

RYAN RUNDRELL IS NEW COLUMBIA CO. COMMISSIONER

Commissioners agree after ten minutes of deliberation

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—It took just ten minutes of deliberation behind closed doors for Columbia County Commissioners Mike Talbott and Chuck Amerin to select Ryan Rundell to fill the vacant seat on the Board of County Commissioners. The Commissioners also interviewed Kaye Eaton and Thomas Konen on Monday night at the Columbia County courtroom, before heading in to executive session.

“It’s a big responsibility,” Rundell said, minutes after being sworn in.

“It’s an honor to be picked. They had good candidates to choose from,” he said.

Rundell said he was raised in Dayton, graduating from DHS in 1995.

He said he graduated from WSU in 1999 with a degree in Business and Finance, after which he received a minor in Insurance.

“I traded futures on commodities for about a year, and then applied for a job as the manager of the Liberty Theater,” he said. “I didn’t get that, but Marcene (Hendrickson) hired me at Elk Drug.”

Rundell said he then went to China to teach English. During his five year stay there he received a bachelor’s of arts in Modern Chinese Language from Qing Dao University.

Rundell said that although there is a big learning curve ahead for him, with the added responsibilities that go with being a county commissioner, he is confident he will rise to the occasion.

Rundell is a pharmacy technician at Elk Drug. He and his wife Lanlan have two children; Josiah, 3, and Rebekah, 15 months of age.

Commissioner Talbott said he picked Rundell because of his apparent high regard for the county, and because he answered all the questions posed by the commissioners appropriately, and in a noncontroversial manner.

“I thought, ‘I can work with this person,’” Talbott said.

Talbott said getting along with everyone on the board is very important.



Photo by Michele Smith

Ryan Rundell has been selected to fill the District 1 vacancy on the Board of County Commissioners following a special meeting Monday night. Rundell and two other applicants; Thomas Konen and Kaye Eaton were interviewed by the BOCC at that meeting. Above: Rundell is sworn in by County Auditor Anne Higgins as Commissioner Mike Talbott looks on.

COOL RUNNING



Photo by Dan Nechodom

DW Track Coach Dan Nechodom gave a “big shout out” to Dayton High School facilities staff Jim Gallaher, for spending much of last Friday clearing snow off the track so the team could practice. “We managed to get in 5 to 7 reps of about 80 m, dodging remaining patches of snow and ice, before we all got too cold,” said Nechodom in a Facebook post. Read a DW Track and Field update on Page 9.

Above: Team members pose on a snowbank during a March 8 practice: Back (l to r): Julia Brooks, Alexis Reeves, Rebecca Smith, Iziaha Highsmith, Robbie Patterson, Faith Butler

Front (l to r): Trista Villaro, Kirsten Miller, Mason Finney, Kira Boggs, Damian Johnson, Dylan Bledsoe, Daltin Lambert, Max Schmidt

Not pictured: Ben Ingram, Drake Campbell, Aliyah Picarella, Cassidy Laughery, Jurnee Griffen, Mackena Culley, Michelle Gomez, Raven Smith, Chris Andrews.

Waitsburg election slate falls one short

Filing period is extended through March 13

By Dena Martin | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG – The deadline for Declarations of Candidacy for Waitsburg City Council closed on March 10 one candidate short of a full slate of five members. The filing process will reopen with applications accepted for an additional three days, from March 11 to Wed., March 13 at 4 p.m.

Council incumbents Terry Jacoy, Kevin House, Jim Romine, Kate Hockersmith all submitted applications, as did incumbent mayor Marty Dunn. There were no new applicants, according to City Administrator Randy Hinchliffe.

Incumbent council member K.C. Kuykendall, who has served on council since 2012, did not file by the deadline.

As The Times went to press, Kuykendall, who was out of town on business, did file during the extension as did Jim Elgin and Pam Chapman. Applications will continue to be accepted through 4 p.m. on Wednesday.

The last time election filings failed to result in a full slate of council seat candidates was in 2017. After reopening the filing period, three more applicants filed, including current council member Jim Romine, who gained his seat in that election.

Declaration of Candidacy forms can be picked up at Waitsburg City Hall or downloaded from the City website at <http://www.cityofwaitsburg.com>. Anyone interested in serving the community in this capacity is encouraged to apply.

Doziers drop water bottling code amendment request

Citizen pushback was not a factor in the decision

By Dena Martin | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG – Waitsburg-area farmers Perry and Darleen Dozier have withdrawn their request for a text code amendment that would make water bottling operations a permitted use in all resource and agricultural districts in Walla Walla County. The proposal was hotly debated in the county but Doziers say pushback was not a factor in the decision.

The text amendment, which was on the County’s 2018 Annual Docket of Comprehensive Plan and Development Regulations, was withdrawn on Wed., March 6, according to Walla Walla County Principal Planner Lauren Prentice, who said there will be no further review of the application.

“At this time, we are terminating our request for the text code amendment with regards to land use ZCA17-003. We have become more diversified in our irrigated cropping, thus our business plan has changed since requesting a text code amendment for land use, and we will not currently be pursuing a change in our water right usage. With that in mind, we feel it would be in the best interest of the county to not have

to consider a decision on this land use issue without valid pursuit of this endeavor by us,” Perry said in an email to The Times.

The Doziers originally proposed pumping water from a deep well on their property – for which they own water rights – for a private water bottling operation. The request would not have changed how much water the Doziers could withdraw and the Washington State Department of Ecology would have had to approve conversion of some of their allowed irrigation water to be used for bottled water.

In February of 2018, the Walla Walla Planning Commission voted 3-2 to recommend denial of the Doziers’ request. However, in March of last year, the Wal-

la Walla Board of County Commissioners voted unanimously to move forward with the application and include the request in the Comprehensive Plan Docket.

“While we are mindful of local citizen pushback on this change in land use; that was not a deterrent in our decision in how we choose to utilize our water rights. We have high regards for our county commissioners and the decisions they make regarding land use in Walla Walla County and appreciate the time and effort the county staff has put forth with regards to our request,” said Perry, who served as a Walla Walla County Commissioner from 2009-2016.

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TOUCHET VALLEY LIFE

WINTER'S LAST GASP

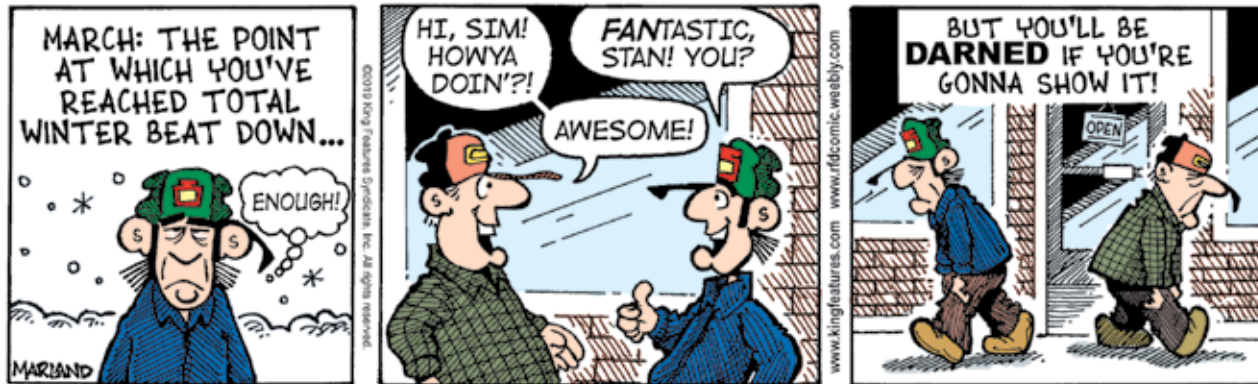


Photo by Bill Rodgers

Waitzburg photographer Bill Rodgers submitted this stunning photo of Waitzburg nestled in a valley of snow-covered hills last week. He optimistically titled the shot, taken from Middle Waitzburg Road, 'Winter's Last Gasp.' As The Times is prepping for press on this March 12, I sit at my desk to once again see flakes falling from the sky. Let's hope this truly is winter's last gasp. I think we're all more than ready for spring.

R.F.D.

by Mike Marland



Touchet Valley Weather

March 13, 2019

Waitzburg's Seven Day Forecast

Day	Forecast	High	Low
Wednesday	Mostly Sunny	42	25
Thursday	Partly Cloudy	45	31
Friday	Mostly Sunny	44	33
Saturday	Mostly Cloudy	46	34
Sunday	Partly Cloudy	49	37
Monday	Mostly Sunny	57	46
Tuesday	Mostly Cloudy	62	50

Weather Trivia

When was the first weather forecast issued in a newspaper?
 Answer: It was May 7, 1857 in the Washington Evening Star.

Weather History

March 13, 1989 - Residents of the southern United States viewed a once in a lifetime display of the "Northern Lights". Unseasonably warm weather continued in the southwestern United States. The record high of 88 degrees at Tucson, Ariz. was their seventh in a row.

Local Almanac Last Week

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Precipitation
Tuesday	21	7R	52/35	0.02"	0.29"
Wednesday	29	20R	52/35	0.22"	0.49"
Thursday	42	27	52/35	0.05"	-0.20"
Friday	36	25R	53/36	Trace	26.4°
Saturday	30	24R	53/36	0.00"	44.1°
Sunday	34	24	53/36	0.00"	-17.7°
Monday	34	17R	54/36	0.00"	

Data as reported from Walla Walla

Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Wednesday	7:09 a.m.	6:56 p.m.	10:58 a.m.	1:21 a.m.
Thursday	7:08 a.m.	6:57 p.m.	11:43 a.m.	2:27 a.m.
Friday	7:06 a.m.	6:58 p.m.	12:38 p.m.	3:30 a.m.
Saturday	7:04 a.m.	7:00 p.m.	1:42 p.m.	4:27 a.m.
Sunday	7:02 a.m.	7:01 p.m.	2:55 p.m.	5:17 a.m.
Monday	7:00 a.m.	7:02 p.m.	4:12 p.m.	6:00 a.m.
Tuesday	6:58 a.m.	7:04 p.m.	5:32 p.m.	6:37 a.m.

PIONEER PORTRAITS

Ten Years Ago March 19, 2009

A surprise phone call from Waitzburg to San Francisco was how 2008 Commercial Club Community Service Award winners Wayne and Ruth Peterson of Waitzburg were informed and congratulated for receiving the honor. Master of Ceremonies Tom Baker introduced the Community Service Award presentation with an odd reference to a "being similar to a marriage—except we're only lacking a bride and groom." With that Baker went on to announce the Peterson's honor.

After finishing second in the Alpine Slalom and third in both the Alpine Downhill and Alpine Giant Slalom at he Special Olympics Ski Championships in Wenatchee, 12 year old Rachel Gradwohl of Waitzburg was so proud of her medals she wouldn't part with them—even when it came time for bed. Skiing through Special Olympics is one of many fine programs offered in Waitzburg, largely through the efforts of local volunteers Brad and Carrie Graham.

Twenty Five Years Ago March 10, 1994

They are what make it all work. They are the service clubs and organizations of Waitzburg from the Commercial Club to the Odako Club, from the Eastern Star to the American Legion and Grange, and today we salute them. Without these clubs and their members, things wouldn't be the same in Waitzburg. We wouldn't have the Salmon Barbecue, a Fall Festival, let alone the Bruce House or the Days of Real Sport. These service clubs, from the Lions to the Masons, enrich the lives of the people of Waitzburg, making this a community that is attractive to people who want a better way of life. Without them, it just wouldn't be the same. We thank you.

Commercial Club roots run deep in Waitzburg. A special meeting of the Improvement Club was called in March 1911 at which time the name of the club was changed to Waitzburg Commercial Club. It was promptly incorporated under a new name. The first president of the club was W.B. Shaffer and membership was made up of local businessmen, clergy, farmers and promoters of the area.

Waitzburg Chapter No. 9 Order of Eastern Star, was organized in November 1889, making it one of the oldest chapters in the state of Washington. It is the sister organization of Waitzburg Lodge No. 16, F. & A. M.

Fifty Years Ago March 13, 1969

Photo Caption: Winners of the free-throw contest on Monday, March 10 in Dayton were these two sharp-shooters from Prescott, Edward Gerkey and Sally Romine. The Prescott young people won over top free-throw experts from 6 schools.

The nominating committee of the Waitzburg Lions Club presented a slate of officers for consideration at the regular meeting last Tuesday evening. The following names were placed for nomination: President, Dave McConnell; 1st Vice President, John Gagnon; 2nd vice President, Joe Abbey; 3rd vice President, Bob Patton, and Tom Baker. Secretary, Lee Manz, Jr; Treasurer, Stan Pierson; Tail twister, Jim Dunn; Glynn Davis, Wally Winnett; Lion tamer, Did Conner and Dan Knell; Holdover directors, Bill Zuger, Jack McCaw; New Directors, Jack Otterson, Delbert Mock, Ben Bloor and Jim Stoneciper.

Seventy Five Years Ago March 17, 1944

Three Wait-Hi boys left Thursday of this week with Coach Colburn to attend the boxing tournament at Pomeroy. Taking part will be Lloyd Beckley, 112 pounds, Bernard Donnelly, 119 pounds, and Dave Jensen 126 pounds.

Miss Bonnie Huwe of Huntsville became the bride of Lt. Jack Nichols of Walla Walla in Dayton on March 16.

Mrs. C. N. Eaton and Mrs. W. C. Atkins entertained at a bridge luncheon at the Atkins home last Friday in honor of a group of Dayton women who entertained at the Progressive Club here recently.

One Hundred Years Ago March 21, 1919

D. C. Eaton is making improvements upon his residence on Coppei Avenue. Contractor Buroker is reflooring the second floor of his handsome dwelling with quarter sawed oak.

Miss Josephine Kozisek and Mr. Otto Bachmann were married Wednesday afternoon at the country home of the bride's aunt, Mrs. Kate Buehrer, in Wilson Hollow.

The Jasper Mountain folk did their chores under difficulty in the six feet of snow that fell there. Mr. Clem Keve got stuck in the snowbank and Mrs. Keve had to go to his rescue and dig him out.

One Hundred Twenty Five Years Ago March 23, 1894

Frank McCown said the freshet almost ruined his orchard.

By city ordinance provided it is unlawful to allow chickens to run at large in this city from April to September 1. Remember this.

Dayton is to have a telephone exchange. A list of 43 patrons has been secured and the exchange will be put in at once. Waitzburg should have an exchange also.

Miss Ruth Arnold will begin a three month term of school in the Keiser district next Monday. Miss Ruth is one of the very best teachers in the county or even in the state

The young lady dancers of this city will give the closing dance of the season at Armory Hall on Saturday evening of this week. Good music has been procured and a pleasant party is promised.

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TOUCHET VALLEY LIFE

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Walla Walla County Sheriff's Office Daily Press Board

Feb. 25
Welfare check on suicidal subject at a home on Preston Avenue.
March 8
Waitsburg residents came in to WWSO to report identity theft.

NEWS BRIEFS

WAITSBURG-DAYTON TRAIL IS MARCH CUP OF JOE TOPIC

DAYTON – Alex Stone, a community planner with the National Park Service will meet with interested citizens in the first of a series of community meetings concerning vision for this the planned walking/biking trail between Waitsburg and Dayton.

Learn about plans and share ideas on what you would like from the trail, how it will be constructed, and learn how it will benefit local health, economy and recreation.

The March Cup of Joe meeting will be held at the Dayton Memorial Library (111 S. 3rd St.) at 7:30 a.m. on March 20. Coffee and breakfast are provided. Free and open to the public.

PROVIDENCE ST. MARY RECEIVES 5-STAR RATING

WALLA WALLA – Providence St. Mary Medical Center is one of only six hospitals in the state of Washington to receive highest rating possible, five stars, from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services in its recently released ratings.

CMS' Hospital Compare website reports on quality measures for more than 4,000 hospitals from around the country. Nationwide, there are 293 five-star hospitals. According to CMS, the most common overall rating is 3 stars.

The overall rating summarizes nu-

merous quality measures reflecting common conditions that hospitals treat, such as heart attacks or pneumonia. The rating shows how well each hospital performed, on average, compared to other hospitals in the U.S. The overall rating ranges from one to five stars.

Star ratings for hospital nationwide can be seen at <https://www.medicare.gov/hospitalcompare/search.html>

PEREZ MAKES U OF W DEAN'S LIST

PRESCOTT – University of Washington freshman, Eduardo A Perez, of Prescott, was named to the U of W Dean's List for the autumn 2018 quarter. To be named to the Dean's List, students must receive a GPA of 3.5 or higher.

PRESCOTT LIONS FUNDRAISER BREAKFAST

PRESCOTT – The Prescott Lions annual Sam Erin Memorial Scholarship Breakfast will be held on Sat., March 16 and Sun., March 17 from 8-11 a.m. All you can eat eggs, bacon, sausage, hash browns, homemade biscuits and gravy, pancakes, juice and coffee for \$10.00. Dutch apple pies will also be available for sale. Corner of Hwy. 124 & "D" Street.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

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Prescott Story Time
Prescott Library
11 a.m.

BINGO (every Friday)
Eagles-222 E. Main, Dayton
Doors open 4 pm, Bingo 6pm

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Prescott Memorial Breakfast
8-11 a.m.
Corner of Hwy. 124 and "D" Street, Prescott
All-you-can-eat \$10

Jimmy Durante Fund-raiser
Dayton Eagles
4 p.m.

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ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Prescott Memorial Breakfast
8-11 a.m.
Corner of Hwy. 124 and "D" Street, Prescott
All-you-can-eat \$10

Town Hall St. Patrick's Day Fundraiser Dinner
Waitsburg Town Hall
4 p.m.

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

Prescott City Council Meeting
(Second Monday)
City Hall
7:30 p.m.

Waitsburg Christian Church Youth Group
(first and third Monday)
Waitsburg Christian Church
6:30-7:30

Dayton Memorial Library Board
Delany Building
7 p.m.

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Waitsburg Senior Round Table
Waitsburg Presbyterian Church
11:30 a.m.
Join local seniors every Tuesday for lunch. \$4 suggested donation for those over 60. \$7 charge for guests under 60. Meals on Wheels are available. Call 337-8541 for more info.

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

Dayton Planning Commission
Planning & Building Dept.
6:30 p.m.

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Cup of Joe
Dayton-Waitsburg Bike Trail
Dayton Memorial Library
7:30 a.m.

Toddler Story Time
Dayton Memorial Library
10 a.m.

Dayton School Board
(Third Wednesday)
School Admin. Building
6 p.m.

Celebrate Dayton
Catalyst Church (311 S. 4th)
6:30 p.m.

Celebrate Waitsburg
Waitsburg Christian Church
6:30 p.m.

Waitsburg City Council
(Third Wednesday)
Don Thomas Building, Waitsburg Fairgrounds
7 p.m.

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

Waitsburg Resource Center
106 Preston Avenue (side of Banner Bank)
2-4 p.m.

Waitsburg School Board
(Third Thursday)
Elementary School Library
7 p.m.

Waitsburg Parks & Rec Board Meeting
(Third Thursday)
Waitsburg HS Band Room
6:30 p.m.

LIBERTY THEATER
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WSU WALLA WALLA COUNTY EXTENSION 4-H SUPER SATURDAY

Walla Walla, WA – WSU Walla Walla County Extension will present 4-H Super Saturday, taking place at Blue Mountain Community Church on March 23rd, 2019. Super Saturday offers a day of learning and hands-on fun for youth in Grades 1st through 12th (non-4-H youth are welcome). Participants take part in a variety of fun hands-on educational workshops including robotics, pack goats, crafts, worms, rockets, and more. Last year's event received over 250 Awesome and Excellent ratings from the attendees!

Youth must pre-register for this event. Registration deadline is due March 19th. Event date is March 23rd. More details about Super Saturday, including registration and classes descriptions, are online at: <https://extension.wsu.edu/walla-walla/4h/4-h-events/> Or contact the WSU Extension Office at (509) 524-2685, or 328 W Poplar, Walla Walla, WA.

BIRTHDAYS

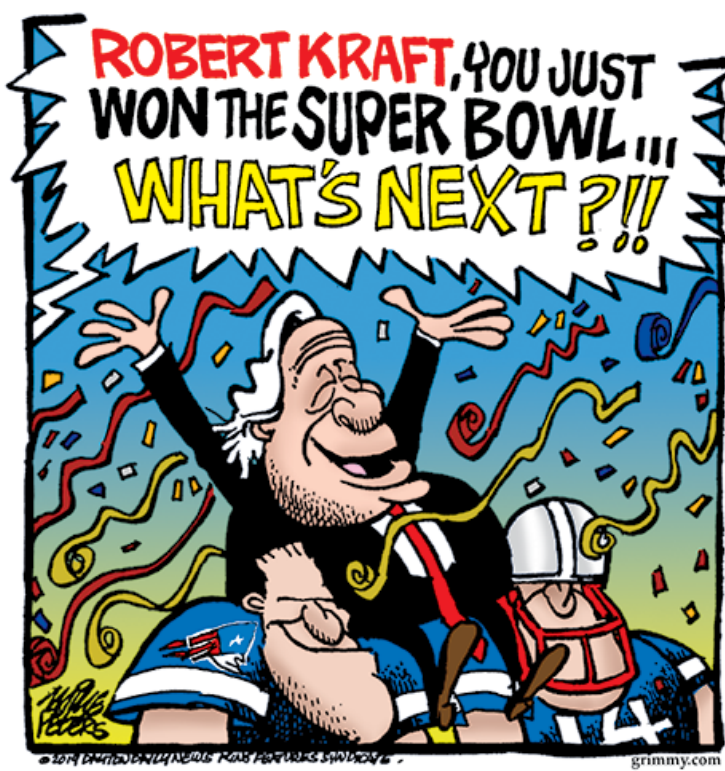
March 15: Drew Farley, Arvilla Cyr, Debra Olson, Stacey Mohney, Tom K. Baker, Gage Baker, Sharon Puckett, Sara Payne Dimak, and Lolita Clayton.
March 16: Edna Clough, Mike Estes, Edith Largent, Carol Heilbrun, Michael Kerry, Guy Keeney, Chenae Dahlstrom, Megan Payne, and Carley Horlacher.
March 17: Joan Ruble, John Butler, Winton Lytle, Brian Doering and Kristi Unholz.
March 18: Sherrie Larsen, Ben Daniel and Marisa Hoops.
March 19: Verna Allen, Elaine Reese, Norma Johnson, Terry Jacoy, Josh Mayberry and E. Neil Stephens.
March 20: Arlene Winnett, Andrew Wright, Kristopher Patton, Stacey Grende, Sophie Henry and Paul John.
March 21: Brad Huffman, Doris Williams, Linda Stonecipher, Margie Huwe, Lane Huffman, Rebecca Stokes, Ken Lenhart.

F.O.E. JIMMY DURANTE'S CHILDREN'S FUND
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Monday, 18
B - Omelet, Sausage & Biscuit; L - Chicken Cordon Bleu, Asparagus
Tuesday, 19
B - Biscuit & Gravy; L - Steak Quesadilla, Seasoned Corn
Wednesday, 20
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Forget the Green New Deal. We need climate solutions from free-market moderates

Our climate change response should be based on free-market capitalism and personal choice, not coercion. We already know that these approaches work.

By Governor John Kasich

There's a lot of talk these days about the Green New Deal, a progressive Democratic response to the challenge of climate change. While it is intended to improve our environment, many Republicans and even some Democrats fear that it would stifle economic growth and kill jobs, set off a massive redistribution of wealth, and dangerously centralize federal government power.

But for all those problems, the Green New Deal is serving an important purpose by provoking a more vigorous level of public debate. We've finally reached a tipping point. Scientists, business leaders, 13 federal government agencies - including the Defense Department - and most of our allies around the world are convinced that climate change is happening and that strong, concerted actions are needed to minimize its effects.

Not all our political leaders have come on board with that consensus, but denial is no longer enough. The time has come for people who understand the need to be good stewards of our economy as well as our environment to put forward a responsible program.

I am convinced that conservatives and moderates, including many Democrats, can agree on a commonsense set of policies. They would be based on responsible economic principles of free-market capitalism and personal choice, not coercion. They would actually reduce regulation and lighten the heavy hand of government, while stimulating job growth and the economy, encouraging innovation, benefiting working-class Americans and - most important - protecting and improving the environment we share with the world.

Best of all, basic components of a responsible plan have already been test-driven by other nations and some U.S. states, and shown to work. In my own state of Ohio, for example, we reduced carbon emissions by about 30 percent from 2005 to 2014, encouraged aggressive efforts to reduce methane emissions from oil and gas operations, held off pressure to eliminate or soften strong renewable-energy standards, and built a strong regulatory structure to incentivize natural gas development. Our approach was balanced, reasonable and nondisruptive, and focused on protecting public health and the environment. And because of that, it's working.

Less radical, intrusive approaches work

That's just one example of a national climate change response that could win support from elected leaders with a

broad range of political convictions. They can start with a carbon tax or a cap and trade program, which is a market-based trading system to incentivize carbon reduction. These approaches have already shown they can work.

Over the past 20 years, a cap and trade in the eastern USA has dramatically reduced sulfurous power-plant emissions that cause acid rain. Today, California and some of Canada's provinces have agreed to apply a cooperative cap and trade approach to controlling greenhouse gasses. These and similar initiatives are making a difference, but we need to do more to make significant progress against climate change.

We also need to continue research supporting Corporate Average Fuel Economy standards, the automotive fuel-efficiency requirements that have significantly reduced greenhouse gas pollution in recent years. We should not eliminate or weaken these mandates. CAFE requirements need to stay.

It's also important to continue subsidies for electric vehicles, clean-energy transportation that might not exist if fuel-efficiency mandates hadn't spurred innovators to explore alternatives. Related to that, we need more research in battery technology, and not just for electric vehicles. Once we can significantly extend battery life for a wide range of applications, we can more efficiently use and distribute renewable wind and solar energy, storing it for use whenever and wherever it's needed.

Get India and China to reduce emissions

It's clear that the federal government can't do all of this, nor should it. But Congress needs to stop dawdling, set priorities, back up those priorities with bipartisan proposals, and stand up to special interests trying to hang on to white-elephant programs whether they work any longer or not. There are important areas where direct federal action is essential, including investments in clean-energy production, carbon harvesting and sequestration, methane reduction and battery technology.

And by "invest," I mean spend a lot of money, not a measly few pennies, on the research and innovation that can make a giant difference in the lives of our people. Strategic investments are needed in technologies that will drive advances in energy derived from renewables - solar and wind - as well as natural gas, a resource we have in abundance. And don't dismiss nuclear energy, using small-scale modular technologies now being developed.

All our work will be wasted if we can't change the terrible environmental damage being done in China and India. The world's two most populous nations are also the two most intent on pumping more and more carbon into the environment with their continued construction of coal-fired power plants. Here, too, Washington must play a crucial role by wielding America's formidable economic and strategic powers of persuasion. That means taking a leadership role in the international climate conversation.

The United States has no business withdrawing from the Paris Agreement, which the president has threatened. If that international accord is as flawed as the White House insists, we should work to fix it. The American people, our industries, our economic and strategic interests - all need to be at the table. The United States must lead with the accord, not abandon it. There's too much at stake.

The Green New Deal might not be the answer. But it's asking the right question. It's time for free-market moderates on both sides of the aisle to come up with answers of their own.

LETTER

LIBRARY BOARD SHOULD DIG DEEPER

Dear Editor,

This is being written in support of our latest Assistant Librarian Shakira Bye, who was recently fired from the job on a serious accusation and for which there is no evidence. We have been told that her dismissal is the ninth such in the last four years. People are asking, why have so many have been let go. These are expensive personnel hirings, and terminations are so damaging. Most of these workers were not given cause. Of course none is required in WA and apparently, none of them really complained, quietly letting it go and moving on. But Mrs. Bye's situation is a little different in that a slanderous accusation was made at her dismissal. Though it has zero foundation, great damage has been done. A popular and valuable employee lost her livelihood, and the good favor of her public is tattered. She will necessarily have to fight this. And it will cost. No one hates this more than Shakira and her family and friends, and others are feeling the impact. So much has been done by Shakira and her associates to build up the Children's programs, and these have been beloved, but now on the line as her style, expertise, idealism and commitment are hard to match. It is generally agreed on that these programs are some of our best insurance against losing our kids to drugs, poverty and discouragement. It may significantly be said that Shakira has actively worked with law enforcement to create safe space. Lets ask the Board to dig a little deeper to find out why this is all happening.

Martha Mason, Dayton

LAFF-A-DAY



"Don't get your hopes up. Those things get pretty far away from the stores."

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"The best way to get husbands to do something is to suggest that perhaps they are too old to do it."
— Shirley MacLaine

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SNOW ROLLS



Photos by Bill Rodgers

Banner Bank Customer Services Representative Kim Julian alerted Waitsburg photographer Bill Rodgers to the presence of "snow rollers" just west of Prescott last week. Rodgers was quick to document the scene.

"A rare sequence of weather events resulted in the formation of snow rollers in many of the fields around Waitsburg on March 7. A freezing rain that evening formed a hard slick crust on top of the previous snow. Later that night, about 2" of wet snow fell, and a 15 mph wind came up. Because the snow could not adhere to the underlying snow because of the ice layer, the wind was able to blow chunks of the fresh wet snow along the ground to form these rollers. They are not all that big (largest about 12" across), but still interesting to see," Rodgers told The Times.

New Emergency Management Director brings strong skill set

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—Ashley Strickland is the county's new E911/Emergency Management Director and he has brought an impressive skill set with him in his new job.

Strickland brings the knowledge he gained while working on a statewide radio system for the State of Ohio, along with prior experience in Columbus, Ind., where he oversaw the merger of four dispatch centers and twenty-one agencies into one center. He has also served as a fire captain in Columbus.

In Ohio, Strickland said he was responsible for one quarter of the whole state while undergoing a major system upgrade, and when that project was finished, he retired to his home in Indiana.

"I got bored with retirement and decided to seek a job outside Indiana, where I had lived for thirty or more years," Strickland said. "I came to this area because of the small town environment, the natural resources, and hunting and fishing."

Strickland said since starting work with the county on Feb. 25, he has



Ashley Strickland

been "getting up to speed," getting acquainted with personnel in his own department, and in other county departments.

Although the infrastructure Strickland has worked with in the past is larger in scope, he said Columbia County's smaller system will be easier to manage.

COUNTY ROAD CREWS ARE WORKING HARD THIS WINTER

Road closures are posted on county website

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

County Engineer Charles Eaton told the Board of County Commissioners last week that eighty-five percent of the money that was budgeted for snow removal has been used in the month of February.

Wayne Tate, Operations Supervisor at the Public Works Department, said the county road crew worked 12-hour

days in February, to keep up with the drifting snow.

"Roads that were closed varied from which way the wind would blow that day," said Tate.

He said several gravel roads are still closed because of drifting snow, but all occupied residences have been plowed, giving people a way in and out.

"We will continue to keep the roads that are open now, passable, and try to get to the ones that are closed, due to drifting conditions, as soon as possible," he said.

The road closure list is posted on the Public Works Department website at: www.columbiaco.com.

Jeff Broom Leaves Lasting Legacy

A column by Dena Martin

Unlike parents with their children, I hope it's acceptable for reporters to have favorites. There are a couple of folks that I love to interview, and Jeff Broom was one. Jeff passed away on March 4 at Dayton General Hospital. He will be missed, but not forgotten.

Because of his community activism and his breadth of knowledge, I had the opportunity to speak with Jeff fairly often in the course of reporting for The Times. I have greatly missed his input and wisdom as he fought health issues in recent years.

It would be almost too easy to extol Jeff's many involvements and accomplishments.

In one interview, he told me that he wasn't born in Waitsburg, but moved here from Spokane at five days old. After graduating with the Waitsburg High School Class of '64, he earned a degree in mechanical engineering and went to work for Bechtel Engineering where he oversaw projects across the U.S. and in the former Soviet Union.

Jeff retired at age 55 to return to Waitsburg, where he purchased the home of his parents, Larry Broom and Roberta (Stonecipher) Broom. The senior Brooms were tireless civil servants and Jeff proudly carried on that tradition.

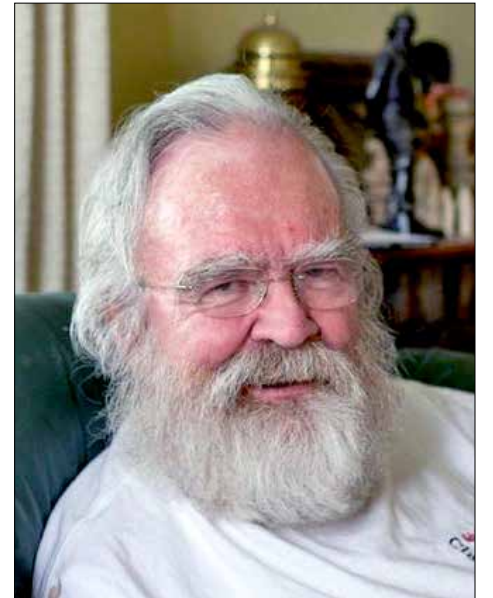
He served on the Walla Walla Community College Foundation Board and the Walla Walla United Way Board where he said he was able to "sit around the table with all the movers and shakers" to expand his circle of contact.

He used his knowledge and networking in his support of Waitsburg. Jeff belonged to Commercial Club, the Waitsburg Lions, the Waitsburg Alumni Association, and served on city council. He served on the Downtown Development Committee and actively worked to procure funds for the Main Street Streetscape Project.

An avid historian, he served as president of the Waitsburg Historical Association where he oversaw the Waits Mill Park kiosk project and developed the Bruce House Museum website, among other projects.

Jeff received the Waitsburg Community Service Award in 2013 and was Waitsburg Celebration Days Parade Marshal in 2014. He was unanimously voted the first to receive the Karen Huwe Mohny Exemplary Service Award in 2015.

Those accomplishments, though impressive and deserved, are not what made Jeff stand out to me, and I would wager, many others that had the good fortune to cross his path.



Times File Photo

Jeff Broom smiles during a 2014 interview with the author.

Jeff was humble, kind, caring, and extremely intelligent. Most every "interview" would digress to cover a wide variety of topics. I loved hearing him tell about playing in his high school and college Rock 'n Roll bands, partaking in his vast historical knowledge and hearing the pride in his voice as he told me about his kids and parents.

I don't think I ever left a conversation with Jeff without something new to think about. I recall one time he told me that he had studied conflict resolution (or something of the sort) and said that he rather enjoyed watching people argue over an issue just to see how it would play out. Maybe that helped account for his always calm and pragmatic demeanor.

Jeff may be gone in body, but his presence remains visible throughout Waitsburg. Our beautified Main Street, which Jeff helped see to completion, is capped off by the Town Clock that he and his sister, Joy, donated in remembrance of their parents.

He and Tom Land designed the legs that support the old mill turbine in Wait's Mill Park and he played a significant role in the design of the kiosk and creating the informational panels that grace its sides.

Visitors to the Historical Society website will enjoy the result of Jeff's work in building the site and Waitsburg graduates will benefit from the WHS Alumni Scholarship Fund established in 2014 by Wes Leid, Katie (Mantz) Leid and Jeff Broom.

On a more personal level, I hope that those of us that knew Jeff will be impacted and inspired by the example of a kind and gentle man, who loved his community and gave freely of his talents and time.

COMMERCIAL CLUB PAINT PARTY



Photos by Lane Gwinn

Several locals enjoyed a good time at a paint party hosted by the Commercial Club at Town Hall last week. Above: Ladies are hard at work on their paint-by-number projects. Left: Pat Davison looks very serious - until something strikes her fancy, that is!

Prime Time Family Reading fosters family engagement

Nationwide program aims to improve family engagement and student academic success

By Dena Martin | THE TIMES

DAYTON – Dayton Memorial Library's first Prime Time Family Reading event, on March 6, was a great success with 60 people and 19 families in attendance. The nationwide program strives to build thought and conversation between children and families through reading.

Prime Time Family Reading is a six-week program funded through a grant from Humanities Washington and is free to participants. Each evening begins with a group dinner, which is catered by Dayton General Hospital.

"The great thing about dinner is that, not only do attendees get to eat here, they all get to take a dinner home," said Dayton Memorial Librarian's Assistant Charlie Oribio. "The dinners not only model healthy meals but we really want to emphasize the benefit of dinner around the dinner table and the benefits of dinner with a group."

After dinner, children five-and-under, head downstairs for reading and crafts while parents and older children remain upstairs.

Upstairs, Storyteller Roz Edwards and Humanities Scholar Sarah Reser tag team by modeling strategies for making reading more

involved at home, discussing how to get more out of reading, and answering questions.

"Sarah and Roz will model strategies such as how to ask questions. Rather than asking yes/no questions, she will ask how or why something happened or what the child thinks will happen next," Oribio said.

After reading and discussion, families are sent home with bookbags of three books to read together during the week. They will discuss the titles at the next week's gathering.

Oribio said the grant requires that at least 15 families attend each gathering and that it is not to late to register. Humanities Washington provides a \$20 Safeway gift card to families that attend at least four meetings as a participation incentive. Community Organizer Sarah Ortuno did a great job at getting the word out, Oribio said.

Oribio said the library is grateful for the volunteers that helped with set up, serving food, working with younger children and tear down, and said volunteers are always welcome.

"I want to give a special shout-out to Lois Hemphill who is one of our Friends of the Library members. She makes cookies and desserts for many of our events. When she heard about this one, she stepped right up. This is such a big program, that we're especially thankful for her donation," Oribio said.

Prime Time Family Reading meets each Wednesday, except April 3 during spring break, from 6-7:30 p.m. at the Delany Building. There is no charge and dinner is included. Families may register by calling the library at 382-4131.



Courtesy Photos

Above: Prime Time Family Reading Storyteller Roz Edwards discusses the oral tradition.



Left: Families take time to socialize between dinner and reading time.

OROZCO TRIAL DATE SET FOR JULY

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON – Columbia County Prosecuting Attorney C. Dale Slack said the Benjamin Orozco murder case has been re-set, from March 11 to July 8.

Slack said May 8 is the deadline for the exchange of all evidence that is intended for use in the trial. This will be followed by arguments dealing with the admission of certain evidence in the trial, at a hearing set for May 31, at 1:30 p.m. in Superior Court.

Pretrial and readiness will be heard on June 5, with the actual trial taking place July 8-19, Slack said.

Orozco is facing charges arising from the 1996 shootings of Lance Terry and David Eaton, who were shot in downtown Dayton. Orozco is charged with second-degree murder for shooting Terry, who died from shots to the chest and abdomen, and first-degree assault against Eaton who sustained hand and knee injuries.

After the shooting, Orozco reportedly fled to Mexico where he lived until 2016, when he was arrested and held in a Mexican jail until his extradition to Columbia County. Since Dec. 2016, Orozco has been in a medical unit at the Washington State Penitentiary in Walla Walla.

DAYTON SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION UPDATE MARCH 6, 2019

Board members Katie Leid, David Bailey, Justin Jaech and Fred White were present.

- Bill Dowdy asked the Board to consider supporting the reinstatement of the High School Fall soccer program, which had been canceled for 2018-19 due to a lack of participants and partial forfeiture of the 2017-18 season. Dowdy believes there may be 25 students in Dayton and Waitsburg interested in playing next year. The issue will be referred to Athletic Director Nicki Luper and the DW Combine Committee.
- Discussion regarding classified staff and state apportionment. The district receives funding for nearly eight employees but has the equivalent of 15 on the payroll. The cost of the additional employees is funded by levy dollars which have been significantly cut by the McCleary decision. The district is concerned about its ability to fund current programming in the coming years.

- Review of curriculum adoption procedures. The district will put together a standing Instructional Materials Committee which will determine the appropriateness of temporary material (newspaper articles and other materials with short-time instructional use) in the event of a challenge. The committee will be comprised of parents, citizens and district employees.
- District Superintendent Doug Johnson provided a second draft of District Goal statements, actions and outcomes. The superintendent and board will continue working on the document before making it available for outside comment.
- Board member Dave Bailey, the District WIAA representative shared ten amendments being considered by the WIAA. One amendment would allow 6th graders to participate in middle school sports when they are part of the middle school enrollment group. Other amendments impact classification formulas.

RUDE'S TERMINOLOGY BILL PASSES SENATE

THE TIMES

OLYMPIA, Wash. – Last week, the Washington State House of Representatives approved House Bill 1674, sponsored by Representative Skyler Rude (R-Walla Walla). The bill replaces the term "alternative" with "personalized" in statute when referencing programs that allow students

to fulfill public education requirements outside the traditional classroom.

Rude said the change is intended to remove the stigma attached with the term "alternative."

"Names matter. The term 'alternative' signals to students who participate in these courses that what they're doing is 'different,' and that can sometimes make stu-

dents feel isolated from their peers," Rude said in a media release.

"House Bill 1674 helps reduce the stigma associated with these programs, and I hope it will encourage more students to pursue nontraditional education courses when appropriate. Children and parents need choice when it comes to education during the formative

years of a student's life, and these personalized learning experiences are a great option for students who may not excel in a traditional classroom setting or who want hands-on experience that will help them later on in their careers," he added.

The bill will advance to the Senate for further consideration.

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COLUMBIA PULP SETS STAGE FOR POLLUTION REDUCTION PRACTICES

Pomeroy test plant drives DOE fee schedule changes and increased incentives

By Dena Martin | THE TIMES

OLYMPIA – In an effort to encourage innovative approaches to pollution reduction, the Washington Department of Ecology is proposing to offer facilities a three-year, 75-percent reduction in permit fees for engaging in market research and development of products or processes that reduce pollution.

The proposal, as presented in a DOE media release, used the Columbia Pulp straw pulp mill as an example of a facility that could possibly qualify for reduced permit fees based on pollution production practices.

DOE Permit Unit Supervisor Art Jenkins, of Spokane, said internal discussions began when the Columbia Pulp test facility in Pomeroy was faced with charges of about \$200,000 for discharging to a wastewater treatment plant.



Times File Photo
The Columbia Pulp plant at Lyons Ferry uses waste straw, thus reducing emissions from burning and erosion concerns. The Pomeroy test plant played a big role in the Dept. of Ecology's consideration of fee reductions for reasearch and development of processes that reduce pollution.

“That seemed outrageous. Those fees are meant for much larger facilities like Wallula and Boise Cascade. They are meant to cover our costs to do inspections and for regulation,” Jenkins told The Times.

“They were able to get costs lowered through an appeal process for at least a year or so, but there wasn't a mechanism in place to allow for innovation

as they performed research and development. We talked internally and came up with a solution to encourage innovation,” he added.

Columbia Pulp Environmental Manager Steve Martin, of Dayton, pointed to a short video on the Columbia Pulp website, to learn more about the mill's pollution reduction efforts.

Historically, area farmers have had

to burn or cultivate the dense straw left standing after wheat harvest. Burning wheat straw results in significant environmental emissions and cultivation brings environmental concerns with erosion from excessive tillage.

Columbia Pulp solves both problems by taking straw from growers to reduce environmental impact while creating a revenue stream. The plant, which is set to open in April, uses farmers' waste straw to create market grade pulp used in making paper products. A bio-polymer biproduct, used for a variety of industrial uses, is also produced.

“Our state is filled with innovators and we want to encourage a holistic environmental approach to operations. This would allow us to financially incentivize our permittees to take action beyond water quality. The environmental benefits could be related to improving our land, air or water,” said Water Quality Program Manager Heather Bartlett in the DOE release.

“We believe we are transforming the industry as the first tree-free pulp mill in North America,” said Columbia Pulp CFO Michele McCarty, in the company's Columbia Pulp Story video.

Photo by Laura Chabre

Prescott teacher Laura Chabre's 6th grade students enjoy reading some of the new books Chabre purchased with her School Retirees mini grant award. Chabre was able to stretch her budget to add 56 books to her library with the \$200 enrichment grant.



Touchet Valley Teachers are grateful for School Retirees mini-grants

School Retirees support teachers and students with mini-grants and scholarships

By Dena Martin | THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA/COLUMBIA COUNTIES – Area students and teachers are often the pleased recipients of scholarships and mini-grants, also known as enrichment grants, from the Walla Walla-Columbia School Retirees Association.

The main fundraiser for the group is the annual Teddy Bear Tea held each February in Walla Walla. Last month's fundraiser served 341 guests and estimated profits of \$3,500 will be used for grants and scholarships.

“Winners of the handcrafted, mink teddy bear raffle were Beth Flannigan of Walla Walla and Kelly Zuger of Waitsburg. We were lucky as Friday and Sunday, the weather was awful, but on that Saturday we had sunshine,” said WWCSRA member Joan Helm.

In February, several Waitsburg, Dayton and Prescott teachers received \$200 mini grants. Each recipient is free to use the grant money as they best see fit. All were grateful for the grants which were used in wide variety of ways.

Prescott special education **Sarah Pearson** was grateful to make new purchases and replace broken items. “Receiving the Walla Walla-Columbia School Retirees mini-grant was quite an honor and surprise! I currently have a couple of students who have sensory processing difficulties as well as a few who are cognitively low. With the mini-grant, I was able to purchase a few sensory friendly items as well as high interest reading materials for my lower students. Additionally, I was able to purchase some equipment for our self-contained classroom to replace old and broken items. Without this mini-grant, purchasing these items would not have been possible. I would like to thank the Walla Walla-Columbia School Retirees As-

sociation for their support of my program and students!” Pearson said.

Waitsburg high school teacher **Nancy Bickelhaupt** will use her grant to supplement curriculum project needs and purchase new curriculum pieces to use in the classroom. “I also use it for things like treats at FCCLA meetings and prizes for the classroom. In addition, when I have guest speakers, I purchase a little thank-you gift for them. They don't sound like very exciting purchases but they are all things that usually come out of my pocketbook so it is nice to receive a grant once-in-a-while,” Bickelhaupt said.

Waitsburg high school English teacher **Liv Leid** used the grant to purchase novels for her classroom.

Prescott sixth grade teacher **Laura Chabre** stretched her dollars to purchase many new books for her classroom library. “My 6th grade students were most excited to learn that Jeff Kinney's ‘Diary of a Wimpy Kid’ Series, Rick Riordan's ‘Percy Jackson & the Olympians’ series and the ‘Zodiac Legacy’ books by Stan Lee & Stuart Moore would be available for them to read in our classroom. I was able to purchase a large quantity of books (56 total) for the \$200 I was granted because I ordered them from the First Book Marketplace, which is a wonderful resource for teachers at Title 1 schools. Their prices per book are extremely inexpensive, which has helped teachers like me build up our classroom libraries without breaking the bank,” Chabre said.

Prescott secondary teacher and Athletic Director **Jeff Foertsch** contributed his funds to the Jack Smiley Memorial Scholarship which gives \$1,000 to a graduating senior at Prescott each year.

Dayton elementary teacher **Polla Laib** used her funds to buy a compact disc listening center for her classroom and two packages of laminating sheets for her Scotch laminator. “I appreciate all the support the Walla Walla-Columbia School Retiree's organization gives to our area schools. These grants are so helpful to receive because most people don't realize how much money teachers spend on their classrooms each year,” Laib said.

COL. CO. HEALTH SYSTEM BOARD MEETING REVIEW

January shows positive bottom line

By Rob Holtzinger | THE TIMES

DAYTON – During the Columbia County Health System (CCHS) March 5 board meeting, CEO Shane McGuire discussed the University of Washington health agreements which launched a program to bring CCHS \$152,000 annually to improve behavioral health care in our local communities.

The program is part of the AIMS network, standing for Advanced Integrated Mental Health Solutions at the University of Washington. Advancements in psychiatry availability and counseling are key to becoming a truly patient-centered medical home. More can be learned about AIMS at Aims.uw.edu.

McGuire explained that there is some confusion about terminology. “Patient-centered care and being a medical home, have nothing to do with ‘Home Health’ which is another entity and concept altogether. Rather, they are a set of criteria that endorses a hospital or clinic in ‘making sure the patient is at the center of health care and not the physician or anyone else,’” McGuire said.

Also discussed was the nurses skills training. The training happens the last week of March and is optional for nursing staff, with the exception of intramuscular shots. The flu clinic this past fall brought in over 300 people to receive vaccinations at Preston Park in Waitsburg.

“With five work stations, we try to offer further training for our nurses, especially in the areas where we have gotten patient feedback,” said the Chief of Staff Dr. Kurt Frauenpreis.

On the fiscal side, “January ended up being a solid month,” CFO Tom Meyers reported. January's financial statement will be revised later as an audit team was in house for a week. Updates could carry over from the December audit into the January results. That information is not known at this time.

“Gross patient revenue was within one percent of budget and January operating costs were down seven percent which is a positive. The imaging departments did well in January. X-ray, CT and ultrasound all had strong months. Emergency visits were down to 146, from 175 in December, Myers said.

“Overall, January was a good month and gives us a positive bottom line after we book the non-operating taxes receivable and other non-operating activity. January's bottom line is \$112,212 positive,” he added.

Dayton Best Western Changes Ownership

THE TIMES

DAYTON – The Best Western Plus Dayton Hotel & Suites, located at 507 E. Main, changed hands late last year.

BK Lodging, LLC, out of the Tri-Cities, owned by Kam and Laddi Singh took ownership on Nov. 15, according to hotel General Manager Elea-

nor Specht.

The hotel, which opened in the spring of 2013, was developed and owned by Dr. Derek Duke and his firm, Duke Properties. It was managed by Pacific Inns of Portland, Ore., a management company hired by Duke.

“Everything operationally has stayed the same,” Specht said.

SPORTS

Modern Baseball Statistics (Part Five – Wins Above Replacement)

A column by Eric Umphrey

This is part five in a series of articles I'm writing to introduce new statistics that baseball announcers are using in broadcasts. Weather willing, I'll be back to covering local spring sports next week. Today's statistic is Wins Above Replacement. WAR is by far the most popular of the newly-created statistics because it attempts, in a single number, to add up all aspects of a player's value to his team. I'm covering this one last as I needed to first introduce Park Factor (Part One), BsR (Part Two), wOBA (Part Three), and UZR (Part Four) as they are all used in the WAR formula at Fangraphs.



WAR = $(\text{Batting Runs} + \text{BsR} + \text{UZR} + \text{Positional Adjustment} + \text{League Adjustment} + \text{Replacement Runs})$

Runs Per Win

Batting Runs has a fairly involved formula. I'll simplify it by stating it is basically just wOBA that I talked about in part three of this series converted into runs above average and adjusted for Park Factor and league. The average player will score zero runs above average. Here is a table of some former Mariners to put it into context.

Rating	Batting Runs	Player	Batting Runs	Year
Excellent	+40	Brett Boone	40.5	2001
Great	+20	Nelson Cruz	22.2	2018
Above Average	+10	Raul Ibanez	10.2	2004
Average	+0	Dan Wilson	0.2	1996
Below Average	-5	Russ Davis	-4.8	1996
Poor	-10	Henry Cotto	-10.0	1993
Awful	-20	Omar Vizquel	-25.5	1993

Next, let's go over positional adjustment. The idea is that some positions are much more difficult than others, so players in the difficult positions should get more credit. I'm pulling this table from Fangraphs and it is based on data from players who have switched positions. More work needs to be done in this area and I think the numbers may be changed over time. It is commonly accepted that the best defensive athletes in baseball are at either shortstop or center field. Also, the penalty for the DH seems excessive in my opinion.

Position	Full Season Adjustment
C	+12.5
1B	-12.5
2B	+2.5
SS	+7.5
3B	+2.5
LF	-7.5
CF	+2.5
RF	-7.5
DH	-17.5

Okay, let's finish up with the last three terms in the formula. League adjustment is done so each league has exactly zero runs above average. It really doesn't affect player value. Replacement runs compare a player's performance above or below the league average. Runs Per Win is how much one win is worth.

This value changes slightly each year but is usually around 10 runs. When you put it all together you get a number somewhere in the range of -3.0 to +10.0 This is a counting statistic so a player that plays a full season will typically have a better WAR than a player who missed a couple of months with an injury. This is a table from Fangraphs to put the numbers into context.

Description	WAR
Scrub	0-1
Role Player	1-2
Starter	2-3
Good Player	3-4
All-Star	4-5
SuperStar	5-6
MVP	6+

Career WAR totals are often brought up in Hall of Fame discussions. Ken Griffey Junior's total was 77.7 which was good for 41st all-time. Edgar Martinez had a very respectable 65.5 for his career. For comparison David Ortiz of the Red Sox put up a 50.7. WAR has become so important that it may be an argument against Ortiz's induction and he may have to wait several years before getting in.



Courtesy photos

Justin Speer (left) is the new WWCC Warrior baseball Head Coach. Former Head Coach Dave Meliah (right) has moved to administration as WWCC Assistant Athletic Director.

WWCC BASEBALL PREVIEW

Justin Speer is new head coach

By Rob Holtzinger | THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA – The 2019 Community College Baseball season in Walla Walla brings with it a change of leadership as Justin Speer takes the helm from Dave Meliah who has assumed duties as assistant to Athletic Director Jeff Reinland.

Meliah, a Desales and Walla Walla Community College alumni, originally took over for Mike Cummins and served for nine seasons as Head Coach and eight years as an assistant.

Speer's wife, Chelsea, is the Women's Volleyball coach at WWCC. The couple moved here in the fall of 2014. Chelsea began her first year leading volleyball and Justin served as an assistant in the program he now leads.

In that 2015 season the Warriors baseball team finished with a 31-17 record, winning the regional tournament and competing in the NWAC Championships.

The next season, the school had a need for a head softball coach and Speer stepped up. During his three-year stint, the Lady Warriors combined on a 98-48 record, taking second- and fifth-place trophies at the NWAC Championships.

"But deep down I'm a baseball guy," Speer said.

His background supports such a

claim. He grew up in Gresham, Oregon and, following a successful high school playing career, took his talents to play at Mt. Hood Community College. After being an All-Conference player there, he moved on to play one year for legendary college coach Ed Cheff at Lewis-Clark State College in Lewiston, Idaho before transferring to Western Oregon College to finish his playing days and finish his degree.

He returned to Mt. Hood Community College as an assistant coach and also headed the strength and conditioning programs. Then came a stint as head coach at Sam Barlow High School outside of Portland, Ore. Speer also spent four summers serving as the head coach of the East County Knights of American Legion baseball. He followed those stops with the move to Walla Walla.

"I feel awfully blessed. I was offered my dream job and could see us staying here the rest of our lives," Speer said.

The Warriors took to the road in early March to beat the snow and start the season. The first weekend in March saw the Warriors beaten four times in doubleheaders at Linn-Benton (Albany, Ore.) and the following day in Salem, Ore. at the hands of Chemeketa Community College.

This begins a thirty-five game regular season and the possibility of league tournament and NWAC championships played in late May.

Kudos!

DAYTON/WAITSBURG/PRESCOTT - Several local basketball players received league winter sports recognition.

Player of the Year went to Prescott senior Joze Gonzalez who also made the Southeast 1B boys all-league team.

In the Eastern Washington Athletic Conference, D-W senior, Chris Andrews, earned a place on the boys second team while D-W sophomore Sadie Seney made the girls second-team.

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DAYTON-WAITSBURG TRACK AND FIELD PREVIEW

Coach Nechodom anticipates a good season

By Rob Holtzinger | THE TIMES

DAYTON-WAITSBURG – Track and Field has about twenty athletes participating in 2019, according to seventh-year Head Coach Dan Nechodom.

“We have a pretty equal split between boys and girls, and we are still getting a few late turnouts,” Nechodom said.

Nechodom was eager to share his enthusiasm at some of the 2019 prospects.

“I think this will be Aliyah Picarella’s year to shine. She made it to district the last two years, and I think she may go all the way on this year,” he said.

Picarella is a senior, and along with returner Rebecca Smith, forms the foundation of a competitive four-person relay team. Junior Kirsten Miller competed in four events at State last year; the 100m and 200m dashes and



Photo by Dan Nechodom

Members of the Dayton-Waitsburg track and field team braved the outdoors and took to the track in spite of the snow last week. DW will participate in its opening meet in Clarkston on March 20.

the 100m and 300m hurdles.

“She has a lot of talent but also is committed to training hard even on the days she doesn’t want to. She

has worked extra in the off-season,” Nechodom said.

Also competing at State last year were Chris Andrews in the 100m dash

and Mason Finney in both the 1600m and 3200m.

“Chris Andrews may join us later, if we can get the ankle healed up. I’m also excited to see Mason Finney get his endurance and strength, as well as race preparation down better. I believe he can be competitive in distance events,” added Nechodom who coached for fifteen years at the middle school level before taking the high school helm.

Workouts have taken place in the gym, on the parking lot and in the weight room. The Coach sees the weather as just a natural teaching point.

“It creates some challenges, but challenges are required to make any meaningful growth. We will adapt as needed and be prepared when we hit the track,” he said.

Nechodom has a staff of returning assistant coaches including Kelly Wolther, Tracy Pearson and Logan Pearson.

The season’s opening meet for Dayton-Waitsburg will be in Clarkston on March 20.

Dayton-Waitsburg softball preview

By Rob Holtzinger | THE TIMES

DAYTON/WAITSBURG – Softball Head Coach Shane Robins loses four very valuable pieces from last year’s State tournament qualifying team. Megan Robins and Hannah Becker were both two-year All-Conference players who graduated last spring.

Heidi Dobbs was also lost to graduation and Shelly Castoini opted not to play this season. However, the second-year coach does still have some pieces in place.

Tatum Laughery was a standout All-Conference player as a junior centerfielder. This year, her athleticism and experience have moved her to shortstop. Filling that center field position that Laughery vacates, will be senior Neylan Bryan.

“Tatum Laughery is an incredible baserunner. She was 60-61 last year in stolen base attempts,” Robins said. She will be the leadoff hitter for the third consecutive year.

The pitching is young but promising, lead by a pair of sophomores, Sadie Seney and Keagan Larsen.

Robins begins his second season leading the program and is assisted by Josh Wilson and Marvin Eng. As far as healthy league competition, Robins describes Kittitas and Liberty-Christian as the teams to beat. The softball team is scheduled to open play March 19 in Boardman, Ore.

TRIO OF WARRIORS GET 'SWEET' CALL

By Rob Holtzinger | THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA – Part of the dream for many junior college baseball players is to earn an opportunity to play high-level amateur baseball in the summers in a league such as the West Coast League. For three Walla Walla Community College Warrior players that dream became reality on Jan. 25 when Walla Walla’s own hometown Sweets signed pitchers Brayden Hirai and Michael Peterson, along with outfielder Brandon Wagstaff.

In the case of the two pitchers, they both return for a second season with the Sweets. Wagstaff, who redshirted due to injury last year, joins the Sweets for the first time.

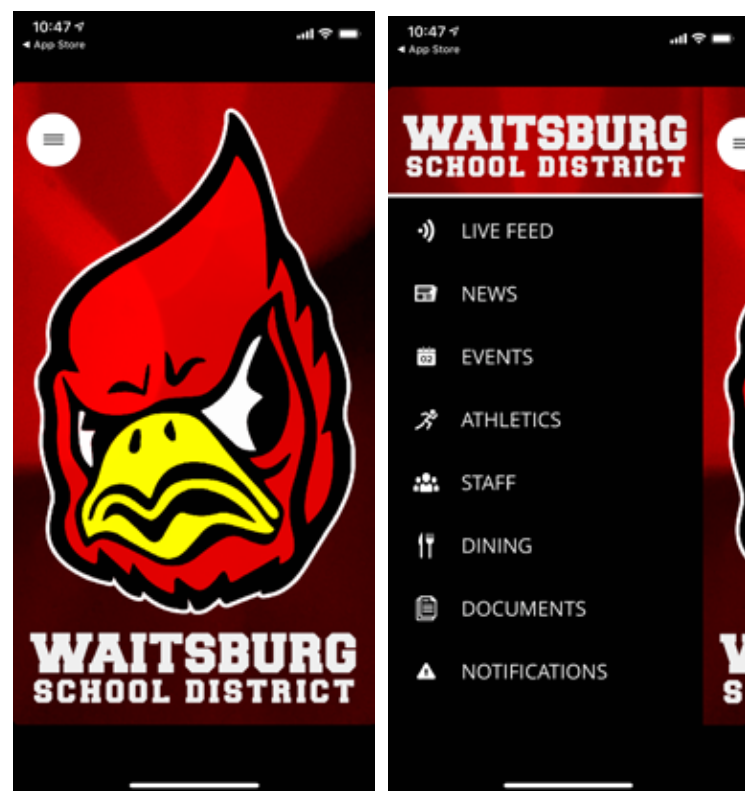
Sweets Manager Frank Mutz dis-

cussed the two returning pitchers. “Hirai is a tremendous competitor. There were several instances last summer where we had to change the way we used him and he was ready every time we handed him the ball.”

In seventeen appearances, Hirai posted an impressive 3.79 ERA. In the case of Peterson, he made thirteen appearances and opponents hit a soft .238 against him.

Brandon Wagstaff was a key member of the WWCC Warriors 2017 team that finished in third place at the NWAC championships. He batted .295 and was a second team all-conference selection before redshirting in 2018, due to an injured labrum in his throwing shoulder.

“Playing for the Sweets will be a lot of fun, it’s something I’ve always wanted to do,” Wagstaff said.



Left: Screenshot of the new Waitsburg School District app that is now available for download. A more user-friendly website is set to go live on Wed., March 13. It is hoped that the updated technology will help with parent, student, and community communications.

Waitsburg School District Launches New Web Page and Phone App

The technology will be used to connect the community and highlight achievements

By Russ Knopp | THE TIMES

On Wed., March 13, the Waitsburg School District launched a groundbreaking branding campaign for the district. User-friendly websites and mobile apps for each school will help connect the Waitsburg community. The campaign is part of a larger effort to highlight the achievements taking place every day across the district.

The new website and app include information such as dining menus, events calendars, real-time updates on sports scores, school document

links, and even a live feed. The free app for Android and iPhone sends emergency notifications directly to those who download the app. The technology is designed with both families and schools leaders in mind.

This effort is in partnership with Apptegy, an education technology company based in Little Rock, Arkansas. The company created Thrillshare, a marketing platform that empowers teachers, students, and administrators to share stories of growth in the district.

Download the free mobile apps in the Google Play Store or the Apple App Store by typing in Waitsburg School District. Find the revamped, mobile-friendly website at waitsburgsd.org. Community members can expect to see more positive stories and regular updates from Waitsburg School District.

AAU DW BirdDogs take second in Asotin tourney

Photo by Lisa Morrow

Coach Jason Mings has full attention of his team as he gives direction during the Asotin Hardwood Classic Tournament last weekend.



AAU BirdDogs end season on a high note

By Dena Martin | THE TIMES

ASOTIN – The AAU BirdDogs ended their season in a back-and-forth win-loss series at the Asotin Hardwood Classic Tournament last weekend.

The Dayton-Waitsburg team got off to a good start to

win their first game against the Clearwater Valley Rams 46-21 before losing to Kamiah 26-42.

They were back in the contest with a 39-26 second win against the Rams in the semifinal game. They ultimately lost the championship game 33-46 to Kamiah, to take second place in the tournament.

Monte Pettichord received the Hardcourt Hustler Award during Saturday’s play.

Talk About Art

A column by Carolyn Henderson

It's a long road from working for a contractor making parts for nuclear submarines to painting peaceful landscapes, but acrylic painter Becky Melcher is used winding paths. Nowadays, she especially enjoys painting them.

For more than 40 years, the Yakima artist worked in the legal field – from that submarine contractor to attorneys' offices – and painted on the side. Upon retirement, she plunged into the art world, experimenting with techniques, media, and subject matter, focusing on work that exudes an incredible sense of peace and tranquility.

"My true desire is to master landscapes," Melcher says.

"They draw you into a story that the artist is telling – you can live in a landscape painting!"

"They exude the life experience and the extraordinary world around us."

Melcher has found regular success with showing her work in local restaurants where patrons, literally, buy them off the walls. Working from what she describes as a tiny art studio located in a tiny office in her home, Melcher creates work that is part reality, part fantasy: country cottages nestled within bushes and trees; a lone sailboat resting serenely on quiet waters; a shyly peeking deer, ready to bolt.

"It's all about light, values, and skies," Melcher says. "My favorite landscapes are those where the sky dominates."

Through April 6, Wenaha Gallery is featuring Melcher's work at the gallery. The gallery, located at 219 E. Main, Dayton, is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday.



Photos courtesy of the Wenaha Gallery
Yakima artist Becky Melcher's paintings are on display at Dayton's Wenaha Gallery through April 6.
Far left: Melcher paints in her "tiny art studio" in Yakima.
Above: "On the Fience"
Left: "Bull"

'Concerned Citizens' group voices library concerns

Organizers request attendance at March 18 board meeting

By Dena Martin | THE TIMES

DAYTON – More than two dozen people gathered in the Delany Building on March 4 to hear concerns about the practices and policies of the Dayton Memorial Library. The meeting was spearheaded and facilitated by former library employee Vicki Zoller and recently terminated employee Shakira Bye.

Over the course of an hour-and-a-half, Zoller voiced concerns ranging

from lack of training for both the director and employees, safety concerns for library patrons and employees, inconsistency in programming, loss of employees and possible legal ramifications of recent decisions.

She opened the meeting by stating that the library has turned over nine employees in the last four years and that the high costs of retraining and employee replacement is a financial burden to taxpayers. The replacements also result in a lack of consistency in programming and make it difficult for children to feel comfortable with the lack of stability, Zoller said.

About a half-dozen former library employees were present at the meeting,

Zoller repeatedly commented that the library Board of Directors seems to have an "aura of complacency" about the problems brought forth regarding library operations.

Zoller said the impetus for the March 4 meeting was the recent termination of Bye, who had recently been promoted. Zoller said the firing was unjust and that Bye has hired legal representation, which has cost the county even more money.

"There is a slight hint of retaliation in her firing, which has cost the county," said Zoller, who also accused the Board of using Bye's race to cast doubt on her character.

Zoller and Bye repeatedly stated

that Library Director Dusty Waltner has not been performing her duties, possibly due to lack of training, and that the library board has been remiss in addressing problems and requiring change.

"The Board has failed her like she has failed her employees," Zoller said.

Zoller and Bye handed out a two-page list of questions and concerns. They also distributed public records requests and suggested that audience members request minutes, security footage and other documentation from the Board.

In addition to writing to Board mem-

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

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Of
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IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA
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In the Superior Court of the State of Washington for the County of Walla Walla
Christina Laura Almazan,
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Jose Almazan-Herrera,
Respondent.

The State of Washington to Jose Almazan-Herrera
You are hereby summoned to appear within 60 days of the date this petition for a dissolution of marriage summons is published, after the March 14, 2019, and defend the above entitled action in the above entitled court, and answer the complaint of the petitioner, Christina Laura Almazan, and serve a copy of your answer upon the petitioner at the address stated below; and in case of your failure to do so, judgment will be rendered against you according to the demand of the petition for a dissolution of marriage, which has been filed with the clerk of stated court. If you do not

serve your written response within 60 days after the date this summons was served on you, exclusive of the day of service, the court may enter an order of default against you, and the court may, without further notice to you, enter a final order and approve or provide for the relief requested in the petition. The court will not enter the final order until at least 90 days after filing and service. Serve a copy of your response on Christina Laura Almazan at 1658 Discovery Street, Walla Walla, WA. 99362
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by right of assignees anthony john, malveto, & beryl ann, wright to that part and portion of land Patent No. 197 described below in metes and bounds as our private property lying in the unincorporated area of Walla Walla county. **metes and bounds** beginning at the southeast corner of the north half of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 35 in Township 7 North, Range 35 East of the Willamette Meridian, and running thence west, along the south line of the said north half of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter 975.88 feet; thence north, parallel to the north and south center line of said Section 35, a distance of 502 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING for this description; from said true point of beginning run thence north, parallel to the aforesaid center line, 220.0 feet; thence west, parallel to the south line of said north half of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, 115.87 feet; thence south parallel to the above-mentioned center line, 220.0 feet; thence east 115.87 feet to the True Point of Beginning. Prior assigns claiming interest in the property may contact us within sixty days from 3/14/2019 at: care of beryl, wright, general post-office, College Place, Washington. Non-domestic. Without The UNITED STATES. near [99324-9998].

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Dayton's Main Street trees got a much-needed trimming last week thanks to a donation from Pacific Power and the work of Trees, Inc.

Pacific Power Funds Dayton Tree Trimming

By Vicki Zoller | THE TIMES

DAYTON – Among the notable features along Dayton's well-traveled Main Street are the trees that line the walks from one end of town to the other. These trees provide cool shade in the summer, warm colors as autumn rolls in and they pop green and bright at springtime.

Thanks to Bill Clemens, Regional Communications Manager with Pacific Power, along with Trees, Inc., Dayton's trees are getting a much-needed trimming. Every year, certified arborists from Trees Inc. volunteer one day of their time to give the trees a quick once-over.

But that one day's attention isn't enough to shape the trees or give them the in-depth trimming they truly need. Every couple of years, a more thorough pruning that directs the branches up and away from the front of stores and roofs of buildings is required.

The value of this service, provided to Dayton by Trees Inc. and funded by

Pacific Power, equals a generous \$7000. Clemens has been with Pacific Power for 37 years and serves as the point of contact to our community.

He also serves on local committees that focus on the economic development of Dayton as well as all of Columbia County. He believes that healthy trees serve Dayton by creating shade and helping to reduce air conditioning costs as well as enhancing the year-round beauty of downtown Dayton.

The crew from Trees Inc. spent the week of March 4 moving up one side and down the other on Main Street. As they thin branches, they also check on the health of each tree. It's a house call from the tree doctors.

Their timing coincided with some of the coldest weather this year, but they managed to cut branches and chip the debris into the back of their truck to finish up on schedule.

As the trees change through the seasons, Dayton is thankful for the generosity of Clemens and Pacific Power and the trimming skills of Trees, Inc.

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bers and writing letters to the editor, Zoller requested that interested parties attend the March library Board meeting to make their voices heard.

"It is our library, not theirs. We pay for it. We have given them trust to be good stewards but that trust can be taken away," Zoller said, referring to the library Board.

When asked for a response to the concerns, Board Chair Tanya Patton said that the Library District Board of Trustees is made up of five members of diverse backgrounds, demographics, life and career experiences and perspectives.

"The one thing we have in common is

our dedication to providing the very best library service possible to the citizens of Columbia County," she said.

"While Board members are not at liberty to disclose or discuss anything pertaining to employees past or present, we certainly welcome community input and will do our best to answer questions people have about the operation of the Board and our role in providing the outstanding library services that our community has come to appreciate and expect," Patton added.

The Columbia County Rural Library Board of Trustees meets next on Mon., March 18 at 7 p.m. in the Delany Building.

MOMENTS IN TIME

The History Channel

* **On March 21, 1952**, the first rock and roll concert in history is held in Cleveland, hosted by legendary disk jockey Alan Freed. Police were overwhelmed when an estimated 20,000-25,000 fans swarmed the Moondog Coronation Ball, held in an arena with a capacity of only 10,000.

* **On March 24, 1965**, the first "teach-in" is conducted at the University of Michigan as 200 faculty members hold special anti-war seminars. This form of protest spread to many colleges and universities.

* **On March 22, 1983**, the Pentagon awards a contract worth more than \$1 billion to AM General Corp. to produce 55,000 High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicles. Nicknamed the Humvee, the rugged vehicles were used by the U.S. military. In 1992, a civilian version, the Hummer, went on sale.

* **On March 23, 1994**, Wayne Gretzky scores his 802nd goal, breaking his childhood idol Gordie Howe's NHL record for most goals in a career.

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