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Faithful volunteers and generous donors keep the Dayton Community Food Bank operating.

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VETERANS

Veteran Bob Brock will drive his patriotic Jeep from Walla Walla to Washington D.C., honoring veterans and police along the way.

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SPORTS



BASKETBALL

Dayton girls extend ninegame winning streak with New Year game wins.

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Photo by Dena Wood

The Liberty Theater's mid-winter production of "Bingo! The Winning Musical" will run Jan. 27 -29. Tickets to the lively comedy, directed by Bev Startin, are on sale now online or at the theater box office.

Left: Patsy (Katie Leid), Honey (Kris Takemura), Vern (Jennie Dickenson), and Allison (Deb Fortner) react after a losing round of Bingo. See more photos on Page 6.

'Bingo! The Winning Musical'

Beat the mid-winter blues with this fun and zippy live comedy at the Liberty Theater

By Dena Wood | THE TIMES

DAYTON – The Liberty Theater's production of "Bingo! The Winning Musical" will bring a welcome respite from the dark and dreary days of winter. The fun and zippy comedy debuts Jan. 27 and runs through Jan. 29.

The production is directed by Liberty veteran Bev Startin, who has produced eight variety shows and the last three Nunsense productions.

"This is a great comedy, and working with this cast has been a blast," Startin said.

The musical takes place on a dark and

a trio of hard-core bingo-playing girlfriends are ready for their annual celebration of the birth of bingo and tribute to its founder, Edwin S. Lowe. Little do they know that in between the evening's number calling, strange rituals, and fierce competitions, love will blossom and long lost friends will reunite.

Katie Leid plays the somewhat mousy, neurotic, obsessively superstitious Patsy, and Kris Takemura portrays Honey, the extremely lovable sex kitten who is not the brightest of bulbs.

Jennie Dickinson plays Vern, a funny, robust, stubborn gal with a good heart. Deb Fortner is the optimistic, passionate, perky, and quirky Allison, while Janet Ihle is the genuinely sweet, cheerful, peacemaker, Berneice.

Roz Edwards takes a casting departure from her traditional villainess roles to play the bingo hall manager who is everyone's favorite cute, cuddly, grandma. The tall,

stormy night in a Missouri VFW Hall, where a trio of hard-core bingo-playing girlfriends are ready for their annual celebration of the crows.

rugged, handsome bingo caller, who takes his calling very seriously, is played by Fred Crowe.

"Bingo! The Winning Musical" has enjoyed extraordinary off-Broadway success and has achieved acclaim around the world. The fun and lively production is interactive, and the audience will participate in three Bingo games during the performance.

"We began rehearsing at the first part of December, before the fall production was over. The cast has been working fast and furiously and is doing an amazing job!" Startin

"Bingo! The Winning Musical" will run from Jan. 27-29, with 7 p.m. performances on Friday and Saturday, and 3 p.m. performances on Saturday and Sunday.

Tickets are \$12-\$20, depending on seating location, and can be purchased online at libertytheater.org, by phone at (509) 382-1380, or at the box office. Advance purchase is recommended as shows often sell out.

PRESERVING 'HISTORIC VALUE' OF MAIN STREET BRIDGE

Groups agree to maintain history of soon-to-be-replaced 90-year-old structure

By Dena Wood | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG – It took the City of Waitsburg the better part of a decade to secure funding to replace the 90-year-old Main Street Bridge, which is designed in such a way that it creates a flood hazard.

Since the state legislature awarded \$1.7 million toward the bridge's replacement in June of 2015, the city has been busy checking off the many requirements that have to be in place before the bridge can be replaced this summer.

At their December meeting the city council checked off another box by approving an agreement with the U.S. Army Corps. of Engineers and the Washington State Historic Preservation Officer, regarding the historical preservation of the current bridge.

City Administrator Randy Hinchliffe explained that, because the current bridge has a history and is near a historic district, is being treated as historic. As such, several entities including the Waitsburg Historical Society, the Corp of Engineers, the Historic Bridge Foundation, the State Historical Preservation Trust, and the Dept. of Archaeology and Historic Preservation have worked together to "resolve the adverse effects" of the replacement of the historic property.

The Corp of Engineers has agreed to ensure the city meets several stipulations in order to best preserve the historic value of the bridge.

First, the new bridge has been designed to fit with the architecture and aesthetic features of the Waitsburg Historic District. The bridge's texture, light fixtures, and railings were designed with a historic feel, with allowances made for modern safety requirements.

Next, the city must create and install an interpretive display that represents the history of the Waitsburg Main Street Bridge, within two years of the agreement. The display is to be located on the adjacent park or on the new bridge. It is suggested that the display include narrative text, photographs or art, and at least one "character-defining" portion of the current bridge, such as one of the concrete panel inserts.

Third, the city has agreed to designate a section of the city website to document the Waitsburg Main Street Bridge. The web page must be uploaded within six months of the completion of the interpretive display.

The city also agreed to email yearly status updates to all consulting parties involved and agreed on a method for dealing with objections that cannot be resolved between the parties.

City attorney Jared Hawkins acknowledged that some requirements were somewhat vague. For example, there is nothing to dictate how long the bridge web page must be maintained. Even so, he said the stipulations ensure "coordination and cooperation." They are a way to document that the involved parties have communicated and are working to ensure that those interests have been satisfied, he said.

CCHS Adopts Five-Year Strategic Plan

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—In December, the Columbia County Health System commissioners adopted a five-year strategic business plan, representing a 12-month effort for CEO Shane McGuire.



"A \$1.5 billion Medicaid Waiver received by the State of Washington to reform the healthcare delivery system, and change payment models creates new opportunities, and with strategic planning, these can be leveraged to position the district for better reimbursement rates, and also to deliver better integrated and higher quality care," McGuire said.

The plan, called Healthcare 360, identifies major challenges facing the hospital district and maps out specific actions to take over the next five years.

"I feel very good about moving forward with that,"
McGuire told the commissioners at their December

In his report, McGuire said that formulation of forward-looking, long-term goals and objectives has been a struggle in the recent past, and that while annual goals have been established, much of the focus has been on basic survival

nual goals have been established, much of the focus has been on basic survival.

"The district has suffered years of marginal performance, declining volumes, and decreased reim-

bursements, with 2015 audited financials showing a \$1,011,497 operating loss," McGuire said.

Specifically, Healthcare 360 identifies five major

channenges:

Aging populations are driving the need for addi-

tional services for seniors.

The numbers of people living in Waitsburg and in Dayton, who are over the age of 65 is rising from

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TOUCHET VALLEY LIFE

NEWS BRIEFS

DR. VARNELL MEET & GREET, JAN. 19

WAITSBURG - The Columbia County Health System has hired Dr. Dan Varnell, a Board certified psychiatrist. With mental health problems being one of the most common medical conditions treated by physicians, Dr. Varnell's presence will greatly enhance the services which the CCHS is able to offer. His expertise and training enable him to diagnose, treat and prevent mental health problems.

As a family psychiatrist Dr. Varnell treats individuals age four through adult and elderly. The Waitsburg School District and community is within the CCHS, therefore our students and community have the op-

portunity to benefit from this hire!

Dr. Varnell would like to 'meet and greet' interested persons in the Waitsburg school district and community to heighten awareness of his presence and services. On Thurs,, Jan. 19, Dr. Varnell will be in the elementary library at 3:30 for this informal 'meet and greet' experience.

BIKING/WALKING TRAILS PUBLIC WORKSHOP

DAYTON - Workshops to develop a blueprint for a region-wide, non-motorized trail and transportation network will be held in Dayton on Mon., Jan. 30 at the Best Western Hotel located at 507 E. Main.

Local cities, counties, health departments, transportation resource agencies, and other stakeholders have joined forces with the National Park Service to develop a trails plan that will span all jurisdictions in Columbia and Walla Walla counties and northeastern

The community is invited to share ideas on connections and destinations at this workshop. Childcare, Spanish translation, food, and refreshments will be provided.

An identical workshop will be held at the Community Building at the Walla Walla Fairgrounds (363 Orchard St.) on Tues., Jan. 31 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Contact Brad at (509) 382-2577 or brad@portofcolumbia.org for more information.

INFLUENZA CASES ON THE RISE IN WALLA WALLA COUNTY

WALLA WALLA COUNTY - The Walla Walla County Dept. of Community Health has reported that one death has been attributed to influenza in a person over age 65 and 11 influenza patients are currently hospitalized in Walla Walla. The number of influenza cases continues to rise in the county.

Individuals most at risk are the elderly, the very young, pregnant women, and those with certain health conditions. The health dept. says it is not too late to be immunized against influenza. There is a high dose vaccine available for older adults and a four-valent vaccine available upon request. The nasal vaccine is not recommended or available this year, according to the health dept.

Influenza normally starts with a sudden onset of body and muscle aches and fever, followed by a dry cough, sore throat, occasionally vomiting and diarrhea and normally lasts for five to seven days. Frequent handwashing, covering your cough, and staying home when ill are the best ways to protect yourself from illness, aside from vaccination.

Influenza is treatable, especially if treated within 48 hours of the start of body aches and fever. The treatments will make lessen symptoms and may shorten the disease by a day or more. If you believe you have influenza, contact your healthcare provider and ask what steps you should take.

Jan. 11, 2017 Touchet Valley Weather Waitsburg's Seven Day Forecast Wednesday **Thursday** Friday Saturday Snow Possible Partly Cloudy Mostly Cloudy Mostly Cloudy Partly Cloudy Mostly Cloudy Mostly Sunny High: 22 Low: 13 High: 35 Low: 21 High: 18 Low: 8 High: 17 Low: 9 High: 30 Low: 22 High: 34 Low: 25 High: 32 Low: 20 **Weather Trivia** Local Almanac Last Week <u>Day</u> High Normals N **Precip** Precipitation 0.48" Monday 26 What is vorticity? Normal precipitation 0.56" Tuesday 19 23 39/28 0.00" Departure from normal-0.08" Wednesday 20 39/28 0.00"

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Weather History Jan. 11, 1972 - Downslope

winds hit the eastern slopes of the Rockies in northern Colorado and southeastern Wyoming. Boulder, Colo. reported wind gusts to 143 mph and 25 million dollars in property damage.

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Sun/Moon Chart This Week 7:32 a.m. 7:32 a.m. 7:31 a.m. 7:31 a.m. 7:30 a.m. 7:29 a.m.

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Average normal temperature 33.6°

Departure from normal 19.7°

Data as reported from Walla Walla



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POSITION'S ANNOUNCE-MENT

Waitsburg School District is accepting applications for the following positions. Full-Time Maintenance Custodian (4 am - 12:30 pm) Extra-Curricular Openings: HS Head and Assistant Track Coaches MS Head and Assistant Base-

ball Coaches MS Assistant Softball Coach

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

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PIONEER PORTRAITS

Ten Years Ago January 18, 2007

The first day of the Waitsburg Elementary School Fifth Grade Ski Program arrived at last on Thursday, January 11. . . "With the help of school personnel, Carrie Graham, and Brenda Baker; parents Kitzi Brannock, Bret Moser, Jim Wilson, Scott Bentley, Darleen Dozier, Grandpa Al Scamahorn and Uncle Brian Callahan; and a very organized Bluewood staff, yesterday would have to be among the top ten days of my teaching career," she (Pam Conover) said.

The Waitsburg Booster Club honored Tom and Anita Baker as its 2005-2006 Boosters of the Year during a ceremony at halftime of the Waitsburg-Pomeroy girls basketball game last weekend. Though retired, the couple can be seen at Cardinal sporting events and other extracurricular events related to Waitsburg High school, said Ross Hamann, Booster Club president.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

January 16, 1992

The high school is developing a mock trial program, principal Dan Butler told school board members last week. Mike White is putting the program together. Butler said Bill Bloor, a Waitsburg lawyer who is also the city's attorney, has agreed to help with training the young would-be attorneys. It is the first time such a program has been offered in the schools in Waitsburg.

Joe McCown is putting his money where his mouth is. The Waitsburg school board agreed last week to let McCown and a handful of others hire, at their expense, an engineer to assess the costs of remodeling the grade school. . . McCown and others were opposed to the passage of a \$2.6 million bond issue in November to build a new Waitsburg Elementary School. McCown – a retired Waitsburg farmer and a trained engineer - said the school could be remodeled for less money. the new study could find whether that is true.

Fifty Years Ago January 12, 1967

Cliff Griffin was elected to serve as the president of Commercial Club for the ensuing year when the group held their weekly meeting Tuesday night. Harold Bloor was elected vice president; Ivan Keve will continue as secretary-treasurer.

The Rainbow Advisory Board met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Ely Thursday night for the election of officers. Mrs. Ellsworth Conover was elected chairman of the board; Kenneth Smith, vice-chairman, and Mrs. Jack Otterson, secy-treas. Mrs. J. A. Stonecipher will continue to serve as Mother Advisor for the local assembly.

Jack Hubbard has been appointed to act as page for his father, Rep. Vaughn Hubbard for a month during the 40th session of the Washington state legislature which convened in Olympia on Monday.

Sixty Years Ago **January 18, 1957**

Orin Walker was elected chairman of the board of county commissioners at the organizational meeting of the group Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Smith left Friday by train for Detroit, Mich. to drive out a new car for his mother, Mrs. Clara Smith.

Lt. Jack Henry Roberts is on a three month's tour of duty in England with the Strategic Air Command.

Seventy-Five Years Ago January 16, 1942

Appointment of Walter Weller as chairman of

The local Red Cross workers made it possible for Waitsburg to ship over 312 articles to headquarters last month.

the local Victory book Drive was made this week for the collection of books for use of enlisted men in the military and naval services of the United States. Cannery enthusiasts of Waitsburg wound up

their drive on Wednesday, with the completion of signature petitions circulated the past few days.

Sportsmen are urging Waitsburg citizens in feeding Chinese pheasants in the area.

One Hundred Years Ago January 19, 1917

Snow in the Wenaha forest reserve at this time is deeper than ever known before. On the main ridge in the Tollgate district, the depth of snow is said to be 12 feet.

A communication for A. S. Dickinson, who is in Olympia, states that he was successful in receiving the Postmaster's job at the legislature. A. S. is the right man in the right place.

The Waitsburg team gain brought home the bacon when they decisively defeated the Athena aggregation on the local floor Friday night. The girls defeated the feminine visitors 33 to 7 while the boys administered an 88-22 trouncing to the visitors of the masculine gender.

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago January 22, 1892

They are harvesting their ice crop north of Snake River. Ours is not near ripe yet.

From a somewhat mysterious cause, the yardlong petition requesting the passage of an ordinance restraining the cows from running at large within the city limits, was not presented to the city council Wednesday night.

Two big four-horse sleigh loads of Dayton people came down on Thursday evening of last week, on a pleasure excursion.

The star of peace is in the ascendency at the capitol today. There is a wide-spread conviction that war is not a necessary outcome between the United States and Chili.

TOUCHET VALLEY NEWS

NEWS BRIEF

COMM. COUNCIL MEETING

WALLA WALLA - The annual meeting of the Community Council will be held Mon., Ian. 23 from 5:15 - 6:15 at the YWCA (213 S. 1st. Ave., Walla Walla).

Attendees will hear updates on the work of the several task force projects as well as an upcate on the Community Conversations project.

Directory Waitsburg Presbyterian Church 504 Main Sunday School 9:30 a.m Worship 11 a.m. 337-6589 Rev. Bret Moser Waitsburg Chapel 320 W. 2nd Sunday School 9:45 a.m. 🤻 Worship 11 a.m. Evening Worship 6 p.m. Bible Study Wednesdays 7:30 p.m. 337-6235 Rev. Jimmie Daves Waitsburg Christian Church 604 Main St Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 11 a.m. **Each Sunday** 337-8898 **New River** Fellowship

121 Main St, (Town Hall) Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Worship 11 a.m.

520-5676

ww.newriverfellowship.org

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Dayton Senior Round Table

Senior Center (403 E. Patit St.)

12 p.m.

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

Waitsburg Resource

106 Preston Avenue 2-4 p.m.

Planning Garden Class

Blue Mountain Station 2-4 p.m.

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

School Lunch Menu

Breakfast listed first.

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Waitsburg Presbyterian Church

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Dr. Varnell Meet &

Waitsburg Elementary Library 3:30 p.m.

Prescott Friends of the Library Prescott Library

7 p.m.



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COURT NEWS

Columbia County Superior Court January 4, 2017

Arraignments

-Dante Brown (Martinez), 21, Dayton; violation of conditions of community custody. Charged with delivery/manufacture/possession with intent to deliver methamphetamine and resisting arrest. Police reports allege that on Dec. 27 officers stopped a car with a missing license plate and center brake light, and that Brown, the passenger, jumped out and fled the scene on foot. Brown was apprehended hiding in a backyard. Reports allege that, days later, a caller reported finding a black bag containing a notebook, drugs, and paraphernalia next to their home, where Brown had allegedly ran on Dec. 27. Brown said he was not ready to plead, had no funds, and requested a court appointed attorney. Arraignment was continued to Jan. 18.

Trials/Hearings Set

-Charles Reed Walters, 34, Boise; charged with possession of methamphetamine, attempting to elude a police officer, driving under the influence, and reckless driving. Charges stem from an incident in June of 2014. Walters has been incarcerated at the State Correctional Institute in Orofino, Idaho and appeared telephonically. Trial is set for February 15-17.

-Casey J. Lynn Dunn, 23, address unknown; charged with one count of possession of a controlled substance other than marijuana, and one count of possession of stolen property. Resolution has been reached. Resolution hearing re-scheduled for Jan. 18.

-Destiny J Williams, 39, Dayton; charged with theft in the second degree and fourth degree assault, domestic violence. Williams is accused of using her deceased father's debit card at several locations including an ATM and bank. Her father's account contained a VA deposit and Social Security deposit totaling \$1685. When Social Security requested a return of the funds, the bank realized there were no longer any funds in the account. Williams alleged that her father said she could have the money and that she didn't realize it was illegal. In a separate incident, Williams is charged with assaulting a member of the household. Williams entered a not guilty plea to all charges and trail is set for March 6-7.

-Benjamin A Williams, 41, Dayton; charged with second degree theft. Used the debit card of a deceased person. Williams said he didn't know it was illegal and entered a not guilty plea. Trial is set for March 6-7.

-Steven Ray Long, 29, Dayton; charged with 17 counts including theft, drug charges, malicious mischief and burglary stemming from incidents that took place in Feb. and May, 2013. Trial re-set for April 6-7.

Other

-Benjamin Orozco, 42, Nayarit, Mexico; Charged with murder in the second degree and first degree assault for the shooting murder of Lance Terry in Dayton in July of 1996. Continued to Jan. 18 for omnibus and trial setting.

BIRTHDAYS

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

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

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

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

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

January 18: Kelley Fouste, Jason Thomas, Jennifer Low, Rowena Farrens and Arlene Hopkins.

January 19: Bob Deal, Lynda Hogan, Debbie Rubio, David Webber, Reina Bruce and Clint Reser.



COMMENTARY

Some **Blue-Collar** Workers **Shouldn't** Do Pink Jobs

By Megan McArdle, Bloomberg View

Thy can't a woman be more like a man? Henry Higgins demands to know in "My Fair Lady." These days, labor economists are asking the opposite question: Why can't a man be more like a woman?

The decline of traditionally male blue-collar work like manufacturing has left many men adrift. There are growth industries, such as health care, where some of these men could get work. But they don't seem to be taking advantages of the splendid opportunities to become home health care aides or day care workers. In part that's because many of these jobs don't start out paying as well as the manufacturing jobs these men have lost or had hoped to gain. But in part it seems to be because the work isn't ... well ... manly enough.

"It's not a skill mismatch, but an identity mismatch," economist Lawrence Katz told the New York Times. "It's not that they couldn't become a health worker, it's that people have backward views of what their identity

This seems unnecessarily dismissive. If Katz lost his job as an economist, and had to take one changing the diapers of elderly patients, I've no doubt that he would find this emotionally difficult, but I wouldn't say that this is because his preferences for his current occupation are "backward." The patient-care work is necessary, and should be honored. It's also, let's be honest, much less pleasant than sitting in an office and writing about what other people should do with their working lives.

Moreover, people invest a lot in building up a professional identity, which helps make the work more bearable (and, by giving people pride in what they do, probably ensures that the work is better done). Suddenly abandoning something that has constituted a major part of who you are, and taking a job at the bottom of a new field, is not any easier for a machinist or a coal miner than it would be for a professional.

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Why Americans Long to Live in an HGTV Home

By Virginia Postrel, Bloomberg View

ome & Garden Television is the mac and cheese of cable -- video comfort food. And, like that perennial favorite, it sells very well. Last year, HGTV was the third-mostwatched cable network after ESPN and Fox News.

In a recent feature on the company, Bloomberg's Gerry Smith attributed the network's success to the "escapist appeal of looking at other people's beautiful homes" in a year rife with conflict. "The relentlessly pleasant programming is a comfort, especially in hard times," he wrote.

But there's more to HGTV's appeal than mere blandness. "It's not easy to create content that people are passionate about and somewhat addicted to that is somewhat repetitive," Ken Lowe, chief executive of parent company Scripps Networks Interactive Inc., told Smith. HGTV's shows succeed because they tap deep longings.

For starters, they're intriguing. Rather than rely on conflict to engage viewers, they offer a small mystery: Which place will the house hunters choose? How will the renovation turn out? They keep you hanging on until the big reveal. The formula draws the viewer into the story, inviting speculations and judgments.

Then there's recognition. Watching HGTV, you see a broader swath of North Americans (including Canadians) than you usually encounter on mainstream TV: youth ministers and medical sales reps, black marketing managers and South Asians who don't work in tech, lesbian farmers and home-schooling moms, people who live in Fargo, North Dakota, or Pensacola, Florida, or Waco, Texas, home of the hit show "Fixer Upper." They speak with regional accents and come in all body types. And they're all presented respectfully, as fine people the viewer can identify with. It's the opposite of schadenfreude-driven train-wreck TV.

It's uncynical. What makes HGTV feel so wholesome isn't merely its lack of profanity but its lack of snark. Everyone is sincere and polite, sometimes obstinate but never mean. Writing about "Fixer Upper" hosts Chip and Joanna Gaines for Texas Monthly, New York journalist Taffy Brodesser-Akner marveled at their authentic humility and humor. "They're like that in person, funny and unguarded and with no fast answers," she wrote. No wonder they easily weathered a brief controversy BuzzFeed tried to gin up over their pastor's views on gays. They just don't seem like haters.

On HGTV, optimism and love abound. Those qualities reflect the fundamental appeal of the network's formula: It reverses entropy and celebrates home.

Although budgets feature prominently, the network's house-flipping shows aren't really about money. Rather, they offer the thrill of watching something deteriorated revive. Replacing corroded pipes and shoring up sagging foundations is as important to the drama as ripping out hideous wallpaper or installing new countertops. The makeovers aren't merely cosmetic. Something deeper than fashion is at stake. On HGTV, decay isn't a permanent condition, and anything can be repaired. Things get better.

Over time, HGTV has looked increasingly like just HTV, as the network focuses on the more emotionally resonant component of its identity: home. A house isn't just an investment or even a place to live. It's the embodiment of ideals -- how we want to live and who we want to be. We imagine "Life Would Be Perfect If I Lived in That House," as Meghan Daum titled her astute and funny memoir about her search for "domestic integrity."

On HGTV, those ideals are all about family and friends. Homeowners say things like, "We're doing this for our family" and "This is where our kids are going to grow up" They picture their kids running around in the backyard and refer to their own happy childhoods. B-roll shows families making dinner together or playing in the park. Many episodes feature newlyweds, visibly pregnant women, and couples who've been living with their parents -- an arrangement the network never stigmatizes -- and are ready to set out on their own. But fear not single people: If you're on HGTV, you have a passel of friends and entertain frequently around your kitchen island or backyard grill. No one is lonely here.

Sure, much of this appeal is a fantasy. Your life is still your life, even if your house is brand new. Entropy will have its way. But when trapped in an airport with an inescapable TV, instead of 24hour news it would certainly be nice to watch a little house flipping.

Virginia Postrel is the author of "The Power of Glamour: Longing and the Art of Visual Persuasion" and a columnist for Bloomberg View.

fessions?

MCARDLE - FROM LEFT

As a female journalist who writes mostly about traditionally "male areas" such as economics and business, I should perhaps be expected to endorse a "blank slate" theory of male and female gender roles, where the preference for certain kinds of activities is driven by sexist socialization

Besides, before we start blaming identity, we should also at least be will-

ing to ask about capacity: How many

men have the predisposition to be

good at these sorts of "nurturing" pro-

and discrimination, not innate ability. The problem is that this doesn't necessarily match up with the evidence.

Human children show gender-driven preferences for toys, as can be attested by those faultlessly progressive parents who have seen their boys turn their hands into a gun while their daughters make a doll out of an ear of corn. These preferences show up even in children too young to have gotten much socialization; they turn up even in rhesus monkeys, as males show a marked preference for wheeled toys over soft plush animals. I certainly believe that human society has a lot of sexist hangovers from its past. I draw the line at believing that this hangover is influencing rhesus monkey infants.

So I think we have to take seriously the possibility that many men aren't just avoiding the caring professions because they look down on the things that ladies do, but because many of them actually don't have the aptitude and patience for nurturing and caregiving work that some women do.

Sex differences are a distribution, not a hard, bright line. For example, the women's world record in the hundred-meter dash is slower than the U.S. high school boys' record. Men on average are faster than women. But the women at the top of the distribution -those Olympians -- are still faster than most men. It would be absurd to say that a woman can't run the hundred meter in 11 seconds, just because most women can't. It would be equally absurd to say that men are not, on average, faster than women.

So it's possible that the distribution of nurturing traits is skewed enough that fewer men will be good at the difficult and emotionally taxing job of providing intimate care for sick and needy people. While there are plenty of health care jobs that don't require so much direct human interaction, they tend to require more training. And the ability to sit in a classroom and absorb material from a textbook is also a human trait that is unevenly and unfairly distributed. It's not that no men can succeed in transitioning from old-style "manly" jobs to the pink-collar professions, but that fewer men may be able to do so than we'd like to think.

This of course raises an uncomfortable question: What should men do if they have a hard time making that transition? Those manufacturing jobs are not coming back, even if Donald Trump shuts down trade with China, because a lot of them haven't been lost to foreign competition but to competition from robots residing right here in the good ol' U.S. of A. Unless we start a bunch of inefficient old-fashioned factories that exist solely for the purpose of providing people work, we're going to need some sort of Plan B for many would-be workers.

I wish I had a better idea what Plan B was. But the solution that economists and policy wonks have been pushing for decades -- more education and transition into service work -- is manifestly not working for a lot of people. Indeed, it sounds a lot like professional identity politics: The experts say that the solution to all problems is for everyone to be more like them. It may not be possible for an average man to turn himself into an average woman to suit the needs of the job market. If we can't build a job market that offers opportunity and satisfaction for diverse abilities and identities, we may see a lot more convulsions of popular dissatisfaction like the one we witnessed last November.

McArdle is a Bloomberg View col-

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TOUCHET VALLEY NEWS

Vital Volunteers and Generous Donors

Special to The Times by Carolyn Henderson

It takes a special kind of person to volunteer at the Dayton Community Food Bank.

But not so uncommonly unreal that everyday humans need not apply. Indeed, regular, compassionate, intelligent human beings are what keep the food bank, which has been in operation for more than 30 years, successfully reaching out to some 550 Columbia county residents -- 160 households -- every Tues-

"What are the requirements to be a volunteer?" muses food bank coordinator Laura Thorn. "Being professional and having commonsense are very important, as well as being physically able to meet the demands of a variety of situations -- there is no heat inside the building where we work, so it can be quite cold. There is also a need for strong backs -- we're looking for people who can lift between 20 and 50 pounds or more."

One of those heavy-lifting people is Dayton resident Clarence Bartlett, who read about the organization in the paper seven years ago and decided to give it a try. Every week, he drives to Walla Walla and loads up 1000 pounds-plus of fresh and frozen perishables -- provided through cooperation with Blue Mountain Action Council -- drives it back, and unloads it in time for the two-hour Tuesday distribution window.

"Clarence is extremely dependable, and we love working with him," Thorn says. "He shows up, every week, right on time, just like clockwork."

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Also fulfilling these requirements is Aleta Shockley, president of the food bank board of directors, and volunteer of such long-standing that she can't remember when she first began.

"I started out when the food bank was in the basement of the Dayton Hospital," Shockley remembers. "They were independent and very small, but they grew as they built connections with other community service, ministerial, and city organizations." From the hospital the food bank moved onto Main Street where the Washington State University Extension Office presently resides, then off to the fairgrounds where they spent a memorable number of years contending



Photo Courtesy of Carolyn Henderson

Volunteers busy at work at the Dayton Community Food Bank.

with the climate.

"It . . . was COLD!" volunteer Ruth Janes recalls. She was remembering the winter of 2008: despite five space heaters, the ink in the pens froze, as did some

The next move, to the old fire station space on First Street, adjacent to City Hall, is still a bit cool in the winter, warm in the summer, but this does not daunt volunteers who unload boxes, organize food items, transport food to cars using a couple rundown grocery carts that see regular and innovative repairs, and serve community clients. Janes, whose first experience at the food bank was that brutal winter, considers her present job to be one of the most satisfying of

"I give out the fun items to clients, things that they may not expect, like the chips, cookies, candy and such. These are the extra things that come in that aren't necessarily necessities, but they make a differ-

Making a difference is what it is all about, observes Shockley, who in addition to being there on Tuesday distribution days and serving as the president of the board, writes grants and works tirelessly with other organizations in the community to secure funds and contributions. Relatively new to the mix is the Grocery Rescue Program, spearheaded by Second Harvest Hunger Relief Network, which serves Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho. The non-profit

organization arranges pick-up of unmarketable but usable food -- fresh produce, dairy products, and deli meats -- from participating grocers, that it then delivers to a network of food banks.

It takes a lot of people, a lot of organization, and a lot of human kindness to run a successful food bank, and all of the volunteers agree on one thing:

Dayton is filled with generous, warm-hearted, giving people.

'People of the county are so good to donate to the food bank," Janes says. "So many businesses, banks, churches, schools, scouts, and others sponsor food drives, not to mention all the individuals that donate EACH MONTH in consistent financial support."

Shockley agrees, citing the efforts of local churches, school, civic groups, health care professionals, businesses, and the senior center in meeting needs. Several organizations, she adds, focus on working with the children of the area.

"Vacation Bible School kids during the summer have giving and service as part of their curriculum. Adults pile the kids into a wagon and they all come down to the food bank with their canned goods and financial gifts. They get a tour and they can ask questions and learn more.

"They are the future down the road who will be volunteering and giving."

Wenaha Gallery conducts its annual Canned Food Drive, supporting the Dayton Community Food Bank, from now through January 31, 2017. For every canned or non-perishable food or personal care item donated, the gallery offers \$2 off custom framing, up to 20% off the total order.

Contact the gallery, located at 219 East Main Street, Dayton, WA, by phone at 509.382.2124 or e-mail art@wenaha.com. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. from Monday through Saturday, and by appointment. Visit the Wenaha Gallery website online at www.wenaha.com.

To learn more about the Dayton Community Food Bank, or to provide financial support, contact Laura Thorn at 509.382.2322 or Aleta Shockley at 509.382.2137.

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'BINGO! A WINNING MUSICAL!'







Photos by Dena Wood

The cast of the Liberty Theater production of "Bingo! A Winning Musical," has been hard at work since December. Top left: Patsy (Katie Leid) shows off her rabbit foot collection to newcomer, Allison (Deb Fortner). Veteran Bingo players Honey (Kris Takemura) and Vern (Jennie Dickenson) are less than impressed. Center: Honey extolls the virtues of the ruggedly handsome Bingo caller played by Fred Crowe. Above right: Veteran Liberty Theater director Bev Startin gives direction to the crew during a Saturday morning rehearsal.

Columbia County Working with Leaner Budget in 2017

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—Wed., Jan. 4, was Norm Passmore's first day of service on the Board of Columbia County Commissioners. And it was a busy day for the commissioners, who are working with a leaner budget in 2017.

The commissioners are facing a budget for 2017 that is \$2.5 million less than last year. Last year's board, including Dwight Robanske, who just retired, spent most of November and December working with the county auditor and various department heads to craft the 2017 budget.

Early in December the commissioners were working with a revenue shortfall of \$86,775, due in part to lower than normal filings in District Court, resulting in cuts in state funds to the county.

On Dec. 28, the commissioners ap-

proved a \$19.2 million budget for 2017, which includes \$5.5 million for various funds, a \$4.4 million current expense budget, and a \$9.3 million public works budget.

The board's morning session on Jan. 4 included a public hearing, during which the commissioners adopted a resolution to allow work to begin on demolition of the Fairgrounds East Grandstand. The board also adopted an amended 2017 Public Works Fee Schedule for solid waste fees, as well as equipment rental and revolving rental rates for the Public Works Department.

The commissioners also approved the Grendahl short plat for the Building and Planning Department, and they heard updates from Emergency Management Director Lisa Caldwell, and from Roger Trump at the Parks and Recreation Department.

Trump presented the commissioners with quotes for upgrades to the electrical system at the fairgrounds, and for the HVAC system, which is to be installed at the Fairgrounds Youth Building.

Debbie Dumont, with the Walla Walla County Department of Community Health, discussed a proposal that the county share with her department a portion of the 2.5% per \$1,000 of assessed property value that has been set aside for mental health in Columbia County, to provide developmental disability services to the county.

The commissioners also heard from Rachel Hutchens at the Columbia County Weed Control Board about a proposal to have internet service installed at the Fairgrounds Pavilion, and about purchasing a projector and screen to be used there. She said these

can be accomplished with financial help from the Columbia County Wheat Growers and the Agriculture Improvement Group.

The commissioners also appointed Rose Englebreit and Ty Lane to the Columbia County Fair Board.

"It is exciting, a challenge," said Passmore of his new position. "I'm working with two great commissioners, and staff"

When asked about his personal goal for getting a human resources manager on board at the county, Passmore said, "I see a need for that. It would be beneficial. We're working with a challenging budget, and we need to get creative." Passmore said he thought 2018 was a likely target for that goal.

Dayton Schools Set Community-Wide Visioning Meeting

2017 BOARD ASSIGNMENTS ARE ALSO ESTABLISHED AT JAN. 4 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—Jan. 25 will be a busy day for the Dayton School District, beginning with drug impairment training for staff, in Pomeroy, and ending with the district's community visioning meeting in the evening.

At their regular meeting on Jan. 4, the Dayton School Board heard from high school principal Paul Shaber about the drug impairment training, which he has set up, in conjunction with the Coalition for Youth and Families and local law enforcement personnel.

"Mr. Shaber has been working on this training for a while, and finally was able to find an acceptable date for the instructor. . . The training is intended to help determine if a child is under the influence of a drug, and some potential methods of helping the child get help," said Superintendent Doug Johnson.

The training is open to teachers and adult volun-

teers, Johnson told the directors.

There is also a blood drive scheduled between 10:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. in the high school gymnasium, during the day on Jan. 25.

In the evening, the district is hosting its community visioning meeting, to help provide a ten-year roadmap for district goals.

"All employees, parents, and community members are invited to attend and provide input, as the Board of Directors work on a vision statement for the future," said Johnson, who hopes to see at least 100 community members at the meeting.

Invitations have been sent to parents for the meeting, which will take place at 5:30 p.m., in the elementary school multipurpose room, and which will begin with a light soup supper.

Board assignments for the coming year were established at the Jan. 4 meeting, as follows: Dan Butler, Chairperson; Dave Bailey, Vice-Chairperson; Katie Leid, Legislative Representative; Dave Bailey WIAA Representative; Dan Andrews Facilities Representative; Dan Butler, Budget and Finance Representative; Dan Butler and Dan Andrews, Curriculum Representatives; Katie Leid and Justin Jaech, Public Relations; Dan Butler and Katie Leid, Certificated Staff Negotiations; Dan Andrews, Classified Employee Group; and Dave Bailey and Justin Jaech, Dayton Support Staff;

Plans for the high school Back Country Club include a ski date in February, rock climbing in March, and a rafting excursion in late May or early June, according to Shaber.

Shaber also said the ASB/National Guard food drive is underway, and elementary school principal Pam Lindsley said the elementary school students collected 575 lbs. of food for the local food bank during their food drive in December.

In her report to the board, Lindsley said the elementary school teachers continue to explore math curriculum, and are sampling those that might meet the district's needs.

Also, the annual ASB Valentine's Day candy-gram sale will begin shortly, according to Lindsley. "The kids want a drinking fountain outside," she told the directors, describing how the funds may be used.

Both principals will attend a leadership conference in Seattle, in February.

A template is being designed for a district newsletter, according to Superintendent Johnson who suggested that board members contribute to it when it is ready for publication.

NEW AND ONGOING PROGRAMS AT THE DAYTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON--A beginning sign language class is starting up on Jan. 17 at 6 p.m. in the Delany Room at the Dayton Memorial Library, according to Vicki Zoller at the library.

Zoller said the class is for anyone who would like to learn an alternative method of communication with small children, or with family members who have lost the ability to communicate because of medical issues, such as stroke.

Lois Farnsworth Whysong will teach the basic skills class. Additional monthly classes are being considered, Zoller said.

Bring a sack lunch and your electronic devices to the Brown Bag Workshop, on Jan. 26, at 12 p.m. in the Delany Room, to learn how to download Ebooks. The workshop is also offered at 6:30 p.m., on Jan. 26, for people who can't make it to the earlier session.

The library has electronic devices that can be checked out, Zoller added. The Brown Bag Workshops will take place on the fourth Thursday of each month.

Ongoing programs at the library include story time for preschoolers, which takes place on Wednesday mornings at 10 a.m. in the childrens' library, and family story time, and dinner, which takes place on the first Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m.

Book Chat, the "Not a Book Club Book Club," will meet on Jan. 21, at 6 p.m. in the Delany Room. Book Chat is open to everyone.

"We don't read and dissect any one book, but instead explore all aspects of reading, and literature," said Zoller. "It's a wonderful way to find out about new books to read, or old ones to re-read. And there is always homemade pie," she added.

Patriotic Tour is a Mission of Healing

BOB BROCK WILL HONOR VETERANS AND POLICE OFFICERS AS HE TRAVELS TO WASHINGTON, D.C. IN MAY

By Dena Wood | THE TIMES

DIXIE – Bob Brock is on a mission of healing, though he's going about it in an unconventional means.

On May 15, he will depart Walla Walla and travel to Washington, D.C., in his Your Patriots Jeep, thanking and honoring veterans and law enforcement all along the way. Once in Washington, he will drive before the White House in the National Memorial Day parade.

Brock lives with his wife, Jacque, on a small farm on Biscuit Ridge outside Dixie. He is a member of the Waitsburg American Legion and served in the Air Force from 1967-1971. He spent 1968 stationed at the Pleiku Air Base in Vietnam.

After retiring as a realtor in Walla Walla, Brock said he had the idea of converting his white 1997 Jeep Wrangler into a Your Patriot Jeep. Brock said the idea had been blowing around in his head for some time.

"The inspiration came through all the incidents that have happened since 9/11, particularly after Benghazi. I began feeling frustrated at not being able to reach out and thank the people that go through those experiences," Brock said.



Photo Courtesy of Bob Brock

Veteran Bob Brock poses with his Your Patriot Jeep.

"I love this land and what it has provided for us. Veterans have done so much for us. They are ordinary people doing extraordinary things. This was a way to do something more to honor them," he added.

Brock shared his vision with Carl Christianson of College Place, who took the concept and transformed the Jeep into a patriotic work of art.

"He did an extraordinary job and really captured my thoughts of what I wanted to do," Brock said.

The Jeep was finished in the summer of 2015. Brock added outside speakers and flags, and debuted the Jeep at Walla

Walla's Veterans Day Parade.

Local veterans who have ridden on the parade trailer include: Ernie Schrader, Jim Hilton, Dave Hilton, Bob Radke, Jacob Radke, Bobby Radke, Dr. Jim Duncan, Rod Baker, Jenny Wade, Jack McCaw, Bill Hinchliffe, Ed Stonecipher, and Ivan Keve.

"It's been really rewarding for me. Many veterans have never been in a parade or even gotten a thank you. A man who was riding in the Jeep in the last parade we did said it was an incredible experience. When you look down and see little kids holding signs that say 'Thank You, Veterans,' that's what it's all

about," Brock said.

"It's worked out well and I'm really enjoying the feedback from the people and veterans. People will often stop to give a hug. It's kind of a healing thing. I like that," he added.

Brock has decided to take the concept even further by traveling through Idaho, Montana, and South Dakota, on his way to Washington D.C. Brock said he'll be driving alone – except for portions of the ride where veterans will join him – but he's looking forward to the adventure.

"It's a fun way to see the country. I'm going to do it, and this little Jeep is going to take me," Brock said.

Brock plans to visit VA hospitals, VFW halls and AMVET organizations all along the way. He also hopes to bring attention to veteran support organizations, such as Wounded Warriors and the Gary Sinise Foundation.

Brock said he will also be adding a "thin blue line" flag to the back of the Jeep in honor police.

"I have a lot of admirations for those folks. Many of them pull double duty, serving in the military, then putting on a police uniform to serve the country again. I give them a double handshake when I see them. It means a lot to me to be able to give positive recognition," Brock said.

"I know the country has a lot of problems, but we're not going to fix them by putting our head in the sand. This is not the first thing I've done alone and I'm happy and proud to be able to do it. Our mission is to thank as many veterans across this great land as we can – one day, one mile at a time. God Bless America!" he said.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY

CHRISTIAN CHURCH OFFERS CELEBRATE RECOVERY GROUP

Pastor Matt Wyatt created program to give hope to those with addictions

By Dena Wood THE TIMES

WAITSBURG – The Waitsburg Christian Church hopes to be a light in the darkness by offering a new Celebrate Recovery group, beginning Wed., Jan. 14.

The group, facilitated by Pastor Matt Wyatt, will meet at the Waitsburg Christian Church (604 Main) from 7-8 p.m. each Wednesday night, and is focused on helping people deal with "any hurt, habit, or hang up" in their lives, including addictions, compulsive, and dysfunctional behaviors.

"As an individual that let drugs and alcohol control my life for years, I know the darkness that I woke up to each day," Wyatt said. "When God saved me, I realized I don't want any other family to go through what my wife and daughter had to witness. I realized the change had to start with me."

The Celebrate Recovery program was developed by Saddleback Church in California, but Wyatt said he has added some personal touches

of his own. Wyatt has had a strong desire to offer the program since three years ago, when he found a close friend with a heroin needle in his arm. That friend later died at the hospital.

"It's my passion to let others know there is hope in addiction. It's a dark place to be in. I hope to shine a little light into their world and onto what they're going through. When people are in a hole, we need to reach in and help them out rather than kicking dirt on them. The focus of this program is to give them the steps to make a change," Wyatt said.

Wyatt said the group aims to help people with all kinds of issues, not just drug addiction. He said depression, sexual addiction, overeating, and anger are also big issues for many.

Wyatt will share his personal testimony at the group's first meeting at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 14. There will be a snack and fellowship time before the meeting, at 6:30 p.m., and after the meeting, as well.

"People are free to join the group any time, even if they miss the first meeting. It's always free and people don't need to bring anything but themselves," Wyatt said.

To learn more about Celebrate Recovery contact Matt Wyatt at matt@waitsburgchristian-church.org.

Local Artists Bring Art to Waitsburg Elementary Students

SUZE WOOD AND LANE HILL ARE WORKING WITH CARNEGIE PICTURE LAB PROGRAM

By Dena Wood | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG – Waitsburg elementary students will have their artwork displayed with that of other area students at the Carnegie Picture Show exhibit at the Walla Walla Library from Jan. 10-21. Waitsburg artist Lane Hill will offer a portraiture demonstration as part of the closing celebration at 11 a.m. on Jan. 21.

Waitsburg was added to the Carnegie Picture Lab area of service last fall, allowing students to experience art history and art creation lessons. Waitsburg artist Suze Wood is the Waitsburg Advocate for the Picture Lab program.

"We're pretty excited to have Waitsburg added to the Carnegie Picture Lab program! Dr. Carke approved the school's side of the funding and resources within hours of my emailing her, and ArtWalla sponsored \$500 to make the extension of the program to Waitsburg Elementary possible," Wood said.

Each year, volunteer artists are selected and trained to provide a balanced art enrichment experience to more than 3,900 students, at 10 schools in the Walla Walla Valley. This fall, Waitsburg students created unique self portraits inspired by Mary Cassatt. Next quarter they will learn about Ukiyo-e printmakers, according to Program Director Tracy Thompson.

"The kids were amazing, and I'm excited to see their artwork included in the show," Wood said. "I'll be heading back into the classroom this winter and again in the spring, for the next two lessons. If there are any artists in the community who would like to volunteer for Carnegie Picture Lab to help with classes that would be great!"

The Carnegie Picture Show is a celebration of the work children have done in the classroom. There will be a variety of activities for children of all ages from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Jan. 21.

At 11 a.m. that day, Hill will demonstrate portraiture, both digitally, using an iPad, and traditionally, with paint and paper.

Carnegie Picture Lab relies on support from community donors. Visit www.carnegiepicturelab.com to learn about volunteering, or to donate to help provide arts education to local schoolchildren.

HASA Father-Daughter Dance

Jan. 14 fundraiser looks to be a memorable event, plus help purchase school supplies

By Dena Wood | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG – Parents of Waitsburg Elementary School students have not had to buy school supplies for their kids for the last two years, and high school parents were freed from the burden last year as well.

Thanks goes to the Waitsburg Home and School Association, which has made it a goal to provide everything but a backpack for Waitsburg students.

HASA has raised funds through their annual carnival, a silent auction, and movie nights, but this year they're trying something new. On Jan. 14, HASA is hosting a Father-Daughter Dance that they hope will be a special time for girls and the father figures in their lives, as well as a fundraiser

as well as a fundraiser.

"This is my first year with HASA. and I've always wondered about a father dance for my girls," said HASA President Jaimee Knudson. "The idea came up when we were brainstorming fundraisers. Dad David Long is a DJ and Laisha White is an awesome photographer, and both volunteered to donate their time."

Knudson added: "We started plugging in the pieces and it all fell into place. We hope to cover the cost of school supplies for all of

our students in the district again. It takes quite a bit of money to do so, but it's been extremely helpful for a lot of families to take that burden off of them," she added.

HASA is hoping to make the event a truly special evening. The theme is "Winter Wonderland," and first 50 girls to arrive will receive a rose at the door. All attendees will enjoy an evening of music, treats and dancing. The \$15 entrance fee (for the gentlemen only, ladies are free) includes a free keepsake photo from Laisha White Photography.

The dance will take place at the Waitsburg Elementary School from 6 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 14. Girls of all ages are invited to attend with the fathers, grandfathers, stepdads, uncles or brothers. Girls do not need to be Waitsburg students to attend this special event.

SPORTS

Dayton Girls Still Undefeated After Three New-Year Victories

LADY BULLDOGS START YEAR OFF WITH WINS OVER RITZVILLE, TCP, AND WHITE SWAN

By Ken Graham | THE TIMES

DAYTON – The Dayton girls' basketball team extended their winning streak to nine games this season, with wins last week over Ritzville, Tri-Cities Prep and White Swan. The Lady Bulldogs are 9-0 overall and 5-0 in Eastern Washington Athletic Conference League play.

Dayton was to travel to Pomeroy Tuesday night for a non-league game. They are scheduled to play Liberty Christian in Richland Friday night and host Mabton on Saturday.

Dayton 64, White Swan 38

On Saturday, Dayton hosted White Swan and coasted to an easy 64-38 win. Dayton jumped out to leads of 16-10 after the first quarter and 33-22 at the half.

The Lady Bulldogs took advantage of 24 white swan fouls, sinking 16 of 33 attempts from the free throw line. Shayla Currin was five-for-nine at the line, and Jenna Phillips and Josilyn Fullerton each sank three of four from the line.

Sidney Andrews led her team's scoring with 16 points. Fullerton added 15, and Phillips and Currin each had 13. Andrews pulled down seven rebounds, and Phillips had four assists. Dayton outrebounded White Swan 34-23.

White Swan 10 11 6 11 — 38 Dayton 16 17 16 15 — 64

White Swan — Taylor 0 0-0 0, Anderson 4 0-0 8, Ike 1-4 0-0 2, Bass 2 2-2 6, Carey 2 0-0 4, Zagelow 0 0-0 0, Cheney 5 3-4 16, Castileja 1 0-0 2; Team: 15 5-6 38

Dayton — Phillips 5 3-4 13, Andrews 6 4-13 16, Laughery 2 0-1 4, Wanlarbkam 1 0-0 2, Brincken 0 0-0 0, Fullerton 6 3=4 15, Currin 4 5-9 13, Patton 0-0 0-0 0, Bryan 0-1 1-2 1; Team: 24 16-33 64

3-point goals — White Swan 3 (Cheney 3), Dayton none; Total fouls — White Swan 24, Dayton 7; Fouled out — none; Technical fouls — none; Rebounds — White Swan 23, Dayton 34 (Andrews 7); Turnovers — N/A; Assists — Dayton 10 (Phillips 4)

Dayton 58, Tri-Cities Prep 19

On Friday night, Dayton traveled to Pasco and routed Tri-Cities Prep 58-19. The Lady Bulldogs exploded in the first quarter to take a 24-7 lead after one. They built their lead to 38-13 at the half.

Shayla Currin led the way for Dayton with 20





Times File Photos

Far left: During a game last year, Dayton's Sydney Andrews goes up for a layin as teammate Josilyn Fullerton trails the

Left: Dayton's Shayla Currin drives to the basket during a playoff game last season

points. She also pulled down 15 rebounds. The Lady 'Dogs out-rebounded the Jaguars 41-15.

Sidney Andrews had 15 points for the game, and Alexis Wanlarbkam added eight. Jenna Phillips had seven points, along with eight assists.

Dayton 24 14 10 10 — 58 Tri-Cities Prep 7 6 4 2 — 19

Dayton — Phillips 2 3-4 7, Andrews 6 3-4 15, Laughery 0 0-0 0, Wanlarbkam 3-7 2-5 8, Brincken 0-2 0-0 0, Fullerton 3 0-2 6, Currin 9 2-6 20, Patton 0 0-0 0, Bryan 1 0-0 2; Team: 24 10-21 58

Tri-Cities Prep — Perez 0 0-0 0, Ghirardo 1 0-0 2, Dickson 1 1-2 3, Slahtasky 4 0-1 8, Coffey 1 0-3 2, Monteon 1 0-0 2, Long 1 0-2 2; Team: 9 1-8 19

3-point goals — none; Total fouls — Dayton 15, Tri-Cities Prep 16; Fouled out — Tri-Cities Prep (Dixon); Technical fouls — none; Rebounds — Tri-Cities Prep 15, Dayton 41 (Currin 15); Turnovers — N/A; Assists — Dayton 16 (Phillips 8)

Dayton 45, Ritzville 37

After a long Christmas break, and a one-day weather delay, the Dayton girls went on the road and beat Ritzville on Jan. 4, 45-37.

Both teams came out a bit cold, ending the first quarter in a 5-5 tie. Dayton Trailed at the half, 17-16. But the Lady 'Dogs got their offense going in the second half and pulled away for the win.

Dayton's veteran seniors all had strong games, as Shayla Currin, Sidney Andrews and Jenna Phillips each scored ten points. Josilyn Fullerton had nine, including a three-pointer.

Dayton out-rebounded Ritzville 25-15, with Andrews pulling down eight. Currin had five assists.

Dayton 5 11 14 15 — 45 Ritzville 5 12 11 9 — 37

Dayton — Phillips 5-13 0-2 10, Andrews 3-7 4-10 10, Laughery 0-1 1-2 1, Wanlarbkam 2-4 1-2 5, Brincken 0-0 0-0 0, Fullerton 4-7 0-2 9, Currin 3-17 4-8 10, Patton 0-0 0-0 0, Bryan 0-0 0-0 0, Griffin 0-0 0-0 0. Team 17-49 10-26 45.

Ritzville — Ziemer 2-3 0-0 5, O'Brien 0-2 0-0 0, Galbreath 4-7 2-5 12, Miller 0-3 0-0 0, Curtis 4-9 2-2 11, Yeager 0-0 0-0 0, Jantz 1-8 1-4 3, E. Gering 0-0 0-0 0, Harder 2-4 0-0 4, A. Gering 1-1 0-0 2. Team 14-45 5-11 37.

3-point goals — Dayton 1 (Fullerton), Ritzville 4 (Galbreath 2); Total fouls — Dayton 13, Ritzville 21; Fouled out — none; Technical fouls — none; Rebounds — Dayton 25 (Andrews 8), Ritzville 15; Turnovers — Dayton 8; Assists — Dayton 11 (Currin 5)

Bulldogs Struggle in Weekend Losses to TCP, White Swan

BREN SCORES 26 POINTS IN TWO GAMES, BUT DAYTON REMAINS WINLESS IN LEAGUE PLAY.

By Ken Graham | THE TIMES

PASCO – The Dayton boys' basketball team traveled to Tri-Cities Prep on Friday night and fell to the Jaguars, 45-36, after leading much of the game.

The Bulldogs led 9-7 after the first quarter and held on to a 23-20 lead at the half. Dayton maintained a two-point lead after three quarters, but the Jaguars rallied in the fourth to pull away for the win.

For the game, Ben Kleck led the Bulldogs with 17 points, including a three-pointer. Tanner Bren added 13, including a trey.

Dayton out-rebounded TCP 33-15, with six boards each from Cal Martin and Junior Helm. But turnovers killed the Bulldogs, as they led in that statistic, 22-9.

White Swan 66, Dayton 45 DAYTON – Dayton hosted White Swan on Saturday night, but got blown out early and came away with a loss, 66-45.

White Swan built a 29-9 lead after the first quarter, and the Bulldogs

couldn't recover.

Tanner Bren led his team with 13 points, giving him 26 for the weekend.

The Bulldogs are now 1-8 overall and 0-5 in Eastern Washington Athletic Conference play. Dayton was to travel to Pomeroy Tuesday night and then play Liberty Christian away on Friday and host Mabton on Saturday.

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SPORTS

NEWMAN, JOE ADAMS TAKE TWO MATCHES AT SPANGLE

JUST, HOFFMAN, KY ADAMS SPLIT THEIR MATCHES IN LEAGUE MEET LAST THURSDAY.

By Ken Graham | THE TIMES

SPANGLE – Five Waitsburg wrestlers got wins last Thursday at a District 7/9 league meet in Spangle. Devin Newman and Joe Adams won both their matches, and David Just, Ky Adams, and Tyler Hoffman got a win and a loss each.

Newman, wrestling in the 145-pound weight class, pinned both of his opponents. He ended his first match, against Liberty's Sam Nelson, late in the first period. In his second match, Newman pinned Nate Barney, of Colfax, at the 28-second mark.

Joe Adams faced Mason Payne, of Readan, in the 182-pound class, and pinned him in the first period. Adams then defeated Kevin Date, also from Reardan, by a score of 4-1.

In the 138-pound class, David Just took on Dayton Lane, of Lind-Ritzville, and pinned him after 42 seconds in the first period. In his second match, Just faced Nathan Kiefer, of Readan. After a hard-fought match, Kiefer pinned Just late in the final period.

Ky Adams lost his first match, by a decision against Glen Johnson, of Liberty. Ky then took on Reardan's Ozius Harden, and beat him by a score of 4-2.

Hoffman, wrestling in the heavyweight class, pinned Hunter Dawley, of Reardan, early in the first period. However, in his second match, Hoffman faced Tucker Guiles, of Lind-Ritzville, and was pinned in the second period.

Waitsburg's Dylan Knowles also wrestled in the heavyweight class, but lost both of his matches. His first loss was to Guiles, by pin. In his second match, Knowles faced Reardan's Dawley, and again was pinned.



Photo by Andie Holmberg

Waitsburg wrestler Joe Adams pinned an opponent during a match last month in Pomeroy. Adams won both his matches in Spangle on Jan. 5.

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FUTURE WARRIOR



Courtesy Photo

On Friday, Jan. 6, Waitsburg senior Emily Adams officially signed on to compete in both cross country and track and field for the Lewis-Clark State College Warriors. Adams was offered a partial scholarship and verbally committed to the Warriors in December.

Adams says she plans to study kinesiology (the study of human movement) and hopes to become a physical therapist. She looks forward to joining WHS alums Seth Deal who competes in cross country and track and field for the Warriors, and Owen Lanning who competes in track and field.

Above: Adams (right) is joined by WHS principal and athletic director Stephanie Wooderchak as she commits to run for LCSC.

BULLDOGS FALL TO RITZVILLE, 49-38

RITZVILLE – After a one-day weather delay, the Dayton boys' basketball team made the trip to Ritzville, but came away with a loss, 49-38.

The Bulldogs came out strong, and led after one period, 10-9, but couldn't handle the Ritzville offense in the second quarter, and trailed at the half, 27-18.

Trystan Willis led Dayton scoring with nine points. He also led his team with nine rebounds. Tanner Bren had eight points, and Ben Kleck, seven. Willis, Kleck and Cal Martin each sank a three-point shot. Trystan Willis came off the bench and did a great job for us," said Dayton coach Will Hutchens. "His rebounding was one of the reasons we stayed in the game."

Dayton got into some foul trouble against Ritzville, committing 19. Martin fouled out.

Dayton 10 8 12 8 — 38 Ritzville 9 18 8 14 — 49

Dayton — Helm 2-6 0-0 4, Dieu 1-4 0-0 2, Martin 1-8 1-4 4, Wilkening 2-2 0-0 4, Willis 3-9 2-2 9, Kleck 3-7 0-2 7, Bryan 0-1 0-0 0, Bren 4-17 0-2 8; Totals 16-52 3-10 38

Ritzville — Bartz 4-9 1-3 9, Yaeger 0-2 0-0 0, Nelson 1-4 0-0 2, Thompson 3-11 0-1 6, Gering 2-4 0-2 6, Smith 4-6 3-7 11, Kelly 1-7 2-3 4, Ziebell 1-4 1-2 3, Shields 4-9 0-0 8; Totals 20-50 7-18 49

3-point goals — Dayton (Martin, Willis, Kleck), Ritzville (Gering 2); Total fouls — Dayton 19, Ritzville 12; Fouled out — Dayton (Martin); Technical fouls — none; Rebounds — Ritzville 36 (Smith 8), Dayton 35 (Willis 9); Turnovers — Ritzville 18, Dayton 16

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No. 16-4-50112-11 PROBATE NOTICE TO **CREDITORS** 11.40.020, .030

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUN-TY OF FRANKLIN

In Re the Estate of: FRANCES JOAN ROBIN-SON,

Deceased

The personal representative named below has been appointed as personal representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the personal representative or the personal representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: 1) Thirty days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or 2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate as-DATE OF FILING COPY OF NOTICE TO CREDITORS with Clerk of Court: January 4, 2017. DATE OF

FIRST PUBLICATION: January 12, 2017.

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Notice of Regular Board Meeting Time Change

NOTICE is hereby given that the Board of Directors (the "Board") of Prescott School District No. 402-37, Walla Walla and Columbia Counties, Washington (the "District") will move the Regular Board Meeting Time on January 26, 2017 from 6:00PM to 1:00PM at Prescott School District -Board Room, located at 207 South A Street, Prescott, WA 99348.

Individuals with disabilities who may need a modification to participate in a meeting should contact the Superintendent's office no later than three days before a regular meeting as soon as possible in advance of a special meeting so that arrangements can be

Brett Cox, Superintendent

The Times Jan. 12, 19, 2017

PRESCOTT SCHOOL DIS-TRICT NO. 402-37 WALLA WALLA AND CO-**LUMBIA COUNTIES, WASH-**INGTON

NOTICE OF SPECIAL **MEETING**

NOTICE is hereby given that the Board of Directors (the "Board") of Prescott School District No. 402-37, Walla Walla and Columbia Counties, Washington (the "District") will hold a Special Meeting/Work Session on January 26, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. at Prescott School District Board Room located at 207 S. A Street, Prescott, WA

99348. The meeting is being

called to hold an Executive

Session, ref 42.30.110(q) Evaluation of Superintendent. Open Public Meeting Act Training, Review Annual Board Goals Facility & Financial, discuss adopting a Transgender Policy and Real Property. The meeting will follow the guidelines of a Board Work Session. To ensure compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act (Chapter 42.30 RCW), the Board will treat the meeting on January 26, 2017 as a special meeting, and provide notice of this meeting as required by

The January 26, 2017 meeting is called for the purpose of considering and acting upon the following agenda

9:00 a.m. Board Work Session Agenda

- 1.Call to Order 2.Flag Salute
- 3.Roll Call 4. Delegates, Visitors and
- Guests 5. Additional items to be
- added to the agenda by the Superintendent

Executive Session REF 42.30.110 (g) -Evaluation of Superintendent

- 6. Open Public Meeting Act Required Training - Video (16 minutes)
- 7. Board Goals Facility/Financial (Preschool Program) 8. Transgender Policy
- Additional Comments and Information - Real Property 10. Citizens Comments and/or Business 11.Adjournment

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Superintendent

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NOTICE OF MEETING SCHEDULE OF THE WALLA WALLA WATERSHED MAN-**AGEMENT PARTNERSHIP**

Notice is hereby given that the Walla Walla Watershed Management Partnership will convene its 2017 regular meetings on the first Tuesday month with its annual meeting on Tuesday, February 7, 2017, at 7pm at the Walla Walla Community College Water and Environmental Center at 500 Tausick Way, Walla Walla, WA. The public is invited to attend. Additional information is available at www. wallawallawatershed.org.

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Call for Public Comments 2016 Human Services **Transportation Plan (HSTP)** Update

A draft of the updated 2016 Human Services Transportation Plan (HSTP) will be available for public review beginning January 11 through January 24, 2017 at the Walla Walla Library, Waitsburg City Hall, Milton-Freewater Library, Walla Walla Valley MPO/SRT-PO office, and online at http:// wwvmpo.org/public-participation.html. All comments are due to WWVMPO/SRTPO by noon on January 24, 2017.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

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Pursuant to the Revised Code of Washington 61.24, et seq. TS No.: WA-14-617997-TC APN No.: 7883/ 360721550313 Title Order No.: 8423922 Deed of Trust Grantor(s): ALFRED HER-NANDEZ Deed of Trust Grantee(s): THE ASSOCI-ATES FINANCIAL SERVICES Deed of Trust Instrument/ Reference No.: 9906602 I. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Quality Loan Service Corp. of Washington, the undersigned Trustee, will on 2/10/2017, at 10:00 AM At the

main entrance to the Walla

Walla county Courthouse. located at 315 W Main, Walla Walla, WA 99362 sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder, payable in the form of credit bid or cash bid in the form of cashier's check or certified checks from federally or State chartered banks, at the time of sale the following described real property, situated in the County of WALLA WALLA, State of Washington, to-wit: BEGIN-NING AT A POINT IN THE SOUTH LINE OF LOT 2 IN **BLOCK 3 OF ENNIS ANNEX** TO THE CITY OF WALLA WALLA, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN VOLUME C OF PLATS, PAGE 31, RECORDS OF WALLA WALLA COUNTY, WASHING-TON, WHICH POINT IS 15.0 FEET EAST, MEASURED ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE. FROM THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 2; AND RUNNING THENCE EAST, ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID LOT 2. A DISTANCE OF 51.6 FEET; THENCE NORTH, PARALLEL TO THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT 2. A DISTANCE OF 188.71 FEET TO A POINT IN A LINE DRAWN PARALLEL TO AND 20 FEET SOUTH OF THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT 2; THENCE WEST ON SAID PARALLEL LINE 51.6 FEET TO A POINT IN A LINE DRAWN PARALLEL TO AND 15.0 FEET EAST OF THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT 2; THENCE SOUTH, PARALLEL TO THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT 2, A DISTANCE OF 188.71 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. More commonly known as: 1501 EVERGREEN ST, WALLA WALLA, WA 99362 which is subject to that certain Deed of Trust dated 5/27/1999 recorded 6/1/1999, under Instrument No. 9906602, Book 284, Page 2194 and re-recorded on 4/4/2014 as Instrument Number 2014-02339 records of WALLA WALLA County, Washington, from ALFRED HERNANDEZ, AS HIS SEPRATE ESTATE, as grantor(s), to PIONEER TITLE CO. OF WALLA WALLA, as original trustee, to secure an obligation in favor of THE ASSOCIATES FINANCIAL SERVICES, as original beneficiary, the beneficial interest in which was subsequently assigned to CITIFINANCIAL SERVICING LLC, the Beneficiary, under an assignment recorded under Auditors File Number 2016-01945 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: \$41,993.13 . IV. The sum owing on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust is: The principal sum of \$76,949.47, together with interest as provided in the Note from 3/5/2012 on, and such other costs and fees as are provided by statute. V. The above-described real property will be sold to satisfy the expense of sale and the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust as provided by statute. Said sale will be made without warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances on 2/10/2017. The defaults referred to in Paragraph III must be cured by 1/30/2017 (11 days before the sale date), or by other date as permitted in the Note or Deed of Trust, to cause a discontinuance of the sale. The sale will be discontinued and terminated if at any time before 1/30/2017 (11 days before the sale), or by other date as permitted in

Deed of Trust, and curing all other defaults. VI. A written Notice of Default was transmitted by the Beneficiary or Trustee to the Borrower(s) and Grantor(s) by both first class and certified mail, proof of which is in the possession of the Trustee: and the Borrower and Grantor were personally served, if applicable, with said written Notice of Default or the written Notice of Default was posted in a conspicuous place on the real property described in Paragraph I above, and the Trustee has possession of proof of such service or posting. The list of recipients of the Notice of Default is listed within the Notice of Foreclosure provided to the Borrower(s) and Grantor(s). These requirements were completed as of 8/16/2016. VII. The Trustee whose name and address are set forth below will provide in writing to anyone requesting it, a statement of all costs and fees due at any time prior to the sale. VIII. The effect of the sale will be to deprive the Grantor and all those who hold by, through or under the Grantor of all their interest in the above-described property. IX. Anyone having any objections to this sale on any grounds whatsoever will be afforded an opportunity to be heard as to those objections if they bring a lawsuit to restrain the sale pursuant to RCW 61.24.130. Failure to bring such a lawsuit may result in a waiver of any proper grounds for invalidating the Trustee's sale. X. NOTICE TO OCCUPANTS OR TENANTS - The purchaser at the Trustee's Sale is entitled to possession of the property on the 20 th day following the sale, as against the Grantor under the deed of trust (the owner) and anyone having an interest junior to the deed of trust, including occupants who are not tenants. After the 20 th day following the sale the purchaser has the right to evict occupants who are not tenants by summary proceedings under Chapter 59.12 RCW. For tenant-occupied property, the purchaser shall provide a tenant with written notice in accordance with RCW 61.24.060. THIS NOTICE IS THE FINAL STEP BEFORE THE FORECLOSURE SALE OF YOUR HOME. You have only 20 DAYS from the recording date of this notice to pursue mediation. DO NOT DELAY. CONTACT A HOUS-ING COUNSELOR OR AN ATTORNEY LICENSED IN WASHINGTON NOW to assess your situation and refer you to mediation if you are eligible and it may help you save your home. See below for safe sources of help. SEEKING ASSISTANCE Housing counselors and legal assistance may be available at little or no cost to you. If you would like assistance in determining your rights and opportunities to keep your house, you may contact the following: The statewide foreclosure hotline for assistance and referral to housing counselors recommended by the Housing Finance Commission: Toll-free: 1-877-894-HOME (1-877-894-4663) or Web site: http://www. dfi.wa.gov/consumers/ homeownership/post purchase counselors foreclosure.htm . The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development: Toll-free: 1-800-569-4287 or National Web Site: http://portal.hud.gov/ hudportal/HUD or for Local counseling agencies in Washington: http://www.hud. gov/offices/hsg/sfh/hcc/fc/ index.cfm?webListAction=search&searchstate=WA&filterSvc=dfc The statewide civil legal aid hotline for assistance and referrals to other housing counselors and attornevs: Telephone: 1-800-606-4819 or Web site: http://nwjustice.org/ what-clear . Additional disclaimers provided by the Trustee: If you have previously

TION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE Dated: 10/6/2016 Quality Loan Service Corp. of Washington, as Trustee By: Rhianna Watson, Assistant Secretary Trustee's Mailing Address: Quality Loan Service Corp. of Washington C/O Quality Loan Service Corp. 411 Ivy Street, San Diego, CA 92101 (866) 645-7711 Trustee's Physical Address: Quality Loan Service Corp. of Washington 108 1 st Ave South, Suite 202 Seattle, WA 98104 (866) 925-0241 Sale Line: 916-939-0772 or Logi n to: http://wa.qualityloan. com Trustee Sale Number: WA-14-617997-TC State of: ornia ____) County of: San Diego ____) On California before me, ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument. I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of the State of WITNESS my hand and official seal. (Seal) Signature IDSPub #0116280 1/12/2017 2/2/2017

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Case No. 11 3 00284 0 In the Superior Court of the

State of Washington for the County of Walla Walla ELIZABETH BERG, Petitioner NICHOLAS BERG, Re-

spondent The State of Washington to

the said NICHOLAS BERG: You are hereby given notice that there been a petition for a notice of relocation. You are to responded with in 42 days after the date of the first publication of this summons of a notice of relocation, after January 19, 2017 and defend the above entitled action in the above entitled court, and answer the complaint of the petitioner. ELIZABETH BERG, and serve a copy of your answer upon the petitioner at the address below stated; and in case of your failure to do so, judgment will be rendered against you according to the demand of the notice of relocation, which has been filed with the clerk of said court. If you do not serve your written response within 42 days after the date this summons was served on you, exclusive of the day of service, the court may enter an order of default against you, and the court may, without further notice to you, enter a final order and approve or provide for the relief requested in the petition. The court will not enter the final order until at least 42 days after filing and service. Serve a copy of your response to ELIZABETH BERG at 2222 School Ave. Walla Walla, WA, 99362

The Times Dec. 8, 15, 22, 29, 2016 Jan 5 12 2017 12-8-f

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Pursuant to the Revised Code of Washington 61.24, et seq. TS No.: WA-16-737847-BB APN No.: 360722330108 Title Order No.: 160194779-WA-MSO Deed of Trust Grantor(s): WILLIAM M. WILLIAMS Deed of Trust Grantee(s): HOUSEHOLD FINANCE CORPORATION III Deed of Trust Instrument/ Reference No.: 2007-03231 I. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Quality Loan Service Corp. of Washington, the undersigned Trustee, will on 1/20/2017, at 10:00 AM At the main entrance to the Walla Walla county Courthouse, located at 315 W Main, Walla Walla, WA 99362 sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder, payable in the form of credit bid or cash bid in the form of cashier's check or certified checks from federally or State chartered banks, at the time of sale the following described real property. situated in the County of WALLA WALLA, State of Washington, to-wit: LOT 1 OF SHORT PLAT RECORDED **OCTOBER 30, 1998 IN VOLUME 3 OF SHORT** PLATS AT PAGE 206 UNDER AUDITOR'S FILE NO. 9812542, RECORDS OF WALLA WALLA COUNTY, WASHINGTON, SITUATED IN THE CITY AND COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA, STATE OF

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sale. VIII. The effect of the sale

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above-described property. IX.

Anyone having any objections

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lawsuit to restrain the sale

pursuant to RCW 61.24.130.

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TO OCCUPANTS OR

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SYCAMORE ST, WALLA WAL-LA, WA 99362 which is subject to that certain Deed of Trust dated 3/21/2007, recorded 3/23/2007, under 2007-03231 records of WALLA WALLA County, Washington, from WILLIAM M. WILLIAMS, AS HIS SEPARATE ESTATE, as Grantor(s), to PIONEER TITLE COMPANY, as Trustee, to secure an obligation in favor of HOUSEHOLD FINANCE CORPORATION III, as Beneficiary, the beneficial interest in which was subsequently assigned to U.S. Bank Trust, N.A., as Trustee for LSF9 Master Participation Trust under an assignment recorded under Auditors File Number 2016-01735 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: \$26,725.33 IV. The sum owing on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust is: The principal sum of \$138,620.56, together with interest as provided in the Note from 5/26/2015 on, and such other costs and fees as are provided by statute. V. The above-described real property will be sold to satisfy the expense of sale and the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust as provided by statute. Said sale will be made without warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances on 1/20/2017 . The defaults referred to in Paragraph III must be cured by 1/9/2017 (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 1/9/2017 (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 1/9/2017 (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 WILLIAM M. WILLIAMS, AS HIS SEPARATE ESTATE AD-DRESS 435 SYCAMORE ST. 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 8/4/2016 . VII. The Trustee whose name and address are set forth below will provide in writing to

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trust, including occupants who are not tenants. After the 20 th day following the sale the purchaser has the right to evict occupants who are not tenants by summary proceedings under Chapter 59.12 RCW. For tenant-occupied property, the purchaser shall provide a tenant with written notice in accordance with RCW 61.24.060. THIS NOTICE IS THE FINAL STEP BEFORE THE FORECLOSURE SALE OF YOUR HOME. You have only 20 DAYS from the recording date of this notice to pursue mediation. DO NOT **DELAY. CONTACT A HOUS-**ING COUNSELOR OR AN ATTORNEY LICENSED IN WASHINGTON NOW to assess your situation and refer you to mediation if you are eligible and it may help you save your home. See below for safe sources of help. SEEKING ASSISTANCE Housing counselors and legal assistance may be available at little or no cost to you. If you would like assistance in determining your rights and opportunities to keep your house, you may contact the following: The statewide foreclosure hotline for assistance and referral to housing counselors recommended by the Housing Finance Commission: Toll-free: 1-877-894-HOME (1-877-894-4663) or Web site: http://www. dfi.wa.gov/consumers/ homeownership/post_purchase counselors foreclosure.htm . The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development: Toll-free: 1-800-569-4287 or National Web Site: http://portal.hud.gov/ hudportal/HUD or for Local counseling agencies in Washington: http://www.hud. gov/offices/hsg/sfh/hcc/fc/ index.cfm?webListAction=search&searchstate=WA&filterSvc=dfc The statewide civil legal aid hotline for assistance and referrals to other housing counselors and attorneys: Telephone: 1-800-606-4819 or Web site: http://nwjustice.org/ what-clear . If the sale is set aside for any reason, including if the Trustee is unable to convey title, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the monies paid to the Trustee. This shall be the Purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Trustor, the Trustee, the Beneficiary, the Beneficiary's Agent, or the Beneficiary's Attorney. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holders right's against the real property only QUALITY MAY BE CONSIDERED A DEBT **COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING** TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OB-TAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. Dated: 9/15/2016 Quality Loan Service Corp. of Washington, as Trustee By: Rhianna Watson, Assistant Secretary Trustee's Mailing Address: Quality Loan Service Corp. of Washington C/O Quality Loan Service Corp. 411 Ivy Street, San Diego, CA 92101 (866) 645-7711 Trustee's Physical Address: Quality Loan Service Corp. of Washington 108 1 st Ave South, Suite 202 Seattle, WA 98104 (866) 925-0241 Sale Line: 916-939-0772 Or Login to: http://wa.gualityloan.com TS No.: WA-16-737847-BB IDSPub #0115184 12/22/2016

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FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA

PONTI & WERNETTE, P.S.,

A Washington Corporation, Plaintiff,

JOHN MEDINA, Defendant.

The State of Washington to the said Defendant, John

You are hereby summoned to appear within sixty days after the date of the first publication of this summons, to wit, within sixty days after the 12th day of January, 2017, and defend the above entitled action in the above entitled court, and answer the complaint of the plaintiff, Ponti & Wernette, P.S., and serve a copy of the answer upon the undersigned attorney for plaintiff, Richard G. Wernette, at his office below stated; and in case of your failure so to do, judgment will be rendered against you according to the demand of the complaint, which has been filed with the clerk of said

The object of the action against you is a request for judgment for attorney fees incurred on your behalf.

Richard G. Wernette Ponti & Wernette, P.S. 103 East Poplar Street Walla Walla, Washington 99362

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No. 16-4-50114-11 PROBATE NOTICE TO **CREDITORS**

11.40.020, .030 IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR THE COUN-TY OF FRANKLIN

> In Re the Estate of: DAVID E. HARE, SR., Deceased.

The personal representa-

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

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January 10, 2017. DATE OF FIRST PUBLICA-TION: January 12, 2017. DAVID HARE, JR. Personal Representative 176 Ryan Burbank, WA 99323 Presented by: HAMES, ANDERSON, WHITLOW & O'LEARY, P.S. Attorneys for Estate

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By: TIMOTHY D. ANDER-SON, WSB# 12571 601 West Kennewick Avenue

> P.O. Box 5498 Kennewick, WA 99336 (509) 586-7797

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Public Notice:

The Walla Walla County Conservation District is seeking applicants for an opening on its Board of Supervisors. This opening is for one of two positions on the board appointed by the Washington Conservation Commission. A district supervisor is a public official who serves without compensation and sets policy and direction for the District. An applicant must be a reqistered voter in Washington State and may be required to own land or operate a farm. Applicants for appointed positions do not have to live within the district to apply. For more information please contact the Walla Walla County Conservation District (www.wwccd. net) or visit the Conservation Commission website at http:// www.scc.wa.gov/. Applications and supporting materials must be received by the Commission no later than February 13th, 2017

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TFFNY MCMUNN: MY RFCIPF BOX

Chocolate Lasagna

"ill bet dimes to dollars many of you quickly looked at the ingredients to make sure it wasn't lasagna noodles and Hershey syrup. This dessert Lis, in my opinion, not sickening sweet, but it is very flavorful. A friend called it decadent, but you can't go wrong with Oreos and chocolate pud-

1 pkg. regular Oreo cookies, (not the Double Stuff) about 36 cookies

6 Tbsp. butter, melted

1-8 oz. pkg. cream cheese, melted

¼ c. granulated sugar

2 Tbsp. cold milk

1-12 oz. (large) Cool Whip, divided

2-3.9 oz. pkgs. Chocolate Instant Pud-

3 ¼ c. cold mile

1 ½ c. mini chocolate chips

Begin by crushing 36 Oreo cookies. I used my food processor for this (this is not me talking) but you could also place them in a large Ziploc bag and crush them with a rolling pin (which I do). When the Oreos have turned into fine crumbs, you are done.

Transfer the Oreo crumbs to a large bowl. Stir in six Tbsp. melted butter and use a fork to incorporate the butter into the cookie crumbs. When the butter is distributed, transfer the mixture to a 9 x 13 inch baking dish. Press the crumbs into the bottom of the pan. Place the pan in the refrigerator while you work on the additional layers.

Mix the cream cheese with a mixer until light and fluffy. Add in two Tbsp. of milk, and sugar, and mix well. Stir in 1 ¼ c. Cool Whip. Spread this mixture over the crust.

In a bowl, combine chocolate instant pudding with 3 ¼ c. cold milk. Whisk for several minutes until the pudding starts to thicken. Use a spatula to spread the mixture over the previous cream cheese layer. Allow the dessert to rest for about five minutes so that the pudding can firm up further.

Spread the remaining Cool Whip over the top. Sprinkle mini chocolate chips evenly over the top. Place in the freezer for about an hour, or refrigerator for four hours before serving.

MY NOTES: When I see Oreos go on sale, I pick up a package. I have a recipe for cookies and cream fudge that uses Oreos. They are no longer 59 cents a package like when I was growing up. This makes a great dessert that people will be asking for the recipe, then tell them it's called Chocolate Lasagna.

Enjoy!

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The first letters of the 20 "17" answers spell out HAPPY NEW YEAR, EVERYONE.

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WEEKEND WORKERS



Courtesy Photo

Budding entrepreneurs and civil servants Jay Dimak and Brayden Mohney spent their winter break and the snowy weekends since traveling throughout Waitsburg clearing paths with their snowblower and shovels. The efforts of these hardworking middle schoolers have been greatly appreciated, as are those of the many city and county workers and other volunteers who have worked tirelessly to keep our roadways, streets, and sidewalks safe.

NEWS BRIEF

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN ANNUAL AMENDMENT PROCESS IS UNDERWAY

WALLA WALLA COUNTY - The county has begun its annual amendment process, designed to solicit input from the public and other agencies, on the county's Comprehensive Plan and Development Regulations.

The plan provides the policy framework for making land use and related decisions to accommodate the projected 20-year-growth in the county. It applies to unincorporated areas of the county only. The cities have their own comprehensive plans and separate amendment process.

To propose amendments to the plan, contact the staff of the Walla Walla County Community Development Dept. at (509) 524-2610 for information on how to submit an application. Applicant are strongly encouraged to meet with the agency's planning staff prior to submitting and application to obtain information on the process, including timelines, and applicable fees.

Applications for amendments must be submitted to the Walla Walla Co. Comm. Dev. Dept. (310 W. Poplar, Ste. 200) by 4 p.m. on Fri., March 31. More information can be found at www.co.walla-walla-wa.us.

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23% in 2010 to a projected percentage of 30.5%, by 2020, and that requires a reassessment of the delivery methods for health care to the aging population.

The district is now one of only five in the state to maintain a long-term care, skilled nursing facility. This, coupled with a state-wide decline in support, correlates with the high Medicaid resident census and low Medicaid reimbursements, resulting in many years of financial hardship for the district.

There is a lack of access to some mental and behavioral health ser-

For instance, patients requiring advanced psychotropic medication management cannot receive those services in Dayton. And adults are experiencing a three month wait time in Walla Walla for access to a qualified behavioral health nurse practitioner, and there is a seven month wait time for children.

McGuire said that working with local behavior resources to meet the needs of the community and exploring opportunities is an essential part of the

There is a changing model for delivery of primary care.

In 2010, both CCHS clinics began taking steps towards obtaining "Patient Centered Medical Home" recognition, in order to integrate behavioral health services with primary care provider care. PCMH recognition will allow for optimal Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement payment models.

There is a high rate of staff turnover.

McGuire said the Hospital District has a significantly higher annual and first-year rate of staff turnover, excluding nursing staff, according to a Washington State Healthcare Human Resources Association publication.

The Hospital District is financially fragile.

When compared to other critical access hospitals and hospitals in the state with under \$20 million in gross revenue, the district is in a more tenuous position, with less cash on hand. There is also more long-term debt to net position percentage than most hospitals in the state, with heavy reliance on the tax base to service that debt.

McGuire's report outlines four objectives to implement new programs and services to develop a stable, skilled work force, to achieve financial sustainability, and to increase the quality of care for patients, and he discusses each in detail in his plan.

"This plan will support the mission and vision of Columbia County Public Hospital District #1, and in implementing this strategic plan we will remain faithful to the district's core values: to promote optimal community wellness; act with compassion, integrity and professionalism; to maintain confidentiality; be responsible stewards of current and future resources; and foster a culture of continuous improvement," Mc-Guire said.

McGuire based Healthcare 360 on an internal needs assessment of the hospital district, and on Triple Aim, a three tiered program developed by Don Berwick, a nationally recognized Harvard professor, pediatrician, and onetime head of the Centers for Medicare

"Triple Aim works to achieve better health for the population, better care for individuals, and lower cost through improvement, and the district's goals need to align with it," McGuire said.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid, the district's largest payers, have built Triple Aim into the State Innovation Grants, which will provide resources to help the Hospital District meet its goals, McGuire said.

For more information about Healthcare 360, contact the CCHS Administration office at 382-2531 ext. 2.

Neil is 60!

Although 1-9-17 has come and gone, the year for '60' will continue on.

Neil Henze already had his big birthday, but siblings, though belated, want to say:

Though most people now know you as "Neil," loving memories we share and feel:

Baby brother, Neil-Nibber, Nibber, Nibby, Nib, Stubby Dough Boy, Doughboy and Stub

We're all living the 60's now, was nice you could finally join; oh wow!

Wishing a long future with health & fun; days that will amaze.

Our love.





