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# THIS WEEK

### **DAYTON**



**ROBOTICS** 

**Dayton High School** robotics students gear up to take their robot on the road this week.

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# **MOCKTRAGEDY OPENS EYES TO** DANGERS OF DRUNK DRIVING

WHS "walking dead" students represent drunk driving fatalities during last week's "Every 15 Minutes" program.

# 'EVERY 15 MINUTES' PROGRAM MAKES AN IMPACT ON WAITSBURG HIGH STUDENTS

By Dena Wood | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG - "Even though I knew it wasn't real, my heart sank to my stomach when I heard the knock at my door," said Susan Wildey as she addressed an auditorium full of Waitsburg High School students and parents. The knock Wildey described was that of the Walla Walla County coroner arriving to let her know that her daughter, WHS senior Analise Salazar, had been "killed" in a drunk driving accident.

The mock death notification was part of "Every 15 Minutes," an emotional and moving two-day awareness program targeted to make teens aware of the potentially tragic results of drinking and driving. Waitsburg students took part in the program, presented by the Walla Walla County Traffic Safety and DUI Task

Force, on March 12 and 13.

Thursday

On March 12, Walla Walla Police Department officers visited WHS classrooms to share eye-opening statistics regarding alcohol-related collisions. WWPD Officer Tim Bennett addressed students at Friday's assembly and reiterated the points they wanted to get across. 1) Don't drink and drive. 2) Don't ride with someone who has been drinking. 3) Wear a seat belt. 4) If you do drink, have a plan to get home. 5) Fully understand the legal ramifications of drinking and driving. "Every 15 Minutes" is designed to bring those points home in a very real way.

Throughout the day on Thursday, student representatives were pulled from classrooms - one every 15 minutes - to be transformed into the "walking dead." Their faces were painted white, they wore black robes and did not interact with students for remainder of the day. Tombstones placed on the school lawn and on the locker of each student marked their deaths.

"Walking dead" students then spent the night in Walla Walla working with WWPD officers to prepare for Friday's presentation. At the same time, the co

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### **MARY'S CANDIES**

**Nathanial and Erin Mur**phy plan to set up their new business at Blue

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### **JAMBOREE**

Dayton girls won two games and WP one, at the softball jamboree in **Prescott Friday.** 

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# Waitsburg Loses 'Unsung Hero'

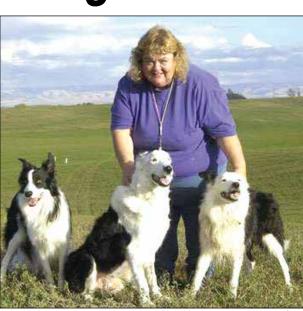
# KAREN MOHNEY'S MEMORIAL WILL BE SATURDAY

By Dena Wood | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG - Waitsburg is mourning the loss of Karen (Huwe) Mohney, who died Sunday night, March 15, at Harborview Medical Center in Seattle. Mohney was transported to Harborview after experiencing a massive stroke in Heppner, Ore. the evening prior. Mohney, appropriately referred to as an "unsung hero" by fellow community members, had a true servant's heart and worked tirelessly for the community she so deeply cared for. "Karen's passing is a great loss, not just to those of us that loved her but to the entire community of Waitsburg. Her willingness to get involved, support and lead has had a large impact on what makes Waitsburg 'One of a Kind,'" said close friend and fellow volunteer Wendy Richards.

Mohney was born in Waitsburg in 1962 and graduated Waitsburg High School in 1980. Throughout her life, she was an active, vital part of the community. Mohney purchased Blue Crystal Screen Printing in 2010 and moved the business from Willard Street to downtown Waitsburg, which made it even easier for her to share her ready smile, hearty laugh, assistance and advice. Elizabeth Cole trained Mohney to take over the business and said she watched as Mohney ministered to everyone around her. "I think she was a lot of people's angel," said Cole.

Not one to strive for the limelight, Mohney worked quietly and unflaggingly for the community, individuals and passions she loved. She was always ready to put her organizational skills to use, whether organizing sheepdog trials or community events. Mohney was strongly passionate about honoring veterans and was an active member of the American Legion Auxiliary. A small sampling of Mohney's past and present community involvements include the Days of Real Sport, Celebration Days, the Town Hall Committee,



Karen Mohney with her beloved sheepdogs.

Alcoholics Anonymous, Rainbow Girls and 4-H. And that list doesn't begin to touch on the individual lives she impacted.

Mohney had a special place in her heart for youth and spent years leading 4-H, giving riding lessons and working with Waitsburg's Rainbow Girls. Mohney was the current Rainbow Mother Advisor, and her Facebook page is filled with posts from the girls whose lives she has touched over the years. "You were like a mother to me, always loving. You were like a friend to me, always laughing. You were more than an advisor to me; you were like family," wrote Rainbow Girl Jessie Lynn Hopkins.

Mohney lived life fully and spent her final hours doing what she loved: working dogs at the Wee Bit O'Ireland Celebration Sheepdog Trials that she had organized in Heppner, Ore. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. at the Waitsburg Christian Church (604 Main St.) on Saturday, March 21.

# **Commission Extends** Marijuana **Moratorium**

COLUMBIA CO. POSTPONES FINAL **DECISION ON RECREATIONAL POT BUSINESSES** 

#### **Bv Dian Ver Valen** THE TIMES

DAYTON – Columbia County Commissioners met on Monday with the Washington State Liquor Control Board and two dozen citizens to discuss the issue of allowing recreational marijuana businesses in the county.

After many hours of discussion, the three county leaders voted unanimously to extend the moratorium for another six months.

"The easy thing would be to ban it," Commissioner Mike Talbott stated before the vote on Monday. "But I'm not sure I'm ready to say 'ban it,' because I think the people [who spoke in favor of marijuana businesses] have a very valid point. I mean, it's just not going to go away if we say, 'ban it.' It's just not. It's here and it's available. How can we control it? How can we make it better for the kids? Which is the best

way?" Talbott reminded everyone present that 54 percent of Columbia County's citizens opposed the passing of Initiative 502 in November 2012, which legalized recreational marijuana. He is worried that allowing businesses in the county would be tantamount to endorsing the industry. But now that it's here, he said, wouldn't it be better to have a controlled, professional, regulated and safer way for adults to buy what they are already getting somewhere else?

All three commissioners agreed that both sides of the issue argued intelligently on Monday, and all three county leaders are still on the fence over the issue.

Monday's public hearing took place just days before the current moratorium, which was established in September 2013, was set to expire. Commissioners were faced with banning marijuana sales in the county, allowing it, or postponing a decision by extending the moratorium.

The state frowns upon moratoriums that last longer than 18 months, but according to Columbia County Planning Director Kim Lyonnais, the county should be okay to continue the moratorium with proper justification. Waiting to see what hap-

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# TOUCHET VALLEY LIFE

### BRAINIACS







Both Waitsburg and Dayton high schools inducted sophomores into National Honor Society last week. Top: Waitsburg students inducted were (I to r) Emily Adams, Aisy Pope, Taylor Hays, Skylar Wood, Taylor Spoonemore, Selina Mercado and Jacob Dunn. Also shown are NHS Advisor Liv Leid, WHS Principal Stephanie Wooderchak, NHS President Luke Alexenko and NHS Vice President Owen Lanning.

Center: Dayton students inducted were (back row I to r) Samantha Sweetwood, Shayla Currin, Ben Kleck, Zech Bryan; (front row I to r) Jenna Phillips, Josilyn Fullerton, Sidney Andrews, Cal Martin, and Jennifer Warren.

#### Bottom:

The Waitsburg High School Knowledge Bowl team took 5th place, for the third time, at the 2B State Meet in Arlington, Wash. on March 14. This trip was the fourth and final trip to state competition for senior Emma Philbrook. WHS placed 9th at the state knowledge bowl competition in 2014 and 3rd in 2012, 2013 and this year. "The team is already looking to next year's competitions with junior Stuart Walsh heading up the team," said Coach Brad Green.

March 18, 2015





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Weather Trivia

What letters are not used to name hurricanes?

Answer: The letters: Q, U, X, Y

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# PIONEER PORTRAITS

#### **Ten Years Ago** March 24, 2005

Harold Mitchell, long-time Waitsburg area resident, celebrated his 90th birthday with a party at Ye Towne Hall on February 6. Over 60 well-wishers attended the party and enjoyed two kinds of birthday cake with Harold.

An ordinance approving one-way traffic on Academy Street was passed unanimously by the Waitsburg City Council, for a 90-day trial period.

Photo caption: Jeff Presler's Black Angus/White Face Hereford cross calves, pastured at the south edge of Waitsburg, are some picturesque livestock, especially when warm sunshine sparks a frolicksome moment as it did earlier this week when the Times lens dropped by for a visit.

#### Twenty-Five Years Ago March 22, 1990

Waitsburg Commercial Club voted Tuesday to donate its traditional \$50 to the Waitsburg Junior Livestock Show, scheduled for April 6 and 7. Jr. Livestock president Don Thomas thanked the club for their continued support of the local show. Don Wills said that the money for the new street flags has been collected, and that the Legion appreciates the support.

Marshal's Memo: Complaint received on March 18 of a stereo being played too loud for neighbor's taste. Officer contacted music lover who shut it down.

#### Fifty Years Ago March 18, 1965

Judy Duckworth of Waitsburg will be among the contestants for the Miss Walla Walla contest who will appear on Spokane television, Friday, March

Thieves gained entrance to the Waitsburg Legion Club sometime early Sunday morning through a vent in the roof and took guns and cash valued at over \$1500. Fred Sprankel, Club Manager, reported the theft at 11:00 a.m. Sunday morning. The bottom part of the two-section safe was peeled, and \$470 was removed from a bar til try. Another \$70 was taken from coin-operated machines.

When the Green Giant Company recently paid out \$835 to employees for suggestions, Cecil Mings received a check for \$50. The Waitsburg plant employee suggested that a metal adjustable stencil holder be used for case stenciling. To date, the Jolly Green Man has awarded more than \$2,100 to employees for their ideas that are helping the company reduce costs and improve operations.

#### **Seventy-Five Years Ago** March 22, 1940

Coming unexpectedly at this time to most of our citizens is the announcement this week that Shuford and Sons hardware and implement firm, has decided to guit business.

Application for a marriage license has been filed with the county auditor by Earnest E. Daniel, 44, Waitsburg, and Werdena Haken, 31, Walla Wal-

Considerable interest is being taken in asparagus in this locality this spring with several acres to be planted in the Touchet Valley. Last spring quite a sizeable acreage was set out in the Huntsville area to the East of us.

A petition was presented to the City Council this week signed by a substantial majority of the voters residing on the south side of Preston Avenue, east of the Touchet Bridge, asking that this strip of territory, which is outside the corporate limits of the City, be annexed to the municipality, and calling for a special election.

#### One Hundred Years Ago March 19, 1915

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gallea for many years respected residents of this city, observed their Golden Wedding anniversary last Friday by inviting in their relatives and immediate friends to a big din-

Sid Hinchliffe has returned home being much improved in health although his rheumatism has not entirely left him.

Chas. Porter and family expect to leave Saturday for their new home in Idaho. We wish them success in their new field of labor.

O. L. Denney and family and Cary Pritchard attended church in Waitsburg Sunday.

Mack Taylor has the architects plans about completed for his new residence on Coppei Avenue, which he expects to erect early this summer. the old cottage is to be either removed to another lot or torn down to make room for the larger and more modern structure.

#### One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago March 21, 1890

Aunt Roxie Keiser arrived home from the Williamette country last Tuesday. After a long absence she is glad to be once more in the beautiful city of Waitsburg.

Horseographs and Jackatypes printed on short notice at The Times office.

While bringing his children to school last Wednesday morning, Martin Hauber's team went on a little picnic, upset the hack and spilled the children. No one hurt.

Some unknown party has been helping himself to Mr. Bateman's water tank, pump and suction hose. Whoever did the bad deed will save himself a bushel of trouble returning said property, for friend Bateman has fire in his eye.

# **TOUCHET VALLEY NEWS**

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#### **School** Waitsburg Carnival

5:30-7:30 p.m.

Support the Home and School Association in raising funds to provide all school supplies for Waitsburg students for the 2015-16 school year. Enjoy games, cake walks and a "baseball" themed silent auction.

#### Bluegrass Jam Session

The Q Wood-Fired Grill (Main Street, Waits-

burg) 6:30 p.m.

All are welcome to watch or play. The coffee shop will be open for food and beverages.

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#### **Saturday Market**

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The Tux Bar & Grill (Prescott) 8 p.m.

**Praise Singing** Waitsburg Christian

Church 7 p.m.

# **Dayton Library Story**

Dayton Memorial Li-

Baby & Toddler storytime at 10 a.m. and Preschool storytime at 10:45. Storytime is free to the public and no library card is needed.

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**Prescott Library** 10:30 a.m.

Crafts and stories geared to preschool children, but all ages are welcome.

#### Waitsburg Senior **Round Table**

Waitsburg Presbyterian Church

11:30 a.m.

Join local seniors every Tuesday for lunch. \$4 suggested donation for those over 60. \$7 charge for guests under 60. Meals on Wheels are available. Call 337-8541 for more info.

# **Dayton Senior Round**

Senior Center (403 E. Patit St.)

12 p.m.

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

**Artisan Market** Blue Mountain Station (700 Artisan Way,

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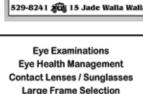
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### **POLICE NOTES**

#### **Waitsburg**

#### March 10

Two subjects arrested on West Street for harassment, malicious mischief and assault (4th degree domestic violence). Subjects caused damage to property and pushed family members.

#### **Prescott**

#### March 12

Subject caught on "A" Street in Prescott possessing marijuana on school property. Report forwarded to prosecuting attorney's office for charges.

#### **Dayton**

#### March 9

Lost property reported on E. Main Street; caller reported they lost a debit card and driver's license sometime around the first of the year and were wondering if anyone had turned the items into the Sheriff's Office. Deputies assisted Fire District 3 on a medical call on S. 2nd Street. Suspicious female with luggage lying on the stairs to the city pool; deputies checked the area but were unable to locate her. Unwanted, harassing phone calls and text messages from unknown person with blocked caller ID reported on S. 5th Street; the messages were in Spanish.

#### March 10

Deputy gave a hitchhiker a ride to Dodge Junction on Highway 12. Attempted break-in reported at Croft's Floral and Gifts on E. Main Street; someone reportedly cut the fencing wire on the locked gate in the alley but no entry was made to the building and nothing was taken. Theft reported on N. Cottonwood Street; lime green crosswalk safety marker was taken but later recovered on Tremont Street and returned to owner. Erratic driver on a motorcycle reported in the school zone at high rate of speed; deputies were unable to locate. Reckless driver in a yellow Chevy pickup reported on W. Main Street, swerving and driving under the speed limit; deputies were unable to locate.

Theft reported on W. Richmond Avenue; several items taken from a back yard by a neighbor and had already been reclaimed by owner. Caller reported that a male was threatening them and banging on their door on W. Cameron Street; deputies responded but the male had left prior to arrival and deputies search the area without success. Caller reporting a possibly intoxicated driver described the vehicle as a blue Cadillac that was parked at the Texaco station; deputies responded but were unable to locate. Deputies assisted Fire District 3 on a medical call on Rose Gulch Road.

# March 12

Trespassing shed hunter reported on N. Touchet Road on private property; deputies responded and contacted Mark Cook, a 54-year-old male from North Pole, Alaska, who was cited on suspicion of criminal trespass in the second degree. Possible assault reported on S. 6th Street; reporting party was retrieving items from a residence when an alleged assault occurred leaving the caller with a bloody nose, however the caller had also fallen in the back yard. Theft of jewelry from a residence reported on S. 5th Street.

### March 13

Assault reported on W. Cameron Street; victim has possible broken nose while suspect, 22-year-old Dayton resident Albert Yacovelli, fled the scene. Yacovelli is wanted by deputies for questioning. Female reportedly being harassed on social media on Johnson Hollow Road.

### March 14

Vandalism reported on W. Cameron Street; victim reported that someone threw a rock through her vehicle window. Bicycle found in the river near the foot bridge but was gone when deputies arrived to pick it up. Dayton resident Terry Wilson, 44, was cited on suspicion of driving with a suspended license.

# BIRTHDAYS

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

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

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

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

March 24: Michael Smith, Fred Hamann, Chloe Pearson, Kim Iverson, Randy Sorick, Jeff Harper, John Dodson and Lacey Maki. March 25: Marilyn Johnson, Lee Brannock and

Richard Basel. March 26: Whitney Baker, Rod Estes, Emma Brookshire, Dottie Frohreich, Chet Bond, Jim Kessler, Dawn

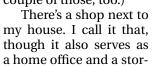
Nichols and Kris Lytle.

# **COMMENTARY**

**KEN GRAHAM:** FROM THE PUBLISHER

# **How to Make** a Bowling Ball with a Table Saw

y Dad gave me an old router awhile back it's a wood router, not an internet router. (I have a couple of those, too.)



age unit. I recently decided that, to go along with the router, I needed a router table in the shop. I knew you can build one (if you have a shop) but I wasn't sure how.

So I turned to YouTube.

I also knew that people put videos of themselves up on YouTube showing how to do things, but I didn't really understand the extent of it. On YouTube you can learn how to do absolutely anything. I'm serious. I'm now addicted to YouTube woodworking videos. I watch at least a couple almost every day. (Most of them range from one minute to 20

One of the first router videos I encountered showed a special jig so that you could make a wooden ball with a drill and a router. It was by a guy who makes very exuberant woodworking videos, named Izzy Swan. Izzy's a big guy, but his shop is pretty small - the backdrop for his videos is usually his garage door.

Believe it or not, truly spherical wooden balls are really hard to make (most people use a lathe). Izzy's jig seems to work, and is very clever, though I can't say the same for his, you know, ball jokes. The jig is kind of hard to explain, so you'll have to find the video and watch it yourself.

When you finish a video on You-Tube, you get suggestions for others. In my case they included another one by Izzy Swan: How to make a wooden bowling ball with a table saw. My first thought when I saw this video was that I hope Izzy has a good lawyer, because this looks really dangerous. This video has over 50,000 views, and if none of those folks has lost any body parts, I'll be shocked. Of course, that number is small potatoes by YouTube standards.

But I'll give Izzy credit; he's made lots of videos, and most are clever while being a little less insane.

I found another woodworker guy (there are dozens and dozens of them on YouTube - and with only a couple of exceptions, they're all guys) called Matthias Wandel. He's a nerdy Canadi-

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# **Should Levies for Basic Education be Dropped?**

NEW OLYMPIA POLITICAL DRAMA DEBUTS MARCH 23 WHEN LEGISLATORS **REVEAL BASIC-EDUCATION BUDGETS** 

By Alice Day WNPA Olympia News Bureau

Olympia—A political thriller earns its debut March 23 at Olympia's marble palladium when the Legislature's leading producers-directors—Sen. Andy Hill, R-Redmond, and Rep. Ross Hunter, D-Medina—take the stage to introduce their awaited and unreviewed drama they claim will keep their fellow political thespians out of jail and solve the constitutional quandary hovering over them: full funding for basic K-12

The Washington State Supreme Court is holding those political actors accountable for a solution to its mandate issued last fall in the wake of unyielding inaction by the legislative body: fund education or be sentenced for contempt.

Hunter, who serves as House Appropriations Committee chairman, said the Legislature has to fund education in a way that eliminates the state's dependence on local levies for basic education costs.

"We have about a \$2.5 billion obligation and I think we should fund it in equal annual increments," Hunter said. "While the governor's budget is clever, it's not a good strategy for implementation on the ground."

Gov. Jav Inslee rolled out his budget for the 2015-2017 biennium last December, including a \$3.6 billion education package, where he dedicates \$1.3 billion for class-size reduction in K-3 and all-day kindergarten.

Hunter says he's not fond of the governor's education proposal because it would prioritize class-size reductions in grades K-3 for low-income school districts, within the second year of this biennium and in doing so would overwhelm those schools with too many new teachers they would need to hire.

Instead, Hunter recommends a statewide class-size reduction in grades K-3, rather than a sudden reduction in class size only for low-income school

"We need to phase in spending in a way that let's people hire teachers gradually so you don't wind up with a school having a huge number of new teachers at once," he said.

Hill, who leads the Senate Ways and Means Committee, agrees that the governor's education budget phases in reforms too fast.

"I would argue that funding everything today this year is a huge shock to the state budget and the school districts because they would have to hire more teachers and put in new classrooms," he said. "That's good reason why you would phase this in over the next three

Hill says it's difficult to pinpoint a dollar amount needed to comply with the McCleary mandate because the number fluctuates depending on the interest group you talk to and programs included in the calculation.

Each committee leader and his respective party are preparing to unveil their education budget solution March

#### **Outside of the Legislature**

With few available specifics about the House and Senate education-budget proposals, special interest groups hope that what the governor lacks in his budget would be addressed by the two chambers.

Rich Wood, spokesperson for Washington Education Association, which represents more than 86,000 members, including certificated teachers and classified staff in school districts throughout the state, said the governor's education budget fell short of addressing class-size reductions in kindergarten through 12th grades and didn't provide adequate compensation to attract and keep educators.

'Until the state begins to reduce class size, our class sizes are still going to be 47th in the nation," he said. "Until the Legislature begins to seriously address the need for competitive professional compensation, our teachers' pay is still going to be 42nd in the country."

Randy Dorn, superintendent of Public Instruction for Washington State, says he expects the House budget to address what the governor's budget didn't fully address, specifically statewide compensation for all employees.

Dorn says the state cannot continue to rely on local levies to fund teachers' salaries because levies are not uniform statewide and the courts have ruled in McCleary that levies are an unconstitutional way of funding basic education.

"Levies are so problematic because there are some districts that are at 36 percent and some are at 15 percent," Dorn said. "It creates an unfair oppor-

tunity for kids.' School boards are authorized to request local school funds through maintenance and operation levies for up to 36 percent of the total of districts' state

and federal revenues. Because levy percentages vary statewide—depending on the property values within school districts—it can be a major cause of disparity in education

standards and programs, Dorn cited. Many school districts rely on levies as a funding source for basic-education programs, so this difference in levy percentages affects the amount of state and federal funding a school will get and as a result the programs the school district can provide.

Ben Rarick, executive director at the State Board of Education, says both the House and Senate budgets need to create a plan that addresses the use of local levies in basic-education funding.

'The governor's budget was relatively silent on that issue and it strikes me that the significance of local levies in our current system is one of the major issues at play in the lawsuit," he said, reflecting on the Supreme Court's Mc-Cleary mandate.

In addition to the state's K-12 education funding conundrum, Initiative 1351, which voters approved last November, requires class-size reduction through 12th grade. This is another issue the Legislature must address, but so far has ignored.

The Office of Financial Management estimates I-1351 would cost the state \$4.7 billion through fiscal year 2019 and

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### **EMMA PHILBROOK: STUDENT LIFE**

# **Counterproductive Cross-Stitch**

very now and then, this column **√** will feature in-**⊿**structions for an activity I find interesting. Right now, I'm particularly interested in counted cross stitch, which is a simple, relaxing form of embroidery



that results in a satisfying thunk noise as the stitch tightens against the taut fabric. So I thought I'd include some instructions on how to get started on your own sampler.

But then I remembered that there is more than one way to have fun with cross-stitch. For example, you might be a cat. Cats enjoy this pastime in their own unique way, which egocentric, insensitive humans consider to be "counterproductive."

And so, in fairness to both species, here is an all-inclusive guide to the pleasures of cross-stitching.

Humans should start with Aida cloth (this can be purchased at any craft store in a wide variety of sizes and colors) and a pattern. The pattern will contain information as to what colors of embroidery floss will be necessary. In addition, you'll need a needle and embroidery hoop - the latter, while not an absolute necessity, makes the cloth easier to handle. Scissors are also handy.

Cats do not need to provide any supplies of their own.

Novice humans will notice that the embroidery floss comes in long hanks. It is easiest to work with about a yard at a time. Simply cut off as much as you need. Embroidery floss is made up of six distinct strands; separate two of these out and thread the needle with them. Save the remaining four for later.

Novice cats will notice that the human is working with string.

Aida cloth is basically a grid of coarse fabric strands, loosely woven so as to leave holes. The basic human unit of cross-stitch is done as follows: Bring the thread up through a hole, then down through the hole diagonally to the lower left. Bring it up through the hole right above that one, then down through the hole diagonally to the lower right. Congratulations! You just made an "X." Aren't you proud of yourself?

Hey, cats: The string is moving.

Humans, after having made their first X, are now fully qualified to make more of them. The pattern will help you out here. You can put configurations of Xs in different shapes. Heck, you can even make 'em different colors! Sooner or later, you'll get the handmade, heirloom-quality equivalent of badly pixelated clip art.

Cats have similar artistic freedom at this point. They can crawl up the side of the couch and pounce the human from behind. Felines in a more sedate mood may choose to sit on a nearby pillow and swat at the string. The artistically inclined can opt to modify the stitches directly. Hey, the letter X is overrated,

Such multiple interpretations of the same art form allow us better insight into art itself. The human method could be construed to reflect our tendency to compress reality into tidy, manageable units that may not reflect the actual state of matters. The feline method accentuates the stigma of iconoclasm and the role of destruction in creation. Their awkward coexistence represents the struggle of man against nature and the daily perils we take for granted.

And, of course, a good reason to keep Band-Aids in one's sewing kit.

# **Letters Welcome**

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# TOUCHET VALLEY NEWS

### **BRIX & BREW: FUNDRAISING SUCCESS**



The event center at the Running T Ranch just outside of Dayton was filled with philanthropists Friday night during the Dayton Chamber's annual Blue Mountain Brix & Brew Benefit Auction. Food was provided by The Q Wood-Fired Grill, in Waitsburg. Andrew Holt, chamber director, reported Tuesday that the event grossed \$29,000 including ticket sales, auction sales, and sponsorships.

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an additional \$1.9 billion each year thereafter. Local school districts also face a financial burden under the initiative especially since they would need to create more teaching space and hire more teachers.

#### Potential Sanctions

The state Supreme Court continues to play a dominant role in its McCleary mandate. In September, the court found the Legislature in contempt for failing to make adequate progress in education funding and has postponed sanctions until the adjournment of the current legislative session this June.

The court hasn't said what sanctions it may impose if the Legislature fails to adopt a plan that fully funds its mandate. However many outside critics are confident something will be done—by the Legislature and the court.

"The Court has been fairly patient with the Legislature," said Andrew Siegel, constitutional law professor at Seattle University. "I think the plaintiffs and their supporters were upset that the court gave the state a period of years to ramp up and come up with a plan."

Siegel doesn't think the court overstepped in ordering K-12 funding to be raised to a level that meets its mandate. If the legislators meet their obligations or if they show good faith effort and come close to meeting their obligations, he believes the court will purge the contempt order. If not, Siegel believes the court will start imposing sanctions.

"My guess is that the court will start in a gradual way, like imposing small fines on the state as an entity or ordering some state property that's not being used to be sold and the funds placed in the education fund," he said.

Siegel says it's difficult to compare Washington to other states like Ohio and Kansas, which in the past have also been held in contempt by their state's supreme court for inadequately funding basic education, because Washington is in a bit of a pickle.

"The state lacks an income tax and has a referendum and initiative structure that makes it particularly difficult to raise new revenue," Siegel said. "Washington's revenue stream is much smaller that an equivalent sized state so it's harder for the Legislature to do what the court has ordered it to do."

Stephanie McCleary, one of the plaintiffs in the lawsuit, expressed her continuing frustration with the lack of change or improvement since the Supreme Court issued its ruling in 2010.

"It just seems to keep on going, and really I just have been surprised it was optional when there's a ruling like that," she said. "I didn't realize they could keep dragging this on forever."

Thomas Ahearne, attorney for the plaintiffs in the McCleary lawsuit, doesn't believe the state will produce the \$5 billion needed to fully fund education by the adjournment of the 2015 legislative session.

"My guess is that the state will

move the deck chairs around on the Titanic as it's sinking and put it all off until the 2017-2018 school year," Ahearne said. "They will cut money in certain areas and take that exact money and use it as an increase in funding and then they will just point to the increase in funding and not the cuts."

Ahearne says the state itself has already determined how much it will cost to fund K-12 basic education because two laws were already enacted in previous biennia.

"You have determined what reforms need to be done to close the achievement gap and you have told us how much it's going to cost," he said of legislators' acts. "Just do what you have promised."

He suspects that the House and Senate in their budgets will play accounting games.

"The state will add all kinds of feel-good reforms, make everything efficient and create better programs by imposing requirements on school districts that cost money," Ahearne said. "But they're not going to pay for it."

Ahearne says the state's Constitution makes it clear that it's the paramount duty to amply fund the schools before any other government programs and options.

"There is plenty of money in our general fund today to fund our K-12 schools," Ahearne said. "There's not enough money to fund all of this non-paramount stuff and so if more revenue is needed, it's needed to fund the non-paramount stuff that legislators like to spend money on."

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pens in the legislature with the 30 or so proposed bills dealing with marijuana would be a defensible justification, Lyonnais said.

Most of the bills in the House and Senate at this time deal with medical marijuana, but any changes to zoning (distance required from schools, daycares, etc.) developed as part of the plan in regulating medical marijuana, which is currently not regulated at all, is likely to impact the regulation of recreational marijuana sales as well, according to the state liquor board.

"Myself, I would like to read those bills and see what's in them before I make any decision," Commissioner Dwight Robanke said at the close of the public hearing Monday. He and his colleagues on the board were aware of several proposed marijuana bills but were shocked to learn that there are many others they hadn't yet read.

Karen McCall, senior policy/rules coordinator with the state liquor control board, met with the commissioners in open session Monday morning to answer questions. Eight citizens also attended that morning meeting.

In the morning session, many of the attendees expressed concern with allowing marijuana businesses into this family-oriented community. "If we put out the welcome sign, are we attracting the wrong sort of people?" asked long-time Dayton resident John Johnston.

Currently only three places in the county are zoned for retail sales and could be sites for the one marijuana business allowed: Blue Mountain Station, the former location of Mom's Café on Highway 261 near Starbuck, and the city of Starbuck itself, which is governed by county ordinances. The city of Dayton has already banned recreational marijuana businesses.

Betty Longen lives across the street from Blue Mountain Station and expressed her worries about the increased traffic and potential for a rise in crime in her neighborhood, since it's one of the only places in the county where a retail pot store could potentially open.

Not all the public input was negative, however. A number of citizens in the afternoon hearing hoped the commissioners would lift the moratorium and allow the controlled sales of marijuana in Columbia County.

For Dayton resident and Waitsburg nurse practitioner Dawn Meicher, it's about safety. "If they get it off the black market now, there's no safety, there's no looking for molds, mildews and other contaminates," she told commissioners. "Addiction is a problem in our society. Banning it has not made that go away. We know that, so let's treat it as it's an adult choice."

The hope is that money from taxation will allow states to give more funding to educating children to stay away from things like alcohol and marijuana until they are grown, and more funding for mental health, which is the root of addiction anyway, Meicher said.

"Plus this is a whole new industry, and it's going to happen. How often do you get your county to start on a brand new industry? I think if a distiller wanted to come into our county and build a gin distillery, that would be okay. And we know all the bad things that go along with alcohol. So I'm for it. I think that if we get legal, we get taxation, and you guys have seen that it can be done in a classy, upscale way."

And many were in favor of continuing the moratorium, at least until more questions were answered or a clearer path was in view. Longtime Dayton resident, property and business owner Kay McFarland was one of these. "Well I came today thinking that I was against it, but now after listening to everything today I don't know," she said. "I think we should continue the moratorium."

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an, and a prolific video maker. Many of Mathias' videos are over the million-viewer mark. They run the gamut from how to make a screwdriver holder (a board with some holes drilled in it) to a thing he calls a "pantorouter."

Mathias looks fairly young; I don't know how he could have done half the stuff he shows in his videos. (Of course he also seems like he might not have a girlfriend.)

The pantorouter is based on the principle of a pantograph, which allows you copy a drawing at half scale. (Okay, again, you'll need to Google it.) The pantorouter lets you make copies of things out of wood with a router. It's very ingenious.

My favorite video by Mathias is one that shows how to attach a motor and wooden wheels to a scaffold so you can drive it around while you're standing on it. That one has well over a million views, and I wonder how many of those people have broken their necks so far.

Meanwhile, I haven't started on my router table yet.

## NEWS BRIEF

# **Relay for Life Kickoff Will Be March 24**

DAYTON – Volunteers and participants will gather at the Best Western Plus Dayton Hotel & Suites on Tuesday, March 24, at 6:30 p.m. to register teams and celebrate the launch of another year of fundraising and awareness-raising for the American Cancer Society. Donations can be made to the event or ACS by visiting RelayForLife.org. Local participants can also start or join a team by following links to the Blue Mountain Relay. The 2015 Relay for Life of the Blue Mountains will take place from 3 p.m. on Sept. 19 through 7 a.m. on Sept. 20. For more information, contact Cindy Gibbons, event leader, at wolf.fork@gmail. com or Delphine Bailey, co-chair, at delphine\_bailey@co.columbia.wa.us.







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# **Robotics Team** Ready to Compete

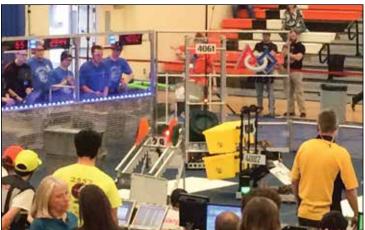
**DAYTON STUDENTS** TRAVEL TO **ELLENSBURG THIS** WEEK WITH ROBOT THEY BUILT

#### By Dian Ver Valen THE TIMES

DAYTON - Dayton FFA students in the robotics program are gearing up for their second competition later this week. They ranked 19th out of 29 teams earlier this month in Spokane.

"They had a great time, and they've really been committed to giving as much time to the project as they need to," said teacher Kristina Knebel (formerly Peterschick), who teaches ag classes at Dayton High School.

The students, 18 total in the class, came up with the design and helped work on the robot. But nine students have formed the core robotics team and have taken



Dayton robotics team (I to r) Shawn Dingus, James Vance, Aiden Gemmell, Levi Laib, and Devon Ribbke. Bottom: The team (left) competed in Spokane earlier this month.

the robot on the road: Seniors Aidan Gemmell, Levi Laib, Bonnie Laib and James Vance; juniors Kellie Moore and Emily Truean; and sophomores Nick Vance, Shawn Dingus, and Devon Ribbke.

In January the students received instructions - required dimensions of the robot, budget constraints (no more than \$4,000 on parts, which was not a problem for the Dayton students) and required task. This year, the robot had to be able to stack totes, Knebel said.

The students receive a kit including the base of the robot, much of the electrical system and the motors. The rest was all up to them.

"It's a challenge," Gemmell said. "Every year they come up with a new set of rules about what the robot has to do, and you can't really compete if it doesn't do that. And there's a deadline too."

Gemmell has been in

Dayton's robotics program for four years now. This is his third year of attending competitions and his second year being the robot driver and team leader. "It can be a lot of very long weekends, spent fabricating the robot, testing things, putting things together to see if they work," he said. "The fun part is finally driving it around and seeing what it can do."

Truean is in her second year in the program, and she really enjoys the competitions. "When you get there, everybody wants you to be your best," she said, "And they help you out if you need it - like with wiring and other things. Because they want to beat you at your best."

This week's competition is in Ellensburg. If the robotics team makes it to regionals, they will travel to Cheney in April. Nationals are later in the spring in St. Louis.

# **Planning for Growth**

Columbia County Planner Kim Lyonnais sees big changes coming in his office and the county

#### By Dian Ver Valen | THE TIMES

DAYTON - They say that only a planner understands what goes on in the planning office. Columbia County Planning Director Kim Lyonnais has managed planning and building departments most of his life.

But this month he's really learning the ins and outs of daily management of his department. He's had to - he's been running the office on his own.

"I've really been enjoying it actually," he said in an interview with The Times last week. "I like getting in and doing the work, being hands on. I'm really getting a feel for what we need as far as staffing at this point. It's really been a wonderful opportunity."

The office has been quiet since Melissa Shumake, who had been working as a temporary planning technician, and Jeromy Phinney, who was a building official with the county for a decade, took other jobs in the last few weeks.

With the number of projects looming - including the anticipated ground breaking for Columbia Pulp near Starbuck this spring – the Columbia County Commissioners have been worried about how Lyonnais will handle the workload in his understaffed office.

They needn't worry, is the message Lyonnais hopes to send to his governing board. He has already hired a veteran, local planner, Greg Abramson, who has been working at Elk Drug but has 22 years of experience in planning. Abramson started in the planning office this week.

"I don't have a crystal ball, so I don't know if I need more of a planner or an inspector, but I do have Columbia Pulp standing over me," Lyonnais said. "My biggest need is to replace a planner, and I'm pretty lucky and very excited that I found somebody experienced, somebody local and somebody who could start that soon."

Columbia Pulp is in the plan-

ning office or on the phone with Lyonnais just about every day, he said. His office needs to be ready to go as soon as the pulp mill owners request their building

Lyonnais has also started advertising for a full-time building inspector. Besides its unincorporated areas, the county has expanded its inspection area to include not only Waitsburg and Dayton, which has been in place for years, but also Garfield County now.

Phinney did all of Garfield County's wind turbine inspections, Lyonnais said, and he built such a good rapport with them that when their own building inspector quit suddenly in December, they asked Columbia County to do all of their inspections.

"It's not a big workload, but it could be," Lyonnais said. "They still have turbine sites that could

Columbia County has more potential wind turbine sites as well. And with Columbia Pulp coming into the county, Lyonnais feels strongly that it's just a matter of time and our lives will change as we know them.

"I call them brush fires," he said. Developers are watching and waiting, according to Lyonnais. "Economic developers look at 180 jobs, oh my. That's not the impact. That's not the one I'm looking at. Every job creates two and a half jobs."

Every person that moves into the area for a job at the pulp mill needs a grocery store, a laundromat, a gas station, a hardware store and other amenities.

"I mean maybe because we're rural and we have a Dingle's-type atmosphere where multiple outfits locate in one building, maybe we'll only get two new jobs, but two times 180 means we're talking 400 jobs potentially. It's not going to be the day they open up, but we'll feel it. We'll feel it right away."

Commissioners have already approved a fourth person in the planning office, but Lyonnais is hesitant to hire for that position until the pulp plant moves forward officially. And the office has many other projects in the works, including a three-county shoreline master plan, updates to other county plans, and even a pending remodel of the county planning office itself.

The planning commission meets the second and fourth Mondays of the month at 5:30 p.m. in the county planning office at 114 S. 2nd St.

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# **Fish Pond Opening Delayed**

# LOW WATER LEVELS IN TOUCHET RIVER MAY MEAN **EARLY CLOSURE AS WELL**

### By Dian Ver Valen | THE TIMES

DAYTON – It's hard to find the right person to ask about the juvenile fish pond at the Dayton City Park.

Technically the city owns the pond and the water right that allows it to exist. The Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife operates the pond because it's stocked by the state with trout annually. And Steven Martin, with the Snake River Salmon Recovery Board, has sometimes had a hand in managing it because his agency seeks to ensure we always have fish in our waterways.

When citizens start to worry that the end of March is approaching but the pond hasn't yet been filled or stocked for the season, they aren't sure who to talk to about it. So The Times made a few phone calls.

Jeremy Trump, the district fish biologist for southeast Washington, whose office is here in Dayton, said he has people working on the pond question

"For the last few years, we've been having trouble keeping water in there," Trump said. "This year we already have really low flows in the river, and we

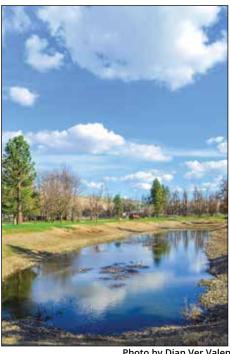


Photo by Dian Ver Valen

The Dayton Pond, photographed here late last week, is planned for opening later this month.

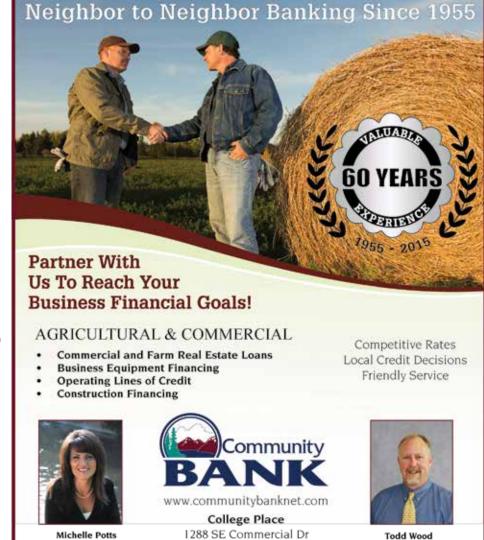
don't want another fish kill like we had a couple of years ago."

Water flows into the pond from the river through a screen that keeps wild fish out. When the river gets too low it falls below the level of the screen, and the pond is in danger of drying up. In 2013, this happened in a major way and hundreds of the stocked fish died.

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oner visited the homes of two pre-selected, volunteer parents to deliver a mock death notification. Even though the parents were expecting the death notification, they were not prepared for the emotional impact it held.

**Friday** 

At Friday morning's assembly, students watched a skit in which Nicholi Lindsey cajoled Mikala DeRuwe (a non-drinker) to attend a party with him. DeRuwe attended the party, but left early. A drunken Lindsey refused a ride home and exited shortly behind DeRuwe. At this point, the audience was excused to the high school parking lot where a realistic mock accident was staged.

A half-dozen emergency and police vehicles arrived at the scene and Lindsey was pulled aside, questioned and given a sobriety test. Emergency responders worked to remove DeRuwe from the vehicle while updates from the ambulance loudspeaker to the hospital let the audience know that she was in critical condition. As DeRuwe was transported from the scene, students returned to the auditorium. Back on stage a body bag was zipped closed and "DeRuwe" was carried away. Lindsey, wearing prison orange, was escorted on stage and sentenced to 41 months in prison, 24 months supervision and over \$15,000 in fines and restitution by Judge Richard Wernette.

DeRuwe's mother, Tina, described what it felt like to receive the mock death notice. "The hardest thing was knowing that I could have been the one that killed my daughter. Six years ago I made the terrible choice to drink and

drive. I spent two days in jail and it was a very humbling experience," she said emotionally.

Wildey described how difficult it was to hear the details of the accident and to learn that Analise would be autopsied. She described the dreams she had for her daughter that she would never experience. "When you make a decision like that it impacts your community, your family and your world. Your futures and the futures

of others are compromised," she said. Students Taylor Hays, Timber Froherich, Emily Adams and Jade Alleman read heartfelt and emotional "last letters" to their families. It was hard to find a dry eye and Officer Bennett said they were the four best letters he'd heard shared, going back 18 years.

Ruthy Elliott spoke about her daughter Shannon, a 2004 WHS graduate who was killed in a drunk driving accident in 2009. Elliott shared that her son had participated in the "Every 15 Minutes" program before Shannon's death, and that she had refused to be one of the parents to receive a mock death notification. "Little did I know that two years later I would get the real knock. It was the loudest knock I've ever heard," she said.

Elliott described Shannon's desire to be a teacher and the grief their family experienced after her death. "Think before you drink and have a plan," she said. "Help Shannon be the teacher she wanted to be by letting her example teach you not to drink and drive.'

Freshman Tom House said he was impressed with the program and learned a lot from it. "I almost cried. It was very informative and I really liked the skit. It really showed how things can go wrong so fast," he said.





Clockwise from top: WHS students "party" it up in a skit as part of the "Every 15 Minutes" program. An emergency responder approaches a critically injured victim in the Mazda as an officer conducts a sobriety test with "drunk driver," Nicholi Lindsey. WHS students watch as Mikala DeRuwe is extracted from the vehicle and prepared for transport. Judge Richard Wernette sentences Lindsey to 41 months and orders over \$15,000 in restitution and fines. The vehicle of WHS grad Shannon Elliot, who was killed in a drunk driving accident. (I to r): Timber Froherich, Jade Alleman, Emily Adams and Taylor Hays struggle with their emotions as they read their "last letters" to their families.





# Mary's Candies: Made with Love

# **CANDY MAKERS HOPE** TO SET UP SHOP AT BLUE MOUNTAIN STATION

By Dena Wood | THE TIMES

WAITBURG - Having overcome the many obstacles that arise from a lifetime of addiction - both his mother's and his own - Nathanial Murphy has finally hit a sweet spot in his life, literally and figuratively. Murphy publicly debuted his Mary's Candies caramels at last year's Hometown Christmas in Waitsburg, and the business, named in honor of his grandmother, has grown steadily since.

Murphy, assisted by his wife Erin, sells his gourmet confections at the Blue Mountain Station on Tuesdays and Saturdays, and the couple is currently in negotiations to lease a permanent space at BMS.

Murphy describes a difficult childhood growing up with a mother who was a drug addict, dealer and alcoholic. When his mother couldn't care for him, he stayed with his grandmother Mary.

"Basically, all the happy memories I had were from being with her," said Murphy. "I was three the first time she put me on a counter and started cooking dinner and showed me how to do stuff. I obviously don't remember that,



Photo by Dena Wood

Erin and Nathanial Murphy are pleased with the response to Mary's Candies.

but she loved to talk about it - how I was immediately interested in what she was doing.'

Murphy spent his early 20s fighting his own demons, including bouts with drugs and alcohol. "My grandma passed away during a hard time in my life, and I was so high that I didn't cry or feel anything," he said.

That was a wake-up call, and Murphy said he was clean within a week and has remained so for the last seven or eight years.

Murphy moved to Waitsburg from New Mexico just over three years ago and married Erin, a lifelong friend of over 20 years, two years ago in June. The couple is working hard to make

their dream of owning their own busi-

Murphy works as a full-time line

cook at South Fork Grill in Walla Walla and Erin is the manager of Walla Walla's Eastgate Subway. Murphy graduated WWCC's culinary arts program with an Associate of Applied Arts and Sciences in Culinary Arts last summer and just finished a final make-up class last week. Between work and school, the couple make the candies that they sell on Tuesdays and Saturdays at Blue Mountain Station.

"I entered the culinary arts program with the goal of owning my own restaurant," said Murphy. "When I started making candy for sale it was about raising money to buy a food truck. But we got such a great response from the candies that I genuinely believe we have a marketable product. I'm not a fan of mass produced candies. I don't taste any love in those candies," he added.

The Murphys believe in making candies that are additive and preservative free with no artificial colors or flavors. "We try to use local, natural ingredients. We are working on Klicker strawberry marshmallows and lollipops," said Erin. Nathanial says he would love to find local mint to use in Belgian chocolate peppermint patties and plans to purchase local apples to use in an Aplets & Cotlets style candy.

'Caramels are my specialty," said Murphy. His first candies were caramels, salted with a pink Himalayan salt, which he says has less sodium and a higher nutrition value than other salt. The caramels sell for \$10 a pound, which is roughly 70 individually wrapped pieces. Dark, milk and white chocolate caramel-filled truffles sell for 60 cents each. Murphy says his peanut and cashew brittles are also customer

For Easter, customers can preorder caramel-filled chocolate rabbits in white, dark or milk chocolate, for \$10 each. Murphy said he can make a dark chocolate bunny filled with coconut milk caramel for those who can't have dairy. They will also offer Klicker strawberry and chocolate marshmallow bunnies and candy eggs.

The Murphys are excited about the possibility of operating a Mary's Candies storefront at Dayton's Blue Mountain Station as early as May. A smaller front bay – currently occupied by Gypsy

### **MARY'S CANDIES - PAGE 11**

Purchase Mary's Candies in person at the Blue Mountain Station (700 Artisan Way, Dayton) on Tuesdays (12-6 p.m.) or Saturdays (10a.m.-2p.m.). (Check Mary's Candies on Facebook first to make sure they will be there that week.)

Purchase online by using the order form on the Mary's Candies Facebook page (under the "Menu" link in the left sidebar) and calling in or messaging your order.

Easter orders must be placed by

# **SPORTS**

# LOCAL TEAMS SHINE AT JAMBOREE





Photos by Dena Wood

The Dayton softball team won both of their three-inning games in a softball jamboree held Saturday in Prescott. Lady Bulldogs upended WP in the second game of the four-team tournament, 6-2. In the third game, WP beat Touchet, 5-0. In the final game, Dayton overwhelmed DeSales, 10-0. Above left: Dayton's Hanna Becker puts down a textbook slide, as she scores against WP. Above right: Dayton catcher Taylor Frame protects the plate as she takes a hit from WP's Jocelyn Granados.

# WP SOFTBALL:

# Flexibility and Positive Attitude Make for **Promising Season**

By Dena Wood | THE TIMES

PRESCOTT - WP softball coach Angie Potts, assisted by Allan Wilson, is pleased with the turnout of 25 girls for softball this year but says they are still working on nailing down the varsity roster. "There is a big discrepancy in age and experience between the older and younger players. We'll be moving girls around for awhile," she said.

Returning varsity seniors include: Jennifer Castro, Loegan Harshman, Paige Wood, Analise Salazar, Kassidy Kuykedall and Hannah Grant. Pitcher Jaidyn Brown is the lone junior. The rest of the team is made up of freshman and sophomores. Of those, sophomores Timber Froherich and Lexi Brannock played varsity last year. Potts said it is likely sophomores Jade Alleman and Maribel Mendoza and freshmen Chloe Pearson and Ariel Sandau will play varsity this year. "We're still moving players around, and they're all playing multiple spots, "said Potts.

Potts said the girls' willingness to play out of their comfort zone is going to be one of the team's top strengths. "They may look at us like we're crazy but they're all willing to try new things and play different positions. That kind of attitude is one of the things that will get us the farthest," she said.

Senior Hannah Grant, who played first base last year, is working to fill graduated senior Heidi Miller's shoes at third base this season. "I like first better, but I'll get used to it. The balls come at you harder and faster. On first, you're catching throws. On third you're catching off the bat and trying not to get hit in the face," she said. Grant felt "OK" about her performance playing third at last Saturday's Jamboree but said her throws could have been better.



Times file photos

WP's Hanna Grant looks for a pitch to hit during a game last year.

Shortstop and second baseman Loegan Harshman feels good about the outlook for the season. "We have a lot of younger girls, but we only lost Heidi (Miller) and we have a lot of returning players. I think we'll do

decent," she said. Potts is pleased that so many girls have shown an interest in pitching. On March 7, seven players traveled to Battle Ground, Wash. to work with John Gay, who has coached some of the top high school pitchers in the northwest. Pitcher Jaidyn Brown said she walked away with a greater knowledge of the mechanics of throwing pitches. Brannock agreed. "It was really helpful. I learned a different change-up my inside and outside pitches and increased speed on my fastball," she said.

Brown is recovering from an injury and won't be pitching the first two games of the season. Potts said Wood and Brannock will probably share pitching duties in those games. The WP Tigers first game will be against Mac-Hi in Prescott on March 24.

### FISH POND - FROM PAGE 6

Martin is working with the city of Dayton to install a new screen with a lower profile, purchased with money from Fish & Wildlife and other sources, that would allow it to operate at lower stream flows. That screen should arrive this week and will be installed sometime next week, Martin said.

"We were going to try and use the old screen, but the stream flow is already lower now than when they've had problems with it in the past," Trump said. Once the new screen is in place and the pond is filled, young fishermen will have to wait a little longer while the system is tested.

"We're going to make sure we can

keep water in there before we get people excited that there's going to be fish in there," Trump said.

The Fish & Wildlife website lists the Dayton Pond as open year round, but the current management plan is to maintain water in the pond from near March 1 to the middle of July.

"Early March is when we typically have the pond fishable, so we're look-

ing at it being a little late this year," Martin said. "My crystal ball is that the pond will be operational through mid-June at the latest. We've all seen the snow pack records; the river is dropping like a rock. Our goal is always to have it open through the Fourth of July weekend, but we can't control Mother Nature.'



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# **SPORTS**

# WP BASEBALL:

# **Trio of Experienced Pitchers Will Lead Tigers in a Highly Competitive League**

By Ken Graham | THE TIMES

PRESCOTT - Waitsburg-Prescott baseball Coach Dustin Snedigar knows that if his team is successful in its league, he'll have one of the best teams in the state.

"DeSales has won the last two state (2B) championships," Snedigar said. "Last year they lost to Asotin in the first round, and still went on to win it all."

On top of that, the coach said that Tri-Cities Prep is much improved this year, with a left-handed pitcher that's very tough.

"I think we'll be right in there," he said. With the cancellation of Dayton's baseball season, the Southeast 2B District 9 league is down to four teams: Asotin, De-Sales, TCP and WP. But they may be four of the best teams in the state.

WP brings back three pitchers with a lot of experience: senior Talen Larsen and sophomores Jacob Dunn and Kyle Gradwohl. All three are right-handers, and they all had plenty of mound time last year.

After the Tigers' season ended last spring, the three pitchers all played on "select" teams last summer, Snedigar said, playing in tournaments almost every weekend.

The Tigers return six seniors to the team. Besides Larsen, they are Chance Leroue, Devin Acevedo Michael Grant, Antonio Benito and Sergio Gonzalez.

Snedigar says his starting catcher will be Dunn, when he's not pitching. Gradwohl will likely catch Dunn. Leroue will





Times file photos

Jacob Dunn (left) and Talen Larsen worked the mound during last year's baseball season.

start at first base and Grant at third. Larsen, Gradwohl, Benito and Tyler Fedderson will share middle infield duties. Acevedo and Dylan Arellano are expected to start in the outfield.

Leroue, Acevedo, Grant and Benito may also see some time on the mound in relief.

Assistant coaches for the Tigers this year are Mark Grimm, Jeff Foertsch and John Gradwohl.

WP's first scheduled game, on Saturday against Garfield/Palouse, was postponed to later in the season. Their second game, against Mac Hi Tuesday, was cancelled. So the Tigers were to hit the field for the first time Thursday, in a game added to the schedule this week, against Liberty Christian, in Richland. Game time is 4 p.m.

# **LEROUE** TO PLAY IN **ALL STATE FOOTBALL GAME**

THE TIMES

WAITSBURG Waitsburg High School senior Chance Leroue has been selected to play in the All State football game in Yakima on June 20. Several Waitsburg athletes have gotten to play in the event, including Zach Bartlow. The last to play in the All State game was Dalton Estes in 2013.

Leroue will be selling tickets to the game as part of his fundraising efforts to offset the cost of attending. Tickets are \$6 each. Those interested in tickets may call Waitsburg High School at 337-6351 and they will let Leroue know.

# **WP Track:**

# COACH HOPES FOR TEAM VICTORIES ON BOYS' SIDE; ADAMS SHOULD EXCEL IN GIRLS' DISTANCE EVENTS

### By Ken Graham | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG Waitsburg-Prescott track coach Jeff Bartlow is enthusiastic about his boys' track team this year, and yet disappointed with the girls' turnout.

"We only have four girls out, which is disappointing," he said, "but they'll get some great experience in individual events."

The one veteran returning girl is sophomore distance runner Emily Adams. "Emily's been working out all winter and she's in great shape," Bartlow said. "She should do well in the 800, 1,600 and 3,200 (meters). She also wants to do triple jump."

Adams is an experienced cross country runner and knows how to prepare for meets, Bartlow says.

Other girls competing this year for WP will be Caitlyn Jones and Stephanie Nerf from Waitsburg,

and Perla Xolio, from Prescott.

The story on the boys' side is much different, with WP starting the season with a team of 34.

"I really think we'll be in the runing to win some meets as a team," Bartlow said. "It'll be interesting to see how we do against Asotin."

According to Bartlow, WP had a string of six straight SE 2B District 9 boys' league championships broken by Asotin in 2013. The Panthers have built a dominant team and won the league the last two years.

WP's two top point scorers from last year are returning: Owen Lanning and Kobie Brown.

Lanning is a hurdles specialist, and will compete in both the 110 and 300 meter events. He also plans to compete in long jump and triple jump.

Brown is a high jumper and sprinter. Bartlow expects him to compete in the 100 meter sprint,

the 110 hurdles and the 4x100 relay.

Despite their numbers and experience, the Cardinals are a very young team. Besides Lanning and Brown, their only other seniors are Tyler Shafer and Paulo Martinez

Bartlow expects to have strong relay teams in the boys' 4 x 100 and 4 x 400 events. Potential relay runners include Lanning, Brown, Shafer, Travis Crockett, Resean Crockett and Landon Callas, who is also expected to be a strong distance runner.

Bartlow's two assistant coaches this year are Joanna Lanning, who is working with middle and long distance runners, and Lanny Adams, who oversees the field events. Bartlow works with the sprinters.

The Cardinals' first meet is Thursday in Pendleton. They don't host any meets, but will take part in the District 9 meet in Dayton on



Times file photos

Owen Lanning completes a triple jump during a meet last year.

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# LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Case No. 15-4-00037-1 (RCW 11.40.030)

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASH-INGTON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA

In Re the Estate

DONALD M. SKAGGS Deceased.

The Personal Representative named below has been appointed and has qualified as Personal Representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the Personal Representative or the Personal Representative's attorney at the address stated below, a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the Court. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the Personal Representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(3); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and RCW 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and non-probate assets

Date of filing copy of Notice to Creditors: 02/23/2015 Date of First Publication: 03/05/2015

/s/CHARLOTTE M. SKAGGS Personal Representative

> R. Gary Ponti McAdams, Ponti, Wernette & Van Dorn, P.S. Attorneys at Law 103 E. Poplar Walla Walla, WA 99326

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#### PROBATE NOTICE TO CRED-**ITORS** No. 15-4-00035-5 RCW 11.40.030

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

In re the Estate of: DOROTHY M. GODDEN,

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:

- Thirty (30) days after the Personal Representative served or mailed the Notice to the Creditors as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or
- Four (4) 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 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and non-probate

Personal Representative: Baker Boyer National Bank

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By: /s/ Janelle J. Woody Janelle J. Woody, Trust and Financial Advisor, Wealth Mgt.

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#### AMENDED PROBATE NO-TICE TO CREDITORS NO. 15-4-00041-0 RCW 11.40.030

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASH-

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA

In the Matter of the Estate

Naoma J. Kerr

Deceased The Personal Rep-

resentative 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. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the Personal Representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(3); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of this 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 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both decedent's probate and non-probate assets.

DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: Thursday, March 5, 2015.

> Rosetta A. Davis, Personal Representative

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#### PROBATE NOTICE OF CRED-ITORS No. 15-4-00045-2

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

In Re the Estate of

DARREL W. WALTERS. 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 stated below a copy of the claim and filing of 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

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/s/ ALICE A. WALTERS Personal Representative of the

Estate of Darrel W. Walters

Attorney for the Personal Representative and address for mailing and service:

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#### Notice and Summons by Publication No: 15-7-00019-4 Termination

Superior Court of Washington

County of Walla Walla Juvenile Court

In Re the Termination of:

HUNTER O'KERT, Paxtin

To: Quentin Nicholas Hunt-

D.O.B.: 03/14/2013

er and to John Doe

A 1 Termination Petition was filed on February 11, 2015; a Fact Finding hearing will be held on this matter on: April 30, 2015 at 9:30 AM, at Walla Walla County Superior Court, 315 W. Main St., Walla Walla WA, Department I. You should be present at this hearing.

The hearing will determine

1 your parental rights to your child will be terminated. If you do not appear at the hearing, the court may enter an order resulting in permanent loss of your parental rights in vour absence.

To request a copy of the Notice, Summons, and termination Petition, call DSHS at (509) 524-4900. To view information about your rights, including right to a lawyer, go to www. atg.wa.gov/TRM.aspx

> Dated: March 6, 2015 By direction of: John W. Lohrmann, Judge KATHY MARTIN

By: /s/ Dee Dee Fjeld Deputy Clerk

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### NOTICE

The Walla Walla County Conservation District is seeking applicants for an opening on the Board of Supervisors. A district supervisor is a public official who serves without compensation and sets policy and direction for the District. The current opening is for one of two appointed positions on the board. Application forms are available at the District office (325 N 13th Avenue, Walla Walla) and the District website. Applicants must be registered voters of Washington state and depending on the composition of the board, may be required to be a landowner or operator of a farm. The deadline for applying through the District is 4:00 p.m. March 25th or applicants may obtain forms and apply directly to the Washington Conservation Commission; all forms must be to the Commission by March 31st. For complete information and application forms visit the District website at www.wwccd.

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#### NOTICE OF SALE OF COUN-TY SURPLUS PROPERTY

Notice is hereby given that Walla Walla County shall dispose of surplus county equipment and miscellaneous used parts at an auction Tuesday, March 31, 2015 beginning at 8:00 am. The auction company is Ritchie Brothers Auctioneers

Items to be sold include a 1990 Paint Striper, 1999 John Deere Front End Loader, 2000 Geffs Chipspreader, 2002 Mack Dump Truck, 1990 Ford Mower, two 2004 Broce Mobile Brooms, two 2000 Henke Snow Plows, 1990 ED-KA Snow Plow, 1988 WAC Snow Plow, 1979 Hi-Way Sander and miscellaneous used parts and used tools.

Vehicles may be viewed Sunday, March 29, 2015 at the City of Pasco, WA located at 5300 N. Industrial Way, Pasco, WA 99301.

Sale is in accordance with RCW 36.34.

Dated this 9rd day of March, 2015

By: Randy L. Glaeser, P.E. Director/County Engi-

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#### PROBATE NOTICE TO CRED-**ITORS** NO. 15-4-00048-7 RCW 11.40.030

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASH-

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA

In the Matter of the Estate

Ruth C. Maule 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. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the Personal Representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(3); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of this 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 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both decedent's probate and non-probate assets.

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> Linda K. Montgomery, Personal Representative

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#### PROBATE NOTICE TO CRED-**ITORS** NO. 15-4-00046-1 RCW 11.40.030

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

OF WALLA WALLA In the Matter of the Estate

Albert Sept Deceased

of

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. The claim must be presented within the

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Daniel J. Roach, PLLC Attorney for Personal Representative

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#### STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY SPOKANE, WASHINGTON

NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO TEMPORARILY CHANGE THE PURPOSE OF USE OF A PORTION OF TOUCHET RIVER ADJUDICATED CER-TIFICATE. 116(A)

TAKE NOTICE:

That on January 30. 2015. Touchet Eastside/Westside Irrigation District of Touchet, WA, applied to change the purpose of use as asserted under the above-referenced water right.

That said Certificate authorizes a right to divert up to 30.353 cfs up to 8703.75 acre feet of water from the Touchet River tributary to the Walla Walla River, from a point located within the NE1/4SE1/4 of Section 15, T. 7 N., R. 33 E.W.M., Walla Walla County.

That said water is for the purpose of irrigation of 1972 acres within the Touchet Eastside/Westside Irrigation District Boundaries located within T 6 N., 7 N., R. 33 E.W.M., Walla Walla, County.

That the applicant proposes to change a portion of the purpose of use asserted under Certificate 116(A) to Instream Flow for up to 5 cfs from May 1 to June 30; 9.5 cfs from July 1 to July 15; 10 cfs from July 16 to August 31 and 8 cfs from September 1 to September 15 not to exceed 2004 8 acre feet The temporary change is proposed to expire on September 15, 2016.

Protests or objections to approval of this application must include a detailed statement of the basis for objections. All letters of protest will become public record. Cash shall not be accepted. Fees must be paid by check or money order and are nonrefundable. Protests must be accompanied by a \$50 recording fee payable to the Department of Ecology, Water Resources Progam-ERO, PO Box 47611, Olympia WA 98504-7611, within 30 days from: March 19, 2015.

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#### AMENDED PROBATE NO-**TICE TO CREDITORS** NO. 15-4-00026-6 RCW 11.40.030

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASH-INGTON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA

In the Matter of the Estate

Marion Gene Alandi Deceased

The Administrator named below has been appointed as Administrator 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 Administrator or the Administrator's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court. The

claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the Administrator served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(3); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of this 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 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both decedent's probate and non-probate assets.

DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: March 12, 2015.

Marci Perkins of Omniguardianship Services,

Administrator

Daniel J. Roach, PLLC Attorney for Administrator 38 East Main Street P.O. Box 1776 Walla Walla, WA 99362 509-522-6800

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#### PROBATE NOTICE TO CRED-**ITORS** No. 15-4-00043-6 RCW 11.40.030

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASH-INGTON

IN AND FOR WALLA WAL-LA COUNTY

In re the Estate of

THEODORE ALEKEL II,

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:

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Personal Representative: Theresa Alekel

Attorney for the Personal Representative: Lenard L. Wittlake, PLLC WSBA #15451

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#### No. 15-4-00047-9 RCW 11.40.030 IN THE SUPERIOR COURT

OF THE STATE OF WASH-**INGTON** IN AND FOR WALLA WAL-

In re the Estate of

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RACHEL KOPECKY,

Deceased.

The Personal Representative named below has been appointed as Personal Repre-

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sentative 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 (30) days after the Personal Representative served or mailed the Notice to the Creditors as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or

(2) Four (4) 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 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and non-probate assets

Date of First Publication: March 12, 2015

Personal Representative: Rodney D. Grushkowsky

Attorney for the Personal Representative: Lenard L. Wittlake, PLLC WSBA #15451

Address for Mailing or Service:

> P.O. Box 1233 22 E. Poplar St., Suite 200 Walla Walla, WA 99362 (509) 529-1529

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Walla Walla Superior Court 315 W. Main Walla Walla, WA 99362

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#### **NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S** SALE

TS No.: WA-13-594631-TC APN No.: 36-07-22-62-0206 Title Order No.: 8356471 Grantor(s): WENDY E. JONES Grantee(s): BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. Deed of Trust Instrument/Reference No.: 2006-08817 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Pursuant to the Revised Code of Washington 61.24. et. sea. I. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Quality Loan Service Corp. of Washington, the undersigned Trustee, will on 4/17/2015, at 10:00 AM At the main entrance to the Superior Courthouse. 315 W. Main Street, Walla Walla, WA 99362 sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder, payable in the form of credit bid or cash bid in the form of cashier's check or certified checks from federally or State chartered banks, at the time of sale the following described real property, situated in the County of WALLA WALLA, State of Washington, to-wit: LOT 37 IN **BLOCK 2 OF YELLOWHAWK** CREEK SUBDIVISION PHASE 2, AS DELINEATED ON THE FACE OF THE RECORDED PLAT OF SAID SUBDIVISION IN ROLL FILE 6 AND PAGE C-3 UNDER AUDITOR'S FILE NO. 0005419, RECORDS OF WALLA WALLA COUNTY, STATE OF WASHINGTON. SITUATED IN THE CITY AND COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA, STATE OF WASHINGTON. More commonly known as: 46 TALON LOOP, WALLA WALLA, WA 99362 which is subject to that certain Deed of Trust dated 7/25/2006, recorded 7/27/2006, under 2006-08817 records of WALLA WALLA County, Washington, from WENDY E. JONES, as Grantor(s), to PRLAP, INC., as Trustee, to secure an obligation in favor of BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., as Beneficiary, the beneficial interest in which was assigned by BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. (or by its successors-in-interest and/or assigns, if any), to GREEN TREE SERVICING LLC. II. No action commenced by the Beneficiary of the Deed of Trust is now pending to seek satisfaction of the obligation in any Court by reason of the Borrower's or Grantor's default on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust/Mortgage. III. The default(s) for which this foreclosure is made is/are as

follows: Failure to pay when

due the following amounts which are now in arrears: \$67,226.67 IV. The sum owing on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust is: The principal sum of \$155,476.26, together with interest as provided in the Note from the 7/1/2010, and such other costs and fees as are provided by statute. V. The above-described real property will be sold to satisfy the expense of sale and the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust as provided by statute. Said sale will be made without warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances on 4/17/2015. The defaults referred to in Paragraph III must be cured by 4/6/2015 (11 days before the sale date) to cause a discontinuance of the sale. The sale will be discontinued and terminated if at any time before 4/6/2015 (11 days before the sale) the default as set forth in Paragraph III is cured and the Trustee's fees and costs are paid. Payment must be in cash or with cashiers or certified checks from a State or federally chartered bank. The sale may be terminated any time after the 4/6/2015 (11 days before the sale date) and before the sale, by the Borrower or Grantor or the holder of any recorded junior lien or encumbrance by paying the principal and interest, plus costs, fees and advances, if any, made pursuant to the terms of the obligation and/or Deed of Trust, and curing all other defaults. VI. A written Notice of Default was transmitted by the Beneficiary or Trustee to the Borrower and Grantor at the following address(es): NAME WENDY E. JONES ADDRESS 46 TALON LOOP, WALLA WALLA, WA 99362 by both first class and certified mail, proof of which is in the possession of the Trustee; and the Borrower and Grantor were personally served, if applicable, with said written Notice of Default or the written Notice of Default was posted in a conspicuous place on the real property described in Paragraph I above, and the Trustee has possession of proof of such service or posting. These requirements were completed as of 10/25/2013 VII The Trustee whose name and address are set forth below will provide in writing to anyone requesting it, a statement of all costs and fees due at any time prior to the sale. VIII. The effect of the sale will be to deprive the Grantor

and all those who hold by,

all their interest in the

through or under the Grantor of

above-described property. IX.

Anyone having any objections

whatsoever will be afforded an

opportunity to be heard as to

those objections if they bring a

to this sale on any grounds

lawsuit to restrain the sale

pursuant to RCW 61.24.130.

Failure to bring such a lawsuit

proper grounds for invalidating

the Trustee's sale. NOTICE TO

OCCUPANTS OR TENANTS

possession of the property on

as against the Grantor under

the deed of trust (the owner)

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not tenants. After the 20th day

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OF YOUR HOME. You have

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Trustee's Sale is entitled to

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**SHERIFF'S NOTICE TO** JUDGMENT DEBTOR ORDER OF SALE OF REAL PROP-**ERTY** 

No. 13-2-00501-9

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

ONEWEST BANK, FSB, its successors in interest and/or

Plaintiff,

-VS-

UNKNOWN HEIRS and DEVISEES OF JACOB A. SONNENTAG; ESTATE OF JACOB A. SONNENTAG;PA-MELA CHATLEY; PETER SON-**NENTAG: UNITED STATES** OF AMERICA; STATE OF WASHINGTON; OCCUPANTS OF THE PREMISES,

Defendants,

TO: The Judgment Debtors Named Above:

The Superior Court of Walla Walla County has directed the undersigned Sheriff of Walla Walla County to sell the real property described below to satisfy a judgment. The property is commonly known

103 Southwest 12th Street College Place Washington

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Beginning at a point that is 225 feet east of the easterly line of Addison Avenue as now established and 20 feet south of the northerly line of the southeast 1/4 of the southeast 1/4 of said section 35; thence easterly

parallel to the north line of said guarter section, a distance of 75 feet;thence southerly parallel to the east line of Addison Avenue, a distance of 107.3 feet; thence westerly parallel to the aforesaid north line, a distance of

75 feet; thence northerly parallel to the east line of Addison Avenue, a distance of 107.3 feet to the point of beginning.

Situated in the County of Walla Walla, State of Washing-

The sale of the above

described property is to take Time: 10:00 AM Date: April 24, 2015

Place: Main Enterance, Walla Walla County Courthouse, Walla Walla Washing-

The judgment debtor can avoid the sale by paying the judgment amount of \$161,329.09, together with interest costs, and fees, before the sale date. For the exact amount, contact the sheriff at

This property is subject to:

the address stated below.

[X] No redemption rights after sale.

[ ] A redemprion period of eight months which will expire at 4:30 PM on the\_\_day of\_\_

[ ] A redemption period of one year which will expire at 4:30 PM on the\_\_day of\_\_

The judgment debtor or debtors or any of them may redeem the above described property at any time up to the end of the redemption period by paying the amount bid at the sheriff's sale plus additional costs, taxes, assessments, certain other amounts, fees, and interest. If you are interested in redeeming the property contact the undersigned sheriff at the address stated below to determine the exact amount necessary to redeem.

IMPORTANT NOTICE; IF THE JUDGMENT DEBTOR OR DEBTORS DO NOT REDEEM THE PROPERTY BY 4:30 PM ON THE \_20\_, THE END OF THE REDEMPTION PERI-OD, THE PURCHASER AT THE SHERIFF'S SALE WILL

BECOME THE OWNER AND MAY EVICT THE OCCUPANT FROM THE PROPERTY UNLESS THE OCCUPANT IS A TENANT HOLDING UNDER AN LINEXPIRED LEASE IF THE PROPERTY TO BE SOLD IS OCCUPIED AS A PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE BY THE JUDGMENT DEBTOR OR DEBTORS AT THE TIME OF THE SALE, HE, SHE, THEY OR ANY OF THEM MAY HAVE THE RIGHT TO RETAIN POS-SESSION DURING THE RE-DEMPTION PERIOD, IF ANY, WITHOUT PAYMENT OF ANY RENT OR OCCUPANCY FEE. THE JUDGMENT DEBTOR MAY ALSO HAVE A RIGHT TO RETAIN POSSESSION DURING ANY REDEMPTION PERIOD IF THE PROPERTY IS USED FOR FARMING OR IF THE PROPERTY IS BEING SOLD UNDER A MORTGAGE THAT SO PROVIDES.

Dated this 12th day of March, 2015

> JOHN A. TURNER, Sheriff Walla Walla County

By: Debra M. Thomas, Civil Deputy

240 West Alder Street, Suite

Walla Walla WA 99362 Phone: (509)524-5400

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#### **MARY'S CANDIES -**FROM PAGE 7

Girl Granola, which plans to lease a larger, middle suite in the near future – will provide the perfect opportunity. The bay includes a window that would allow for candy sales even when BMS is closed, and the FDA-approved kitchen would allow Mary's Candies to ship their products outof-state. "We are definitely going to pursue the space," said Erin.

"It's only been the last month or so that we decided that candy is where we're going to stay. We're just having fun. There's been such a great response. My whole thing with food is that I like to feed people because I like the responses I get. I like to make people happy," said Murphy. "I think my grandmother would be proud of the man I am and what I'm trying to do," he added.

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# DONKEY BASKETBALL



Dayton senior Bonnie Laib goes in for another of her many layups during Saturday's donkey basketball match in the Dayton High School gym to raise money for middle and high school athletics.

#### **CLASSIFIEDS**

#### **HELP WANTED**

**CITY OF WAITSBURG** 2015 SWIMMING POOL SEASON - The City of Waitsburg is currently accepting applications for the position of Certified Lifeguard and Pool Office Manager. Duties for lifeguards include but are not limited to general lifeguard duties, and maintenance and operation of pool. Lifeguards must be 15 years of age or older and possess Lifeguard Certification and CPR/First Aid card. WSI preferred but not required. Office manager duties will include but are not limited to supervising pool office, cleaning, interacting with the public and handling money and paperwork. These positions will be seasonal, and hours will vary.

Qualified applicants may pick up and return applications at Waitsburg City Hall, 147 Main Street, P.O. Box 35, Waitsburg, WA 99361. All applications must be received by 3:45 p.m. on Thursday, April 30, 2015. For more information, call (509) 337-6371.

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System is accepting applicants for a full time Medical Records Assistant/Transcription at Columbia County Health System. The successful candidate will have the ability to accurately transcribe medical reports, will have working knowledge of diagnostic and procedural codes under the ICD-9-CM system and medical terminology, meet all aspects of patient confidentiality under the Washington State Health Information Act and HIPAA regulations. This position works closely with business office, ancillary staff and medical staff employees. Medical transcription and medical coding experience preferred along with attention to detail and ability to multitask. Applications can be found online at www.cchd-wa.org. Completed applications can be mailed to Columbia County Health System, Attn: Human Resources, 1012 S 3rd St,

Dayton, WA 99328 or faxed to 509-382-3205. They can also be dropped off in person at the

**Human Resources Department** at the Dayton General Hospital. **Columbia County Health** System is accepting applicants for a full time Lab Assistant/

Phlebotomist in the Laboratory at Columbia County Health System. The successful candidate will be responsible for obtaining blood specimens and non-blood specimens such as urine, sputum and throat swabs for laboratory testing. Ensures specimen requirements are met at time of collection including proper labeling and handling of specimen. Record entries as required. Performs all procedures in accordance with department and hospital procedures. Applications can be found online at www.cchd-wa. org. Completed applications can be mailed to Columbia County Health System, Attn: Human Resources, 1012 S 3rd St, Dayton, WA 99328 or faxed to 509-382-3205. They can also be dropped off in person at the Human Resources Department at the Dayton General Hospital.

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March 31st 5:30-6:30pm **QUESTIONS? CALL 509-382-2577** 



# **NEWS BRIEFS**

# **Spring Variety** Show at the **Liberty Theater**

DAYTON – This weekend is the 12<sup>th</sup> annual the Liberty Theater. Celebrate! A Celebration of Laughter, Life, Love, Music, Dance and Good Times takes place Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$12-\$15 and can be purchased in advance online at www.libertytheater.org or at the door.

# Waitsburg Kindergarten **Registration**

WAITSBURG -- Waitsburg Elementary School will hold kindergarten registration for the fall of 2015 during the week of March 30-April 2. Registration will take place in the elementary office from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday and from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Wednesday and Thurs-

Children who turn 5. on or before August 31, and live within the Waitsburg School District boundaries are eligible to register for kindergarten for the fall of 2015. A current immunization record and an official state birth certificate will be needed to register. Official Washington State birth certificates can be obtained at your local public health

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

# Ski Bluewood Closes, Skips **Year-end Bash**

DAYTON - Warm, rainy weather has hit Ski Bluewood hard. Sunday the resort closed for the season, skipping the annual Bluewood Bash.

In his end-of-season letter, General Manager Kim Clark wrote: "This decision was a tough one with only two or maybe three weekends left in the year, but the forecast for the week ahead is for possible rain and very warm temperatures. Our maintenance crew has done a fantastic job of farming snow out of every area we can find, and we have the mountain ready for this weekend. With that said, we are out of areas to get snow, and this has added to our decision.

"It has been a challenging season for winter recreation in the Northwest to say the least. We have been open for 51 of 52 scheduled days this season and have had some fantastic days up on the mountain."

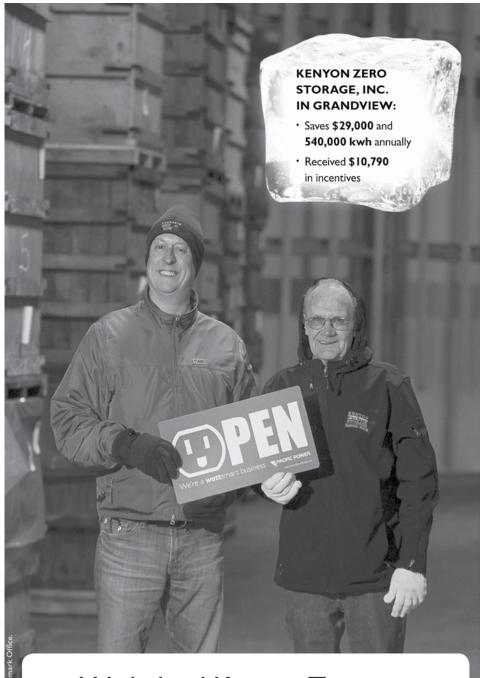
# **Home and School Carnival**

WAITSBURG - The Waitsburg Home and School Association is hosting their annual school carnival on Friday, March 20 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Waitsburg Elementary School multi-purpose Funds from this year's event will help pay for all the 2015-16 school supplies needed for Waitsburg students.

Enjoy a cake walk, games, food (elephant ears!) and a "baseball" themed silent auction with Mariners and Walla Walla Sweets items. The Home and School Association is also selling Waitsburg Cardinal car magnets for \$6 each. Magnets will be available at the carnival.

### Sheriff's Round **Table**

WAITSBURG - The Walla Walla County Sheriff's Office will hold a Round Table at the Waitsburg Elementary School library on Thursday, March 20 at 5:30 p.m. Sheriff Turner or Sheriff's Office staff members will be available to take comments, answer questions and discuss concerns from community mem-



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