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The Dayton Historic Depot is showcasing local history with its current "Barns of Columbia County" exhibit.

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The Lady Bulldogs ended their season just one game shy of making the Hardwood Classic.

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HOOPS FOR HEART



Photo by Dena Wood

Waitsburg Elementary School students got their hearts pumping in the WHS gymnasium last week during the school's annual Hoops and Jump for Heart American Heart Association fundraiser. Kindergarten through second graders jumped rope and hula hooped while the older students shot baskets. According to event coordinator Dinah Lindsey, the kids raised \$2,311. Left, l to r: Fifth graders Logan Mohny, Jay Dimak, Hayden Peralez, Brandon Thompson, and Jesse Mings take turns at the basket. See more photos on Page 9.

Waitsburg to Rethink Hunting Agreement

LIABILITY UNKNOWN SPARK CONCERN OVER PARTNERSHIP WITH WDFW IN WATERSHED

By Dena Wood | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG – After voting in January to partner with the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife in their "Feel Free to Hunt" program in the city's watershed, Waitsburg's city council decided to take a closer look at the contract. At their Feb. 17 meeting, the council agreed to invite WDFW representatives back in March to clarify some questions that had arisen since the initial discussion.

The watershed consists of about 800 acres along the north

fork of Coppei Creek that has historically been open to hunting. Concerns about liability and possible contamination of the city's water source led the council to explore the idea of limiting access to the area.

WDFW representatives Corrie Hadley and Scott Rasley spoke at January's city council meeting and strongly recommended leaving the area open to hunting. Farmers who own surrounding lands allow hunting and trying to keep hunters out of an island in the middle would be a nightmare, they said. They also said the hunting spot was a favorite for locals, especially youth, because it is so close to town. They urged the city to continue to allow access and said that by joining the WDFW's "Feel Free to Hunt" program, the city would be protected against liability.

The council approved the

partnership in January, but after receiving and reading the contract in February, Mayor Walt Gobel told the council he had some concerns.

Rather than limiting the city's liability, Gobel said the contract states that each party

will assume its own responsibility for liability. He said there is also a clause stating that the contractor (the city) will hold the WDFW harmless from acts of third parties. He also said the fine print appears to refer only

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Courtesy Image

The city's watershed consists of approx. 800 acres along the north fork of Coppei Creek.

Hospital Board Hears Construction Phasing Plans

Laundry services, patient retention also discussed during February meeting

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—Phasing documents for the hospital renovation and enhancement project have been uploaded to the CCHS website at build.cchd-wa.org., according to CEO Shane McGuire.

In his report to the hospital board commissioners on Feb. 24, McGuire highlighted some of the details in each of the four phases of the construction. He told the commissioners that the construction of the new physical therapy and rehabilitation services de-

partment, the new main entrance, and early work on the public access corridor will take place during Phase I of the project.

During Phase II, the dining room will be moved to the existing physical therapy gym so that work can be finished on the public access corridor. Work will also be done on the new imaging department, McGuire said.

Phase III will see construction of the laboratory department, the business office, the admitting office, and the outpatient entrance, he said.

Modifications will also be made to the emergency department during Phase III of construction, McGuire said.

The new emergency department entrance, and the central core, near acute services, will be completed during Phase IV of construction, he said.

To date, a hazardous materials survey has been done, electrical and mechanical engineers have been on site for surveys and

documentation, and civil engineers have been on site preparing documentation for site work around the new therapy pool, and the outpatient entrance, according to him.

McGuire has also received a first draft time line for the project that will be reviewed with OAC, the project management services company, in the near future. He said the project should be complete sixteen months from the time construction begins.

"It's going to move by weeks," he said. "Of course it will depend on the Department of Health, because they get to put their stamp of approval on it."

Laundry services to be outsourced

At McGuire's behest the commissioners approved a plan to outsource laundry services in the hospital.

McGuire said space requirements, plus

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TOUCHET VALLEY LIFE

PUBLIC INVITED TO WEIGH IN ON BRIDGE DESIGN, REMINDED OF ELECTION DEADLINES

WAITSBURG – The public is invited to attend a public meeting at the Lions Club building at the Waitsburg Fairgrounds on Thurs., March 10 at 7 p.m.

Eric Zitterkopf from Anderson Perry & Associates will be available to discuss bridge rail design options for the Main Street Bridge replacement.

City Administrator Randy Hinchliffe reminds citizens that election caucuses are open until March 10. Declarations of Candidacy to run for mayor or city council will be available at City Hall from March 7 through March 18.

PIONEER PORTRAITS

Ten Years Ago
March 9, 2006

The Waitsburg Knowledge Bowl team rallied to climb into third place but fell short of a state berth March 1 in Waitsburg. Team 1 consisted of Daniel Weis, Sarah Paul, Heidi Shepherd, Gracie Eastwood, Emily Hogan and Isaac Huether.

Athletes from the 2005-06 basketball teams and cheerleading squad will be honored at the Winter Sports Dessert, scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday, March 13 at the Multi-purpose Room of Waitsburg Elementary. Numerous awards and letters will be handed out by Chris Pearson, head boys basketball coach, Lynnsey Bailey, head girls basketball coach, and Betsy Lindsey, cheerleader advisor. Making presentations will be assistant coaches, John Mason for the boys junior varsity, and Bob Deal for the girls jayvees.

Twenty-Five Years Ago
March 7, 1991

The Board of the Waitsburg Junior Livestock Show met Monday night, March 4, for a pre-show meeting. Don Thomas, long-time organizer and officer of the show, was elected president of the event which will be held here April 5-7 at the Fairgrounds south of town.

Waitsburg Lions Club will hold its annual Father/Daughter/Son Night on Tuesday, March 12 from 7:00 until 9:00 p.m. Tail Twister Guy McCaw is in charge of the program. On the menu of events will be two local strummers – Jim Wood and Gary Bowles – making some Western-Style music with guitars and fiddles.

Reuben Stokes, son of Robert and Ruby Stokes was guest of the Walla Walla Exchange Club when he along with fellow student, Angela Ferguson were designated Youth of the Month.

Savannah Stanger, Sarah Henze and Shannon Branson were in the 1991 North West Washington State Dance competition in the Tri-Cities Red Lion on March 2.

Fifty Years Ago
March 10, 1966

Several Waitsburg Quarter Horse owners will participate in a four-day Kennewick race meet at Tumbleweed Track beginning Saturday, March 12, post time 1:30 p.m. Explosive Man, owned by Dick Harper, clocked the fastest time in trials early this week, and will race during the meet. Kenneth Smith, Joan Mortimer, and Eddie Lee Wilson will run some of their quarter horses during the four-day meet.

Days of Real Sport queen candidates were announced this week. They are Kay Wehe from Eureka, Sandy Lambert from Waitsburg, and Jeannie Bowles from Prescott. They will campaign again by selling tickets to the Queen's Coronation Ball, which will be held in Waitsburg on Saturday, April 23.

Fifty Years Ago
March, 14, 1941

Twelve people from high school made the honor roll this first six-weeks of the second semester. They were Raymond Jeremiah, David Roberts, Bettie Pearson, Ruth Phillips, Mary Frances Conover, Pat Hirsch, William Michael, Erma Crall, Bonnetta Huwe, Carroldean Wright, Helen Lloyd and Vivian Bachmann.

Miss Evelyn Mills, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Mills was awarded first place in the recent essay contest by the local chapter of the Women's Auxiliary of the American Legion. "Cotton" Light, of this city, who has been working on the Columbia River between Pasco and The Dalles, for several years, has taken his examination for a river pilot and will soon be a full-fledged river man soon, according to reports reaching this city.

One Hundred Years Ago
March 17, 1916

The Waitsburg Floricultural Association held its annual meeting Saturday afternoon in the Commercial Club rooms. It was unanimously decided to hold the annual Spring Flower Show again this year at some time in the month of June.

A basket social was given at the lower Coppei School last Saturday evening. A nice program was rendered after which the baskets were sold, which netted them \$20.

The Morgan Drug Store has added a line of glass for automobile windshields.

J. L. Dumas and E. S. Ryerson were among the Touchet Valley Apple growers who attended the fruit growers meeting here last Saturday. Milk is now selling at 7¢ a quart delivered.

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago
March 13, 1891

Burt Preston went to Starbuck Monday to open a barber shop. Hope he will do well. Easter comes unusually early this year which according to an ancient belief, is a sign of an early spring and a big crop. The wheat market has an upward tendency. It is now worth 67 cents F.O.B. in this market, the highest it has been for several years. Good, especially for those who have wheat to sell. We want a good cow. Mind you, we want a good cow, not a "pretty fair cow" nor an "average grade cow"; no, none of these. We want a cow that is strictly No. 1 in every particular. Have got the stuff in our pants to pay for such a cow, but wouldn't give fifteen cents for a whole field full of "tallable good" cows. If you can supply the above want, make the fact known as soon as possible to The Times editor.

'BAREFOOT BLUE JEANS' HARVEST BALL



Courtesy Photo

Wait-Hi students wrapped up National FFA Week by celebrating at the annual Harvest Ball on Saturday night. The FFA-sponsored Harvest Ball is a Sadie Hawkins-style event where girls ask boys and couples attend in matching T-shirts. FFA members celebrated all week with dress-up (or dress down) days and performed in an "Ag Olympics" competition during a pep assembly on Thursday.

Touchet Valley Weather March 2, 2016

Waitsburg's Seven Day Forecast

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Mostly Sunny	Showers Likely	Mostly Sunny	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny
High: 54 Low: 41	High: 52 Low: 39	High: 54 Low: 40	High: 55 Low: 44	High: 55 Low: 41	High: 52 Low: 34	High: 54 Low: 35

Weather Trivia

Is it ever too cold to snow? ?

Answer: No, no matter how cold it gets, there is always moisture in the air.

Local Almanac Last Week

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Precipitation	
Monday	51	34	49/34	0.00"	0.01"	
Tuesday	56	29	49/34	0.00"	0.50"	
Wednesday	52	34	50/34	0.00"	-0.49"	
Thursday	57	31	50/34	0.00"	45.0°	
Friday	52	34	50/34	0.00"	42.1°	
Saturday	59	41	51/34	0.01"	+2.9°	
Sunday	61	39	51/35	0.00"		Data as reported from Walla Walla

Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
New 3/8	6:26 a.m.	5:41 p.m.	1:34 a.m.	11:17 a.m.
Wednesday	6:25 a.m.	5:43 p.m.	2:28 a.m.	12:07 p.m.
Thursday	6:23 a.m.	5:44 p.m.	3:18 a.m.	1:03 p.m.
Friday	6:21 a.m.	5:46 p.m.	4:05 a.m.	2:07 p.m.
First 3/15	6:19 a.m.	5:47 p.m.	4:48 a.m.	3:16 p.m.
Saturday	6:17 a.m.	5:48 p.m.	5:27 a.m.	4:29 p.m.
Sunday	6:15 a.m.	5:50 p.m.	6:04 a.m.	5:44 p.m.

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TOUCHET VALLEY NEWS

BIRTH

To: Amanda Sundquist and Ian Gilbert from Prescott Wash., a boy, Oliver Kent Gilbert, weighing 8 lbs. 9 ozs., born February 25, 2016 at Walla Walla General Hospital.

Church Directory

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

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

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

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

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

WEEKLY CALENDAR

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Waitsburg Center Resource
106 Preston Avenue
9-11 a.m.
The Center provides food and resources to families in the Waitsburg and Prescott School Districts.

Waitsburg Garden Club
Susan Donegan's Home (209 W. 4th)
9 a.m.
Kickoff meeting for the season.

Coffee & Craft
Prescott Public Library
1 p.m.

Karissa Jackson Fund-raiser
Dayton Eagles (222 E. Main)
3 p.m.
Spaghetti dinner, bake sale, silent auction, and Bingo to help Karissa Jackson with her double-lung transplant. Silent auction starts at 3 p.m., dinner starts at 4 p.m. and BINGO begins at 6.

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

Waitsburg American Legion
Waitsburg American Legion
Town Hall
7 p.m.
A special 7 p.m. time for

this meeting which will include a presentation on Boys and Girls State. The Legion normally meets at 6 p.m. on the first Monday of the month.

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

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

Waitsburg Senior Round Table
Waitsburg Presbyterian Church
11:30 a.m.
Join local seniors every Tuesday for lunch. \$4 suggested donation for those over 60. \$7 charge for guests under 60.

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.

Wii Night
Prescott Library
4 p.m.
First two Tuesdays of the month.

Dayton High School Winter Sports Awards Banquet
Dayton Multipurpose Room

6:30 p.m.
Waitsburg Commission Meeting
Waitsburg Fire Station (232 Main)
7 p.m.
Public open house at 6:30 p.m. Meeting is to discuss Shoreline Master Plan updates.

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Waitsburg School Board
Preston Hall Board Room
7 p.m.

Writers Group
Weller Public Library
7 p.m.
All aspiring writers of all experience levels are welcome.

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Waitsburg Resource Center
106 Preston Avenue
2-4 p.m.
The Center provides food and resources to families in the Waitsburg and Prescott School Districts.

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

Public Meeting
Lions Bldg., Wtsbg Fairgrounds
7 p.m.
Discussion on rails for the new Main Street Bridge replacement.



School Lunch Menu

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

4: Scrambled Eggs & Sausage; Fish & Chips, Slaw

7: Breakfast Sandwich; Grilled Chicken & Swiss, Corn on the Cob

8: Continental Breakfast; Chicken Quesadilla, Spanish Rice

9: Cinnamon Roll; Tater Tot Casserole, Roll, Broccoli

10: Combo Bars; Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Pepper Strips

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POLICE NOTES

Dayton

Feb. 7
Report of cell phone theft. Caller had loaned phone and it had not been returned. Matthew Ransom, 30, Kennewick was cited for "speed too fast for conditions" when he lost control of his vehicle on compact snow and ice on North Touchet Rd. Vehicle partially blocking highway was up on a jack with tire missing. Deputies were unable to contact a responsible party so had the vehicle towed. Joseph Wilson, 42, Dayton was arrested and booked into jail for disorderly conduct. He was beating on doors and windows of the courthouse and refused to leave when warned.

Feb. 8
Joseph Richter was arrested and charged with multiple counts of arson, theft, trespassing, and burglary. Report of individuals illegally burning brush. Responsible party agreed to put out fire. Owner was contacted and vehicle moved.

Feb. 9
Erratic vehicle with report of a possible "rolling domestic." Deputy made contact and determined original call was unfounded. Green jacket stolen out of vehicle on W. Clay. Report of individual threatening residents on E. Dayton Ave. Unfounded. Domestic disturbance and Country Village. Parties were separated.

Feb. 10
Report of theft of credit cards believed to be stolen while giving a ride to someone from Dayton to Walla Walla. Under investigation. Report of illegal burn. Fraudulent IRS call reported. Domestic violence report on W. Cameron resulted in service of trespass papers.

Feb. 11
Sarah Bray, 25, Dayton, was arrested at Valley View Trailer Court and booked for fourth degree assault (DV) and interfering with the reporting of a domestic violence incident. Bray was also arrested on Columbia County and Benton County warrants for driving while suspended. Report of someone taking items from alley behind St. Vincent's. Contact made. Items reported stolen from a trailer on S. 6th. Under investigation. Multiple reports of panhandling on E. Main. Phone fraud with caller attempting to get personal information. Chainsaws taken during a car prowling in 100 block of S. Cottonwood. Theft of a turquoise ring and tablet stolen on E. Richmond.

Feb. 12
Report of a man with rifle walking around town. Deputies determined weapon was a pellet gun. Gun was left with Sheriff's Office for safekeeping because owners was "highly agitated." Patrick McMananon, 36, Dayton was arrested on three Kennewick warrants. He posted bail and was released. DeeAnn Tucker-Culbertson, 55, Dayton was arrested and booked on charges of disorderly conduct, malicious mischief and possession of methamphetamine.

Feb. 14
Report of unknown individual(s) entering a shop while the owner was away. Tractor was also driven.

Feb. 15
Panhandling reported on E. Main. Illegal burn. Report of two vehicle driving on the dike. Unable to locate. Parties separated during loud argument on W. Cameron.

Feb. 17
Columbia County Grain Growers reported someone kicking their way into a grain elevator. Windows were broken and fire extinguishers destroyed. Report of threats and traffic hazard. A vehicle was driving too fast down Commercial St. Residents along the street jumped into the roadway and confronted vehicle. Parties had separated upon deputy arrival.

Feb. 18
Four individuals were arrested during a joint-agency drug bust at Best Western Hotel parking lot. Report of missing .38 snub-nose Smith & Wesson revolver on Kellogg Hollow. Under investigation.

Feb. 19
Report of a lost cell phone. Phone has been missing approximately three weeks. Report from individual who has been receiving threatening texts for two weeks.

Feb. 20
Report of a steer in a yard. Owner contacted. Two purses, \$60 cash and tax papers were taken during a car prowling on S. 2nd. No credit cards, debit cards, or checkbooks were taken. Illegal "bonfire" reported on area of Rockhill. Deputies were unable to reach the fire that was visible on the hill. It later went out. Theft of a faded black mountain bike. Adam Flerchinger, 32, Clarkston was booked on charges of driving with a suspended license.

BIRTHDAYS

March 4: Bill Poirier, Marilyn White, Kathy Jansen, Ryan Jacoy and Nicholas Newbury.

March 5: Dick Baker, Jean Miller, Larry Wayne Buntton, Paul Fischer and Kristen Danielson.

March 6: Marianne Newell, John P. Janovich, Shane Johnson, Trulie Griffin, Michael Jantz, Ryan and Scott Downing, Del Benson, Larry Olson and Kevin Jones.

March 7: Renee Adams, Jayce Dunleavy.

March 8: Donovan Smith, Tanaa Maib and Scott Mason.

March 9: Larry Johnson, Robert Langdon, Steve Pierson, Jennifer Bennett, Kay Baker.

March 10: Bill Gluck, Win Deanna Anderson, Frank Reser and Casey Worth.

March 11: Bettie Chase, Jacqueline Klaas, Catherine Donnelly, Kelly Lodato, Aaron DeFord, James Kenworthy, Dan David Oliver and Adraine Michels.

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HOW ST. HUBERT'S ENCOUNTER WITH A DEER INSPIRED JUSTICE SCALIA'S HUNTING FRIENDS

By Karin Brulliard, *The Washington Post*

The exclusive hunting society that Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia was hanging out with when he died last weekend wore velvet emerald robes stitched with the words “Deum Diligite Animalia Diligentes,” or “Honoring God by honoring His creatures.”

That appears to refer to the story of the society's namesake, St. Hubert, who is the Catholic patron saint of hunting, fishing, trapping, rabies victims and - depending on the source you consult - dog trainers, mathematicians and opticians.

But before he became a saint, Hubert was said to be just a Middle Ages playboy who loved hunting but cared not a whit about churchgoing and apparently not very much about his prey. The story of his ascendance involves a conversion on both counts, and it has informed an argument many hunters make today: that they love animals and that hunting can be done without cruelty.

Here's how most versions of the St. Hubert tale go: He was born into a noble family in 656, and his wife died in childbirth. Bereft, he withdrew to the forest to devote himself to hunting. On one Good Friday morning, as the faithful converged on churches, Hubert pursued a mighty stag.

Suddenly, the animal turned to him. Hubert saw a crucifix between its antlers and heard a voice telling him to turn to the Lord or soon go to Hell. (If you spend more time in a bar than in church, you might still be familiar with this story: It's behind the image on the label of those green Jägermeister bottles.)

Hubert accepted God, and, according to some accounts, listened to a mini-lecture from the deer on hunting do's and don'ts: Only shoot when a quick kill was definite; kill only those past prime breeding age; never hunt a doe with fawns.

And, crucially to the slogan of Scalia's hunting society, the International Order of St. Hubertus, he was told to respect animals as God's creatures. Many animal lovers and animal rights groups - some of which viewed Scalia as particularly anti-animal - reject that killing and honoring animals can go hand-in-hand, of course. But the idea underpins the ethics many hunting groups say they ascribe to.

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Trump Doesn't Pass the Decency Test

By Max Lucado, *Special to The Washington Post*

As the father of three daughters, I reserved the right to interview their dates. Seemed only fair to me. After all, my wife and I'd spent 16 or 17 years feeding them, dressing them, funding braces and driving them to volleyball tournaments and piano recitals. A five-minute face-to-face with the guy was a fair expectation. For the next few hours, she would be affected by his ability to drive a car, avoid the bad crowds and stay sober. I wanted to know if he could do it. I wanted to know if he was decent.

This was my word: “decent.” Would he treat my daughter with kindness and respect? Could he be trusted to bring her home on time? In his language, actions and decisions, would he be a decent guy?

Decency mattered to me as a dad, and decency matters to Americans. We take note of the person who pays their debts. We appreciate the physician who takes time to listen. When the husband honors his wedding vows, when the teacher makes time for the struggling student, when the employee refuses to gossip about her co-worker, when the losing team congratulates the winning team, we can characterize their behavior as decent.

We appreciate decency. We applaud decency. We teach decency. We seek to develop decency.

So why isn't decency doing better in the presidential race?

The leading Republican candidate to be the next leader of the free world would not pass my decency interview. I'd send him away. I'd tell my daughter to stay home.

I don't know Mr. Trump. But I've been chagrined at his antics. He ridiculed a war hero. He made a mockery of a reporter's menstrual cycle. He made fun of a disabled reporter. He referred to a former first lady, Barbara Bush, as “mommy” and belittled Jeb Bush for bringing her on the campaign trail. He routinely calls people “stupid” and “dummy.” One writer catalogued 64 occasions that he called someone “loser.” These were not off-line, backstage, overheard, not-to-be-repeated comments. They were publicly and intentionally tweeted, recorded and presented.

Such insensitivities wouldn't be acceptable even for a middle school student body election. But for the Oval Office? And to do so while brandishing a Bible and boasting of his Christian faith?

I have no inside track on the intricacies of a presidential campaign. I'm

a pastor. I don't endorse candidates or place bumper stickers on my car. But I am protective of the Christian faith. If a public personality calls on Christ one day and calls someone a “bimbo” the next, is something not awry? And to do so, not once, but repeatedly, unrepentantly and unapologetically? We stand against bullying in schools. Shouldn't we do the same in presidential politics?

Could concerns be raised about other Christian candidates? Absolutely. But the concern of this article is not policy but tone and decorum. Prior presidents have exercised a restraint of the tongue. It's hard to imagine George H.W. Bush using locker room language to demean an opponent on a debate stage. I didn't vote for President Barack Obama, but I appreciate the manner in which he has maintained the comportment of the office. At least we don't wince when he stands to speak.

When it comes to language, Mr. Trump inhabits a league of his own. Some of my friends tell me that his language is a virtue. But I respectfully part company with my Christian colleagues who chalk up his abrasive nature to candor. “For out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks,” Jesus said. Words are a heart monitor. Christians would do well to summon any Christian leader to a higher heart standard. This includes pastors (especially this one), teachers, coaches and, by all means, presidential candidates.

All of them. The stock explanation for Mr. Trump's success is this: He has tapped into the anger of the American people. As one man said, “We are voting with our middle finger.” Sounds more like a comment for a gang-fight than a presidential election. Anger-fueled reactions have caused trouble ever since Cain was angry at Abel.

We can only hope, and pray, for a return to verbal decency. Perhaps Mr. Trump will better manage his comments. (Worthy of a prayer, for sure.) Or, perhaps the American public will remember the key role of the president: to be the face of America. When he or she speaks, he or she speaks for us. Whether we agree or disagree with the policies of the president, do we not hope that they speak in a way that is consistent with the status of the office?

As far as I remember, I never turned away one of my daughter's dates. They weren't perfect, but they were decent fellows. That was all I could ask.

It seems that we should ask the same of these candidates.

Max Lucado is a pastor in San Antonio and a best-selling author of 32 books, including “Glory Days.”

EMMA PHILBROOK: STUDENT LIFE

An Update From Emma

Hey there, everyone!

I'm sorry I haven't been updating you guys more frequently, but that's mainly because nothing much has happened. Life is still pretty much the same - pointless craft projects, it-never-rains-but-it-pours dispensing of homework assignments, lame attempts at creative writing, and not enough sleep.



I am currently in mourning for my 4.0 GPA (November 5, 2009 - December 29, 2015 - rest in peace, old buddy). I received a B in Continuing Hispanic Culture, a 300-level discussion-based class about Hispanic literature taught entirely in Spanish, and as Bs are wont, it stung. This tragic development is offset by the fact that I have the greatest roommate in the history of roommates, Esther Ra, a fellow creative writer and musician who insists on sharing her care packages with me. But other than that, Whitman hasn't provided me with much update-column fodder.

So, you may ask, why am I writing? Well, what's the only thing in history any college student has ever written home for?

We'll get to that later. First, though, I'm going to level with you about a completely uncharacteristic decision I made a month or so ago - something that nobody who knew me back in Waitsburg would ever expect me to do - something that even my friends at Whitman were shocked by when they found out - something that has irrevocably changed the way I see myself - a deed born of financial desperation and the foolhardy spirit of youth.

I entered a beauty pageant. That's right. Emma Can't-Get-A-Date-And-Doesn't-Know-Which-End-Of-The-Powder-Puff-Is-Up Philbrook is vying for the title of Miss East Cascades, a preliminary to the Miss Washington and Miss America competitions. I entered partially for the scholarships (which are pretty generous), partially as motivation to exercise and brush my teeth, and, yes, partially for an excuse to wear fancy dresses and sparkly jewelry, but the primary draw was the huge amount of good that the Miss America organization does in the community.

Each contestant picks a “platform” (mine is mental health), and if she wins, she uses her position to raise money and awareness for that issue. Those of you who know me know that I can't resist a good philanthropic opportunity, and so as soon as I found out about this aspect of the pageant, I couldn't sign up fast enough. And to top it all off, all the pageant people I've met are fantastic, willing to bend over backwards to make sure I have the best experience possible. It's been so much fun!

Back to the community service for a bit, though: Every contestant is required to raise money for the Children's Miracle Network, a really awesome charity that supports local children's hospitals. They do a lot of incredible work in this area and I'd really appreciate if you helped me raise some money on their behalf. If you want to donate (or learn more), check out <http://missamericaforkids.org/Donate/emmaphilbrook>. Thanks, guys. I really appreciate it.

Those of you who spend time on the “Interwebs” and enjoy seeing awkward pictures of me in formalwear and/or my lame attempts at pageant humor should take a peek at the “Emma Philbrook for Miss East Cascades 2016” page on Facebook, if only to convince yourself that I'm not making all this up.

Let's see. I asked you for money, elicited a “she did WHAT!”, bragged about my roomie, griped about my classes - am I forgetting something in this letter home? Oh yes, a horrible joke that I overheard in the dining hall:

How does Moses make his tea? He brews it.

That's about it.

Letters Welcome

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TOUCHET VALLEY NEWS

LETTERS

THANK YOU TO THE COMMUNITY

Dear Editor,

Mike and I are grateful to our community here in the Touchet Valley for supporting us so well through my cancer diagnosis, surgery and recovery. I had a very successful surgery outcome and will be following up with oral chemotherapy for six months, as a preventative measure against re-occurrence.

This *is* (because I am, and continue to be on) a journey that is filled with many challenges, blessings, and healing. I can say this not just because of the good outcome, but because I have learned so much through the process about me, my relationship with God and the friends that have come alongside me as I continue to move through it. I am grateful for every single part of this experience. I am thankful for God who has shown Himself to me in the most amazing and simple ways.

I am very thankful for the medical support from Dr. Terry and Marilyn Johnson and the staff at the Waitsburg Clinic who were diligent in getting me through the tests that needed to happen. So thankful for all the doctors that I have had the pleasure of being under the care of, and the care I received while in the hospital. For all of you, my friends, family, co-workers, and neighbors who came alongside in many ways; prayer support, financial gifts, beautiful encouraging cards, organizing food deliveries and transport, bringing food, sitting with me, supplying groceries, listening and speaking words of life to me.

It is a blessing to live in this community, where we have each other's back. Where we can reach out, without judgment when others need it and receive support when we need it. This is a very good place to call home!

Many thanks and blessings,

Mike & Melissa Ferrians
Waitsburg

COMMUNITY MEMBERS ARE GREAT RESOURCE

Dear Editor,

I take issue with Waitsburg Mayor Gobel's comment, in the February 25th Times, in reference to our fairgrounds, where he is quoted as saying that, "Nobody's come forward to help us with that situation or to get involved to help."

I know several people who both before and after that meeting, went into city hall, or called with offers of voluntary help. Two of us were at that very meeting trying very hard to volunteer.

None of us have been contacted by you in any way, shape or form. In fact, we have been ignored. Mr. Kuykendall, alone, has responded to me and was kind enough to offer some suggestions.

I work with volunteers at the Historical Society who work long and hard. I have worked with young people from the high school, gaining community service credits. The garden club has done some very fun volunteering to beautify our streets. And these are just the groups that I volunteer with. I know there are many many more.

Our community members are a tremendous resource. I have talked with people who have seen changes come and go on many fronts; people that remember the days of horse racing, people that remember when the downtown was full of activity, people who have lived through several floods and know who and what saved our city--and these were all volunteers.

So when the Mayor says that no one is volunteering, he needs to look to himself and his staff to find out why.

We are all around you. So I would ask, why are you unwilling to work with us?

Allison Bond
Waitsburg

ST. HUBERT'S - FROM PAGE 4

One well-known American Jesuit priest, Mitch Pacwa, penned hunting prayers to be recited in honor of St. Hubert. Here's one titled "Prayer for successful hunt":

"Lord, I pray that I may take down the game in as painless a way as possible. May I recognize my limits and take the shots I know I can make, not taking a shot that risks maiming or wounding an animal unnecessarily."

Hubert became an evangelizer known for brave ventures into the Ardennes forest of Belgium, where he would convert pagans who worshiped idols. He later became the bishop of Liege, and he was known for possessing a golden key - given to him when he was visited by St. Peter on a trip to Rome - that could cure rabies. For centuries after Hubert's death, Europeans relied on nail- or cross-shaped pieces of metal that were known as St. Hubert's keys to cure rabies. Priests would use them to prick a sufferer's forehead, then heat the key and hold it to the animal bite. (Doubters of miracles have noted that this probably cauterized the wound, possibly killing the rabies virus.)

These days, St. Hubert's Day is celebrated on Nov. 3 - at the start of the hunting season - with a special Mass and celebrations in countries including Belgium, France and the Netherlands. Hunters, their dogs and horses get a blessing; then they head out for a hunt.

MINUTES

Prescott School Board

Feb. 25, 2016

Board members: Karen Tonne, Sara Fletcher, Leann Griffin, Eva Madrigal, Erik Young

- Josh Neilsen made a presentation on the Apptegy app and platform to allow for better communication between the district and community. The board authorized Superintendent Cox to pursue pricing negotiations for the program. (See story, Page 7)
- No athletes turned out for track but "lots" are signed up for Jr. High softball. Travis Crockett, Jose Gonzalez and Fernando Lopez were recognized as All-League players which, as Chairman Karen Tonne noted, was a first for Prescott.
- Approved policy 5404, which combined two existing policies, dealing with family, maternity and military caregiver leave, into one.
- Approved the purchase of a new bus.
- Contracted for services with Jubilee Leadership Academy.
- Approved a bid to replace a failing irrigation pump.
- Approved a \$3,500 expenditure to build a fence around the "F St." rental property to improve the property and privacy. The rent returns to the capital projects fund and the funds will be replaced in six months.
- Approved Title I Priority Consultant contract with Michelle Curry.
- Approved Indistar Coordinator Agreement with Sonia Patino of \$1,000.
- Approved the purchase of 90 Chromebooks. (See story Page 7)

HUNTING - FROM PAGE 1

to hunting season.

City attorney Jared Hawkins said Waitsburg is already covered by a statute, intended to promote the free use of public lands for recreational purposes, that protects public entities from liability.

Hawkins noted that protection doesn't apply to known dangerous conditions (unless there is appropriate signage) and that there is no protection against being sued by individuals who feel they meet an exception to the statute.

Hawkins said there were a couple of phrases in the liability paragraph of the WDFW contract that he would like to see reworded.

"Why do we have to have a contract with Fish & Game when it's been open forever?" Councilor Marty Dunn asked. "I don't see what we're gaining other than it's more advertised. I definitely don't want to shut it down because I believe there's a lot of good to come out of it."

The council agreed to invite the WDFW representatives back in March to try and gain clarification and to see if the WDFW would be open to changes in some of the contract language.

City Administrator Randy Hinchliffe said the "Feel Free to Hunt" contract has not yet been returned to the WDFW.

COURT NEWS

Columbia County Superior Court

February 17, 2016

Sentencing/Dismissals:

Nicholas Anthony Beard, 26, Spokane; Originally charged of attempting to elude a pursuing police vehicle, reckless driving, and driving under the influence in Oct. of 2014. Charges were amended to one count of failure to obey a police officer and one count of negligent driving in the first degree. Beard was sentenced to 24 months probation, drug and alcohol evaluation, and assessed \$1230 in fines and fees.

Ryan Phillips Timmons, 29, Dayton; case was dismissed with prejudice because the defendant's right to a speedy trial had expired and the state lost jurisdiction. The defendant was accused of possession of methamphetamine and vehicle prowl in the second degree in April of 2014.

Arraignments/Pleas:

Gary Alan Marshall, 60, Burbank; plead guilty to one count of reckless driving, a gross misdemeanor and one count of resisting arrest, a misdemeanor in a plea agreement. He was originally charged with attempting to elude a pursuing police vehicle.

Joseph J. Richter, 31, Dayton; entered a plea of not guilty to charges of arson, burglary and theft resulting from incidents occurring in February, 2016. His counsel is seeking a global agreement (combining of cases) with charges resulting from an incident that occurred in August, 2015, Richter is currently held in custody in the Columbia County Jail on \$101,500 cash/surety bond.

John G. Waltermire, 25, Dayton; entered a plea of not guilty to one charge of possession of methamphetamine.

Delores L. Elder, 51, Dayton; entered a not guilty plea to one count of burglary in the first degree - accomplice and on count of harassment - threats to kill. The charges stem from an incident that occurred Jan. 21, 2016 in which Elder is accused of entering a residence and threatening the victim.

William H. Richards, 47 Benton City; changed his plea to guilty at his pre-trial hearing. He was charged in May of 2015 with possession of a stolen vehicle and obstructing a law enforcement officer and violating conditions of release in July of 2015.

Trials Set

Johan Martin Filla, 49, Dayton; charged with assault in the second degree - domestic violence, assault in the third degree - domestic violence, and unlawful imprisonment - domestic violence in an incident that took place on Jan. 23, 2016. He was released on a \$20,000 10% bond, with conditions. Trial is set for March 31 - April 1.

Marshall Hernandez, 54; trial reset. He is charged with arson, reckless burning, and possession of stolen property for allegedly setting fire to a vacant trailer in Jan. of 2015. Trial was reset to May 5-6.

Eric Ryan Vanzandt, 31, Dayton; charged with obstructing a law enforcement officer, fourth degree assault, violation of protection order - domestic violence, second degree assault with a weapon - domestic violence. He is currently in custody in the Columbia County Jail. Trial set for March 31 - April 1.



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'BARNES OF COLUMBIA COUNTY' ON DISPLAY

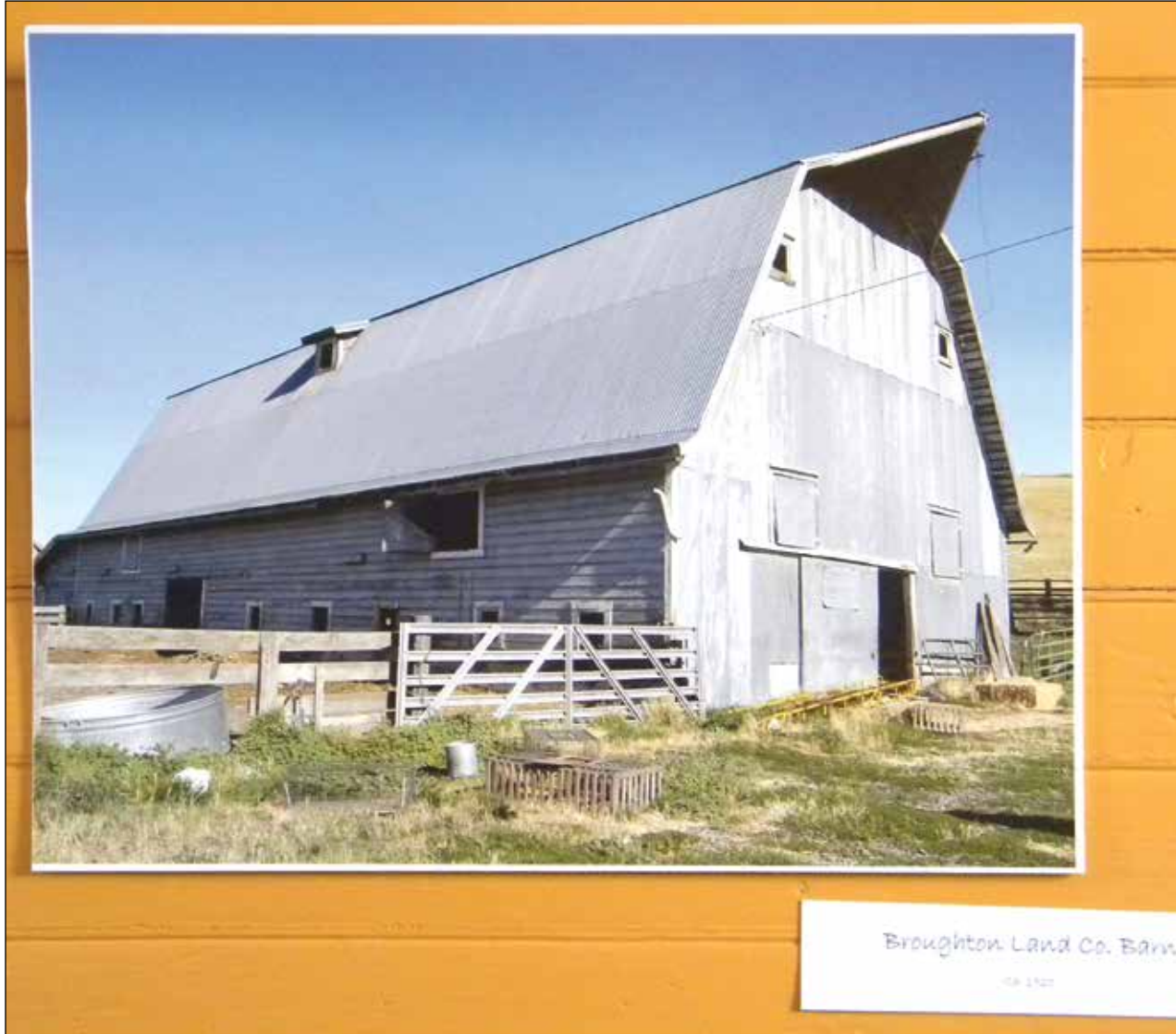


Photo by Michele Smith

The Dayton Historic Depot is featuring an exhibit of historic barns in our area, including the above photo of the Broughton Land Co. barn. The Depot's waiting room and ticket office are filled with a "Barns of Columbia County" exhibit. The exhibit was originally coordinated by Duane Dunlap and the photography is by Justin Jaech. Those who appreciate old rural architecture should not miss these photographs. The Dayton Historic Depot is open Wednesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

LOCAL BARNES ON HERITAGE BARN REGISTER



Courtesy Photos

The Old Starr Barn, built in 1859 (top) and the Hopkins Barn, built about 1913 (bottom, left and right), both in Columbia County, are among several barns in the Touchet Valley that are included on the Washington Heritage Barn Register. The Register was created by the Washington State Legislature in 2007 to commemorate "barns as historically significant resources representing the agricultural, economic and cultural development of the State of Washington," according to the Washington State Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation website.

After School Program Starts This Month

PILOT PROGRAM IN DAYTON BEGINS MAR. 8

THE TIMES

DAYTON—Beginning Tuesday, March 8, third, fourth, fifth and six graders in the Dayton School

District can participate in an after school enrichment program.

Students will meet three days a week, for four weeks, and be given the opportunity to explore a variety of activities including, art, dance, flag football, gardening, basketball and hoop shooting, soccer, and granola-making.

The After School Task Force has been meeting regularly since April,

2015 to discuss plans for the program. In January it was decided to offer a trial program in March. If that goes well the ASTF hopes to offer the program again next fall.

For further information about the after school program contact ASTF coordinator Peggy Gutierrez at: (509) 382-1511 or program coordinator Valerie Kerr at (509) 240-3142.

HOSPITAL - FROM PAGE 1

the cost of building a new laundry facility, are the reasons behind outsourcing laundry services.

McGuire emphasized that no employees would be laid off.

"We still have to collect, store, and move (laundry)," he said. "It requires lots of man-hours."

Blue Ribbon Linen Supply, Inc., of Lewiston, Ida., was selected from a field of three vendors to provide laundry service. The company will also provide linens, at a cost of .50/pound, and make deliveries two days each week, McGuire said.

Outreach to improve in-patient census

McGuire also told the commissioners about his efforts to get patients in other facilities back into beds at DGH.

He said he has been in talks with Walla Walla General Hospital about discharging patients from that facility to Dayton General Hospital for acute and swing bed care, and for observation.

"We want our patients back," said McGuire.

"Our mixed average daily census was four for February, and 2.7 for January," he said.

"We had six patient calls from Walla Walla General Hospital, and admitted four, after our visit with them," he said.

McGuire said he plans to make the same presentation to representatives in the Social Services Department at Providence St. Mary's Hospital in Walla Walla on March 15.

McGuire said that last year's average daily in-patient census was 2.4 and that the average daily census in 2016 is up to 3.35.

Watershed Group forming in Columbia Co.

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—On Feb. 24, watershed stakeholders in Columbia County heard about an optional incentive-based program for protecting and enhancing critical areas, while promoting agriculture in the county.

Bill Ehler, from the Washington State Conservation Commission, presented information about the Voluntary Stewardship Program, to roughly thirty people in attendance at the meeting, which was held at the county fairgrounds.

VSP is a program that is allowed under the state Growth Management Act, and whose goal is to reduce tension between competing GMA goals related to agricultural viability and protection of critical areas.

According to Ehler, critical areas are wetland areas, aquifer recharge areas, areas for fish and wildlife, frequently flooded areas, geologically hazardous areas, and areas with a critical recharging effect on potable water.

Up to 3% of agricultural land in Columbia County overlaps with critical areas, according to Kim Lyon-nais, County Planning Director.

The goals of the VSP are:

- To focus and maximize voluntary incentive programs to encourage good environmental stewardship as an alternative to historic approaches

- To leverage existing resources by relying on existing work plans in counties and local watersheds as well as existing state and federal programs

- To foster a spirit of cooperation with other stakeholders

- To improve compliance with other laws designed to protect water quality and fish habitat

According to Lyon-nais, the Columbia County Commissioners agreed to opt in to the VSP in 2011. Funding was made available in 2015 through the Washington State Conservation Commission. Phase I of the project began in January 2016 and will last until June 2017, which is half of a three-year program, he said.

Lyon-nais said flexibility is an important benefit for opting into the VSP. The State Conservation Commission is responsible for adopting and "tweaking" the plan and for any challenges made to it, he said.

"This is an opportunity to take local control, rather than involve the GMA," said Lyon-nais.

"We have a shelf full of regulations in the planning department. We need a strong emphasis on standards that are already in place," Lyon-nais told the crowd.

Twenty-seven counties in Washington State have opted in to the VSP, according to Ehler.

Columbia County stakeholders have thirty days in which to form a Watershed Work Group for participation in the VSP, and eighteen stakeholders have volunteered to be on the Group, Lyon-nais said.

For more information, contact the Columbia County Planning Department at 382-4674.

DAYTON MAN ACCEPTS PLEA ON SEX CRIME CHARGES

Aidan Gemmell pleads guilty to two counts of child molestation

THE TIMES

DAYTON – Dayton resident Aidan J. Gemmell, 19, signed a plea agreement filed in Columbia County Superior on Jan. 20. Gemmell was originally charged with five counts of first-degree child rape, a Class A felony. He entered a guilty plea in an agreement that drops the charges to two counts of child molestation in the second degree, a Class A felony.

Gemmell was charged with five instances of sexual misconduct with a minor under the age of twelve, between March and May of 2015. Each of those instances took place after he turned 18. Gemmell and his family have reportedly been cooperative in the investigation, and Gemmell was never arrested on the charges. In August, he entered not guilty pleas on all counts before accepting the plea agreement in

January.

Standard range sentencing for each child molestation charge is 57-75 months confinement with 36 months community custody. Gemmell is eligible for the Special Sex Offender Sentencing Alternative (SSOSA), which allows for jail time, outpatient treatment, and supervision in lieu of a prison sentence.

Both the State and Gemmell's defense recommended a SSOSA sentence of 50 days in Columbia County Jail (10 days to be served in confinement with 40 days allowed by electronic monitoring, weekends acceptable), Department of Corrections supervision, sex offender treatment, and fines and costs of \$1,680.

Sentencing was postponed until the DOC could conduct a pre-sentencing investigation. That report has been submitted and agreed with the recommended SSOSA 50-day sentence. The report's authors stated they believe that Gemmell is a low risk as a repeat offender.

Gemmell is scheduled for sentencing in Columbia County Superior Court on March 16.

Respiratory Presentation Leaves Kids Breathless

CCHS RESPIRATORY THERAPIST TOM ANDERSON HAS JUST COMPLETED HIS FIRST YEAR ON THE JOB

By Dena Wood | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG – “Stick your finger right in that chamber there. Go ahead!” said Columbia County Health System Respiratory Therapist Tom Anderson to a student holding a human heart. Anderson, who is celebrating his one-year anniversary with CCHS, held Waitsburg fourth and fifth graders spellbound during a visit to their classrooms last week.

And why wouldn't he? It's not every day that a visitor shows up with an actual heart and lung that students can touch and feel. Anderson looked like he was having as much fun as the kids as he used a pump to inflate the lung a student held in her hands.

“I love the look on the kids' faces and seeing them grin while their eyes get twice as big. They're genuinely enthused and excited, which is good to see, especially in education,” Anderson said.

Anderson, a lively presenter, told the students a bit about his job and the tools he uses, let them explore the heart and lung, and challenged students to look at X-rays to determine what the problem was. He said the X-ray of a woman pregnant with twins usually stumps the class.

“I like to keep it entertaining, but slide in an educational component. The X-rays are a great learning point to bring home the importance of those rules kids hear all the time,” Anderson said. “When you see an X-ray of a quarter lodged in an esophagus, you understand why you don't want to be putting things in your mouth,” he added.

Anderson moved to Dayton from Prosser, Wash. last year after 25 years working at Prosser Hospital and Sunnyside Hospital. He was drawn to Dayton for the job opportunity at CCHS which allowed him to start a brand new de-

partment.

“Some of the equipment we have here rivals that at the University of Washington and Deaconess (in Seattle) – it's that good of quality,” he said. “Part of why they chose me is because I had already worked with the equipment. Now people don't have to go to Walla Walla for lung and heart testing,” he said.

Anderson said his patients can run the gamut from someone having difficulty breathing due to asthma, to someone in the emergency room who has punctured a lung and can't breathe. His days include scheduling and performing pulmonary function and treadmill testing and working with patients.

Anderson has also been leading weekly smoking cessation classes as part of the CCHS Wellness Program. The current group is wrapping up this month but he said the hospital plans to offer another class later this year.

“Smoking in Dayton is higher than the state average. It takes the average person six to eight tries to quit if they try to do it alone. If someone really wants to quit for themselves – not because someone is pushing them to do it – the class is great for information and support,” Anderson said.

Anderson said the school visits are part of the hospital's outreach program. “We're just letting people know we're here,” he said.

Anderson hopes to visit Prescott and Starbuck schools and said he is available to speak at groups like Kiwanis, especially if they have a specific topic they'd like him to address. He said there is no charge to have him speak.

“The community supports the hospital and we want to support the community,” he said.

Anderson said he is enjoying the move and that he and his wife have been welcomed by the community. His wife, Kathleen Anderson, who is also a respiratory therapist, was recently hired by CCHS as manager of the Waitsburg and Dayton clinics.

Anderson said he has never lived in a rural area before and is enjoying that part of the experience as well.

“We're getting used to deer and wild turkeys walking through the yard, looking at us, and walking on. I love that part!” he said.



Photos by Dena Wood



CCHS Respiratory Therapist Tom Anderson didn't have any trouble capturing the attention of Waitsburg fourth and fifth grade students when he visited their classroom as part of the hospital's outreach program last week.

Above: Anderson exudes enthusiasm as he blows air to expand a human lung held by Teighan Anderson. Amy Bly and Benjamin Gason III take turns holding a heart. Left: Zack Norris looks like he's enjoying himself as he follows Anderson's instructions to “stick your finger right in there” while exploring a human heart.

Prescott Considers New Technology to Improve Communication

NEW PLATFORM WOULD STREAMLINE COMMUNICATIONS AND SERVE MOBILE USERS

By Dena Wood | THE TIMES

PRESCOTT – Getting school notices home to parents – and then making sure they read them – is a challenge for most school districts. For Prescott Schools, the struggle is magnified because a large percentage of parents speak only Spanish.

At the district's Feb. 25 school board meeting, the board previewed an app that claims to improve communications with parents, students, and the community-at-large. The mission of Apptegy, the app under consideration, is to “help schools build better connections with their communities by using the best technology available.”

Apptegy says its user-friendly iPhone and Android apps are the easiest way for the district to communicate important notices, but also to get positive messages out to the community. Through Apptegy's “Thrillshare” platform, content can be uploaded in one spot and distributed to selected outlets including, Facebook, text messages, push notifications, a website update, the mobile app update,

Twitter, and more. A special feature of the Apptegy app is its ability to translate data from English to Spanish.

Apptegy representative Josh Nielsen, who presented the platform to the board, said coaches, teachers and administrators can each have their own limited logins, which allow them to quickly update “all the good stories” going on with their students and at the school. Coaches can update game scores and teachers can share photos of classroom events and achievements in just seconds, he said.

The Apptegy package includes website development and hosting, but Nielsen said the vast majority of today's users access technology through their phones rather than via websites, which increases the appeal of an app.

And unlike Facebook, which allows potentially negative comments from readers, the app allows the district to control and share outbound positive data. The app allows schools the option of adding forms for feedback, volunteering, or anything else the school would like to know from the community.

“It truly changes the way you guys are communicating with your community and brings in that community and parent involvement to the district that has truly been missing in the educational field,” Nielsen said.

Superintendent Brett Cox said the app would allow the district to meet archiving requirements since all posts are stored on the Apptegy servers. He said the district



Courtesy Image

Apptegy's Thrillshare platform allows school administrators to update multiple communication portals with one just one post.

currently spends \$2,000 for their website hosting and it would cost the district approximately \$600 annually to monitor and update Facebook and another \$350 to use Smarsh.com to archive Facebook posts and comments.

Apptegy will cost Prescott \$3,000 annually and the district would also incur a one-time \$5,000 set-up fee.

The board authorized Superintendent Cox to move forward in price negotiations with Apptegy. Business Manager Patti Johnson said that the current web-hosting contract expires in July. If the Prescott School District does purchase the Apptegy platform, they will be the second school in the state to partner with the company, which is based in Little Rock, Ark. Morton School District signed with Apptegy in late February.

Prescott to Purchase Classroom Chromebooks

GRANT FUNDS WILL BE USED TO HELP INCREASE TEACHING EFFICIENCY

By Dena Wood | THE TIMES

PRESCOTT – At their Feb. 25 school board meeting, the Prescott School Board approved the purchase of 90 Chromebook computers to improve teaching efficiency. The computers come with a \$35,000 price tag, but will be paid for through a federal grant that must be used or forfeited.

Prescott Superintendent Brett Cox told the board that a staff survey indicated that teachers are eager to improve what they can do, from a technology standpoint, in the classroom.

He said the staff voted to pursue the use of Google Docs and Chromebooks which would make both teaching and learning more efficient. Students will be able to take the Chromebooks home to do homework and it may allow them exposure to technology that they wouldn't have otherwise, Cox said.

“We have federal grant dollars that we will lose if we don't use it. We have the opportunity to purchase 90 – three complete classroom sets – for the secondary students. This could also eliminate the need for the computer lab which would create more classroom space,” Cox said.

The board unanimously approved purchase of the Chromebooks.

SPORTS



Photos by Nick Page

Left: Dayton senior Madison Mings looks to make a pass during a playoff game against Davenport last month. Mings and teammate Kellie Moore played their final games as Bulldogs on Friday. Middle: Dayton juniors Shayla Currin (23), Jenna Phillips (10), Sidney Andrews (11) and Josilyn Fullerton (22) prepare to crash the boards after a Davenport player attempts a layup. Right: Dayton coach Clayton Strong keeps an eye on the action during the Davenport game.

Mabton Threes Sink Dayton

LADY BULLDOGS' SEASON ENDS WITH 58-44 LOSS - ONE GAME SHY OF HARDWOOD CLASSIC

By Ken Graham | THE TIMES

YAKIMA – For the second year in a row, the Dayton girls' basketball team was knocked out of the state tournament in the round of sixteen, after a 58-44 loss to Mabton here Friday. A win would have sent the team to the Hardwood Classic tournament in Spokane next weekend.

The Lady Bulldogs' defense couldn't slow down Mabton's outside game, as the Vikings sank 11 three-

point shots in the game, accounting for more than half their points.

The Dayton girls led 18-16 after the first quarter, but a 20-9 Mabton run in the second quarter put the Bulldogs in a hole they couldn't climb out of.

For the game, Sidney Andrews and Shayla Currin each had 13 points, with Jenna Phillips adding 12. Phillips and Currin each had seven rebounds, and Josilyn Fullerton had three assists. Dayton had 20 turnovers to the Vikings' nine.

Dayton seniors Madison Mings and Kellie Moore ended their Bulldog basketball careers Friday. The team will bring back a strong group of incoming seniors next year, with hopes of playing deeper into the state tournament.

Dayton 18 9 12 5—44
Mabton 16 20 9 13—58

DAYTON (44) — Phillips 4 4-6 12, Andrews 6 1-2 13, Price 0 0-0 0, Becker 0 0-0 0, Mings 1 0-0 3, Fullerton 0 1-2 1, Currin 5 3-3 13, Laughery 0 0-0 0, Bryan 0 0-0 0, Moore 1 0-0 2. Totals 17 9-13 44.

MABTON (58) — Pineda 6 1-1 17, McCallum 0 0-0 0, B. Guerrero 2 5-6 9, Galarza 0 0-0 0, Desmaras 0 0-0 0, Herrera 2 0-0 6, Sanchez 0 0-0 0, Guitterez 0 0-0 0, Espinoza 4 2-2 13, Rojas 0 0-0 0, D. Guerrero 4 4-5 13. Totals 18 12-14 58.

3-point goals — Dayton 1 (Mings), Mabton 11 (Pineda 4, Herrera 3, Espinoza 3, D. Guerrero 1). Total fouls — Dayton 15, Mabton 16. Fouled out — Dayton, Phillips, Andrews. Technical fouls — none. Rebounds — Dayton 26 (Phillips 7, Currin 7), Mabton 29. Turnovers — Dayton 20, Mabton 9. Assists — Dayton 9 (Fullerton 3), Mabton NA.

MORE HOOPS FOR HEARTS



Photos by Dena Wood

Clockwise from top left: Third through fifth graders filled the WHS gym as students moved from station-to-station playing basketball-related games. Marahsyn Russell concentrates as she prepares to shoot while Amy Bly eyes the basket. High school helper Jaidyn Brown coaxes Tanner Atwood to give jumping rope a try. Tanner Atwood takes on two hula hoops at once as his classmates perfect their techniques in the background.

WAITSBURG WINTER SPORTS AWARDS

- Cheerleading**
 - Most Improved: Jade Alleman
 - Most Inspirational: Bailey Adams
 - Most Valuable Player: Timber Frohreich
- Wrestling**
 - Most Improved: Jason Just
 - Most Inspirational: Carlos Norris
 - Most Valuable Player: Carlos Norris
- Girls Basketball**
 - Miss Defense: Taylor Jones
 - Miss Offense: Lexi Brannock
 - Most Improved: Mackenzie Forney
 - Most Inspirational: Chloe Pearson
 - Most Valuable Player: Devon Harshman
 - Miss Graceful: Chloe Pearson
- Boys Basketball**
 - Mr. Defense: Landon Callas
 - Mr. Offense: Kyle Gradwohl
 - Coach's Award: Mark Montgomery
 - Most Improved: Trey Potts
 - Most Inspirational: Jason Carter
 - Most Valuable Player: Jacob Dunn
 - All-League: Kyle Gradwohl, Mark Montgomery, Jacob Dunn

SPORTS



Courtesy Photo

Preston Hall girls' basketball award winners. Back row l to r: Kiley Curran, Kirsten Miller, Kailyn Lewis, Amy Farley, Megan Forney. Front Row: Grace Coulston

Preston Hall Girls' Basketball Ends Seasons with Wins

THE TIMES

WAITSBURG - The Preston Hall Middle school girls' basketball team finished their season on Feb. 23 with both A-Team (38-12) and B-team (14-12) wins against Assumption at DeSales. Another highlight was the A-team's 26-18 win

over Prescott on Mon., Feb. 22 in Prescott, according to Coach Karen Huwe.

The following players received awards at the season-end get-together on Thurs., Feb. 25. Kiley Curran, Best Defensive Player, B-Team; Kirsten Miller, Best Defensive Player, A-Team; Kailyn Lewis, Coaches Award

and 100 Point Club A-Team; Amy Farley, Most Inspirational Player A-Team, Megan Forney, Coaches Award and 100% Attendance at Practices and Games B-Team, Grace Coulston, 100% Attendance at Practices and Games B-Team.



Courtesy Photo

Left: Waitsburg Cross Country team members (l to r) Tom House, Skylar Wood, and Emily Adams were first to cross the finish line with a time of 23 minutes 13 seconds, at the Heart & Sole Fun Run in Dayton on Saturday.

HEART & SOLE FUN RUN GROWS LARGER EACH YEAR

DAYTON - The CCHS Heart & Sole Run/Walk drew a good crowd to Dayton's Flour Mill Park on Saturday morning in spite of windy, rainy weather.

CCHS Dietary Manager Tammy Jo Faughtenberry said 64 walkers,

about 10 dogs, and five strollers turned out for the event. Participants ranged in age from infant to mid 70's.

"What a gem Dayton has with its beautiful dike along the river with beautiful scenery. The runners and walkers

were all smiles as they got their hearts pumping," Faughtenberry said.

Money raised from the event, which grows in size every year, stays in the communities to promote wellness events.

PRESCOTT WINTER SPORTS AWARDS

Boys Basketball

Most Valuable: Travis Crockett
Most Valuable: Jose Gonzalez
Most Inspirational: Jose Iglesias
Most Improved: Kenny Miles

All-League Boys Basketball

Jose Gonzales
Travis Crockett
Fernando Lopez

Girls Basketball

Most Valuable: Briseida Ayala
Most Inspirational: Leidy Rosales
Most Improved: Sonya Crispin

Cheerleading

Most Valuable: Kalijha Bicknell
Most Inspirational: Kalijha Bicknell
Most Improved: Maribel Mendoza

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LEGAL NOTICES

the March 3, 2016, and defend the above entitled action in the above entitled court, and answer the complaint of the petitioner, Esperanza Rodriguez, and serve a copy of your answer upon the petitioner at the address below stated; and in case of your failure so to do, judgment will be rendered against you according to the demand of the dissolution petition, which has been filed with the clerk of said court. If you do not serve your written response within 90 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 decree and approve or provide for the relief requested in the petition. The court will not enter the final decree until at least 90 days after filing and service. Serve a copy of your response on Esperanza Rodriguez at 437 N. 5th Ave, Walla Walla, WA 99362.

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March 3, 10, 17, 25, 31,
April 7, 2016
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA

NO: 16-4-00036-1
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS
RCW 11.40.030

In re the Estate of:

DAVID WAYNE SMITH,

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 other applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving

on or mailing to the personal representative or the personal representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the Court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) thirty days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four

months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and RCW 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.

DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: March 3, 2016.

Attorney for Personal Representative:
Jeff Burkhardt, WSBA
#39454
Burkhardt & Burkhardt, PLLC
6½ N. Second Avenue,
Suite 200
Walla Walla, WA 99362
509-529-0630

The Times
March 3, 10, 17, 2016
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NOTICE OF HEARING ON THE APPLICATION FOR A FRANCHISE

In the Matter of The Application of: Barry Chabre
934 Shasta Drive
Walla Walla, WA 99362

FOR PERMISSION AND AUTHORITY TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE, AND MAINTAIN A UTILITY SYSTEM WITHIN THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA, STATE OF WASHINGTON.

WHEREAS, Barry Chabre has filed with the Board of Walla Walla County Commissioners, under the provisions of Chapter 36.55, RCW, an application for a franchise to construct, operate, and maintain a cattle watering system within the public right of way in Walla Walla County.

All that part of County Road Log Number 41770, presently known as Sheffler Road, crossing at or near mile post 10.438, and crossing through an existing County road culvert at mile post 11.105, situated in Section 36, Township 11 North, Range 33 East W.M., Walla Walla County, Washington.

All that part of County Road Log Number 43300, presently known as Simmons Road, crossing at or near mile post 0.2 situated in Section 25, Township 11 North, Range 33 East W.M., Walla Walla County, Washington.

All that part of County Road Log Number 41530, presently known as Walker School Road, crossing through a County road culvert at or near mile post 0.261 situated in Section 36, Township 11 North, Range 33 East W.M., Walla Walla County, Washington.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a hearing will be held on said application, by the Board of Walla Walla County Commissioners in their office in the Commissioner Cham-

bers, County Public Health and Legislative Building, located at 314 West Main Street, Walla Walla, Washington, on Monday the 21st day of March 2016, at the hour of 10:30 a.m. or as soon thereafter as such hearing may be held.

DATED at Walla Walla, Washington this 29th day of February, 2016.

By: Connie Vinti
Clerk of the Board of County Commissioner

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NOTICE OF HEARING Declaring Certain Equipment and Miscellaneous Used Parts Surplus

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a hearing will be held to consider declaring certain equipment and miscellaneous used parts surplus. Said hearing will be held in the Walla Walla County Commissioner Chambers, County Public Health & Legislative Building, located at 314 W. Main, Walla Walla, Washington at 10:30 A.M., on Monday, March 21st, 2016 or as soon thereafter as possible.

Randy L. Glaeser, P.E.
Director/County Engineer

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Public Notice

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that there will be a Special Meeting of the Waitsburg Planning Commission on Tuesday, March 8, 2016, at 7:00 p.m., at the Waitsburg Fire Station 232 Main Street, Waitsburg, WA to discuss an update to the City of Waitsburg Shoreline Master Plan. An informal public open house will be held from 6:30 – 7:00pm prior to the meeting

Dated this 1st Day of March, 2016

City of Waitsburg
By: Randy Hinchliffe, City Clerk

The Times
March 3, 2016
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D.A.R.E. GRADS



Courtesy Photo

Waitsburg Elementary School fifth grade students celebrated their graduation from the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) program last week. Deputy Ian Edwards runs the local D.A.R.E. program and has been visiting the classroom weekly since about mid-October. Above: Natalie Teal accepts her certificate of graduation and some encouragement from Superintendent Carol Clarke as teacher Gabe Kiefel and Deputy Edwards look on.

NEWS BRIEFS

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WAITSBURG - Waitsburg Commerical Club's "Shop Waitsburg First" drawing winners for February were:

- Tom Baker, \$10.83, Waitsburg Grocery
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- Stephanie Hinchliffe, \$48.73, Star Fitness.

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SHAMROCK BINGO FUNDRAISER

WAITSBURG - Team RELAY for the American Cancer Society will hold its annual Shamrock Bingo fundraiser on Fri., March 18, 2016 in the Waitsburg Elementary Multipurpose Room. Doors open at 5 p.m. and 20 games will be played between 6-8 p.m.

Games are \$1 each, with three cards. Soup and chili will be available for \$4. Last year the event raised approximately \$1,600 which was all donated to the American Cancer Society.

SPECIAL PLANNING MEETING

WAITSBURG - The Waitsburg Planning Commission will hold a special meeting on Tues., March 8 at 7 p.m. at the Waitsburg Fire Station (232 Main St.) to discuss updates to the City of Waitsburg Shoreline Master Plan. An informal public open house will precede the meeting from 6:30-7 p.m.

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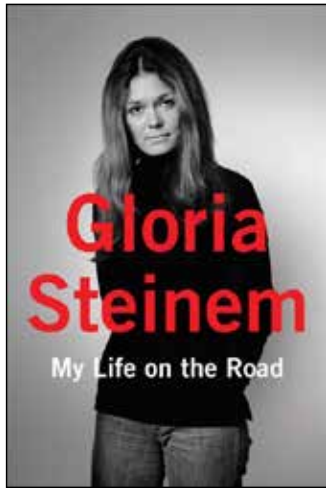
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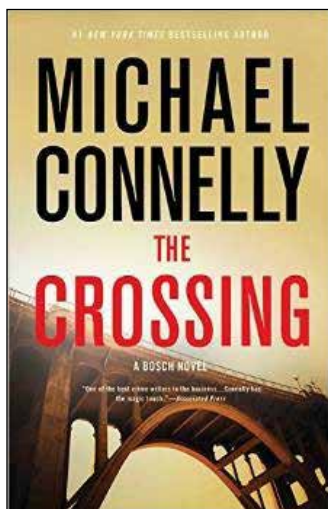
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“The Crossing,” by Michael Connelly (Adult Fiction). Detective Harry Bosch has retired from the LAPD but defense attorney Mickey Haller needs his help. A

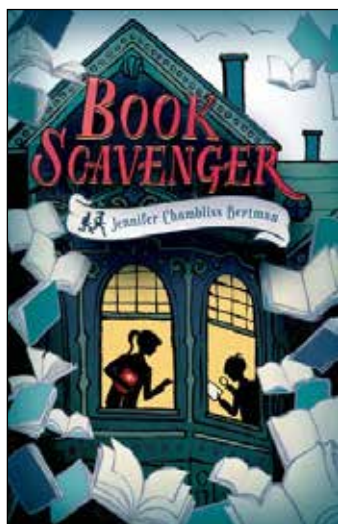
woman has been brutally murdered in her bed and all evidence points to Haller’s client, a former gang member turned family man. Though the murder rap seems ironclad, Mickey is sure it’s a setup. Though it goes against all his instincts, Bosch reluctantly takes the case. With the secret help of his former LAPD partner Lucy Soto, Harry starts digging. Soon his investigation leads him inside the police department, where he realizes that the killer he’s been tracking has also been tracking him.



“Orbiting Jupiter,” by Gary D. Schmidt (Young Adult Fiction). The two-time Newbery Honor winner Gary D. Schmidt delivers the shattering story of Joseph, a father at thirteen, who has never seen his daughter, Jupiter. After spending time in a juvenile facility, he’s placed with a foster family on a farm in rural Maine. Here Joseph, damaged and withdrawn, meets twelve-year-old Jack, who narrates the account of the troubled, passionate teen who wants to find his baby at any cost. In this riveting novel, two boys discover the true meaning of family and the sacrifices it requires.

“Book Scavenger,” by Jennifer Chambliss (Junior Fiction). For twelve-year-old Emily, the

best thing about moving to San Francisco is that it’s the home city of her literary idol: Garrison Griswold. Upon her arrival, however, Emily learns that Griswold has been attacked and is now in a coma, and no one knows anything about the epic new game he had been poised to launch. Then Emily and her new friend James discover an odd book, which they come to believe is from Griswold himself, and might contain the only copy of his mysterious new game.

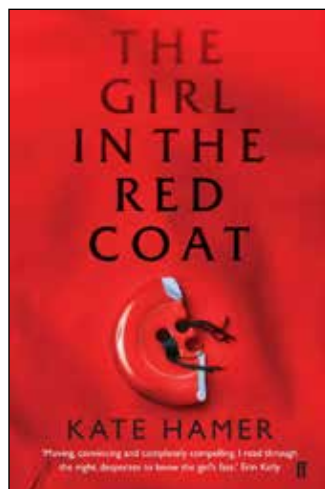


“Beatrix Potter and Her Paint Box,” by David McPhail (Children’s Literature). All her life, Beatrix Potter loved to paint. From a young age, she painted the bunnies, mice, and other pets who populated her family home. These characters later populated her stories, which are beloved the whole world over. With beautiful scenes rich in detail, David McPhail transports us to the charming, English countryside and the wonderful world of Beatrix Potter.



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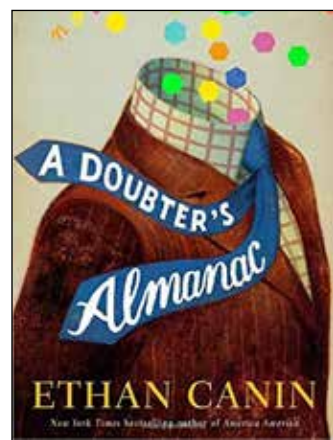
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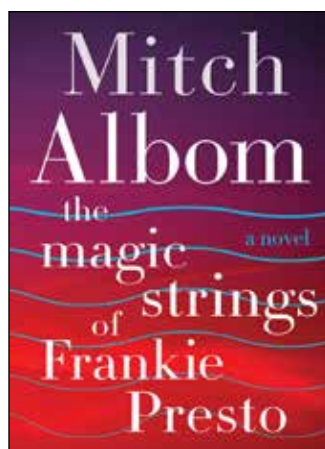
“The Girl in the Red Coat,” by Kate Hamer (Adult Fiction). Newly single mom Beth has one constant, gnawing worry: that her dreamy eight-year-old daughter, Carmel, who has a tendency to wander off, will one day go missing. And then one day, it happens. Shattered, Beth sets herself on the grim and lonely mission to find her daughter, keeping on relentlessly even as the authorities tell her that Carmel may be gone for good. Carmel, meanwhile, is on a strange and harrowing journey of her own—to a totally unexpected place that requires her to live by her wits, while trying desperately to keep in her head, at all times, a vision of her mother.

“A Doubter’s Almanac,” by Ethin Canin (Adult Fiction). Milo Andret is born

with an unusual mind. A lonely child growing up in the woods of northern Michigan in the 1950s, he gives little thought to his own talent. But with his acceptance at U.C. Berkeley he realizes the extent, and the risks, of his singular gifts. Spanning seven decades as it moves from California to Princeton to the Midwest to New York, A Doubter’s Almanac tells the story of a family as it explores the way ambition lives alongside destructiveness, obsession alongside torment, love alongside grief. It is a story of how the flame of genius both lights and scorches every generation it touches.



“The Magic Strings of Frankie Presto,” by Mitch Albom (Adult Fiction). Mitch Albom creates his most unforgettable fictional character—Frankie Presto, the greatest guitarist to ever walk the earth—in this magical novel about the bands we join in life and the power of talent to change our lives. With its *Forrest Gump*-like romp through the music world, *The Magic Strings of Frankie Presto* is a classic in the making. A lifelong musician himself, Albom delivers a remarkable novel, infused with the message that “everyone joins a band in this life” and those connections change us all.



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