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THIS WEEK

DAYTON



FAIRGROUNDS

Planners hope to present fairgrounds to county commissioners for approval by April 1. (See Page 6)

WAITSBURG



CHROMEBOOKS

The Waitsburg school board got to see how the elementary school makes use of technology in the classroom. (See Page 7)

SPORTS



Track

Waitsburg's Landon Callas won the 300-meter hurdles at the Papa Wells Meet in Yakima Saturday. (See Page 8)

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WHS KNOWLEDGE BOWL THIRD AT STATE



Courtesy Photo

Waitsburg's Knowledge Bowl Team One placed highest in WHS history at the State Meet in Arlington last Saturday and brought home a third place trophy. See story on Page 5.
Clockwise from lower left: Gillian Pope, Leena Baker, Kevin Murphy, Coach Brad Green, Cade Branson, Robert Walsh, Scott Leamy.

'Levy Cliff' Measure Signed Into Law

Local levy collections are extended while waiting for state school-funding increase

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—Last week, Washington Governor Jay Inslee signed Senate Bill 5023, the "levy cliff" measure, into law. The bill extends the safety net for local levy collections an additional year. According to local school officials, this was needed because the State Legislature has reduced the amount of money local school districts can collect from voter-approved M&O levies, in anticipation of full funding for basic education, as ordered by the State Supreme Court, in the McCleary ruling. "The bill is a plus," said Dayton School Superintendent Doug Johnson. "It does let us know the legislature will not reduce our local collection until 2019, and that, certainly by that time, the legislature will have in place a funding mechanism that would support our basic education needs."

In Dayton, the reduction in local levy collection would have resulted in a loss in 2018 of nearly \$55,000. Additional reductions would occur each year until the local levy amount allowed to be collected was met. Johnson said that based on the current levy authority figures, Dayton would only have been allowed to collect about \$478,000 from local taxpayers, and none of that could have been spent on basic education expenditures, such as teachers, administrators, counselors or other support personnel. "There are still many questions, however, even with the passage of the bill," said Johnson. He pointed to issues around a new requirement that school districts report to the state how levy dollars are spent, a new requirement that districts ask permission from the state to run a levy, and the possible inability to use levy dollars to support basic education needs, which are not currently being met by the state. "This could be a positive step, but certainly there is much more work to be done," Johnson said.

WAITSBURG CITY ELECTIONS EXTENDED TO FILL VACANT SEAT

COUNCIL CANDIDATES MAY FILE BETWEEN MARCH 27-29

By Dena Wood | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG – Anyone who considered running for Waitsburg City Council, but missed the original filing deadline, will have another chance to file. At their March 15 regular meeting, the council voted to reopen the filing period for three days, from March 27 through March 29. The filing extension was approved in hopes that at least one more person will run for city council. After the original March 10 filing deadline, four incumbents, including KC Kuykendall, Kevin House, Karen Gregutt, and Kate Hockersmith, had filed Declarations of Candidacy. Incumbent Karl Newell opted not to run for a seventh term on the council in order to be free to travel and visit family members that are moving out of state. No one else filed, leaving the fifth council seat empty. Incumbent mayor Marty Dunn and former council member and 2016 mayor candidate Debra Callahan will vie for the position of mayor. City Attorney Jared Hawkins advised the council that city code provides that elections could be reopened the next business day and remain open for three days. The issue with that, he said, is that no one would be aware that it had been reopened. The council agreed to reopen the filing period from March 27-29 so that the filing extension could be advertised in the newspaper, giving citizens notice of the extension. Ballots will be mailed on March 30-31, with the voting deadline extended from April 3 to 8 p.m. on April 17. Votes will be certified on April 19. City Manager Randy Hinchliffe said that, historically, the city elections operated through the caucus system, where a slate of candidates would run together, thus preventing any shortages. He said that in the last five to seven years, the declaration system was installed, allowing citizens to file individually. "We have slowly transitioned away from the caucus system to where everyone here filed through the declaration system," Hinchliffe said. The last caucus candidates were elected under the "Truth & Trust" slate in 2013. The "Truth & Trust" slate was first elected to council, under Mayor Walt Gobel, in 2010. Original council members were: Marty Dunn, Kevin House, Karl Newell, Scott Nettles, and Orville Branson. In 2012, Branson opted not to run, and was replaced on the "Truth & Trust" slate by current council member KC Kuykendall. In 2013, the "Truth & Trust" slate ran for the last time, and was broken up when Deb Callahan filed individually and unseated Nettles by two votes. That council remained unopposed until last year when Callahan ran for mayor and Gregutt and Hockersmith ran for council. Callahan lost her council seat in an unsuccessful bid for mayor and was replaced by Hockersmith. In August 2016, Mayor Walt Gobel resigned amid backlash over dealings with Nestle Waters North America. Mayor Pro-Tem Dunn assumed the role of mayor, and Gregutt, after being interviewed along with other candidates, was approved by the council to assume the council seat vacated by Dunn. Candidate hopefuls for 2017 can pick up a Declaration of Candidacy form at City Hall or download it from the city website at www.cityofwaitsburg.com on March 27. Completed candidacy forms are due to City Hall by 4 p.m. on March 29.

Sheriff Turner Gives 2016 Crime Statistics Update

COUNCIL QUESTIONS DEPUTY'S PARKING PRACTICES

By Dena Wood | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG – Walla Walla County Sheriff's Office calls for service in 2016 were up over the previous four years in Waitsburg. But Sheriff John Turner

told Waitsburg's city council that is a good thing, during his quarterly update at the March 15 city council meeting. The WWCOSO received 532 calls for service in Waitsburg in 2016, more than double the 247 calls received in 2015, and more than any of the three years prior to that. The number of Suspicious Circumstances calls jumped from 22 in 2015 to 54 last year. "I'm hoping that means mine

and the deputy's message, 'if you see something, say something,' is getting through. That's the type of statistic we really want to see. Not that there is more going on but that more people are feeling comfortable calling us. It means we're building trust with the community," Turner said. But not all the statistics were positive. Total recorded crime jumped from 18 crimes in 2015 to 40 in 2016. Burglary/Breaking and Entering was down one,

from 10 to nine, but all other crimes (aside from Forcible Rape, which has been zero for the last four years) showed an increase. Turner said his office plans to keep an especially close eye on Motor Vehicle Theft, which jumped from zero in 2015 to five in 2016, the highest it's been in four years. Larceny doubled

TOUCHET VALLEY LIFE

NEWS BRIEFS

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

WAITSBURG – Waitsburg Elementary will hold kindergarten registration for the fall of 2017 during the week of March 27-30. Registration will be in the elementary office from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday and from 9 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday.

All children who turn five, on or before, Aug. 31 and live within the Waitsburg School District boundaries are eligible to register for kindergarten for the fall of 2017.

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

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

SHAMROCK BRINGO BRINGS IN BIG BUCKS TO FIGHT CANCER

WAITSBURG – Waitsburg's annual American Cancer Society Shamrock Bingo fundraiser, sponsored by Team RELAY, was a huge success. This year's fundraiser, held on Fri., March 10, raised \$1877, which was \$400 more than last year's event.

Team RELAY would like to thank the following groups and individuals who donated prizes to the event: The McGregor Company, Kenna's Etched Glass, Puget Sound Energy, Eleanora Montgomery, Tucannon Meats, Misbehaven Spa & Salon, Fiesta En Jalisco Mexican Restaurant, Chief Springs's Fire & Iron Brew Pub, the Tuxedo Bar & Grill, Jim & Barb Knapp, Jay's Garage, Deb Erikson, Laht Neppur, Burger Hut, and Safeway.

And, of course, the event would not have been complete with Bingo caller Gary Thomas.

OBITUARY

MARILYN RAY LOCKARD APRIL 7, 1944 - MARCH 5, 2017



Marilyn Ray (Pefferle) Lockard passed away March 5, 2017 after a battle with cancer. Marilyn was born in Walla Walla Washington April 7, 1944. Marilyn grew up and graduated from Dayton High School. Marilyn is survived by Duane Stanley Lockard. They were married in 1962 and together for 54 years. Marilyn Lockard was a housewife and raised five children: Marlene Metzker, Stanley Lockard, Linda Mitchell, Kenneth lockard, and the youngest Daryl Lockard. Marilyn Lockard has joined the youngest, Daryl, in heaven. Marilyn had 10 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Marilyn enjoyed her football team, the Seahawks, crosswords, and any kind of puzzle. Marilyn will be greatly missed by all of her family and friends. We all loved her. A memorial service will be announced.

NEWS BRIEF

EASTERN STAR INSTALLATIONS

WAITSBURG – The Order of Eastern Star in Waitsburg held an installation of officers on Sat., March 18 at the Waitsburg Masonic Hall. Patricia Wilson was installed as Worthy Matron and Randy Kromm was sworn in as Worthy Patron. Marilyn Wilson was installed as Associate Matron and Jack Otterson as Associate Patron.

Eastern Star is a service organization that gives tens of thousands of dollars to charity each year. This year the Washington State Worthy Grand Matron's project is the UW Alzheimer's Research and the Worthy Grand Patron's project is UW Diabetes Research.

PIONEER PORTRAITS

Ten Years Ago March 29, 2007

Waitsburg's 2007 vote-by-mail City Election will wrap up when ballots are due to be postmarked on April 2. At stake is the mayor's position and five City Council seats with seven people on contention for them. Three-plus year Councilwoman Markeeta Little Wolf is risking her Council seat in her bid for the mayor's post opposing incumbent Mayor Marty Dunn in the annual election for one-year terms. And there are six individuals – four incumbents – bidding for the five seats on the City Council. They include Orville Branson, Larry Clinton, Leroy Cunningham, Jim Helm, C. Larry Johnson and Ken Lenhart.

Plenty of ideas of possible future uses of Wait's Mill were offered at the first of two planned community meetings conducted by ALSC architects of Spokane. At the meeting last Monday, some 20 citizens suggested ideas such as a winery, lodging, interpretive center for milling or alternative energy, site for a tourism-boosting connection to rail roading, and others.

Twenty Five Years Ago March 26, 1992

City officials say they met with a representative of an onion and garlic processing company last Thursday to discuss the possibility of the company relocating from near Hermiston to the old Green Giant cannery site in northeast Waitsburg. In addition, a spokeswoman for Haas Foods Inc., said there are onion and garlic odors emitted from the mill operation. And, she said, it is important to Haas that residents be willing to accept such drawbacks as well as the economic advantages of the plant.

Last week, the City Council was told that as much as \$1,000 has already been pledged to purchase European Hornbeams for the eastside of Main Street and for planting trees in other sections of the city. In addition, Ron Carlson, a member of the city's tree committee, and city workers Elmer Hays and Dan Katsel began digging out gravel and dirt from the 3-foot by 3-foot squares that were cut into the sidewalk in the downtown business district years ago. The trees, costing \$40 to \$60 each, will be planted in the squares to beautify Main.

Lois Stephenson wants more women active in the Waitsburg Commercial Club. Stephenson, 53, who rides a motorcycle in her spare time, was installed as the new secretary-treasurer of the club, founded in the early 1900s. She is the first woman to hold an executive office in the club, which functions as the chamber of commerce for Waitsburg.

Fifty Years Ago March 23, 1967

A large group of over 50 friends and business associates made Saturday, March 18 a memorable occasion for Lee Mantz as he was honored for his many years of service as a pharmacist. Neither Lee nor his wife Joyce knew about the arrangements until they walked into the Legion Club, guided by Mr. and Mrs. Lee Mantz, Jr., who were "in" on the plans.

Days of Real Sport candidate Sherri Donnelly, is the pert brown-haired, blue-eyed daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Donnelly. She is a junior at Waitsburg High School where she has been a cheer leader and active in Girl's League, Pep Club Service Club, band and chorus, and sings with the "Exits." Her 4-H activities include membership in the Saddles and Spurs and as a junior leader; barrel race in local fairs and jr. rodeos; and is a member of the Walla Walla Pioneer Posse group.

Seventy-Five Years Ago March 27, 1942

R. D. Roberts purchased the Fred Cox family residence on Main Street Thursday of last week and plans to move in within the next few weeks.

Speed of automobiles on Walla Walla County roads is limited to 40 miles per hour, under action of the County Commissioners taken following their regular meeting Monday.

DeNova Club, newly organized Federated Club, held their Founder's Day meeting at the home of Mrs. Pierre Ganguet, with Mrs. Morris Ganguet and Mrs. Mel Combs assisting. Pictures were taken of the group for the historian's files.

Canteen workers are progressing on their food-planning courses and are proving themselves capable of handling any emergency.

One Hundred Years Ago March 30, 1917

A. M. McCoy of the Waitsburg Lumber Yard has on exhibition at the office of the lumber yard a complete model of the very latest design for a general purpose barn.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Bradley of this city are to be "mine hosts" at Hotel Park on and after April 1, having taken over the lease on the building as well as the park Annex and purchased the furnishings from Miss Bertha Herrington.

Inquiries have been received this month by the superintendent of the Lewis & Clark Trail State Park, from travelers at such distant points as the Panama Canal Zone and Michigan.

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago April 1, 1892

P. S. George is receiving the thanks of his neighbors for removing his pig pen from adjoining Preston Avenue.

There is no longer any doubt but our city will have an electric light plant in operating order in a very short time.

Another glorious shower on Tuesday – a regular gully-washer.

The school board of Waitsburg public school held a meeting on Thursday and elected the following teachers for the coming school year: Prin., Prof. Merwin Pugh; assistants, Miss Addie Denney, Mrs. S. E. Morrill, Miss Olive Parker, Miss Janet Ingraham and Miss Bertha Smylie.

Touchet Valley Weather

March 22, 2017

Waitsburg's Seven Day Forecast

Wednesday Few Showers High: 57 Low: 39	Thursday Mostly Sunny High: 55 Low: 40	Friday Rain Likely High: 55 Low: 41	Saturday Partly Cloudy High: 56 Low: 40	Sunday Mostly Sunny High: 54 Low: 38	Monday Mostly Sunny High: 53 Low: 35	Tuesday Sunny High: 59 Low: 37

Weather Trivia

What is the heat index?
Answers: It provides a "feels like" temperature factoring in humidity.

Weather History

March 22, 1920 - A spectacular display of the Northern Lights was visible as far south as Bradenton, Fla., El Paso, Texas and Fresno, Calif. At Detroit, the display was said to be "so brilliant as to blot out all stars below first magnitude".

Local Almanac Last Week

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Precipitation
Monday	65	46	55/37	0.27"	1.36"
Tuesday	71	50	56/37	0.35"	0.49"
Wednesday	66	51	56/37	0.43"	+0.87"
Thursday	55	40	56/37	0.00"	-52.4°
Friday	54	36	56/37	0.15"	-46.6°
Saturday	65	45	57/37	0.16"	+5.8°
Sunday	53	37	57/37	0.00"	

Data as reported from Walla Walla

Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
New 3/27	6:49 a.m.	7:09 p.m.	3:45 a.m.	1:25 p.m.
Wednesday	6:47 a.m.	7:10 p.m.	4:27 a.m.	2:25 p.m.
Thursday	6:45 a.m.	7:11 p.m.	5:05 a.m.	3:29 p.m.
Friday	6:43 a.m.	7:13 p.m.	5:40 a.m.	4:37 p.m.
Saturday	6:41 a.m.	7:14 p.m.	6:13 a.m.	5:48 p.m.
First 4/3	6:39 a.m.	7:15 p.m.	6:45 a.m.	7:00 p.m.
Monday	6:37 a.m.	7:17 p.m.	7:16 a.m.	8:15 p.m.
Tuesday				

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CLASSIFIEDS

HELP WANTED

Chamber Position

Assistant Director/Events Coordinator Position – Full Time. Dayton Chamber of Commerce is seeking applicants for a full-time position. Should have good computer and organizational skills, enjoy working with the public. 509-382-4825 chamber@historicaldayton.com. Deadline March 23.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

23

Dayton Senior Round Table

Senior Center (403 E. Patit St.)
12 p.m.
Tuesdays and Thursdays. Call 382-2836 to RSVP by the day prior.

Waitsburg Resource Center

106 Preston Avenue
2-4 p.m.
Serving residents of the Prescott and Waitsburg school districts.

Prescott School Board

Library Boardroom
6 p.m.

25-26

Bluewood Bash

Ski Bluewood

MEMORIAL

Joan Hays donated \$85 to the Waitsburg Celebration Days Committee, in memory of Elmer Hays, towards the purchase of winter boulevard banners for Main Street.



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

- 24: Pancake on a Stick; Corn Dog, Fries
- 27: Omelet & Toast; Chicken Patty on a Bun, JoJos
- 28: Biscuit & Gravy; Chicken Fried Steak, Gravy
- 29: Longjohn; Chili, Cornbread
- 30: Pop Tarts & Yogurt; Nachos, Pepper Strips

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Waitsburg Resource Center

106 Preston Avenue
9-11 a.m.

Karaoke

Tuxedo Bar & Grill, Prescott
8-11 p.m.

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Waitsburg Story Time

Weller Public Library
10:30 a.m.

Celebrate Recover, Dayton

Catalyst Church (311 S. 4th)
Dinner 6 p.m.; Meeting 7 p.m.

Waitsburg Historical Society Annual Meeting

Ten Ton Press (216 Main, Waitsburg)
7 p.m.

Election of officers and annual reports. Attendees are invited to stay for hors d'oeuvres following the meeting.

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Blue Mountain Artists Guild

Delany Room, Dayton Memorial Library
7 p.m.

29

Dayton Story Time

Dayton Memorial Library
10 a.m.

Celebrate Recovery, Waitsburg

Waitsburg Christian Church
7 p.m.

Help for recovering from any hurt, habit, or hang-up

30

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COLUMBIA COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

MARCH 15, 2017

Arraignments:

-Raymond Joe Cate, 55, Walla Walla; charged with one count of delivery, manufacture, or possession of methamphetamine with intent to deliver and one count of use of drug paraphernalia not used for marijuana. Cate was taken to the Col. Co. Sheriff's Office on a failure to appear warrant. When he was unable to obtain the \$600 bail he was booked into jail. While being booked, police reports allege that methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia was found in his possession. Cate entered a plea of not guilty and was released on a \$5,000 unsecured appearance bond.

-Britni L. Crist, 29, Dayton; charged with rape of a child in the third degree. She is accused of having consensual sexual intercourse with a child who is at least 14 but less than 16 years old. She did not enter a plea but requested to have an attorney assigned to her. The court appointed Julie Karl. The case was continued to April 5.

-Brandon Wayne John, 33, Dayton; charged with first degree unlawful possession of a firearm. Sheriff's officers were dispatched to a vehicle rollover and found John, who was taken to Dayton General Hospital. When arrangements were made to have the vehicle towed, officers allegedly observed a handgun in the vehicle. The court appointed attorney Julie Karl to the case.

-Darrel Jean Salgado, 22, Dayton; charged for drug related charges in two separate incidents. On March 4 Salgado was arrested on a bench warrant. While being booked, he was allegedly found in possession of a white powder testing presumptive positive for methamphetamine as well as syringes, cotton balls, and pills. He was charged with possession of meth and possession of drug paraphernalia not used for marijuana. He was released on an unsecured \$10,000 appearance bond. On March 13 an deputy responded to a domestic violence call and questioned Salgado about the incident. Later, the deputy checked the area where Salgado had been seen, and found a stashed backpack containing a scale, syringe, bags, spoon, and a bag containing crystal methamphetamine. Salgado was located riding a bicycle the next day and reportedly took off on the bike when the deputy asked him to stop. Reports state that he eventually threw the bike aside and ran until he was caught at a fence where he was taken into custody after resisting arrest. In this incident he is charged with manufacture/delivery/production of meth with intent to deliver, assault in the third degree – resisting, resisting arrest, and possession of drug paraphernalia not used for marijuana. He plead not guilty.

Plea Agreements/Resolutions/Sentencing:

-Michael J. Testerman, 19, Dayton. Charged with one count of harassment – domestic violence, threat to kill and one count malicious mischief, third degree – domestic violence. Testerman plead guilty to both charges in exchange for the first charge being dropped from "threats to kill" to "harassment, taking it from a felony offense to a gross misdemeanor. He will be on supervised probation for 24 months, but complete a domestic violence treatment program, and obtain a domestic violence evaluation and begin any recommended treatment. He must also reimburse \$1680 in fines and fees.

-David Wayne Goddard, 46, Dayton; charged in three separate cases involving multiple counts of violation of protection order, unlawful imprisonment, 4th degree assault and harassment. He entered a plea of guilty to one count of violation of protection order – domestic violence, with two priors and one count of harassment – threat to kill in exchange for charges for two other cases being dismissed. Goddard was sentenced to 27.75 months on each count, to run concurrently.

-Benjamin A Williams, 41, Dayton; charged with second degree theft. Court agreed to a stay of prosecution for 24 months under the conditions that Williams commits no criminal offenses during that time and repays \$274.50 to the Social Security Administration and \$568 to the Veterans Administration. If conditions are met, the court will move for dismissal.

Trial Dates Set/Struck/Changed:

Benjamin Glen Smith, 33, Dayton; charged with

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BIRTHDAYS

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

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

March 25: Marilyn Johnson, Lee Brannock and Richard Basel.

March 26: Whitney Baker, Rod Estes, Emma Brookshire, Dottie Frohreich, Chet Bond, Jim Kessler, Dawn Nichols and Kris Lytle.

March 27: Bill Laughery, Rachel Halley, Emory Flathers, Tammy Brown, Samuel Donnelly and John Mason.

March 28: Natalie Faye Teal, Bill Hopwood, Gary Thomas, Jeff Broom, Terri Conover-Stroud, Collette Waltermire and Bret McKinney.

March 29: Robin Hogan, Austin Beasley, Carroll Smith, Edna Pearson, Jan DeCoria, Bob Stokes, Vanesa Lafer and Karen Peters.

March 30: Hubert Kinder Jr., Rosemary Brinkman and Elizabeth Mercer.

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Notice of public hearings and comment period on state shoreline rules

The Department of Ecology proposes to adopt amendments related to the implementation of the Shoreline Management Act (RCW 90.58), specifically: Chapters 173-18, 173-20, 173-22, 173-26 and 173-27 WAC.

The proposed rule is now open for comment through May 15, 2017. Comments also will be accepted during public hearings in April:

- **April 5: 1:30 p.m.** at Ecology's Headquarters, 300 Desmond Drive SE, Lacey.
- **April 6: 10:00 a.m.** at Ecology's Northwest Regional Office, 3190 160th Ave. SE, Bellevue.
- **April 11: 1:30 p.m.** at Spokane Shadle Branch Public Library, 2111 W Wellesley Avenue, Spokane.
- **April 13: 10:00 a.m.** at Ecology's Central Regional Office, 1250 West Alder Street, Union Gap.

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How to Save the GOP Health-Care Plan

By Hugh Hewitt, Special To The Washington Post

The American Health Care Act is in trouble, with House Speaker Paul D. Ryan, R-Wis., admitting Wednesday that the bill must change to make it through Congress. The reason? The Republican right and the Republican center want different things, and the rules under which the proposed Obamacare replacement can pass the Senate by a simple majority make it extremely hard to satisfy both sides. But the apparently difficult problems of policy reforms are just that: "apparent." With some outside-the-box thinking, some dealmaking and a little humility, the AHCA can be saved.

The right wants to gut "essential benefits" rules that increase the cost of health care and to encourage interstate sale of insurance policies and tort reform to drive down the medical costs. The center is concerned with how the subsidies for health insurance are structured. In addition, various senators are worried that their states will be hurt by the bill's Medicaid revisions. Some Republican governors bet on Medicaid expansion, and others didn't; the House bill rewards those who did.

Let's take these in reverse order. The Medicaid problem is a money problem, and here the Congressional Budget Office score helps. A portion of the billions in projected savings should be used to even out the states' shares of Medicaid dollars. That's just arithmetic, and with his dealmaking experience, President Trump can find an agreement. A relatively minor problem cannot be allowed to block the biggest entitlement reform in 30 years.

Next, the tax credits can be fixed by changing how they are calculated. Think of a square divided into four boxes: People are either poor or not poor, old or not old. Under the current bill, the credits are weighted too much toward the "young and not poor." Instead, the tax credits should be disproportionately aimed at the "poor and old" box and after that the "poor and young" box. Then perhaps some small slice of the credits can be for "the old and not poor" with none for "the young and not poor."

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Public Infrastructure Funding Goes Down the Drain

By KC Kuykendal

If Benjamin Franklin was right, then we can be certain of only two things in life: death & taxes. And yet Washington citizens remain uncertain about our state's pending budget and the potential tax hikes likely to be requested to pay for the ever-expanding government obligations, including mounting education, homelessness, and mental health needs.

Few things are more frustrating to tax-payers than the bait-and-switch from politicians that occurs when local, state and federal legislators identify a legitimate need, impose a new tax to pay for it, and then turn around and spend that money elsewhere. Our Social Security contributions, which have been spent and replaced with IOU's, comes to mind. As do the local liquor taxes, which are increasingly swallowed by Olympia instead of returning to cities. And now we're about to lose 31 years worth of tax contributions paid by local jurisdictions into the state Public Works Trust Fund (PWTF).

The reason that our legislators are doing this is simple. It's easier to take those funds and spend them on pressing matters of the current election cycle rather than to fulfill the obligations and intent of the taxes imposed in the first place. It's also not widely understood, either by the average citizen or by the average state legislator, that cities and the state entered a partnership agreement in 1985 to increase taxes on utilities, solid waste, storm water and real estate excise taxes for the expressed purpose of creating a PWTF to be used as a revolving infrastructure loan fund to local jurisdictions. The legislation was signed into law under RCW 43.155 and has been benchmarked by other states across the Nation as a model program.

Those monies entrusted to the state were earmarked and held in the Public Works Assistance Account (PWAA) and administered by the Department of Commerce. A governor-appointed Public Works Board (PWB) of citizens was established to manage and direct the commerce staff, who would underwrite and administer the infrastructure loan program. This wildly successful program has loaned out over \$2.8 billion for streets, water, and sewer system design, construction,

and maintenance over the 31-year history, to cities large and small all across Washington. There has never been a loan default, demonstrating the substantial underwriting and loan administration that has taken place under the watchful eyes of the all-volunteer PWB. The cost of administration is less than 1%. Typical commercial loan underwriting administrative costs are above 4%, demonstrating that this program is very efficiently staffed.

About eight years ago, long before the McCleary decision, our legislators started taking all of the tax revenues and the loan repayments from the PWAA and began using them to fund other needs. The Governor's proposed budget this year includes an additional \$8 billion in spending, yet eliminates all funding to the PWAA, redirecting all of the loan repayments toward other programs.

The House and Senate have each proposed various bills this session that take 100% of the future tax revenues for these intended infrastructure loans, along with 100% of the current loan repayments coming back into the loan program. While they like the idea of creating a new high-interest bond program (5%-7% at best) to replace current infrastructure funds currently lent at 0.5% - 1.5%, that expensive bond-loan money would be cost prohibitive to all but a few large cities in Washington for the purpose of infrastructure loans. The vast majority of participants in the PWTF loan program since its inception have been small to mid-sized communities, unable to satisfy commercial loan terms.

Waitsburg, for instance, currently needs to spend about \$1.5 million on replacing 50-year old water meters, leaky water and sewer lines, and heaving streets. In spite of ever-increasing utility rates and property taxes, the city could never service that debt coming from expensive bond money. And why should they? They and every other community across the state have been paying - and will continue to pay - those taxes into the future, enacted for just that purpose.

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The toughest puzzle concerns the three policy problems upsetting Republican conservatives. The GOP leadership says their demands cannot be addressed under "budget reconciliation," the special process that allows bills to pass the Senate with a simple majority. To use this process, everything in the bill must affect the federal budget. Republican leaders say that because tort reform, essential-benefits rules and interstate sales of insurance policies have nothing to do with taxes or spending, they cannot be included in the bill.

But if policy objectives must affect the budget to be passed via reconciliation, then use the taxing power to achieve them. Beltway sharpies often lose sight of the fact that if they simply made something more expensive via a tax on it - penalizing its existence with the tax - the market would respond quickly. So would the states.

Want tort reform? Add an amendment imposing a mandatory monthly federal tax surcharge to every health insurance policy in every state that does not cap "pain and suffering" damages in medical-malpractice cases. (Even deep-blue states such as California have the caps.) Want to slice and dice essential-benefit madness? Spell out the new baseline for essential benefits in an amendment and include a tax on every policy in every state that is deemed by the Health and Human Services Department to mandate an overly costly set of essential benefits. Want to encourage selling across state lines? Amend the health-care bill to include a tax surcharge on every health insurance policy of every company that does not offer at least one basic plan with the same coverage parameters in five states (while giving the HHS secretary the power to exempt genuine one-state companies). Incentivize companies to make a basic policy available broadly, and they will appear.

These proposals would use the taxing power to incentivize good policy, and they would generate revenue, which means the Senate parliamentarian would be hard-pressed to rule them out of order during the reconciliation process. With these provisions added to the bill, all sides' major concerns are satisfied. Anything that's left out could be addressed through regulations.

Republicans don't have a lot of time to fix this bill, but the good news is that the president has done a lot of deals with many moving parts. Unlike President Barack Obama, he enjoys this process. By all accounts, Trump is going "full LBJ" on the AHCA. Great. Keep it up. Convene the top three Republican leaders from both chambers and three of the most vocal critics from each chamber, as well. Put the vice president, Office of Management and Budget Director Mick Mulvaney, HHS Secretary Tom Price, White House Chief of Staff Reince Priebus and chief strategist Stephen K. Bannon in the room. The House Rules Committee can delay work on the bill while fixes are made, and the president can twist arms to ensure the changes make it through the House and to the Senate parliamentarian.

"No deal" is not an option. Failure now means a collapse, not of Obamacare - though that will follow - but of the GOP majorities in Congress, even with the Senate Republicans' lopsided 2018 advantage. I remember listening to then-Majority Leader John A. Boehner in the summer of 2006 assure me that the House could not lose its GOP majority - just before he left to play golf. There's no need to say what happened next. The GOP base will not take "Sorry, we tried, but the other chamber screwed up" for an answer. And Trump should think about what a House in Democratic hands would mean for him in terms of investigations, hearings and even articles of impeachment.

No golf for the president or the GOP congressional leadership now. No Easter recess either. They must deliver. All that is required is a little humility from GOP lawmakers. That's asking a lot, but they probably prefer a few moments of modesty to losing their jobs.

Hugh Hewitt hosts a nationally syndicated radio show and is author of "The Fourth Way: The Conservative Playbook for a Lasting GOP Majority."

TOUCHET VALLEY NEWS



Courtesy Photos

Above left: Dayton's Team One KB team is ready to go at the State meet on Sat., March 18. (l to r): Jacob Breaux, Cal Martin, Zech Bryan, Neylan Bryan, and Jennifer Warren. Top right: Waitsburg Team One members (l to r) Gillian Pope, Cade Branson, Robert Walsh, and Scott Leamy are ready to compete.

Waitsburg Brings Home State KB Trophy

DAYTON PLACES SEVENTH AMONG 2B SCHOOLS

By Dena Wood | THE TIMES

ARLINGTON, Wash. – The Waitsburg Knowledge Bowl team brought home a third-place trophy at the state 1B level and Dayton placed seventh out of 18 2B schools at the State Knowledge Bowl

competition at Arlington High School on Saturday.

“The first and second-place schools were high-priced private schools from the west side, so WHS was actually the first place public school. It was the best finish in WHS Knowledge Bowl history,” said Waitsburg KB coach Brad Green.

“You would have been proud to see our kids compete. They worked hard (mentally) all day long, answering a total of 350 questions from every aspect of high school educational topics,” he

added.

Waitsburg was one of twelve 1B competing schools. In the finals, following six morning eliminations, Waitsburg faced off against Pope John Paul II, West Sound Academy, Odessa, Riverside Christian, and Almira-Coulee-Hartline.

Waitsburg's Team One members are: Captain Cade Branson, Scott Leamy, Robert Walsh, Gillian Pope, Leena Baker, and Kevin Murphy. Also attending were second team members Riley Witt,

Julia Taylor, Tom House, Anna Miller, plus five parents and Coach Green.

Dayton's Knowledge Bowl Team One, coached by Doug Yenny, took seventh place among 18 competing 2B schools. Dayton was among the nine 2B finalists that included Liberty Bell, St. George's, Tonasket, Ocosta, Soap Lake, Manson, Harrison Prep, and NW Christian.

Dayton's Team One members are: Jacob Breaux, Cal Martin, Zech Bryan, Neylan Bryan, and Jennifer Warren.

BRIX & BREW IN DAYTON



Photos by Ken Graham

The Dayton Chamber of Commerce's annual Brix & Brew Festival was held Friday evening at the Columbia County Fairgrounds Pavillion. The event, which included dinner, and live and silent auctions, is the main fundraiser for the chamber, and was a big success again this year, according Chamber Manager Andrew Holt. Holt said that approximately 180 people attended the event, and “everyone had a great time.”

Above left: The crowd in the Pavillion building, as the live auction was underway. Above right: Auctioneer Camille Booker worked the bidding on item number 4.



Jack's 90th Birthday Party



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Waitsburg Fairgrounds

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ALL-AREA YOUNGLIFE



Courtesy Photo

About 60 Dayton and Waitsburg high school students turned out for the March 15 All-Area YoungLife meeting in Waitsburg. YoungLife and Wylldlife members held an Italian Delights fundraiser on Sun., March 19 to raise funds for summer camps.

Above: YoungLife members pose to make a living “YoungLife” logo.

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Fairgrounds Improvement Plan Moves Ahead

PLAN IS EXPECTED TO BE PRESENTED TO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR APPROVAL BY APRIL 1

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—Since September, a group of stakeholders has been meeting to develop a plan for improving the facilities at the Columbia County fairgrounds. Last week, a draft of the plan was presented to the committee for comment by Meagan Bailey, Columbia County Planning Assistant, who has been coordinating the effort. Her department has been tasked with the job by the Columbia County Commissioners.

The purpose of the project, which is broken down into three phases, is:

- To provide a safe, healthy, attractive, and multifaceted facility for our community
- To encourage community connectedness through public events
- To promote continued economic growth
- To create a community vision for the county facilities

Bailey has taken a hard look at facility use, and has determined there is an upward trend in the revenue stream.

“The data indicates a positive future and need for Columbia County facilities, and illustrates a greater need to commit time and effort into rehabilitating the already-busy facilities,” Bailey said in her plan.

The facilities were studied and rated according to total usage, economic impact, and intrinsic value.

The Pavilion, the Youth Building, and the Touchet Valley Golf Course are identified as top priorities in Phase I of



Photo by Michele Smith
Members of the fairgrounds improvement committee posed for a photo. Back row from left to right: Tracy Hanger, Kim Lyonnaise, Grant Griffen, Craig George
Front Row, from left to right: Donna Hanger, Emmalee Davis, Andrew Holt, Jennie Dickinson, Meagan Bailey. Not pictured: Norm Passmore, Roger Trump, Leanne Littrell, Vicki Lewis, Bette Lou Crothers

the plan.

Some of the recommendations for Phase I include: removing the current restrooms at the Pavilion and replacing them with ADA accessible stalls; installing an automatic sprinkler system at the golf course; and remodeling, or demolishing and rebuilding, the Youth Building.

Phase II includes recommendations for the main grandstand, which is “functionally compromised” and “shows signs of age and wear.” Improvements to the main grandstand will ensure the longevity of the structure, provide access to a greater number of people, and contribute to the overall vision of the plan.

Other recommendations in Phase II are for improvements to the indoor are-

na, the equine barn, the livestock barn and the show ring, and include replacing leaking roofs, updating stalls, updating restrooms, purchasing a grooming tool for the arena, enlarging horse stalls, and adding horse runs.

Accessory buildings, such as the jockey office, fair office, and agriculture education office are in Phase III of the Plan.

Recommendations are to upgrade showers in the jockey office, relocate the fair office more centrally, and improve parking and signage.

Later this year, the east grandstand will be demolished, and the area will be seeded with grass, until new uses are identified.

“I think everyone should know how well the plan is going. I am ahead of my

initial schedule,” said Bailey. “The committee works well together and they bring in new ideas every meeting.”

Bailey also said, “I believe that the plan I am writing is a true vision created solely from the committee members, and represents the needs and goals of the community as a whole.”

The public is welcome to phone Bailey, or visit her at the county Building and Planning Department, with questions, or to give additional input into the plan.

Bailey said a final draft of the plan should be ready by April 1. The draft will then go before the commissioners for approval, and a public hearing will be scheduled.

Dayton Seniors Are Preparing for Graduation

SCHOOL BOARD ALSO HEARS REPORTS ON TRUANCY, PARENT SURVEY RESULTS AND AND ATHLETICS UPDATES

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—The Dayton School Board met last week and received updates on a wide range of topics.

Kristine Warren, who is the graduation counselor for Dayton High School, talked to the board about the work she is doing to prepare students for graduation.

She said student graduation requirements are being met, and that she has been busy helping with scholarship applications, test applications, career counseling, and keeping track of community services reporting.

“The kids are on track for graduation,” Warren told the directors. She said the transcripts are accurate, and she is feeling good about that.

Warren brought three students, who have participated in the Yamate High School exchange program, with her to the meeting, and they talked about their experiences in Japan. The exchange takes place every three years, and the next exchange will be in 2019, she said.

Superintendent Doug Johnson told the board that he has reviewed state-based data about chronic school absenteeism and that the rate is 6-7% higher than most schools in the region. He said the data makes no distinction between unexcused and excused absences. School-related absences, such as

attendance in extracurricular activities such as Knowledge Bowl are recorded the same way as being absent for any other reason.

“The district is aware of student attendance and has taken steps previously to reduce chronic absenteeism that negatively impacts a student’s ability to find success in school,” said Johnson.

Johnson said a community truancy board has been implemented, and the district will continue to seek strategies for sharing the importance of school attendance and achievement with students and parents.

An anonymous electronic survey asking for information from parents in the district whose children are attending schools other than Dayton has had only four responses. Thirty were sent out. Follow-up postcards and phone calls will be made to get a stronger response. The information is important to help the district better programs and practices, Johnson said.

Seventeen middle school boys and girls are signed up for baseball and softball. Johnson said the combined sports programs with Waitsburg have been “a good thing” and that the transportation provided by Columbia County Public Transportation is working very well.

“The adults are interested in mascots and colors,” Johnson told the directors. “The kids just want to play.”

Johnson also expressed gratitude for the classified employees who were celebrated last week with gift boxes and thank-you cards. Six employees received a gift card for a 30-minute massage at a drawing that was held in their honor, he said.

GENERAL MGR. OF COLUMBIA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION PLACED ON LEAVE

DAYTON—The General Manager of Columbia County Public Transportation, Stephanie Guettinger, is on paid leave, pending an investigation of issues relating to performance of her duties and responsibilities.

“We’re looking into the internal management of the organization,” said City of Dayton Mayor Craig George, who is the president of the CCPT board.

George said that an end-of-year report from Diversified HR of Wenatchee, and some “whistleblower” complaints, lead to the decision by the CCPT board to place Guettinger on leave, which began March 1.

Allegations are that Guettinger has been excusing herself from random drug testing; that there have been manipulations and/or documentary adjustments of data to attempt to represent compliance with contractual requirements for the People for People Program, and possibly other programs; and manipulations and/or documentary adjustments of data to attempt to represent compliance with contractual requirements with the Dayton General Hospital; as well as allegations of inconsistency regarding the rate and billing for the van pools.

One or more investigators have been tasked by the board to look into the allegations, and “a lot of questions have been answered,” according to George.

Columbia County Commissioners Norm Passmore, Mike Talbott and Merle Jackson, as well as Starbuck Mayor Denerd Harstad, are on the CCPT board along with George.

The board appointed former Commissioner Dwight Robanske to be Interim General Manager of CCPT on March 2, George said.

OROZCO TRIAL DATE SET

DAYTON—Accused murderer Benjamin Orozco waived his right to a speedy trial when he appeared before Judge Scott Gallina in Columbia County Superior Court last week. Two weeks have been set aside for Orozco’s trial, which is scheduled to begin on Oct. 23.

Orozco has been charged with second degree murder in the shooting death of Dayton resident Lance Terry, and with first degree assault in the wounding of Dayton resident David Eaton, in July, 1996. He has entered a plea of “not guilty” to the charges.

Chromebooks in the Classroom

Teachers are pleased with improvement and excitement among students

By Dena Wood | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG – Waitsburg school board members enjoyed playing with Chromebooks and checking out on-line accelerated readers at the district's March board meeting. First-grade teacher Dinah Lindsey handed out the laptops as part of a demonstration on how the district is using Chromebooks in the classroom.

The elementary school applied for and received a grant for \$30,000 in Title 1 Priority School funds last year, the bulk of which was used for professional development. Lindsey said the elementary staff met last fall to discuss the best use of the remainder of the funds.

Because the district's newly purchased "Journeys" ELA curriculum includes access to a "Think Central" program, the staff chose to use the funds to purchase 10 Chromebook computers, with headsets, for each classroom. Each computer/headset combo cost less than \$300.

"It's deceiving, because even though they are inexpensive, Chromebooks are fully functioning computers. They just use the Internet to process everything," said fifth grade teacher Gabe Kiefel.

Lindsey said each classroom uses the technology differently. In her first-



Photo by Dena Wood

Waitsburg Elementary School first grade teacher Dinah Lindsey demonstrated how elementary school students are using Chromebooks in the classroom at the district's March school board meeting. (L to r): Superintendent Carol Clarke, Ross Hamann, Russ Knopp, Marilyn Johnson, Randy Pearson, Lindsey, and Christy House.

grade classroom, students use the leveled readers, geared to each child's instructional level, the most. She said the audio feature is especially helpful for non-readers who can push the speaker button and follow along with their headsets.

Lindsey admitted that she was "less than thrilled" when she first learned that the district was adopting a new curriculum the year before she retired.

"In all honesty, my heart sank, because I know how much time and effort goes into starting something new. I was dragging my feet at first, but when I started using the Chromebooks and seeing the excitement and improvement with the children, I got excited.

I truly love what we picked. I feel the children are getting a well-rounded education, and if you came to our staff meetings you would see the excitement as we talk about how we can do better and what we can do," Lindsey said.

Kindergarten teacher Pam Beasley uses the Chromebooks mainly for guided reading in small groups. She said the program includes options such as alphabet songs, videos and free apps.

"The newest thing is that Carolina Biological has online access that matches the science kits that we use in our classroom, and I think we'll be able to get that for free. We're currently working on getting that set up," she said.

Kiefel said that even though each classroom has 10 Chromebooks, classes often share so that an entire class can use them at once. He said each of his students has a school Google account. He can share a document, such as a science project, and the entire class can simultaneously add bits and pieces to it through Google Docs.

"It's really fun to see all the students interacting wirelessly on the same document," he said. "The Chromebooks give elementary students more access to the Internet in a safe place. And it's been fun to see the excitement of the kids," he added.

Council Fills Tree Committee Positions

Ethan Carpenter and Paul Gregutt are appointed as citizen representatives

By Dena Wood
THE TIMES

WAITSBURG – The Waitsburg City Council approved members for the newly-formed Tree Committee at their regular March 15 meeting.

Three citizens applied for the two citizen representative positions, including Allison Bond, Ethan Carpenter and Paul Gregutt. Carpenter, and Gregutt were approved for the position following a short discussion by the council.

Mayor Marty Dunn asked City Attorney Jared Hawkins if there is any conflict of interest with Gregutt being on the committee, since his wife, Karen, is a council member.

Hawkins said Karen Gregutt should abstain from the selection process, but there is no automatic conflict with him being on the committee.

"If we start ruling out people because they're related, we're going to run out of people," joked council member Kevin House.

Council member Karl Newell moved for appointing Waitsburg native Carpenter and Paul Gregutt.

Council member

Kate Hockersmith said she was in favor of Bond, over Gregutt, and had "a plan for her."

Council member KC Kuykendall agreed with the appointment of Carpenter and Paul Gregutt, and seconded the motion.

"Potentially, there is a wide variety of personalities and passions on that group and I think Paul would be a pretty stabilizing personality that would listen well to everybody," he said.

The vote was ultimately unanimous in favor of appointing Carpenter and Paul Gregutt to the advisory-only committee.

"I'm very excited to be a member of the tree committee! I'm looking forward to participating in the growth and development of our town, my hometown," Carpenter said.

"Our tree health, safety, and maintenance concerns are a priority to me for several reasons. First, oftentimes, driving home down Thomas Hill, I look down into town and what I notice is our nice canopy of trees and I realize there must be a good deal of thought put into preserving and nurturing our town trees. Second, of many reasons, is a tree is a simple thing. Plant it, give it proper attention, and pass it on to future generations," he added, when asked why he applied to the committee.

Gregutt, who has lived in the community for just over 10 years, also expressed a strong admiration and intent

for preserving the city's foliage.

"One of what I like to call the 'hidden assets' of Waitsburg is its lush mix of mature, heritage trees, many planted by pioneering families a century or more ago. On our properties, we have at least 60 trees of at least 30 different species, and views of even more. They provide encouragement in the spring, shade in the summer, color in the fall and safe haven for all sorts of creatures year-round. It is my hope that as part of our community's ongoing 'Waitsburg Pride' initiative, we can all help to protect and preserve this resource," he said.

The tree committee also includes two city council members and Public Works Director Jim Lynch. Council member House was selected as committee chair, with Hockersmith also sitting on the committee.

Some of the duties of the committee will include: working with the city to formulate a tree maintenance program; supplying information on tree selection, planting, and maintenance; determining which species are best suited for various locations; establishing a program of tree inspection; offering input on potentially hazardous trees; and developing a tree inventory with an emphasis on old-growth trees.

FFA SUB-DISTRICT WINNERS



Courtesy Photo

Emily Adams placed second in Extemporaneous Public Speaking and Loren Negron placed second in Prepared Public Speaking at FFA sub-districts on March 14. They will advance to the District contest on March 28.

"The freshman did great and placed in the top 10 in Creed. They presented well and grew from the process," said Waitsburg FFA Advisor Nicole Abel.

Left (l to r): Seamus House, Loren Negron, Amy Farley, Grace Coulston, and Emily Adams.

BILL RODGERS APPOINTED TO PLANNING COMMISSION

WAITSBURG PLANNING BOARD STILL HAS ONE VACANT SEAT

By Dena Wood | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG – The Waitsburg Planning Commission is now just one seat shy of being complete. At their regular March meeting, the Waitsburg City Council unanimously approved an application from Bill Rodgers to sit on the commission.

Rodgers moved to Waitsburg just over a year ago, when he purchased the home of city council member KC Kuykendall in January 2016. Rodgers is a retired geologist and environmental consultant who spent the bulk of his career working in Mercer Island.

Rodgers spent his last three years before retiring working at Hanford, which is what brought him over from the east side, he said.

"I'm loving it here. Waitsburg is a great town and I've made many new friends," Rodgers said.

Rodgers said he was encouraged to

apply for a seat on Waitsburg's planning commission by city council member Karen Gregutt.

"I checked into it and decided it was something I would want to do. I like to be involved in the community and give back," Rodgers said.

Public service is something Rodgers is familiar with. In Mercer Island, he served as president of the Chamber of Commerce in 2001, and sat on the chamber board for ten years.

"I was very involved in the community," he said. "My dad was on the planning commission in Mercer Island for 10 years, and I saw what he was able to do and how he was able to help the community. This seemed like a good opportunity to help Waitsburg grow," he added.

There is still one seat empty on the seven-person City Planning Commission. Members are appointed by the mayor and confirmed by the city council to serve a six-year term. Current members are: Larry Johnson (Chair), Karen Gregutt, KC Kuykendall, Brian Callahan, Stan Bly, and Rodgers. Applications may be obtained at City Hall.

SPORTS



Times File Photos

Above left: Waitsburg senior Landon Callas competed in the 300-meter hurdles during a meet in Dayton last year. Above right: Senior Emily Adams led the field during a sprint race last year.

Callas, Adams Shine at Papa Wells Meet

LANDON CALLAS WON THE 300-METER HURDLES, 2ND IN 110

By Andie Holmberg | THE TIMES

YAKIMA – Seniors Landon Callas and Emily Adams put in strong performances at Waitsburg's first meet of the season at East Valley High School here

Saturday.

Callas won the 300-meter hurdles and placed second in the 110 hurdles. Adams placed second in the triple jump, third in the 800 Meters, fourth in the 3200 and 11th in the long jump.

The Cardinal track team started their season competing against teams from all over the region at the Papa Wells track meet. The meet consisted of 27 teams from all division sizes, from 1B to the 4A division. Waitsburg was one of four 1B teams competing.

Also for the Lady Cards, Freshman Kirsten Miller, competing in the Freshman/Sophomore division, placed fifth in the 110-meter hurdles, ninth in the shot put and 12th in the 100 meters.

The Waitsburg track team is being coached for the first time this year by Lanny Adams. Ann Adams is his assistant.

On Thursday, Waitsburg will compete in the Buck Track Classic in Pendleton. They will travel to Colfax on Saturday for the MacDougall Invite.

Meet Results – Papa Wells Meet, Yakima, March 18

Waitsburg Boys

100 Meters - Varsity

25. Joe Leamy 12.81
TJ Morrison SCR

100 Meters Frosh/Soph

19. Alexis Espana 15.17

200 Meters

29. Joe Leamy 26.46
38. Cameron Terry 30.14

400 Meters

Joe Larue SCR

800 Meters

TJ Morrison SCR

1600 Meters

18. Skylar Wood 5:23.12
TJ Morrison SCR

3200 Meters

12. Skylar Wood 10:59.28

110m Hurdles – 39"

2. Landon Callas 41.11
17. Nicolas Kitselman 19.57

300m Hurdles - 36"

Landon Callas 41.11

4x100 Relay

11. Joe Leamy 48.51
Joe Larue
Nicholas Kitselman
Landon Callas

4x400 Relay

TJ Morrison SCR
Cameron Terry
Joe Leamy
Andre Potts

Shot Put – 12lb

Kaleb Bryant SCR

Javelin – 800g

18. Joe Larue 118-03
32. Kaleb Bryant 99-03

High Jump

12. Andre Potts 5-02.00

Long Jump

24. Andre Potts 16.09.00

Triple Jump

14. Andre Potts 35-07.00
18. Cameron Terry 33-10.25

Waitsburg Girls

100 Meters

38. Clarissa Espana 15.27
42. Kenn Gallee 16.23

100 Meters Frosh/Soph

12. Kirsten Miller 15.13

200 Meters

33. Clarissa Espana 32.43

1600 Meters

3. Emily Adams 2:30.11

3200 Meters

4. Emily Adams 12:18.09

100m Hurdles – 33" Frosh/Soph

5. Kirsten Miller 21.07

Shot Put – 4kg Frosh/Soph

9. Kirsten Miller 21-08.00

Discus - 1kg

34. Kenn Gallee 57-08

Javelin 600g

Kenn Gallee SCR

High Jump

Kirsten Miller SCR

Long Jump

11. Emily Adams 13-09.50

Triple Jump

2. Emily Adams 31-10.25

Winter Sports Awards

WAITSBURG – Waitsburg High School held its winter sports awards ceremony on Tues., March 20, 2017 at the WHS auditorium.

Girls' Basketball:

Most Valuable Teammate:
Devon Harshman
Most Inspirational: De'Ja Williams
Most Improved:
Marley Ahler and Kirsten Miller

Boys' Basketball:

Most Valuable Player: Kyle Gradwohl
Most Inspirational: Jacob Dunn
Most Improved: Jordan French
Mr. Offense: Kyle Gradwohl
Mr. Defense: Landon Callas
Coaches Award: Jacob Dunn

Cheerleading:

Most Valuable Teammate: Kelsey Alleman
Most Improved: Kenn Gallee
Most Inspirational: Grace Coulston

Wrestling:

Most Valuable Teammate: Joe Adams
Most Improved: Tyler Hoffman
Most Inspirational: Devin Newman

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SPORTS

Dayton Track Team Looks Strong for 2017

CAL MARTIN AIMS TO BETTER HIS 7TH PLACE STATE JAVELIN FINISH LAST YEAR

By Andie Holmberg | THE TIMES

DAYTON – The Dayton Track team has many returning athletes to watch in 2017, says Coach Dan Nechodom. Twenty athletes will compete for Dayton this year, including just one freshman.

Senior Cal Martin, who placed seventh at state in the javelin last year, returns as a team leader, and will continue to be tough in the field events. Nechodom describes Martin as being a “quality guy who never backs down from anything.”

Seniors joining Martin include Zech Bryan who is shooting for a state berth in the mile, and Emily McFarland and Jennifer Warren, who compete in both sprints and field events.

Other athletes to watch include Hayden Woolridge in the 110 and 300 hurdles and the 400 meters. Neylan Bryan and Alexis Wanlarbkam, who participated last year, are both injured and will not be competing this year.

Coach Nechodom applauds Neylan Bryan, Shayla Fortier, and Rebecca Smith for their dedication to core and strength training, calling them all “tough as nails.” This is Nechodom’s 21st year coaching track, and he believes taking time to build strength benefits the team.

Dayton was to compete in their first meet Tuesday at Riverview High School in Kennewick. The Bulldogs will compete in the coming week at the MacDougall Invite in Colfax Saturday and the first of two Dayton home meets on March 28.



Times File Photo

Dayton senior Cal Martin unleashes a javelin toss during a meet in Dayton last year.

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Spring High School Sports Schedules

Dayton-Waitsburg Baseball

Date	Opponent	Location	Time	No. of Games
Sat. March 25th	DeSales	Dayton	2:00	2
Tues. March 28th	Gar/Pal	Dayton	4:00	1
Fri. March 31st	Pomeroy	Dayton	2:30	2
Sat. April 15th	Lyle/Wishram	Lyle	11:00	2
Sat. April 22nd	Kittitas	Dayton	3:00	2
Tues. April 25th	WWVA	WWVA	3:00	2
Fri. April 28th	White Swan	White Swan	3:00	2
Tues. May 2nd	Liberty Christian	Liberty Christian	3:00	2
Sat. May 6th	TC Prep	TC Prep	11:00	2

Waitsburg Softball

Date, Day	Opponent	Location	Number of Games	Start Time
3/23, Thursday	MacHi	MacHi	1	5:00 p.m.
3/28, Tuesday	Touchet	Waitsburg	1	3:00 p.m.
4/1, Saturday	Pomeroy	Waitsburg	2	11:00 a.m.
4/11, Tuesday	Colton	Colton	1	5:00 p.m.
4/15, Saturday	Colton	Waitsburg	2	11:00 a.m.
4/17, Tuesday	Columbia-Burbank	Waitsburg	2	2:00 p.m.
4/18, Tuesday	MacHi	Waitsburg	1	5:00 p.m.
4/25, Tuesday	Pomeroy	Pomeroy	1	5:00 p.m.
4/29, Saturday	Touchet	Touchet	2	11:00 a.m.
5/2, Tuesday	Tri-Cities Prep	Pasco	2	3:00 p.m.
5/5, Friday	Cottonwood, Idaho	Waitsburg	2	3:00 p.m.

Dayton Softball

Date	Opponent	Location	Time	No. of Games
Thurs. March 23rd	Colton	Dayton	2:00	2
Sat. March 25th	DeSales	Dayton	10:00	2
Tues. April 11th	Mabton	Dayton	3:00	2
Sat. April 15th	Lyle/Wish	Lyle	11:00	2
Tues. April 18th	TC Prep	Dayton	3:00	2
Thurs. April 20th	Touchet	Touchet	2:00	2
Sat. April 22nd	Kittitas	Dayton	11:00	2
Fri. April 28th	White Swan	White Swan	3:00	2
Tues. May 2nd	Liberty Christian	Liberty Christian	3:00	2
Sat. May 6th	Alumni	Dayton	11:00	1

Waitsburg Track and Field

Date	Location	Field / Running
Thursday, March 23	Buck Track Classic - Pendleton HS, Pendleton	11:00 / 12:00
Saturday, March 25	MacDougall Invite at Colfax HS	11:00 / 12:00 p.m.
Friday, March 31	Deer Park Invite - Deer Park HS, Dear Park	11:30 / 12:00
Friday, April 7	Carnival of Speed - Shock Man Field, Milton Freewater	11:00 / 12:00 pm.
Tuesday, April 11	NE 1B/2B League Meet #1 - Colfax HS, Oakesdale	3:30 / 4:00 p.m.
Saturday, April 15	Pasco Invitational - Edgar Brown Stadium, Pasco - Suburban	9:30 / 9:30 a.m.
Saturday, April 15	VanKuren Invite - formerly Big Red - Cheney HS - Bus	9:00 / 10:00 a.m.
Tuesday, April 25	1B/2B League Meet #2 - Saint George HS, TBD	3:30 / 4:00 p.m.
Saturday, April 29	Strandberg Invitational - Central Valley HS, Spokane Valley	11:00 / 11:00 a.m.
Tuesday, May 9	NE/SE 1B District Championships - Riverside High School	TBD
Friday, May 19	NE/SE 1B Regional Meet (day 1)	12:00 / 2:00
Saturday, May 20	NE/SE 1B Regional Meet (day 2)	12:00 2:00
Thursday May 25	1A, 2B, 1B State Championships Meet - Eastern Washington University	

Dayton Track and Field Schedule

Date	Meet Name	Location	Field / Running
Tue, Mar 21	River View Invite	RVHS, Kennewick	3:30 PM/3:30 PM
Sat, Mar 25	MacDougall Invite	Colfax, Colfax	11:00 PM/12:00 PM
Tue, Mar 28	Dayton Local Schools Invite	Dayton	3:45 PM/4:00 PM
Sat, Apr 1	Clay Lewis Invitational	Hanford HS, Richland	10:30 AM/11:00 AM
Fri, Apr 7	Carnival of Speed	Shock man Field, Milton Freewater	11:00 AM/12:00 PM
Sat, Apr 15	Van Kuren Invite	Formerly Big Red Cheney HS, Cheney	9:00 AM/10:00 AM
Sat, Apr 22	Prosser Rotary Invite	Art Fiker Stadium, Prosser	10:30 AM/11:20 AM
Sat, Apr 29	2017 Strandberg Invitational	Central Valley HS, Spok. Valley	8:30 AM/11:00 AM
Sat, Apr 29	Undeberg Invite	Lind-Ritzville HS, Ritzville	11:00 AM/11:45 AM
Tue, May 2	Dayton Local Schools Invite 2.0	Dayton	3:45 PM/4:00 PM
Thu, May 25	1A, 2B, 1B State Championship Meet	Eastern Washington University, Cheney	

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Pursuant to the Revised Code of Washington 61.24, et seq. TS No.: WA-15-674650-SW APN No.: 36-07-29-78-0213 Title Order No.: 150159434-WA-MSO Deed of Trust Grantor(s): RAYMOND S JORDAN Deed of Trust Grantee(s): JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A. Deed of Trust Instrument/Reference No.: 2005-10008 I. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Quality Loan Service Corp. of Washington, the undersigned Trustee, will on 3/31/2017, at 10:00:00 AM At the Main Entrance to the Walla Walla County Courthouse, located at 315 West 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 13 IN BLOCK 2 OF SINGLETON'S ADDITION TO WALLA WALLA CITY, AS PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN VOLUME A OF PLATS AT PAGE 59, RECORDS OF WALLA WALLA COUNTY, TOGETHER WITH THE NORTH 10 FEET OF MAPLE STREET VACATED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF ORDINANCE NO. A-1031 OF THE CITY OF WALLA WALLA WHICH ATTACHE BY OPERATION OF LAW; SITUATE IN THE CITY AND COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA, WASHINGTON. More commonly known as: 25 E MAPLE ST, WALLA WALLA, WA 99362 which is subject to that certain Deed of Trust dated 8/4/2005, recorded 8/15/2005, under Instrument No. 2005-10008 records of WALLA WALLA County, Washington, from RAYMOND S JORDAN, UNMARRIED, as grantor(s), to FIRST AMERICAN TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY, as original trustee, to secure an obligation in favor of JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A., as original beneficiary, the beneficial interest in which was subsequently assigned to Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC, the Beneficiary, under an assignment recorded under Auditors File Number 2016-07994 xxx xxx 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: \$10,373.77. IV. The sum owing on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust is: The principal sum of \$47,361.28, together with interest as provided in the Note from 1/1/2015 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 3/31/2017. The defaults referred to in Paragraph III must be cured by 3/20/2017 (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 3/20/2017 (11 days before the sale), or by other date as permitted in the Note or Deed of Trust, 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 3/20/2017 (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(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 9/9/2015. 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 20th 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 20th 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 HOUSING 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>. Additional disclaimers provided by the Trustee: 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 noteholders rights against the real property only. QUALITY MAY BE CONSIDERED A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE Dated: 11/11/2016 Quality Loan Service Corp. of Washington, as Trustee By: Tricia Willis, 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 1st Ave South, Suite 202 Seattle, WA 98104 (866) 925-0241 Sale Line: 800-280-2832 or Log in to: <http://wa.qualityloan.com> Trustee Sale Number: WA-15-674650-SW State of: County of: On before me, I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of the State of WASHINGTON my hand and official seal. (Seal) Signature IDSPub #0118205 3/2/2017 3/23/2017 The Times March 2, 23, 2017 3-2-b

Cause No. 17 4 00028 9 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS (RCW 11.40.030)

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

In the Matter of the Estate of PEARL SCHULTZ FUNK, Deceased.

The Designated Co-Administrators named below have been appointed as Co-Administrators 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 Co-Administrators or the Co-Administrators' attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court. The claim must be presented within the later of (1) thirty days after the Co-Administrators served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(3); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in Section 11 of this act 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 9, 2017

/s/ Elizabeth F. Maland ELIZABETH F. MALAND Co-Administrator C/O LARRY SIEGEL 129 W. Main Walla Walla, WA 99362

/s/ Peggy M. Simpson PEGGY M. SIMPSON Co-Administrator C/O LARRY SIEGEL 129 W. Main Walla Walla, WA 99362

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No. 17 4 00034 3 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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

In re the Estate of NICHOLAS PAUL MICHAEL OLSON, 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 by RCW 11.40.070 by serving or mailing to the personal representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of:

(1) Thirty (30) days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to creditor as provided under

RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) Four (4) months after the date of first publication of this notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051, and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets. Date of first publication: March 9, 2017 (anticipated)

Personal Representative: Meaghan Pauline Mae Olson c/o Michael E. de Grasse Counsel for Personal Representative 59 S. Palouse St. P. O. Box 494 Walla Walla, WA 99362

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Meaghan Pauline Mae Olson Personal Representative

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No. 17 4 00033 5 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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

In re the Estate of HAROLD J. STRAMPHER, 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 by RCW 11.40.070 by serving or mailing to the personal representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of:

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(2) Four (4) months after the date of first publication of this notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051, and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets. Date of first publication: March 9, 2017 (anticipated)

Personal Representative: Nancy A. Strampher c/o Michael E. de Grasse Counsel for Personal Representative 59 S. Palouse St. P. O. Box 494 Walla Walla, WA 99362

Walla Walla County Superior Court Cause No.: 17 4 00033 5

Nancy A. Strampher Personal Representative

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NO: 17-4-00035-1

PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS RCW 11.40.030

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

In re the Estate of:

CYNTHIA ANNIE MONTGOMERY,

Deceased.

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

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

DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: March 16, 2017.

Cynthia J. Person Personal Representative Attorney for Personal Representative: Jeff Burkhardt, WSBA #39454

Burkhardt & Burkhardt, PLLC 6½ N. Second Avenue, Suite 200 Walla Walla, WA 99362 509-529-0630

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No. 17-4-00040-8 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS RCW 11.40.030

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

In re the Estate of: HELEN RUTH LAWRENCE, 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 (30) days after the Personal Representative served or mailed the Notice to the Creditors as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or

2. Four (4) months after the date of first publication of the Notice.

If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and non-probate

NOTICE OF STATE'S INTENT TO NEGOTIATE LEASES

Department of Natural Resources will begin negotiation of expiring leases with existing lessees on the following parcels. All leases are subject to third party bids by interested parties. Lease terms and bidding information is available by calling the Southeast Region at 1-800-527-3305 or by visiting the Region Office at 713 Bowers Road, Ellensburg, Washington 98926. These leases expire August 31, 2017.

Agricultural Lease	All/Part	Sec	Twp	Rge
12-B59259	Part	36	7N	32E
12-C55297	Part	36	8N	33E
12-C69268	Part	16	8N	34E

Written request to lease must be received by April 24, 2017, at the Department of Natural Resources, 713 Bowers Road, Ellensburg, Washington 98926.

Each request to lease must contain a certified check or money order payable to the Department of Natural Resources for the amount of any bonus bid, plus a \$100 deposit. The envelope must be marked "Sealed Bid" and give the lease number, expiration date of lease applied for, and give the applicant's name. The applicant must be prepared to purchase any improvements that belong to the current lessee. For details and qualifications to submit a request, contact the Ellensburg office or call (509) 925-8510.

HILARY FRANZ, Commissioner of Public Lands

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assets. Personal Representative: Lindsey D. Lawrence

Attorney for the Personal Representative: Mona J. Geidl, Minnick-Hayner

Address for Mailing or Service:

Mona J. Geidl Minnick-Hayner P.O. Box 1757 Walla Walla, WA 99362

Court of Probate Proceedings and Cause Number: Walla Walla County Superior Court, Cause No. 17-4-00040-8 Date of First Publication: March 16, 2017

LINSEY D. LAWRENCE Personal Representative

By: /s/ Lindsey D. Lawrence Lindsey D. Lawrence Personal Representative

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL ELECTION OF THE CITY OF WAITSBURG, WASHINGTON

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ANNUAL ELECTION OF THE CITY OF WAITSBURG, WASHINGTON, will be held on Monday, April 17, 2017, for the election of Mayor and five (5) Council Members, all for a term of one year as provided by the Territorial Charter of the City of Waitsburg.

Anyone who desires to run for City Council will need to fill out the Declaration of Candidacy form available on the City's website www.cityof-waitsburg.com on March 27th. Candidacy forms are due no later than 4pm on March 29th.

This election will be done by Mail in Balloting and all Ballots must be received by Waitsburg City Hall no later than 8pm on April 17, 2017 to be considered for this year's election. The City will also count post marked (April 17, 2017 or prior) ballots after the Election as they come in to City Hall until 4pm on April 19, 2017 with Certification of the Election to occur no later than April 19, 2017.

Dated this 22nd day of March, 2017.

Randy Hinchliffe, City Clerk

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THANK YOU FOR READING 

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WAITSBURG CITY COUNCIL UPDATE MARCH 15, 2017

New Business:

-Walla Walla County Sheriff John Turner gave a 2016 year-end update on sheriff's office activity in Waitsburg.
-The council unanimously approved resolution 2017-670, which approved the use of city streets for the annual Tour of Walla Walla bicycle race on April 21 and April 23.
-The council voted to re-open elections from March 22-24, to accept declarations of candidacy for city council

positions, due to a lack of candidate applicants to fill the vacant seats. The voting deadline will be extended to April 17. See story on Page 1.
-The council unanimously approved Ethan Carpenter and Paul Gregutt as Tree Committee citizen representatives. See story on Page 7.
-The council unanimously approved Bill Rodgers to the City Planning Commission. See story on Page 7.

WAITSBURG SCHOOL BOARD UPDATE MARCH 8, 2017

Transportation/Maint./Facilities:

-Board approved the expenditure of approximately \$2,500 to \$3,000, after a Pacific Power incentive, to upgrade light fixtures in Preston Hall and the high school. The upgrade is expected to save the school approximately \$3,000/year in energy savings.

-Board approved bringing part-time custodian, Rick Suchodolski, on full-time during spring break to perform deep cleaning.

Public Comment:

Board approved the purchase of paint for Jacob Elder to paint the football field bleachers as part of an Eagle Scout project, during spring break.

New Business:

-Dinah Lindsey gave a presentation on how Chromebooks are being used in the classroom. See story on Page 7.
-Deanna Coulston and Gabe Kiefel gave a presentation on how the elementary school is utilizing student achievement data.
-Dr. Bill Jordan gave an updated timeline for the District Superintendent search. Final interviews and community open sessions will take place in early April.
-Snow make-up days will be held

June 12 -14. Seniors will still graduate on June 2, but will attend school on Sat. March 11 and Sat. April 22 to make up for snow days.

-The board unanimously approved the hire of Design West, of Kennewick, as the architect for the district's capital improvement projects.

-The board unanimously approved the closure of the district office from April 3-7, during spring break.

-The board approved the resignation of Tavis Crittenden as head boys' basketball coach. He is completing his student teaching and is looking for a teaching position closer to his home, Clarke said.

-The board unanimously approved the hire of Bill Ayotte as middle school baseball assistant coach.

-The board unanimously approved the hire of Josh Wilson and Danielle Carpenter and as middle school softball assistant coaches. Dayton will pay for the second assistant coach.

-The board unanimously approved the hire of Nick Carpenter as assistant high school track and field coach.

Executive Session:

The board met in executive session for the superintendent's evaluation.

TEENY MCMUNN: MY RECIPE BOX

Chicken Enchiladas

I mentioned I would share the chicken enchiladas recipe this week, though I confess I did not make it. It came from All Recipes, with a 4.5 star and commented that it was an easy and quick dinner.

I received the nicest phone call from a lady who told me she really likes the Frittata recipe, and shared that she added Italian seasoning (a tablespoon if I remember correctly). What a great feedback. I don't think I would have thought to add that seasoning, but next time I will.

Also, for those who have stopped me and told me they have enjoyed reading the recipes, even if they do not make them all, I warmly thank you. I am a reader of many recipes to make a few chosen ones. I also have made some, only not to repeat it.

INGREDIENTS:

- 4 skinless, boneless chicken breast halves
- 1-15 oz. can tomato sauce
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1/2 c. water
- 1/2 pint sour cream
- 1 Tbsp. chili powder
- 1 c. shredded Cheddar cheese
- 1/3 c. chopped green bell pepper
- 1 Tbsp. dried parsley
- 1 glove garlic
- 1/2 tsp dried oregano
- 8- 10 inch flour tortillas
- 1/2 tsp black pepper
- 1-12 ounce jar taco sauce
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 3/4 c. shredded Cheddar cheese

DIRECTIONS:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees

In a medium, non-stick skillet over medium heat, cook chicken until no longer pink and juices run clear. Drain excess fat. Cube the chicken and return it to the skillet. Add the onion, sour cream, Cheddar cheese, parsley, oregano, and ground black pepper. Heat until cheese melts. Stir in salt, tomato sauce, water, chili powder, green pepper, and garlic.

Roll even amounts of the mixture in the tortillas. Arrange in a 9 x 13 inch baking dish. Cover with taco sauce and 3/4 c. Cheddar cheese. Bake uncovered in the oven for 20 minutes. Cool 10 minutes before serving.

MY NOTES:

I would substitute red or yellow peppers as they have a milder flavor. Like most of us, we are always looking for something to make for dinner. I will try this soon.

Next week, a recipe for four-bean salad that is guaranteed to be healthy. Susi Tasker will give us a thumbs-up!
Enjoy!



COURT NEWS - FROM PAGE 3

rape of a child in the third degree, second degree child molestation, and third degree child molestation. March 27-28 trial struck. Case continued to April 5.

Marshall Hernandez, 56, Dayton; Charged with burglary and assault in the 2nd degree, strangulation in Nov of 2016 and charged with 1st degree arson and 1st degree reckless burning in Jan. 2015. Cases will be tried separately on May 4-5.

Benjamin, Orozco, 42, Mexico; 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. New trial date set for Oct. 23 - Nov. 3.

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. Long failed to appear for his pre-trial hearing. April 6-7 trial dates were struck and a bench warrant was issued.

Dante A Martinez, 21, Dayton; charged with one count of possession, delivery or manufacture of methamphetamine with intent to deliver and one count of resisting arrest. April 6-7 trial date was struck. Case continued to April 5.

Thomas Bray, 30, Dayton; charged with failure to register as a sex offender. Failed to appear for pre-trial hearing. April 6-7 trial struck. Case continued to April 5.

Brandon Wayne John, 33, Dayton; charged with two counts of escape in the first degree March 23 trial date struck. Case continued to April 19.

Other:

Michelle Martinez, 40, Dayton; charged with unlawful imprisonment - accessory, assault in the 4th degree - accessory, and coercion - accessory. Martinez was in court for trial setting but left prior to her case being called, stating health reasons. The judge set a telephonic hearing for the next day and Martinez failed to appear. Martinez' conditions of release were revoked because she had allegedly had contact with Travis Garcia and she was to turn herself in by the end of the day on March 16. A bench warrant was issued.

Alex L. Ahumada, 31, Lewiston; charged with attempting to elude a pursuing police vehicle. A motion to dismiss due to absence of material fact and legal insufficiencies of disputed facts was denied. The case is continued to April 5.

LEGALS (Continued)

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT VOTER'S REGISTRATION BOOKS for the Waitsburg Precinct in the City of Waitsburg, Washington will be closed on April 14, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. and will remain closed until after the Annual City election being held in said City on Monday, April 17, 2017. Persons interested in voting in this year election and not already registered in

the Waitsburg Precinct must register with the Walla Walla County Election's Department in person no later than eight days before the election.

Dated this 22nd day of March, 2017.
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Randy Hinchliffe, City Clerk

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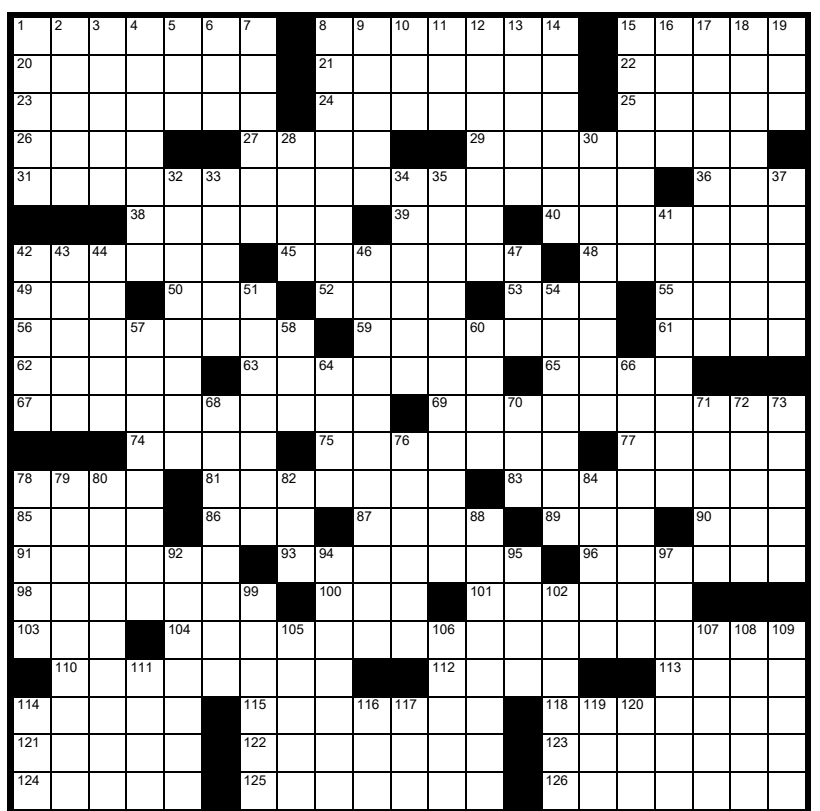
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- 8 Crossword grid fill
- 15 Stuff in Double Stuff Oreos
- 20 Hotel lobby freebie
- 21 Oscar-nominated "Elle" actress Isabelle
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- 23 Indian restaurant fixture
- 24 One of two during the Tour de France
- 25 Chinua Achebe classic "Things Fall ___"
- 26 Hellenic characters
- 27 Conditioner ingredient
- 29 Mythical setting of Arthur Conan Doyle's "The Maracot Deep"
- 31 Popular rebuke on social media
- 36 Guitar innovator Paul
- 38 Wiped out at one's desk, say
- 39 Pic on some body?
- 40 Becomes involved
- 42 Job advancement symbol
- 45 Top of the line, informally
- 48 Tech giant with a futuristic name?
- 49 Vacuum's lack
- 50 Wing shape, maybe
- 52 Lectern location
- 53 Fox target
- 55 Glitzy gathering
- 56 Software charges, at times
- 59 It's curtains for you
- 61 Chatted via WhatsApp
- 62 Certain council VIP
- 63 Ragged wear
- 65 "It's showtime"
- 67 Restaurant chain with Fresh Catch Club promotions
- 69 Diner table container
- 74 Quite a long time
- 75 ___ cuff
- 77 Past its prime
- 78 Otis Redding's label
- 81 Based on 10
- 83 Whupped
- 85 Mexican president Enrique ___ Nieto
- 86 Accelerate
- 87 Jury selection concern

- 89 Bustle
- 90 Couple of words for many couples
- 91 Shelter with three walls
- 93 Combust without flame
- 96 Offers takes
- 98 Prepare for use, as apps
- 100 119 Down, in English
- 101 "The Losers" actor Jason
- 103 Marsh ___ (small bird)
- 104 Nonprofit organization whose motto is "Care. No matter what."
- 110 Is loath to
- 112 "Wrath of the Titans" character
- 113 Spinning car part
- 114 Former Browns QB Bernie
- 115 Blood hound?
- 118 Spinning motorboat part
- 121 Pizza tidbit
- 122 Old phone component held up to one's ear
- 123 Video compressor, e.g.
- 124 Reiteration intro
- 125 "The likeliest outcome is..."
- 126 Good shot

DOWN

- 1 Full-y satisfied?
- 2 Emulate King
- 3 Nephritic
- 4 Innately rotten sort
- 5 Angry artist's style
- 6 Chuang-tzu's principle
- 7 Some deodorants
- 8 Veiled in secrecy
- 9 ___ studies (subject covering LGBT issues)
- 10 Package tour provider?
- 11 Prone
- 12 Blacks out, in a way
- 13 Muse whose name is an anagram of 2 Down
- 14 Tablet writer
- 15 Bagpipe part with finger holes
- 16 Fully engaged
- 17 Undesirable promotion, of a sort
- 18 Porte d'Aix locale
- 19 Winter hrs. in D.C.
- 28 "Firecracker" singer Lisa
- 30 Lost and found, e.g.
- 32 Creature found on a beech, maybe

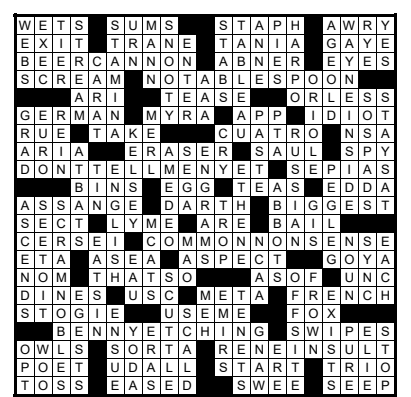


- 33 "Train a Comin'" singer Steve
- 34 What's going on?
- 35 Dish dubbed "the greatest recipe to originate from the Americas in 50 years" by the International Society of Epicures in 1953
- 37 World Golf Hall of Fame inductee of 1974
- 41 Put numbers in a songbook, say
- 42 NBC personality since the early '90s
- 43 Safeway way
- 44 Film judge
- 46 Modern term for the instrument heard after a failure
- 47 On-line connection?
- 51 "How about we take a closer look..."
- 54 Modern home of the ancient Aksumite empire
- 57 Valium, e.g.

- 58 Took a break
- 60 National Merit Scholarship qualifying exam: Abbr.
- 64 Polo with lines
- 66 "Please, this is too much"
- 68 Portable sleeping options
- 70 Overhead shot?
- 71 "Born Yesterday" playwright Garson
- 72 Dodge
- 73 Forfeited Fords, say
- 76 Followed
- 78 Alley bane
- 79 Radio Disney stars
- 80 Animated film with the Oscar-nominated song "Journey to the Past"
- 82 Rite Aid alternative
- 84 Festoon
- 88 Break up
- 94 Got thinner, in a way
- 92 "Jean de Florette" actor Yves
- 95 Like steel pennies

- 97 Crane invented in 1820
- 99 Cry to a crew
- 102 Tried out
- 105 Org. that tracks Santa
- 106 More sallow
- 107 Second word of NO
- 108 ESPN baseball analyst Buster
- 109 Steel plow creator
- 111 First name on the 1987 album "Tana Mana"
- 114 Japanese swimmers
- 116 Some storage media
- 117 2011 and 2014 Roller Derby World Cup champ
- 119 100 Across, en français
- 120 ___ Records

SOLUTION TO:
NO STRINGS ATTACHED (MAR. 5)



THE LAST PAGE

LADY CARDINALS FALL TO RIVERSIDE



Photos by Andie Holmberg

The Waitsburg softball team hosted Riverside High of Boardman, Ore. on Monday night and struggled, falling 23-2 in five innings. Chloe Pearson had two hits, to lead the Lady Cardinals. Waitsburg will face Mac Hi JV on Thursday.

Above left: Pitcher Tayler Jones comes to the plate as her teammates set. Above right: Chloe Pearson stole home successfully in the fourth inning.

SHERIFF - FROM PAGE 1

from six to 12 recorded cases and simple assault increased from one to eight.

Turner submitted a time summary for 2016 which shows deputies patrolling Waitsburg 573.78 hours above what was contracted for the year.

Council member KC Kuykendall relayed a query from a citizen who wondered why officers are so often parked just past the Main Street Bridge. Turner said deputies are most likely engaged in paperwork, while parked.

Council member Kevin House said he generally sees deputies parked in one of three spots: across the Main Street Bridge, in the county shop parking lot, and in the parking lot between the ball field and the cemetery. House asked if deputy presence would be more of a crime deterrent if they parked

in more visible locations, such as along the Highway.

Turner said it could be a matter of safety and that where officers park is a matter for the staff sergeant, not the sheriff.

"I'm not going to dictate where they park. They need to be comfortable with where they're parked and what they're doing. If they're engaged in a light report and can keep their head up, they may park in a more populated area.

"If they're in a deeper report and really concentrating, I agree, I would park in a place that's harder to walk up on, too. We have police officers that are ambushed and killed in their cars every year across this nation, often in small communities. We have well-trained deputies and they know what they're doing," Turner said.

Kuykendall challenged whether

officers were always deeply engaged in deep report-writing and asked if it would be reasonable to request that deputies park in more visible locations when they are not deeply engaged.

Turner responded that he was not interested in micromanaging how deputies spend their time. "I don't think you want me to go there," he said.

"I don't think it's the city council's job to tell the Sheriff's Office how to run their business. So we're going to leave that to the Sheriff's Office," Mayor Marty Dunn said.

Turner said he would gladly pass on council concerns, public perceptions, and public observations and allow his staff to respond accordingly.

Recorded Crimes	2013	2014	2015	2016
Forcible Rape	0	0	0	0
Simple Assault	7	5	1	8
Burglary/ Breaking and Entering	17	9	10	9
All Other Larceny	27	18	6	12
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	3	0	5
Violation of No Contact/Protection Order	7	1	1	6
Total	58	36	18	40

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WWCSO Sheriff John Turner presented crime statistics for 2016 at Waitsburg's regular March council meeting. Above is a comparison of the recorded crimes in Waitsburg over the last four years.

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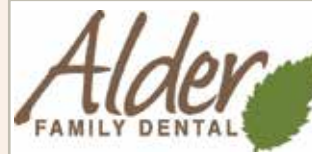
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