.

Howard said he would travel all over the U.S. looking for steers for his kids. Later he started going to Denver, Colo. to purchase Maine Angou Bulls for people who wanted him to choose them the right animal to produce winning steers. Last year was his 25th year in a row, he said.

"No matter whether it's sports or buying bulls, I'm very competitive," Howard said.

Dona Jean was involved in school activities and Odako Club, but especially enjoyed her involvement with the Waitsburg Historical Society. She is one of two remaining charter members, and played a vital role in the restoration of the Bruce House Museum.

"That was a big thing in my life. We always tried to make it fun when we would get together to work on a project. It was great; just a lot of fun," she said.

Howard and Dona Jean have fond memories of the Days of Real Sport, pitching in and helping out wherever they were needed.

"When I was a kid I used to do the rope race out on the track. We had an old horse, Tony, and whoever was riding him would pretty much win the race," Howard said.

Both agree that living on the farm and raising their family in Waitsburg has been an enjoyable way of life.

"I would recommend Waitsburg to anybody. It's a very nice community," Howard said.

"I've enjoyed all of our friends. We just love Waitsburg," Dona Jean said.

Both were surprised at being selected parade marshals. "I was absolutely flabbergasted, not being a cowgirl!" Dona Jean said.

Dona Jean said her favorite part of the Days of Real Sport was always the parade, and she's honored that they'll be leading it, riding in Bob Collins's convertible, this year.

"One thing is for sure. I always like to have a good time," Dona Jean said.

WAITSBURG ALUMNI BANQUET IS MAY 27

WAITSBURG – The Waitsburg Alumni Association will host its 113th annual reunion and banquet on May 27 at the Waitsburg Elementary School multipurpose room. A meet-and-greet will take place from 5-6 p.m., followed by dinner at 6 p.m.

The dinner is open to all graduates of Waitsburg High School, their spouses, and guests. The Class of 2017 will be welcomed into the Alumni Association, and their family members are encouraged to attend and join in the celebration.

The first class to graduate from Waitsburg High School received their diplomas from a two-year course in 1889. Over the next 14 years, only 55 students graduated from WHS. As the number of graduates began to build, the Class of 1903 started the Alumni Association, which has been meeting annually ever since.

The Alumni Association Board meets monthly. In 2014, the board established the Alumni Scholarship Fund, though the Blue Mountain Community

Foundation. This year, they will award three \$1,000 scholarships through that fund, which has continued to grow.

WHS graduates are also encouraged to take advantage of the Lloyd Memorial Loan Fund, which provides low interest loans to Waitsburg graduates who want to attend college, community college, or a one-year or more technical training program.

SPORTS



Courtesy Photo

Waitsburg's Landon Callas and Emily Adams show off their trophies from the Carnival of Speed track meet earlier this year.



Photo by Dena Wood

Dayton's Hayden Wooldridge leads a hurdles race at a meet in Dayton earlier this year.

Adams Gets Three Wins at Track Districts

TWELVE WAITSBURG ATHLETES WILL MOVE ON TO REGIONALS IN VERADALE THIS WEEKEND

By Andie Holmberg | THE TIMES

SPOKANE – The Waitsburg Track team traveled to Riverside High School last Tuesday to compete in the NE/SE 1B District Championships.

Emily Adams took first in all three of her events, getting a season record in the triple jump with a distance of 33-08.00. Adams also won the 800 meter and the 1600 meter races with times of 2:31.16 and 5:49.17 respectively.

Landon Callas finished second in his three personal events, with times of 11.85 in the 100-meter dash, 15.56 in the 110 hurdles and a personal record of 39.10 in the 300 hurdles.

To move on to districts, athletes in laned events need to place in the top eight spots, and the top 12 finishers in field and long distance

events will advance.

In addition to Adams and Callas, the following athletes will travel to Veradale for the NE/SE 1B Regional Meet this Friday and Saturday to compete for the opportunity to go on to the state championships:

For the boys, this includes TJ Morrison in the 110 hurdles; Seamus House, 1600 meter and 3200 meter; Daltin Lambert, 1600 meter and 3200 meter; Tom House, 3200 meter; Joe Larue, javelin; Cameron Terry, triple jump; and the boys 4x400 meter relay team of Andre Potts, Joe Leamy, TJ Morrison, and Landon Callas.

On the girl's side, qualifiers include Leena Baker, long jump; Kailyn Lewis, long jump and 100 meter hurdles; Kirsten Miller, 100 and 300 meter hurdles; and the girl's 4x100 meter relay team of Kenn Gallee, Clarissa Espana, Kailyn Lewis and Kirsten Miller.

"The kids are still improving, meeting goals and setting PRs. This is good. This meet was tough, with lot of competition coming from the D7 teams. The kids stepped up and performed well. Couldn't be happier with how the kids are doing," said Waitsburg Coach Lanny Adams.

Boys Results:

100 Meters

2. Landon Callas	11.85
12. Joe Leamy	12.90
15. Carlos Norris	13.05
20. Robert Walsh	13.71
27. Alexis Espana	14.93

200 Meters

10. Joe Leamy	25.92
18. Carlos Norris	27.35
19. TJ Morrison	27.81
23. Alexis Espana	29.90

400 Meters

12. Carlos Norris	1:02.69 PR
18. Robert Walsh	1:06.03

1600 Meters

7. Seamus House	5:23 PR
8. Daltin Lambert	5:24. PR
15. Tom House	6:20.97

3200 Meters

5. Seamus House	11:45.92
7. Daltin Lambert	11:51 PR
9. Tom House	14:03.83

110 Hurdles

2. Landon Callas	15.56
5. TJ Morrison	19.14

300 Hurdles

2. Landon Callas	39.10 PR
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4X400 Relay

3. Andre Potts	3:50.55
TJ Morrison	
Joe Leamy	
Landon Callas	

Discus

13. Tom House	70-00
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Javelin

5. Joe Larue	130-06
14. Cameron Terry	92-05

High Jump

6. Andre Potts	5-02.00
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Long Jump

9. Andre Potts	16-01.50
14. Cameron Terry	14-02.50

Triple Jump

4. Andre Potts	36-09 SR
9. Cameron Terry	32-06.00

Girl's Results

100 Meters

11. Clarissa Espana	14.64 PR
13. Kailyn Lewis	14.86
15. Leena Baker	15.31

200 Meter

10. Kirsten Miller	30.27 PR
12. Clarissa Espana	30.95

800 Meters

1. Emily Adams	2:31.16
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1600 Meters

1. Emily Adams	5:49.17
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3200 Meters

1. Emily Adams	12:10.82
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100 Hurdles

5. Kaylin Lewis	19.49 PR
8. Kirsten Miller	19.80

300 Hurdles

6. Kirsten Miller	54.42
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4X100 Relay

4. Clarissa Espana	57.90
Kenn Gallee	
Kailyn Lewis	
Kirsten Miller	

Discus

15. Kenn Gallee	61-11 PR
23. Leena Baker	54.05 PR

Javelin

24. Kenn Gallee	44-02
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Long Jump

10. Leena Baker	12-06.25
12. Kailyn Lewis	12-04.50

Triple Jump

1. Emily Adams	33-08.00 SR
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FOUR DAYTON ATHLETES MOVE ON TO TRACK DISTRICTS

Hayden Wooldridge won both hurdles events at EWAC qualifying meet Friday

By Andie Holmberg | THE TIMES

COLLEGE PLACE – The Dayton Track Team traveled to College Place High School Friday to compete in the Eastern Washington Athletic Conference Championships regional qualifier. The Bulldogs will take four athletes on to regionals.

Hayden Wooldridge had a huge day, topping the 110 and 300 hurdle events with times of 17.28 and 45.96 respectively, qualifying in both events.

Cal Martin won the javelin competition with a season record hurl of 160-02, beating his nearest competitor by nearly 30 feet. Martin will move on in the javelin and the shot put where he placed third, with a throw of 39-1.50.

For the girls, Aliyah Picarella earned a berth to regionals by placing second in the 100-meter dash with a time of 15.20. Picarella also ran a personal record time of 30.66 in the 200 meter to capture fifth place. Jennifer Warren also set a personal record in the Triple Jump with a leap of 29-02.00 to take fourth place and move on to regional competition.

The four Dayton qualifiers will travel to Quincy Saturday for the District 5/6 Championships on the road to the state finals, to be held the following weekend in Cheney.

Boy's Results

100 Meters

5. Chris Andrews	12.38
14. Gavin Walsh	13.75
17. Elijah Walker	14.36
18. E. Ramsey	19.43 PR
Colton Johnson	NT
Isreal Ramsey	NT

200 Meters

14. Elijah Walker	28.74 PR
16. Isreal Ramsey	36.65
17. E. Ramsey	46.59

400 Meters

5. Cole John	59.38 PR
9. Enrique Ramsey	1:43.76
Colton Johnson	NT

1600 Meters

4. Zech Bryan	5:34.75
5. Wyatt Johnson	6:01.90

3200 Meters

4. Wyatt Johnson	11:57.15 PR
6. Zech Bryan	13:19.11

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DHS, WHS Hold Meetings to Discuss Athletic Combine

FIRST YEAR OF THE COMBINE HAS BEEN POSITIVE, BUT THERE ARE NO PLANS FOR EXPANSION

By Ian Smay | THE TIMES



DAYTON – Dayton and Waitsburg high schools held meetings at their respective auditoriums last Wednesday and Thursday to receive feedback from students, parents, and community members on the 2016-17 DW athletic combine.

The meetings were both attended by a little over 10 people. Waitsburg held theirs on Wednesday, while Dayton's was the following day. Comments ranged from praising the feeling of community between the two schools, as well as the combine giving more kids the opportunity to get involved in sports.

DW fielded combined teams in middle school football, softball and baseball, as well as high school football and baseball. This allowed athletes from Dayton to compete in 11-man 2B football instead of the 8-man 1B league they had been a part of in the previous couple of years.

Parents and students voiced their pleasure at the combine allowing the schools to field both varsity and junior varsity teams in football, according to WHS Athletic Director Stephanie Wooderchak. Play-

ers also were able to avoid injury and stay healthy due to having more players available each week.

Competitiveness between athletes from the two schools was a worry for some before the start of the combine. However, this worry was unfounded, as the kids from the two former rivals quickly bonded and conflict was never an issue, according to comments from the meeting.

Athletes from Dayton also benefitted from the combine with recognition from college athletic programs. One such athlete is Dayton Senior Cal Martin, who recently signed his National Letter of Intent to play football at University of Redlands in southern California, after a standout senior season last fall with DW football.

DW Head Football Coach Troy Larsen is another supporter of the combine. Larsen, who led the DW Football team to the EWAC league title and the

State Quarterfinals, sees the two schools coming together as positive. On top of the team being competitive this year, he also pointed to the fact that the students became friends and missed each other as they moved into winter sports, a sentiment echoed by both Dayton Athletic Director Paul Shaber and Wooderchak.

One of the reasons for the meeting was for the athletic directors of both schools to gauge public support for combined athletic programs going forward. This includes the prospect of expanding the combine to other sports, such as high school basketball and volleyball.

Despite the overwhelmingly positive feedback, both athletic directors said that there are currently no plans to expand the current list of combined sports. One reason for this is the low number of people that attended the meeting, as at least this year's athletics changes affected 30-40 families, while just over 10 people attended the meetings, Shaber said.

Both Shaber and Wooderchak are making efforts to gather more input through surveys in the community. While the sentiments voiced by community members and students have been positive so far, Shaber said that it isn't a simple decision to make.

"What is best for the kids is my driving question," Shaber said. While everything has been seen as positive so far, "...there are so many things that go along with what's best for kids, it makes it difficult," he said.

Dayton Girls Split at League Tourney; Move on to Regionals

10-8 LOSS TO KITTITAS IS FOLLOWED BY 13-3 WIN OVER TRI-CITIES PREP

By Andie Holmberg | THE TIMES

PASCO – The Dayton softball team traveled to Tri-Cities for the EWAC regional qualifier on Saturday, where they were seeded third. Dayton was paired against Kittitas, the number-two seed, for their first game.

The game see-sawed back and forth, with Kittitas outscoring Dayton in the first inning two to one, and Dayton coming back in the third inning tallying four runs to take the lead after a scoreless second inning. Kittitas answered with five more in the fourth and did not relinquish the lead.

Both teams had eight hits in the game, with the difference being Dayton was hitting singles and Kittitas put up some big hits with runners on.

Dayton next faced number-five seed TCP. Dayton's bats came alive against the Jaguars, with 13 runs on 14 hits. Megan Robins got the team going with a grand slam in the first inning to take the lead 4-0. Dayton

never looked back and beat TCP 13-3 after 6.

Robins led the team with five RBI's and, on the mound, struck out nine batters. Kaleigh White had three RBI's. Mia Becker had a big game at the plate going four-for-four, with two steals and two runs scored. Scully Castorena went three-for-four, including a double and a triple. Destiny Brincken also hit a triple.

Dayton is now 14-8. The Lady Bulldogs head to Ephrata Saturday for the Division 5/6 double-elimination regional tournament. Dayton faces Liberty Bell at noon, and will play a second game at 2 p.m. Six of the eight teams in the tournament will move on to the first round of the state tournament.

Dayton @ Kittitas

Dayton	1	0	4	0	1	2	0	8	8	3
Kittitas	2	0	0	5	2	1	X	10	8	2

Dayton battery, Megan Robins and Heidi Dobbs

Kittitas battery, Madigan Webster, Grace Allphin (6), and Payton Hyatt

Dayton hits: Tatumn Laughery, Mia Becker 2, Heidi Dobbs, Megan Robins, Scully Castorena, Kaleigh White,

Destiny Brincken

Kittitas hits: Madigan Webster, Payton Hyatt 2, Lainey Allemand, Courtney Rosbach, Reegan Baker 2, Tory Coates

2B: Kitt- Hyatt, Coates

3B: Kitt- Allemand

HR: Kitt- Hyatt

TC Prep @ Dayton

Score by inning

TC Prep	0	0	1	0	1	1	3	7	3
Dayton	4	2	2	2	0	3	13	14	2

TCP battery, Nunez, Thornton (2), and MacRoberts

Dayton battery, Megan Robins and Heidi Dobbs

TCP hits: Brandner 2 (homerun), Nunez, MacRoberts 2, Monteon, Higerada

Dayton hits: Tatumn Laughery, Mia Becker 4, Heidi Dobbs, Megan Robins (homerun), Scully Castorena 3 (Double, Triple), Kaleigh White 2 (double) with 3 RBIs, Destiny Brincken 2 (triple)

2B: Day-Castorena, White

3B: Day-Castorena, Brincken

HR: TCP- Brandner; Day-Robins

DAYTON TRACK - CONT.

110 Hurdles	
1. Hayden Wooldridge	17.28
300 Hurdles	
1. Hayden Wooldridge	45.96
5. Enrique Ramsey	1:19.00
4X100 Relay	
Hayden Wooldridge DQ	
Cole John	
Cal Martin	
Chris Andrews	
Shot Put	
3. Cal Martin	39-01.50
5. Zech Bryan	34-09.50 PR
14. Drake LaMere	29-09.00
20. Elijah Walker	25-06.50
22. Isreal Ramsey	15-10.50
Javelin	
1. Cal Martin	160-02 SR
9. Drake LaMere	92-11
13. Isreal Ramsey	58-00 PR
14. Elijah Walker	50-00
Long Jump	
6. Hayden Wooldridge	18-04 PR
9. Cole John	17-01.75 PR
10. Gavin Walsh	16-11.00 PR
Girls' Results	
100 Meters	
2. Aliyah Picarella	15.20
4. Hazel Tu	15.73
5. Jennifer Warren	16.00
200 Meters	
5. Aliyah Picarella	30.66 PR
9. Hazel Tu	32.63
400 Meters	
Neylan Bryan	NT
3200 Meters	
Neylan Bryan	NT
Shot Put	
9. Jennifer Warren	22-00.00
Neylan Bryan	ND
Discus	
9. Jennifer Warren	61-10
Neylan Bryan	ND
Long Jump	
8. Hazel Tu	11-08.00
Triple Jump	
4. Jennifer Warren	29-02.00

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No. 17-5-0002-9 Summons Served by Publication (SMPB)

SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA

In re:
BERLIN KIMBERLY LONGIN,
d/o/b 2/12/2010.
Summons Served by Publication

To Karl Longin:
The other party has asked the court to TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AS TO THE ABOVE NAMED CHILD. An amended petition to terminate your parental rights was filed on 3/14/17.

You **must** respond in writing if you want the court to consider your side.

If you are an alleged father, failure to file a claim of paternity under chapter 26.26 RCW or to respond to the petition is grounds to terminate your parent-child relationship with respect to the child;

If you are the nonconsenting parent or alleged father, you have a right to be represented by counsel and that counsel will be appointed for an indigent person who requests counsel.

Deadline! Your Response must be filed and served within 60 days of the date this summons is published. If you do not file and serve your Response or a Notice of Appearance by the deadline: No one has to notify you about other hearings in this case, and The court may approve the requests in the Petition without hearing your side.

Follow these steps:

1. Read the Petition and any other documents that were filed at court with this Summons. Those documents explain what the other party is asking for.

2. Fill out a Response. You can get the Response form and other forms you need at:

The Washington State Courts' website: www.courts.wa.gov/forms

The Administrative Office of the Courts – call: (360) 705-5328

Washington LawHelp: www.washingtonlawhelp.org, or

The Superior Court Clerk's office or county law library (for a fee).

3. Serve (give) a copy of your Response to the person who filed this Summons at the address below, and to any other parties. You may use certified mail with return receipt requested. For more information on how to serve, read Superior Court Civil Rule 5.

4. File your original Response with the court clerk at this address:

Walla Walla County Superior Court Clerk, 315 W. Main Street, Walla Walla, WA 99362

5. Lawyer not required: It is a good idea to talk to a lawyer, but you may file and serve your Response without one.

Person filing this Summons or his/her lawyer fills out below:

/s/ J. Carman 4-17-17
J. Carman, WSBA #31537
Date 4-17-17

6 East Alder Street, Suite 418, Walla Walla, WA 99362
This Summons is issued according to Rule 4.1 of the Superior Court Civil Rules of the State of Washington.

The Times
April 27, May 4, 11, 18, 25,
June 1, 2017
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NO: 17-4-00084-0 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS RCW 11.40.030

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

In re the Estate of:
MARK STEPHEN TAYLOR,
Deceased.

The personal representative named below has been appointed as personal representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as

provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the personal representative or the personal representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the Court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) thirty days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and RCW 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.

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NO: 17-4-00083-1 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS RCW 11.40.030

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

In re the Estate of:
STEVEN WARD HALL,
Deceased.

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NO: 17-4-00088-2 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS RCW 11.40.030

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

In re the Estate of:
MARILYN R. ENGLAND,
Deceased.

The personal representative named below has been appointed as personal representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as

provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the personal representative or the personal representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the Court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) thirty days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and RCW 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Prescott School District No. 402-37 Board of Directors of Walla Walla County will review the proposed 2016-17 Capital Projects Fund Budget Extension on May 25, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at its regular meeting in the Board Room of the Prescott School District.

All District residents are invited to be heard for or against any part of the Capital Fund Budget Extension. Copies of the Capital Fund Budget Extension will be available at the hearing or can be obtained after that date at the district office.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Brett R Cox
Secretary to the Board

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NEWCOMERS ENCAMPMENT



Photo by Dena Wood

Robert Cripps (far right) gets some throwing advice from James Stearns as he plays Kubb, also known as Viking Bowling, during a Newcomers Encampment at Preston Park on Saturday morning. The Society for Creative Anachronism hosts the event to introduce beginners and interested individuals to the organization. SCA participants adopt a persona, dress in period costume, and practice arts and skills popular in the Middle Ages and early Renaissance.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

COLUMBIA COUNTY PUBLIC HEARINGS

DAYTON - Public hearings regarding the following issues will take place in the Columbia County Courthouse 3rd floor courtroom:

Event Center on North Touchet Road - Fri., May 19, 1 p.m.

RV Park on North Touchet Road - Wed., May 24, 10 a.m.

Cannabis Retail Store on State Highway 12 - Wed., May 24, 1 p.m.

CLARKE - FROM PAGE 1

for three years, reconnecting on the weekends.

Clarke said her position was especially challenging, overseeing 32 fifth and sixth grade classrooms, with 30 students each, spread over 11 buildings. The district was very large, and the demographics were 80% Hispanic, with many speaking Spanish-only. There was a high level of poverty, as well as gang and drug issues, she said.

"What an opportunity for growth and to hone my skills in Spanish. I was blessed to be challenged like that," she said.

Clarke eventually began looking to relocate closer to Stan and was pleasantly surprised to be hired on as district superintendent and elementary school principal in Waitsburg.

Clarke said her challenges here have been very different, and include the impact of federal and state guidance over a school district, trying to maintain the level of services with diminishing resources, and declining enrollment.

What she has enjoyed most is getting to know the kids, the staff, and their families, she said.

"I think the challenge of having to deal with the loss of a loved one was made a lot easier because of the relationships that I had in a small community. You don't always have that," Clarke said, referring to the passing of Stan in 2007.

When it comes to retiring Clarke said she knew she wanted to make sure the class she started with made it all the way through.

"That class was my first big decision. I had to decide to hire a second kindergarten teacher, because there were so many of them. And I wasn't ready for that yet!" Clarke said, laughing.

Clarke said that as it got closer to time for that class to graduate, she realized it would be a good time to explore new horizons and move in different directions. She was looking forward to more time to herself and being a bit more selfish, but it turns out that wasn't the plan after all.

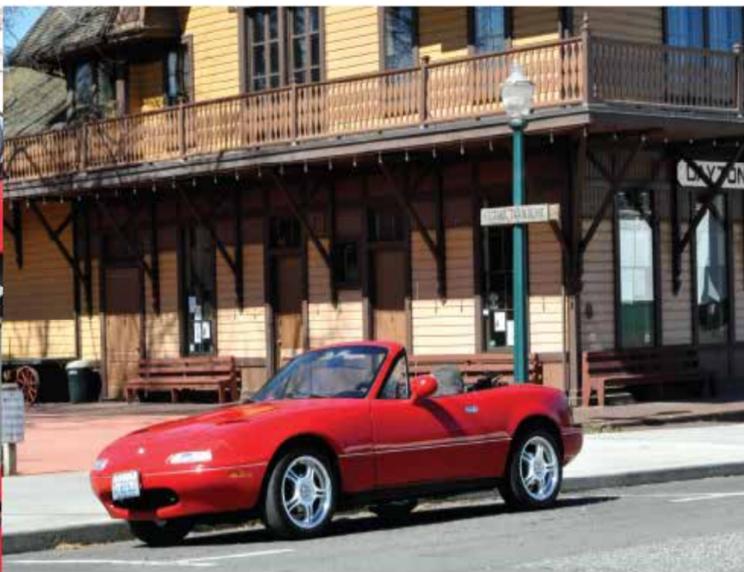
In January, Clarke received an email from a dear friend that teaches in Panama City, whom she had visited in November, saying Clarke would be the perfect person for a job opening. The K-12 Christian school where her friend teaches was in need of a Curriculum and Assessment Coordinator, and Clarke couldn't resist the pull.

The school serves 270 students, and 23 passports are represented in the population, with many missionary and diplomat students.

"What a wonderful opportunity! I felt I could contribute to student achievement in a different way, and it's warm 24/7!" Clarke said.

Clarke's son, who recently married, will move into her Waitsburg home, and she plans to head to Panama City toward the end of July. She will move into a fully furnished apartment, and receive a stipend while there. She said she plans to rely on public transportation, a bicycle, and her feet to get around.

"It's a great opportunity, and I hope to help in any way I can," Clarke said.



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TOUCHET VALLEY NEWS

NEWS BRIEFS

MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM

WAITSBURG – The community is invited to honor veterans at the annual American Legion Veteran's Memorial Wall Program in the Waitsburg City Cemetery on Mon., May 29 at 11 a.m. Among the service members honored this year are David Just and Theodore (T.J.) Morrison, who will join the service following their graduation from Waitsburg High School in June.

Family members who have received a flag for their deceased veteran and would like to donate it to be flown at the memorial may do so by contacting B.A. Keve at ikbakeve@charter.net if _509) 337-6546. Their information will be added to the program.

As in the past, the American Legion Auxiliary will host a potato bar luncheon at the Elementary School multipurpose room following the ceremony. Everyone is welcome.

FREE DENTAL VAN VISITS

WAITSBURG - The Waitsburg Resource Center will sponsor three upcoming visits from Northwest Medical Teams International Mobile Dental Clinic on June 30, August 18, and September 22 from 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.

The van will be located the Banner Bank parking lot and check-in will be at the resource center (food bank), located in the bank building off Preston Avenue. The program provides free, urgent dental care to low-income children and adults who lack insurance or a realistic way to pay for treatment.

The van is staffed by local dentists, assistants and van drivers who volunteer their time. Patients will need to set up an appointment prior to the van's visit. Contact Pam Conover at (509) 337-8876 to schedule an appointment.

WDFW MANAGEMENT PLAN MEETING

WAITSBURG – The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife is developing a new management plan for the Blue Mountains Wildlife Areas and is seeking public input at a meeting at Waitsburg Town Hall on Wed., May 24 from 6-8 p.m.

The Blue Mountain Wildlife Area includes Asotin Creek, Chief Joseph, and W.T. Wooten wildlife areas in southeast Washington. The department is seeking input on the status and management of wildlife species and their habitat, restoration efforts, and public use and recreation in these areas.

Input is also welcome by sending comments to BlueMntWLA@drw.wa.gov.

RAINBOW LAKE TO CLOSE FOR CONSTRUCTION

DAYTON - Rainbow Lake, in the W.T. Wooten Wildlife Area will be closed from June 1 through mid-September for a construction project, according to Washington State Department of Wildlife officials.

Campground three will be closed during the construction period for public safety. The access road and parking area for Deer Lake will also be closed during the construction period. They will reopen in September after construction is completed.

Deer Lake will not be closed to fishing, but access during the construction period will only be by wading the Tucannon River. Please keep in mind that dump trucks will be driving the access road past Deer Lake.

All of the other lakes and campgrounds in the Tucannon Lakes area will be open during the construction period.

REPAIRS - FROM PAGE 1

small building that houses a display of Wait's Mill.

They hired Steelman Home Inspections of Walla Walla to help them determine how much to set aside each year. They learned that they should set aside \$20,000 annually for repairs and maintenance, but that turned out to be the good news. The bad news was that the foundation of the Wilson-Phillips House needs to be replaced and the house is listing to one side.

Hinds said they noticed a slight gap in the foundation last fall, but that the walls have tilted significantly over this winter's very wet and cold weather. The board solicited several bids and accepted one from Narum Concrete Construction of Walla Walla, to the tune of \$38,000. Repairs are scheduled for July.

"The last thing we want to do is lose a building. We can't not do it. There's not much to do but to fix it," Hinds said.

Until repairs are completed, the Wilson-Phillips House will be closed to the public. Hinds said the Society has sent letters soliciting financial help from local corporations, and has submitted requests to the Blue Mountain Community Foundation and Sherwood Trust.

Hinds said the board is hopeful that they will be selected for the newly established Warren Community Action Fund. The fund, established in honor of Robert and Nadine Warren, distributes grants up to \$20,000, but prefers projects that show strong community financial and other support.

The Historical Society welcomes any and all donations from community members or interested parties, Hinds said. The Waitsburg Historical Society is a 501 c3 not for profit organization and all donations are tax deductible.

Donations can be made directly through the "Donate" link on the Historical Society web page at waitsburghistoricalsociety.org, mailed to the Historical Society at PO Box 841, Waitsburg, WA 99361, or by contacting Richard Hinds at (713) 252-1196 or Tom Land at (206) 795-4620.



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TEENY MCMUNN: MY RECIPE BOX

Spinach Salad

Are you still waiting for the Perfect Pound Cake recipe? Me too! I'm sure I put it somewhere I could find it when I wanted it, but... Yes, I could google it, but there is more than one and I wanted to try this one. So it is on the back burner until I clean my desk or accidentally find it.

This recipe came from a friend. I have tried it and it's good. It is almost barbeque season and this would be perfect for it, or a small gathering. I don't know how well it would hold over though.



INGREDIENTS

- 1 bag spinach
- 1 head iceberg or romaine lettuce
- 1 purple onion, sliced thin—or sweet onion, less if you want
- 1/2 pound fresh mushrooms
- 3/4 pound Swiss cheese, grated
- 1/2 pound bacon, cooked and crumbled
- 1 cup cottage cheese (if it's too runny, drain)
- 1 can mandarin oranges, drained

DRESSING

- 1/3 cup white vinegar
- 3/4 cup oil
- 3/4 Tbsp poppy seeds
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 3/4 Tbsp green onions, finely chopped
- 1/3 tsp dry mustard

She says, "I make the dressing and cook the bacon the day before" Marinate onions and mushrooms in dressing for two hours. Combine salad ingredients and toss with dressing just prior to serving. This is a winner; everyone always loves this and asks for the recipe"

MY NOTES: If you are going to a bulk store or Andy's, the poppy seeds are less expensive, but as I said before in a previous recipe, they kept them in the back so you might have to ask for them. I guess drug dealers cook with them too.

Off the subject—but on food—King Arthur Flour FaceBook page had an interesting article about using less sugar in recipes. They took four kinds of cakes and tried each recipe with reducing sugar. For example, 10%, 25%, and 50%. The article is too long to type out, but the conclusion was all recipes could handle 10% less, which most times was about 6 teaspoons. Depending on the cake type, some could handle 25%. So if you are trying to de-sugar a bit, it might be worth a try. I am a sugar-holic. I might start my own group!

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NUMBER THEORY BY EVAN BIRNHOLZ

METAPUZZLE: Which famous mathematician is hinted at by this challenging puzzle?

ACROSS

- 1 Satisfy
- 5 Puzzle pattern
- 9 Progressive alternative
- 14 Piece of admiration
- 17 "___ Christmas Countdown" (2007 "Sesame Street" special)
- 19 "Argonautica" sorceress
- 21 Being hauled
- 22 Shoot down
- 23 Mars bar
- 25 Put on a pedestal
- 26 Yolk container
- 27 "My Gal ___"
- 28 Olathe resident
- 30 Get out
- 32 Cuban product
- 35 Leader entombed at the center of Tiananmen Square
- 37 Hudson of "Ghostbusters"
- 40 Round things, maybe?
- 41 Long in pictures
- 42 Rice squad, once
- 47 Paper work?
- 49 Quaint preposition
- 50 "Pygmalion" dramatist
- 51 Raise basis, maybe
- 52 That, in Valle de Santiago (hidden in VALLE DE SANTIAGO)

- 88 "HBO's celebration of celebrity opulence," per Fox Sports writer Damon Martin
- 91 "Futurama" character who wears pink clothes
- 92 Allow
- 93 Obstacle course item
- 94 Henry who established a British art gallery
- 96 Ink cartridge color
- 98 Franchise that was once based in Syracuse
- 104 Org. with many agents
- 105 Setting of the bowling tourney in "Kingpin"
- 106 Step up
- 107 "Cake Boss" network
- 108 "That's incredible!"
- 109 Bud seen at a reunion
- 112 Book before Jeremiah
- 115 Regress
- 118 Driver's stick
- 119 Shaggy herbivores
- 122 Big computer of the 1980s
- 127 Refuge on a road trip following a second
- 128 Bungling
- 129 Big computer of the 1940s (or actor Michael in reverse)
- 130 Special Forces wear
- 131 Butter quantity
- 132 Words exchanged on the small screen?
- 133 iCloud Mail button
- 134 Get clean

DOWN

- 1 Phrase of agreement following a second
- 2 Hardwood source
- 3 Big egg layer
- 4 Flip
- 5 Clock-setting std.
- 6 Exude
- 7 Contemplation creation
- 8 Bruce of "Nebraska"
- 9 Versace of fashion
- 10 Extreme point
- 11 Lance in 1990s news
- 12 Reactor section
- 13 Has obligations
- 14 Cheapened?
- 15 Absorbent product
- 16 Undue indulgence
- 18 Calypso relative
- 20 Concurrence
- 24 Violinist Mischa
- 29 West Coast gas brand

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- 31 Greyhound, e.g.
- 32 Creature with tentacles
- 33 Second half of a cassette
- 34 Like Itt
- 36 "Sense and Sensibility" director Lee
- 38 Childish rejoinder
- 39 Delta follower
- 42 They have long necks
- 43 Charlotte ___ (clothing store, or a cream-filled dessert)
- 44 Overly fastidious
- 45 Symbols of strength
- 46 Like many stops
- 48 Connected with
- 52 Hardly rigorous course
- 53 KFC serving
- 54 1973 hit for the Edgar Winter Group
- 55 MapQuest instruction
- 56 Dante's "Inferno," e.g.
- 57 Sandberg of Cubs fame
- 59 Divining device
- 60 Substitute
- 61 Radius, e.g.
- 62 Illustrious type
- 66 "The Talented Mr. Ripley" setting
- 67 American quarters?
- 69 Flood control method
- 70 Bread box?
- 71 Spellbound
- 72 When a countdown finishes
- 74 Messenger ___
- 75 Marks up or down, say
- 78 Blakley of "Nashville"
- 79 Do-or-die scenario, in the World Series
- 81 Mysterious quality
- 82 Stepped
- 84 Experiment collection
- 85 OB/GYN exam, briefly
- 86 Volatile material
- 87 Hidden collection
- 89 Chest beaters
- 90 Moolah
- 94 "You got ___"
- 95 Decorated pilot
- 96 "Silent Movie" director Brooks
- 97 Moved like a missile
- 98 Start of some modern, snarky advice
- 99 Capital near Mount Edith
- 100 Set right, in a way
- 101 Prune
- 102 Does canvas work
- 103 Most valuable player who isn't among the starting five
- 110 Just some
- 111 Radius, e.g.
- 113 Cyclotron particles
- 114 Lady friend in Limoges
- 116 "Hook" actor Hoskins
- 117 Make 40 Across
- 120 Erotica staple
- 121 ___ out (decline)
- 123 Monk's affliction, briefly
- 124 History class unit
- 125 Deep-___ (jettisons)
- 126 Position just below the bronze medal winner

SOLUTION TO: LESSON PLAN

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WHS AND DHS PERFORM WELL AT STATE FFA CONVENTION

PULLMAN – Twenty Waittsburg High School FFA members qualified for and attended the FFA State Convention in Pullman last weekend, many returning with awards.

Especially notable was a sixth-place win by the Food Science Team (Sydney Fowble, Drew Farley, Brandon Boudreau, Tom House, Seamus House) and a sixth-place in Prepared Public Speaking by Loren Neron.

“Making the top eight in the state is a big deal, and the students get to go on stage to accept their awards,” said FFA Advisor Nicole Abel.

Other awards went to the Veterinary Science Team (Amy Farley, Emily Adams, Sydney Fowble, Laramie Mathews, Devin Newman) which placed 15th, and Meats Evaluation (Tyler Hoffman, Tyler Brooks, Jade Alleman, Dylan Knowles) which received 19th place.

Proficiency Awards went to:
 Brandon Boudrieau – Swine Production, 1st place
 Devon Harshman – Swine Production, 3rd place
 Emily Adams – Equine Production, 3rd place
 Laramie Mathews – Outdoor Recreation, 2nd place
 State Degrees were earned by: Devin Newman, Brandon Boudrieau, Jared Farley and Tom House.

Dayton FFA members performed equally well with their Agriculture Issues team (Ben White, Ally Chapman, Josiah White, Kianna Price, Kaylee Wade, and Tayven Seeney) taking fourth-place and their Agronomy Team (Josilyn Fullerton, Tayven Seeney, Cal Martin, Ben White, Ally Chapman) earning sixth place.

Dayton's Food Science Team (Alex Jenkins, Katie Patton, Brandon Pulliam, Jennifer Warren, Sagelyn Kilts) came in 20th place.

State Degrees were earned by: Josilyn Fullerton, Jennifer Warren, Kianna Price, Sidney Andrews, and Cal Martin.



Courtesy Photos
 Members of the Waittsburg and Dayton FFA chapters attended the State FFA Convention in Pullman on May 11-13. Above: Waittsburg FFA members, accompanied by Advisor Nicole Abel (far left). Left: Dayton FFA members were accompanied by Advisor Kristina Knebel (not pictured).

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CELEBRATION DAYS EVENT SCHEDULE

Friday May 19th

- 4:pm** Check in for ATV Sunset Cruise - Waittsburg Fairgrounds
- 5:pm** Wine, Beer, BBQ, Bonfire - Waittsburg Fairgrounds
- 6:30pm** Antique Auto Cruise - Preston Park



6:30pm - 8:45pm "Dakota Brown Band"



5:pm - 8:pm "Frog Hollow"

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Saturday May 20th

- 7:am - 10:am** American Legion Breakfast - Waittsburg Town Hall
- 9:45am** (9:30 line up) Kiddie Parade - Main Street
- 10:am** Waittsburg Celebration Days Parade - Main Street
- 10:am - 3:pm** Antique Auto Show - Preston Park
- 10:am - 3:pm** Bruce House Museum - 320 Main Street
- Vendors on Museum grounds and Museum Tours
- Noon** Queens Luncheon (Invite Only)
- Lions Building, Waittsburg Fairgrounds

Saturday May 20th

- Noon - 1:30pm** Childrens Activities - Preston Park
- 12:Noon - 5:pm** Brew Master Festival (food till 4:pm)
 Waittsburg Town Hall
- 1:pm - 4:pm** (Check in from 11:30am to 1pm)
 Karen Huwe Mohney Memorial ATV Poker Ride,
 Food by Why Not Pizza
 Waittsburg Fairgrounds
- 1:pm to Close** Lions Beer Garden - Waittsburg Fairgrounds
- 5:pm** Burgers, Bands & Brews - Waittsburg Fair Grounds
- 5:pm - 8:pm** "Switchgrass Delta Bluegrass Band"
- 6:30pm - 8:45pm** "Dakota Brown Band"
- 9:pm - Midnight** Featured Headliner - "Frog Hollow Band"



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Sunday May 21st

- 8:30am** Coffee and Breakfast Snacks - Preston Park
- 9:am** Cowboy Church - Preston Park
 (bring your own chairs)
- 10:am** Duck Race - Main Street Bridge