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DISPATCH

Columbia County plans to contract with the City of Walla Walla to share emergency services software.

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ART CLASSES

Waitsburg artist Suze Wood plans to hold art workshops in her downtown loft to help fund youth art.

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SPORTS



BASKETBALL

The Dayton girls took the championship in the SE 2B District 9 league tournament Monday in Waitsburg.

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OVERTIME!



Photo by Nick Page

Waitsburg High School student Landon Callas gives a big cheer Saturday night during Waitsburg-Prescott boys' basketball game against Tri-Cities Prep at the Waitsburg gym. WP's Devin Acevedo had just sunk a three-point shot to tie the game and send it into overtime. Unfortunately, WP lost the game, 52-51, in OT. On Monday, the Cardinals defeated Asotin, 54-51 to move on to the Sub-regional tournament in Spokane. See the full stories on Page 8.

Tax Measure Passes Easily

NEW DAYTON SALES TAX REVENUE TO FUND TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT

Preliminary Results:
Yes 497 (71%)
No 203 (29%)

THE TIMES

DAYTON – Voters in the city of Dayton overwhelmingly approved a measure Tuesday that will increase the sales tax rate in the city from 8.1% to 8.3%. More than 70 percent of voters said yes to the measure. Turnout was just under 45 percent.

In December, the Dayton City Council approved putting the measure before voters. With its passage, the City expects to collect approximately \$69,000 per year in additional revenues due to the increase.

Dayton will now form a Transportation Benefit District, which will receive the new tax funds. The money can only be used for transportation projects, such as street and sidewalk repair. The boundaries of the new district will be the same as the Dayton city limits.

The new funds are only a small amount of the total cost of projects the city hopes to accomplish in the next year. But they can be used as matching funds for state and federal grants, or to pay off construction bonds.

County Plans Another Pot Hearing

MORATORIUM ON MARIJUANA BUSINESSES WAS EXTENDED THREE MONTHS IN DECEMBER

By Dian Ver Valen | THE TIMES

DAYTON – Columbia County Commissioners have scheduled a public hearing regarding the county's moratorium on marijuana businesses for 1:15 p.m. on March 16 in the commissioners' board room on the third floor of the courthouse. The county's 15-month-long moratorium on marijuana businesses expires the following day, on March 17.

A representative from the Washington State Liquor Control Board will meet with commissioners prior to the hearing, at 10 a.m.

The Commissioners extended a year-long moratorium in December to allow them time to gather more information on how community safety could be a benefit of legal marijuana and to give newly elected Commissioner Merle Jackson time to "get up to speed" on the issue.

Washington voters legalized marijuana in 2012, but the state wasn't ready to begin issuing business licenses for more than a year. Columbia County placed a moratorium on marijuana businesses at the end of 2013. The city of Dayton voted to ban marijuana businesses

at the end of last year.

The cities of Walla Walla and Waitsburg have both passed ordinances addressing licensing and locating of marijuana businesses within their boundaries.

According to nonprofit Municipal Research and Services Center (mrsc.org), both Garfield and Franklin counties have placed moratoriums on marijuana businesses; Walla Walla County has banned them while other nearby counties such as Whitman, Adams and Franklin counties have ruled that marijuana businesses are allowed under existing zoning.

Prior to the planned public hearing, commissioners will take a field trip to visit a marijuana business in Prosser, Washington, on Feb. 23.

MEMBERS HOPE TO REVIVE WAITSBURG GRANGE

125-year-old group hopes to sell old Grange Hall, use proceeds toward new meeting location

By Dena Wood | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG – The Grange has played "a huge role" in the lives of Rick and Terry Ferguson and their family. Rick's great-grandparents, grandparents and parents were all members of the Starbuck Grange. "I grew up in that Starbuck Grange Hall – roller skating, eating pie, and going to dances," he said.

Rick's family later moved to Huntsville and he met and married his wife Terry. The couple has been actively involved in the Waitsburg Grange, Washington State Grange and National Grange throughout their married life. In a unique (and fitting) twist, they built their family home using lumber from the Huntsville school – the very first meeting place of Waitsburg Grange #1.

Now, the Waitsburg Grange Hall on Highway 12 is for sale. Rick hopes the sale will allow members to find a new meeting place and revive what was once a thriving local organization. The building is 86 feet by 36 feet and sits on about nine-tenths of an acre.

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Photo by Dena Wood

Waitsburg Grange #1 was the first Grange chartered in Washington State and was first organized under the jurisdiction of the Oregon State Grange in 1873 prior to Washington obtaining statehood. Waitsburg's Grange Hall (above) was built in 1938 when three area Granges joined forces to fund the project. Just following an interior remodel, the building fell victim to the flood of '96 and was rendered useless. Members say the building is still sound and are hoping to sell the property and find a new meeting place where Grange activities can once again take place.



TOUCHET VALLEY LIFE

A New Eagle Scout



Photo by Dena Wood

Kristine Warren pins an Eagle Scout badge to son Matthew during his Eagle Scout Ceremony as Scoutmaster Brian Houdak (far left) and Dad Bill look on.

PIONEER PORTRAITS

Ten Years Ago February 17, 2005

The home of Robert and Terrie Abernathy was destroyed by fire which frustrated local firefighters at every turn last weekend. Crews battled the stubborn fire from about 4 p.m. until 11 p.m. when they shifted to defensive positions due to a number of factors including the presence of propane tanks.

Waitsburg needed three pointers in its game against Liberty Christian, and it got them from Chris Dessert. The 6-4 Cardinal guard hit five of them in Waitsburg's 61-53 win in Blue Mountain League tournament play Tuesday night in Dayton.

Twenty-Five Years Ago February 15, 1990

Mrs. Effie Keve, formerly of Waitsburg, and currently a resident of the Booker Annex in Dayton, was honored at a very special party when she observed her 100th birthday on Saturday, Feb. 10.

Jack DeWitt of Waitsburg was recently named Chairman of the Washington Wheat Commission. He had served earlier as vice-chairman of the group. DeWitt, who has been in wheat and legume farming since 1965, is a graduate of the University of Idaho with a B.S. in Agriculture.

Berger sez: Everything has a price ceiling – when you hear the price you hit the ceiling.

Fifty Years Ago February 11, 1965

Waitsburg's Mayor, Albert Land, who worked tirelessly during the recent floods was the recipient of the Commercial Club's annual "Man of the Year" plaque awarded at the Club's annual banquet held on Saturday, February 6. Mayor Land was on call from the time that the water entered homes on Preston Avenue (his own being one of the first), and worked long hours coordinating the work of the Red Cross, the City and County crews, and enlisting the aid of the Corps of Engineers.

Jimmy Wills, 16 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Sammy Wills, was released Monday from the Dayton General Hospital where he has been confined since September 12 following a car-motor bike accident. He suffered severe head injuries and was in a coma for four of the nearly five months he was hospitalized.

Seventy-Five Years Ago February 16, 1940

Marcus J. (Moxie) Zuger, prominent citizen of this locality, passed away at his home, Main Street, in this city, Monday morning, Feb. 12 at 1 o'clock following a protracted illness with stomach trouble.

Mr. and Mrs. Gail Kibler of near Dixie, are the parents of a daughter born Friday, Feb. 9, at the Walla Walla Sanatorium. The baby weighed eleven pounds and has been named Janice Elaine. Mrs. Kibler was formerly Lola Walker, daughter of Mrs. Lloyd Piper of Dixie.

The Commercial Club will sponsor an old fashioned basket social in the Club rooms Tuesday evening, February 27th commencing at 8 o'clock.

Mrs. R. W. Loundagin was the incentive for a surprise party last Wednesday when the Priscilla Club took a potluck dinner and went to her home and spent the day.

One Hundred Years Ago February 12, 1915

Washouts by the recent heavy rains have done considerable damage to the first three miles of the state highway out of Walla Walla to Waitsburg.

The union meetings at the Tabernacle are proving a great success. Although rain and other impediments hindered the first few nights of the meetings, Sunday night the building was filled and the chair had grown to such an extent that the platform has been enlarged. An orchestra of eight pieces assists in the musical part of the meeting.

Mrs. Joyce Mantz, of Colville, Wash., is visiting her father. T. V. McKinney, and other relatives and friends here.

Born – In this city, Tuesday, Feb. 9, to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Singer, a son.

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago February 14, 1890

In attempting to ford the Touchet just below Main street bridge last Tuesday, W. S. Surrat, the drayman, came near losing one of his horses. The recent high water had somewhat changed the bed of the creek, and the horses stepped into a hole, fell and became tangled in the harness, and it was with great difficulty they were rescued. One horse was dragged out more dead than alive, but finally recovered.

The protracted meeting in the Huntsville U. B. Chapel continues with increased interest. More than forty persons have been converted and reclaimed, and nineteen have united with the church.

Many large boys have been taken from school this week to do plowing.

O.N. Wheeler, a prosperous farmer north of Prescott, was in the city on Tuesday. From him we learn that the wheat acreage in that section is not so great as last year, but that the grain is looking unusually well. He also informed us that the squirrels are more numerous than they were last year.

DAYTON TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETING ON LEVY PROPOSAL

District Plans to Request Approval for Facilities Improvements on April Ballot

By Dian Ver Valen | THE TIMES

DAYTON – The Dayton School Board has scheduled a public informational meeting for Wednesday, March 4, to provide background on the proposed capital-improvement levy planned for an April 10 election. The regular board meeting will take place at 6:30 p.m. with the public meeting at 7 p.m.

The board had planned to take official action last week and decide on the language of the \$800,000 ballot measure; that vote was postponed again after the board requested that the planned projects be described as critical to "safety, security and efficiency," according to Superintendent Doug Johnson.

The levy, as currently conceived, would be on a two-year

collection cycle, Johnson said. The estimated cost to taxpayers would be 66 cents per thousand dollar valuation each year, in 2016 and in 2017.

The board plans to use the levy money, if approved by voters, to address a number of projects identified in a study and survey completed in 2014. Among these are replacing entry and exit doors, roof projects, updating the phone and other communication systems, irrigation system for watering district grounds and athletic facilities, repairs to the elementary asphalt playground and roof, and campus-wide sidewalk repairs.

"The costs are estimates only," Johnson said in January. "And we did build in a 10-percent contingency. If there is money left over after the projects planned, we've been discussing what to do with the extra such as continuing to add to our security camera system with the purchase of more cameras, for example."

This levy proposal is much smaller than the bond rejected by voters last year, which asked for \$25 million for major renovations and changes to district facilities.

Waitsburg Man Arrested

KENNEWICK – Waitsburg resident Steven Ray Long, 27, was arrested Jan. 30 while driving a car near the blue bridge in Kennewick just minutes after the vehicle was reported as stolen from a nearby apartment complex.

The Kennewick resident, Joel Madigran-Nava, told police that he had started his car at about 2:45 a.m. Friday and left it running to return to his apartment momentarily. When he returned, the car was gone.

A Franklin County Sheriff's Office deputy spotted the car minutes after hearing of the theft over the radio and pulled Long over. Long was arrested on suspicion of possession of a stolen vehicle and driving while suspended. He was booked into the Franklin County Jail.

Creation Ministries Presentations

DAYTON – Scott Gillis of Creation Ministries International will be on tour in Dayton Feb. 28 – March 1, as part of his Exposing Evolution's Fatal Flaws tour. The lectures are free and open to the public.

Gillis will speak on Dinosaurs & Fossils: Amazing Evidence for Creation! on Saturday, Feb. 28, at 6 p.m. at Faith Chapel (653 Wagon Road, Dayton). On Sunday, Gillis will present Creation: Why it Matters at 9:30 a.m. at Community Bible Church (203 S. 2nd St., Dayton) and will repeat Dinosaurs & Fossils: Amazing Evidence for Creation! at 11 a.m. Sunday evening, Gillis will speak on Creation: Impacting Our Culture at Dayton First Christian Church (410 S. 3rd) at 6 p.m.

Touchet Valley Weather

Feb. 11, 2015

Waitsburg's Seven Day Forecast

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Mostly Sunny	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny	Mostly Sunny	Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy
High: 53 Low: 38	High: 55 Low: 38	High: 57 Low: 39	High: 57 Low: 40	High: 55 Low: 35	High: 53 Low: 35	High: 48 Low: 32

Weather Trivia

Has it ever snowed on the equator before?

?

the Andes.

Answer: Yes. Snow often falls in

Local Almanac Last Week

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Precipitation	Departure from normal
Monday	51	33	43/31	0.02"	0.45"	0.49"
Tuesday	49	37	44/31	0.17"	-0.04"	-0.04"
Wednesday	42	37	44/31	0.02"	50.1°	50.1°
Thursday	69	39	44/31	0.02"	37.6°	37.6°
Friday	69	49	44/31	0.06"	+12.5°	+12.5°
Saturday	67	52	45/31	0.16"		
Sunday	65	43	45/32	0.00"		

Data as reported from Walla Walla

Weather History

Feb. 11, 1899 - Perhaps the greatest of all arctic outbreaks commenced on this date. The temperature plunged to 61 degrees below zero in Montana. At the same time, a "Great Eastern Blizzard" left a blanket of snow all the way from Georgia to New Hampshire.

Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Wednesday	7:00 a.m.	5:13 p.m.	12:10 a.m.	10:31 a.m.
Thursday	6:59 a.m.	5:14 p.m.	1:11 a.m.	11:10 a.m.
Friday	6:57 a.m.	5:16 p.m.	2:12 a.m.	11:55 a.m.
Saturday	6:55 a.m.	5:17 p.m.	3:10 a.m.	12:49 p.m.
Sunday	6:54 a.m.	5:19 p.m.	4:06 a.m.	1:50 p.m.
Monday	6:52 a.m.	5:20 p.m.	4:57 a.m.	2:59 p.m.
Tuesday	6:51 a.m.	5:21 p.m.	5:42 a.m.	4:14 p.m.

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

POLICE NOTES

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Bluegrass at the Plaza
Waitsburg Plaza Theater (Main Street)
7 p.m.
Benefit concert for TVAMP music education program. Tickets are \$10 at the door.

14

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

Blue Mountain Station
Saturday Market
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Fresh produce, cheese, granola, coffee and more.

Waitsburg Town Hall Valentine's Dinner
6:30
Prime Rib dinner and silent auction. Tickets are \$20 and all proceeds go to the operation and maintenance of Town Hall. Tickets may be purchased at Waitsburg Grocery, Waitsburg Hardware Store, Laht Neppur and Blue Crystal.

Live Music
The Tuxedo Bar & Grill (Prescott)
8 p.m.
Whiskey Creek will play on Valentine's Day evening at The Tux.

15

Mood Disorder Group
Delaney Building (111 S. 3rd)
7 p.m.

Praise Singing
Waitsburg Christian Church
7 p.m.

16

Waitsburg Story Time (every Monday)
Weller Public Library, Waitsburg
10:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.

17

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

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

Waitsburg Senior Round Table
Waitsburg Presbyterian Church
11:30 a.m.
Join local seniors every Tuesday for lunch. \$4 suggested donation for those over 60. \$7 charge for guests under 60. 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 Memorial Library
3 p.m.
LEGO Club
Come play LEGOs in the Delaney room after school on Tuesdays. LEGOs are provided.

Weight Loss Support
Waitsburg Clinic
5:30 p.m.
Optional weigh-in at 5:15 and an optional 30 minute group walk following the meeting at 6 p.m.

19

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

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.

Prescott Friends of the Library
Prescott Library
7 p.m.

Waitsburg

Nothing reported.

Dayton

Feb. 3
Harassment reported on S. 2nd Street.

Feb. 4
Fraud reported at Country Village Courts; fraudulent emails received related to an alleged scam on Craigslist. Verbal domestic dispute between brothers on W. Cameron Street; parties had separated prior to the deputy's arrival. Suspicious person reportedly walking in yards on W. Spring Street; deputies were unable to locate.

Feb. 5
Vandalism to recently purchased residence on Bruce Road reported; window and mirror broken. Erratic vehicle reported driving east on Highway 12 from Waitsburg; deputy unable to locate. Second erratic vehicle reported on S. 2nd Street; vehicle allegedly drove through a school patrol stop sign. Dayton male Efrain Moya, 46, was arrested on local warrants as well as suspicion of driving with a suspended license and possession of methamphetamine. Juvenile male arrested for driving while suspended in the second degree and driving under the influence; male's mother was cited for allowing an unauthorized person to drive the vehicle.

Feb. 6
Non-injury hit and run collision reported at the Dayton Mercantile on W. Main Street; damage to vehicle occurred in the parking lot. Caller reported driver failing to stop for children in the crosswalk on Main Street; reporting this is an ongoing problem in the mornings. Cell phone reported missing on S. 5th Street. Erratic blue station wagon reportedly almost hit two children on N. 4th Street; deputies were unable to locate the vehicle.

Feb. 7
Vandalism on E. Race Street; three windows were broken. Deputies assisted Fire District 3 with a power pole fire on Guernsey Street. Hit and run collision reported on Wagon Road; a 2014 Subaru Outback allegedly driven by Carlos Acevedo, a 35-year-old Walla Walla resident, struck a fence, a parked car and was eventually high centered on a rock retaining wall becoming immobilized. Acevedo fled the scene and was later taken into custody after a short foot chase. Acevedo was arrested on suspicion of hit and run, property damage and negligent driving in the 1st degree.

BIRTHDAYS

February 13: Denise Shaffer, Lori Ann Witt, Tamra Fry, James Olson, Jonathon Baker, Justin and Travis Turner and Patty Mayberry.
February 14: Susan Talbott, Edith Wold, Gina Lytle, Susan Zuger and David Smith.
February 15: Ephraimia Reese, Andrew Wertz, Neta Henze McKenzie, Joe McCown Jr., Ansehl Hofer, Christina Hofer, Jack Otterson, Stacy Ashcroft and Wanda Witt, Andrew Wertz.
February 16: Jason Eaton, Mike R. Mayberry, Wren McLurg and Loren Eng.
February 17: Loyal Baker, Jack Rodgers, Chris Blair, Mathew Kurth, Betty Sauer, Angela Webb and Larry Lawrence.
February 18: Cole Lindsey, Greg Schuler, Lauri McKinley, Michael and Philo Murphy, Nancy Powers, Ann Ahler and Charles Mead V.
February 19: Carrie Abel, Margaret Osterero, Rick Harper, and Mark Johnson.

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Rev. Bret Moser

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Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship 6 p.m.
Bible Study
Wednesdays 7:30 p.m.
Rev. Jimmie Daves
337-6235

School Lunch Menu

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

13: Pancake on a Stick; Hot Ham & Cheese, BBQ Beans
16: NO SCHOOL: President's Day
17: Biscuit & Gravy; Sweet & Sour Chicken, Rice
18: Banana Pancake; Tomato Soup, Cheese Sandwich
19: Breakfast Skillet; BBQ Chicken Quesadilla, Refried Beans

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COMMENTARY

**KEN GRAHAM:
FROM THE PUBLISHER**

The News... When You Want It

The newspaper business has changed a lot since the first issue of the Waitsburg Times was published in (get this) 1878. For example, it was some time after that that they started putting in photographs.



The beginnings of this newspaper, which (without fail, as far as I know) has been published every week since, preceded such technological icons as the telephone, radio and television. Oh yes, and the internet. For most people in and around Waitsburg in the late 19th century, this was their only source of news.

As we at The Times plod along in the early 21st century, we've long since lost our monopoly as a news source. And now we lay the whole thing out on a computer, digital color photos and all, and send it off electronically to be printed on a giant press somewhere else. We rarely get our hands dirty.

This month we're taking one more step down the road of advancing of technology. Readers of the Times can read the entire newspaper online. For free.

We've had a website for awhile (as have most other newspapers), and most of the articles were there – but you had to pay extra. And most readers didn't.

Now the entire paper is available online to everyone with a subscription. And you can read it in web format, or you can see a digital image of the printed paper – which allows you to see all of the ads, including legal notices.

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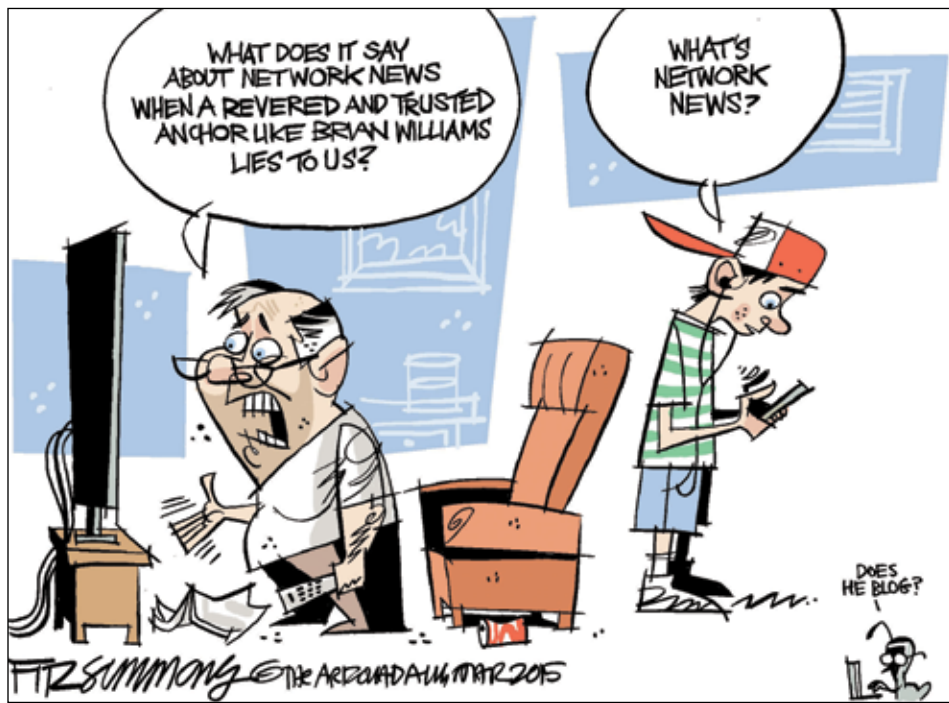
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What to Do About 'Vaping'

HEALTH, LABELING
CONCERNS ERUPT IN
WAKE OF GOVERNOR'S
E-CIGARETTE TAX PROPOSAL

By Alice Day
WNPA Olympia News Bureau

OLYMPIA— Proposed legislation focusing on e-cigarettes and other vapor inhalation products would tighten the state's control over the legal smoking age, labeling and advertising requirements and retailer licensing.

House Bill 1645 takes a holistic approach to vapor-product regulation, according to prime sponsor Rep. Gerry Pollet, D-Seattle, who says this is the first comprehensive e-cigarettes bill in the United States.

"We are facing a burgeoning public health crisis with e-cigarettes and we need to approach it as a public health issue and provide people with an understanding of safety risks," said Pollet, a clinical instructor at the University of Washington School of Public Health, "We also need to take very quick action to prevent our children from becoming addicted to this new product."

A 2013 report by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found more than a quarter-million youth who had previously never smoked, used an e-cigarette. Washington State's 2012 Healthy Youth Survey showed that four percent of 10th graders used e-cigarettes within 30 days of when the survey was conducted.

"We don't tax the product and we don't regulate the product," Rep. Reuven Carlyle, D-Seattle and co-sponsor of the bill said. "We have to modernize our laws and acknowledge there's been an evolution in how people deliver the active and addictive product of nicotine."

A tax on such products is part of Gov. Jay Inslee's new-revenue package to help fill the funding gap for education. Inslee's proposed budget for the 2015-2017 biennium projects \$18.1 million from a 95 percent tax on the wholesale value of vapor products, which is mod-

eled after the state's tobacco-product tax. This number is projected to grow to \$78.4 million in the following biennium, according to Kim Schmanke, communications director for the Washington State Department of Revenue.

Money collected from this 95 percent excise tax on vapor products would be split, with 90 percent of the funds going to the state general fund and 10 percent to a new public health services account. The bill proposal requires the Department of Health to use the funds for tobacco control and prevention programs.

Rep. Chris Reykdal, D-Tumwater, agrees there is significant need to address vapor-product regulation from a health standpoint. However, Reykdal said making the school systems more dependent on vapor products as a tax source is not wise public policy.

"I'm not ruling out the tax side," Reykdal said. "I just want a better more rational conversation with all the parties on what is the best way to meet the health outcome and still have a rational tax policy."

Zach McLain, owner of Future Vapor on Capitol Hill in Seattle, says there's no proof vapor products hurt people in the way cigarettes do.

"It's the tar and carcinogen that are harmful in cigarettes, and when you take that out of the equation, you have harm reduction," McLain said. "We're all looking for a way to better our lives; we're not looking for a way to harm ourselves."

McLain says he's helped more than 2,000 people in the last couple of years make the switch from cigarettes to vapor products. "It's one of the most rewarding things I've ever done to help people discover this alternative to smoking," McLain said. "It just feels great."

McLain says a 95 percent tax on vapor products and hardware would put him out of business.

"I'm not going to be here helping people discover this alternative while people are going to continue to smoke cigarettes if the price is the same," he said.

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What is a vapor product?

A vapor product refers to any device that uses a battery to heat a solution and produce a vapor intended for inhalation. It also includes the cartridge or container of solution that may or may not include concentrated nicotine. Electronic cigarettes, electronic nicotine delivery systems, electronic cigars, electronic cigarillos, electronic pipes and vape pens are all vapor products.

Bills:

House Bill 1458: By Reps. Orwall, Goodman, Pettigrew, Ryu, Stanford, Gregerson, Jinkins, Bergquist, McBride, Magendanz, Cody, Kagi, S. Hunt and Pollet; by request of attorney general

Senate Bill 5573: By Sens. Frockt, Rivers, Mullet, Hargrove, Hobbs, Keiser, Pedersen, Kohl-Welles and McAuliffe; by request of governor attorney general

House Bill 1645: By Reps. Pollet, Harris, Carlyle, Cody, Johnson, Tharinger, Robinson, Lytton, Kagi, Ryu, S. Hunt, Farrell, Moscoso, Riccelli, McBride and Jinkins; by request of governor Inslee and attorney general

Senate Bill 5477: By Sens. Dammeier, Becker, Warnick, Kohl-Welles and Darneille

**EMMA PHILBROOK:
STUDENT LIFE**

Switchgrass, Switchgrass and Switchgrass

I really do hate to use this column for promotional purposes, but I'd like to take this opportunity to put in a plug for an upcoming event.



If you've read my column for a while, you know that I don't do this for most "upcoming events." But the following upcoming event is special.

It helps to support local music. And to keep an important piece of American folk culture alive.

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And to give cranky, rebellious teenagers the ability to turn their lives around and become cranky, rebellious teenagers *with mandolins*.

In other words, attending this year's Bluegrass at the Plaza counts as your good deed for the decade.

This incredibly classy musical event (with the understanding that "incredibly classy" means that the emcee is not allowed to chew gum onstage) is slated for Friday at 7 p.m. at the Plaza Theater. It will feature such incredible acts as Switchgrass, Rock Salt and Nails, Switchgrass, The Kuykendall Family, Switchgrass, Switchgrass, Kate and the Bluegrass Gentlemen, and Switchgrass, with a guest appearance by Switchgrass. (What can I say? We're versatile.)

And just in case the fabulous variety of musical talent isn't enough to get you in the door – or in the event that you get sick of my voice halfway into our set – there's a fabulous silent auction in the lobby. I don't have all the details on the silent auction, but it may include fabulous jewelry (as well as some slightly less fabulous stuff handmade by yours truly) and other art items.

In addition, there's a bottle of wine up for bidding. As Kate Hockersmith, the superhuman who organized this thing, explained to my little brother at Switchgrass practice, "It costs \$100, and even if you had \$100 you couldn't buy it, because it's only available to a private wine club. We were very lucky to get some donated."

"Oh," I said. "I thought he couldn't buy it even if he had \$100 because he's 15."

"Oh, yeah," she said. "That too."

And now – the million (or at least 10)-dollar question – where does the money go?

Some will go to send the younger members of the Touchet Valley Acoustic Music Project – TVAMP – to the Lomax Project's Appalachian bluegrass concert at the Powerhouse Theater in Walla Walla. (Microsoft Word recognizes "Lomax" as a name, but not "Philbrook". This upsets me.)

Some will go to help the older TVAMP members attend Wintergrass, a huge international bluegrass festival in a swank hotel in Bellevue. It helps reignite our passion for the genre and gives us tons of great new ideas. (Also, you can't get Cascade Mix popcorn on this side of the Cascades.)

And some will go to Emma Philbrook's Pet Corgi Fund, a nonprofit that, while a very worthy cause, has nothing to do with bluegrass.

Okay, fine, so none of the money goes to that one. But still, not a bad use for ol' Alexander Hamilton – or a free Friday evening.

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Relay for Life Kick off Set for March 24

DAYTON'S RELAY FOR LIFE EVENT WILL TAKE PLACE SEPT. 19 AND 20 AT THE DHS TRACK

By Dian Ver Valen | THE TIMES

DAYTON – Relay for Life of the Blue Mountains has set the date for this year's annual fundraiser kick off, which will take place at the Best Western Hotel at 507 E. Main Street in Dayton on Tuesday, March 24, at 6:30 p.m. The Relay for Life event in Dayton will start on Sept. 19 at 3 p.m. and conclude at 7 a.m. on Sept. 20 at the Dayton High School track.

The Relay for Life committee hopes to get teams formed and registered in March; the theme for this year's relay will be announced, information on the event will be provided, and door prizes will be awarded.

"We're really trying to push hard this year," said Dayton's Best Western General Manager Eleanor Specht. Turnout was fairly low last year, she said.

The American Cancer Society says one in every 100 Americans participates in an ACS relay event, making it a global phenomenon that paves the way to a world with less cancer and more birthdays, Specht said.

Again this year, Relay For Life event

participants and visitors have a chance to celebrate the victory of local cancer survivors during the Survivors Lap; remember those who are fighting cancer or those have lost their battle to the disease during the Luminaria Ceremony; and participate in the Fight Back Ceremony, which gives everyone a chance to proclaim his or her own way of taking action against the disease, Specht said.

Donations can be made by visiting RelayForLife.org. Community members also can start or join a team by following the links to their local Relay event. For more information about the kick off event or on how you can get involved, contact event leader Cindy Gibbons at wolf.fork@gmail.com, or co-chair Delphine Bailey at delphine_bailey@co.columbia.wa.us.

Relay for Life is an organized, overnight community fundraising walk. Teams of people camped out around the track. Members of each team take turns walking around the track. Food, games and activities provide entertainment and build camaraderie at this family-friendly community event. Because it's a team event, individual participants are not required to be there the entire time.

The American Cancer Society's website for Relay: www.relayforlife.org, has information on the history of the event, fundraising and team building tips and encouragements, more information on the Luminaria Ceremony and the Survivors Lap and other information.

Brown Sentenced in Stabbing

DAYTON – Dayton man Dante Brown, 19, pleaded guilty to second-degree assault in Columbia County Superior Court last Wednesday.

Brown was sentenced to 64 days of confinement but received credit for the 64 days he'd been awaiting trial in the Columbia County Jail and was released from custody. He will continue to be supervised by the Department of Corrections, according to County Prosecutor Rea Culwell.

Brown was arrested in early December on suspicion of stabbing another Dayton male, Dalton Bennett, in the back during an altercation at a home at 718 E. Dayton Ave. Brown fled the scene and a warrant was issued for his arrest.

He was captured by Walla Walla County Sheriff's deputies during a traffic stop a few days after the stabbing.

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'VAPING' - FROM PAGE 4

Paul Davis, program manager for tobacco prevention and control at the Washington Department of Health, does not dispute that many people are turning to vapor products to try to quit cigarettes. However, many people continue to smoke cigarettes in addition to vaping, so it's not really effective, he concluded.

"If everybody quit smoking and went to e-cigarettes, and we didn't have new kids starting, it's pretty hard to argue that wouldn't be a public-health benefit," Davis said. "But we know we got a lot of kids starting and we're not sure if people are completely quitting smoking and trading to these new vapor products."

In addition to the tax, the bill bans all Internet sales of vapor products to residents in Washington, bans all flavored vapor products in Washington, regulates the labeling and advertising of vapor products and creates a licensing system.

Distributors and retailers of vapor products would have to be licensed with the Liquor Control Board and comply with recordkeeping and audit requirements under terms contained in HB 1645. Current law requires vape shop owners only need a business license to sell vapor products.

Another vapor-product bill, SB 5477 would require child-resistant packaging for all vapor products sold in the state.

The Toxic Trends Report from the Washington Poison and Drug Information Center shows a 1,000 percent increase in call volume on e-cigarettes and liquid nicotine from 2012 to 2014.

Dr. Alexander Garrard, clinical managing director at the center, says in 2014 the center answered 182 total calls involving e-cigarette exposure, 109 of which involved children between the ages of 1 and 3. He says many of the concentrated nicotine products smell like candy and come in bottles that appeal to children.

"The labeling itself is very cartoony – meaning bright colors and standardized child packaging," Garrard said. "Many adults who are users do not associate the product as a potential poison in children."

HB 1645 requires the state health department to create rules regulating the labeling and advertising of vapor products. It would require manufacturers that sell, distribute or advertise vapor products to disclose – on labels and in ads – the nicotine content of the vapor product, as well as warnings about the harmful effects of nicotine.

The concentration of nicotine in e-juice, which is the refillable liquid for vapor products, can contain upward of 36 milligrams of nicotine per milliliter. That's about 180 milligrams of nicotine in one teaspoon, or the equivalent of 14 cigarettes, Garrard said.

"There's no standardizing of concentration and no oversight of quality assurance in e-juice," Garrard said. "That's a big problem because you really don't know what you're buying."

Vapor products are a relatively new, only making waves in the mainstream market in the last couple of years, Garrard said.

Because of the increasing popularity and social acceptance of vapor products among youth, more young people are smoking, he added. Youth are being exposed to these substances and forming the unhealthy habits at a younger age, Garrard continued.

"A lack of research on the health implications of e-cigarettes doesn't mean vapor products are safe products, it just means there's a lack of research," Garrard said. "More and more research is coming out daily."

Garrard referenced an American Heart Association scientific review that found no proof e-cigarettes are effective smoking cessation devices. The study said e-cigarette emissions are not harmless water vapor, as frequently claimed, and the lack of product regulation by the FDA means companies do not have to disclose their manufacturing process or their ingredient list.

He also referenced another study from Portland State University that found high levels of hidden formaldehyde in e-cigarette vapor – 5 to 15 times above the exposure found in a cigarette.

Pollet is also a sponsor of HB 1448, which would increase the legal smoking age for all tobacco and vapor products to 21.

He says the tobacco industry markets tobacco and vapor products to young people because it has known for decades that nicotine addiction happens through the formation of nicotine receptors in the brain during a person's teenage and early adult years.

Pollet says the argument that vapor products are a cessation tool for cigarette smokers is invalid because the products are advertised to entice teens and young adults, not as a means to quit smoking.

"Without addicting people from 18 to 21, tobacco companies will not have a new generation of addicts," Pollet said. "If we can raise the smoking age and the vaping age to 21, we will have saved the generation of cancer and other harm."

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County Approves New Computer System for Dispatch

Purchase means Columbia County, Walla Walla will share law enforcement, emergency services data

By Dian Ver Valen | THE TIMES

DAYTON – For nearly two years, Columbia County Emergency Manager Lisa Caldwell has reported on her department's failing computer systems, which include the 911 phone system and the computer-aided dispatch software that county public safety communications employees use to track calls for service and the location and activities of emergency services personnel in the field.

The phone system is still on hold – at least until July, she told commissioners Monday, at which time the state will determine whether Columbia County is eligible to receive the approximately \$150,000 it needs to replace the antiquated 911 phone software, computer server, and other related call-taking equipment in the communication center.

But the long search for a viable option in computer-aided dispatching (CAD) and law enforcement records management systems (RMS) appears to have finally ended. Columbia County Commissioners authorized on Monday an interlocal agreement with the City of Walla Walla to join in the purchase of a CAD and RMS, plus a few amenities, for what they believe will be a fraction of what it would cost the county to purchase such a system on its own.

And Columbia County will retain its own 911 dispatch center, with calltaking and radio dispatching continuing

as usual from the center's location in the bottom floor of the county courthouse.

The agreement has not yet been signed – in fact Caldwell and authorities in Walla Walla are still ironing out all the fine details of the contract – but county commissioners support the plan and have agreed to use current expense funds to get the project going.

"We've been hearing that the system is on its last legs since I've been here," Commissioner Mike Talbott said. "This way we're getting a way better system than we could otherwise get."

Dollars and Sense

For roughly \$236,000 and a few thousand dollars per year in fees, Columbia County will gain access to a top-of-the-line CAD and RMS, by Michigan company New World Systems, that would otherwise cost more than \$1 million to purchase and install, Caldwell told commissioners.

It is also possible, Caldwell said, that the state 911 office will reimburse the county for approximately \$54,000 of that cost, which amounts to the 911 center's portion of the system, but whether that will happen is still up in the air. Caldwell said she will know more later in the year.

"The state has a moratorium on equipment purchases through June 2015 due to state 911 appropriation levels; inadequate funding exists," Caldwell told The Times. "The legislature is again looking to reallocate the 911 fund instead of giving us spending authority to use the funds as they were supposed to be used."

Approximately \$80,000 of the total cost will be due on signing the interlocal agreement; the remainder is due later in the year at different stages of the development.

The commissioners had a very short amount of time to decide whether to approve an interlocal agreement with

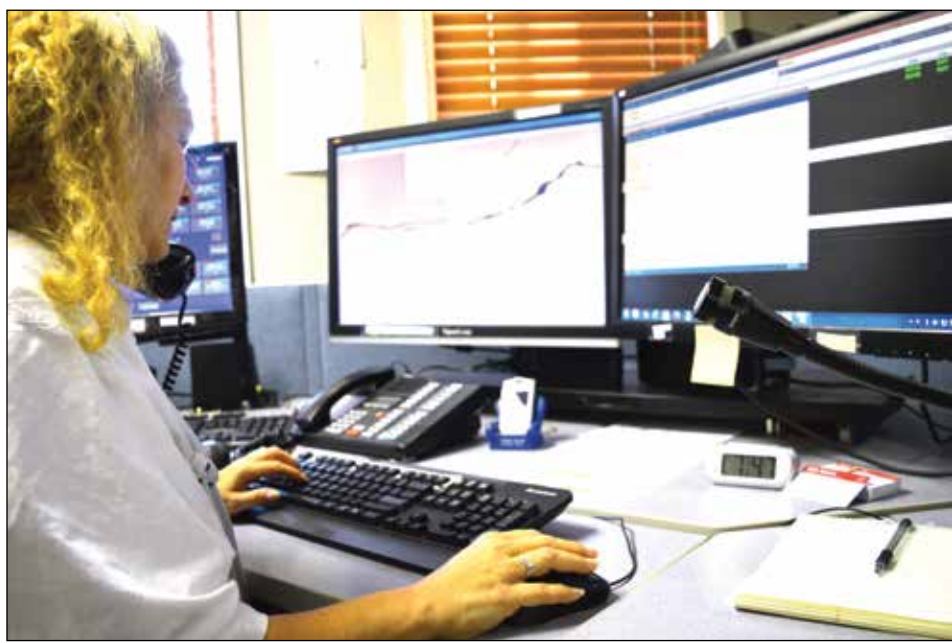


Photo by Dian Ver Valen

Columbia County dispatcher Cynthia House takes a call in the 911 center and uses the current computer-aided dispatch system to enter the information into the database shared with the sheriff's office.

Walla Walla; that agency has already decided to purchase the New World upgrade for their system already in use and has begun the year-long implementation process. They plan to launch the new system in January 2016.

"We're more than happy to bring Columbia County along with us, but the train has already left the station as far as we're concerned," said Chief Scott Bieber of the Walla Walla Police Department, who spoke to Columbia County Commissioners last week about the proposed interlocal agreement.

At that time, Caldwell urged the commissioners to consider quickly. Meanwhile, she and members of the sheriff's office have already been attending installation and preparatory meetings in Walla Walla in anticipation of commissioner support, she said. Commissioners agreed unanimously to pursue the interlocal agreement during

their regularly scheduled workshop on Monday.

Perks of Becoming Partners

Walla Walla and other surrounding agencies who are currently part of a CAD consortium with the city of Walla Walla, including the Walla Walla County Sheriff's Office, the College Place Police Department, and the Milton-Freewater Police Department, are already using a NewWorld CAD and RMS product – but it was installed more than 20 years ago and needed to be updated urgently, according to Bieber.

By joining with Walla Walla, Columbia County will gain more than just access to a premium software; dispatchers and sheriff's office staff, as well as fire and ambulance personnel, will be able to share data across jurisdictions by joining with the Walla Walla

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Best Western Gears Up for Earth Day Events

DAYTON – Start saving your plastic and set aside April 22 for an afternoon with your kids, because the Best Western Plus Hotel and Suites in Dayton is once again bringing its Earth Day celebrations to town.

"Earth Day is a good reminder for us all to focus on recycling," said Dayton's Best Western General Manager Eleanor Specht. "To date, we still cannot recycle plastic in Dayton."

And so for Earth Day, Best Western Plus of Dayton, which has won several awards for its efforts at being eco-friendly from the Best Western company as well as the American Hotel & Lodging Association, plans to collaborate with the community to recycle plastic and reduce the amount of plastic disposed of in landfills.

Basin Disposal Inc. (BDI) is providing Best Western with a 15-yard disposal bin for plastic. "We want to take this opportunity to challenge the community to fill this bin to the top!" Specht said.

Bring all recyclable plastic to the recycling bin in the back of the Best Western parking lot, at 507 E. Main St., from March 2 to April 22. Any plastic item, excluding plastic bags, with the recycle symbol on it can be recycled. The plastic must be clean with the lids removed, and preferably flattened.

In addition, the hotel is planning an afternoon of Earth Day crafts for children of all ages, from 3:30-5 p.m. in the hotel on April 22. Children will make their own Mr. Recycle Head or plastic bottle head and other art projects, enjoy snacks, and receive prizes for best crafts and more innovative recycling/green ideas.

Recycling in Dayton:

Behind the school bus barn on S. 2nd Street.

- Mixed paper, brown glass, clear glass, and newspaper.

Behind Columbia REA on Front Street.

- Mixed paper, brown glass, clear glass, newspaper, and cardboard.

Columbia County Transfer Station at 500 S. Cottonwood.

- Mixed paper, brown glass, clear glass, newspaper, aluminum cans, and cardboard.

Plastic grocery bags can be dropped off at most chain grocery stores to be recycled.



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Best Western Hotel in Dayton creates a recycling tree each year with help from local kids to display at the fair.

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Artist Suze Wood Invites Community to Open Studio

CLASSES WILL FUND YOUTH ART EXPERIENCES

By Dena Wood | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG – For Suze Wood, landing in Waitsburg was a case of a left turn being the right turn. Wood had spent years bypassing Waitsburg as she traveled from her parent's home in Walla Walla to Cheney, where she attended college.

It was years later, while seeking a change of pace driving from Walla Walla to her Seattle home, that she decided to take the back way and finally made that left turn off Highway 12 and onto Waitsburg's Main Street. Wood said she was so captivated by what she saw that she had to pull over and take a closer look.

"There were these beautiful historic buildings, someone was walking down Main Street waving hello to someone else, and a group of swallows was flying back-and-forth in a figure eight over Main Street," she said.

Wood was so enamored by the scene (compounded by a desire to move closer to her parents) that she began watching for property in the area. It wasn't long before the artist made the move from Seattle to her Main Street studio loft.

Though she's called Waitsburg home only since last summer, Wood is already looking for ways to give back to the community she says has received her with such an unexpectedly warm welcome. Her first such endeavor will be to offer an open studio the first Sunday of each month - an event she hopes will make art more accessible to area youth. Wood also plans to use profits from her craft classes and space rentals to purchase supplies and cover operating costs to help provide creative activities for local young people.

A multi-talented artist, Wood has been honing her creative skills since childhood.

She says she was given her first Singer sewing machine at age six and was creating bridal and evening gowns for friends and family by the time she was in her teens.

A former self-described fashionista, she "discovered horses" in her early 20's and turned her focus to creating high-end, hand-decorated, western couture, even competing in fashion shows in Cody, Wyoming.

Wood attended Eastern Washington University where she studied digital imaging while earning a double major in art history and studio art. Post-college, she was hired at Amazon.com when the company was in its infancy, working with 8-12 others in a "not so nice" Seattle basement in the company's product imaging department. She eventually traveled the world with Amazon as that small team grew to a global imaging department with hundreds of employees and 24 locations, worldwide.

Though her passion is textiles, Wood has also studied printmaking, jewelry design, woodworking, furniture design and more. In 2009 she took a sabbatical from Amazon and spent several months in Paris, where she studied haute couture embroidery techniques at Ecole Lesage, which boasts clients such as Dior, Chanel, and Yves Saint Laurent.

Today, Wood owns and operates Duke & Remington (Duke is her Quarter Horse gelding and Remington is her Toy Fox Terrier), and creates quality bespoke (custom, made-to-measure) equestrian and pet items from natural materials. Her internet-based company can be found online at www.dukeandremington.com. Wood incorporates many of the techniques she's learned over the years as she creates made-to-order goods from her historic Main Street loft.

Wood's Open Studio Program and associated classes are a new endeavor that she developed after learning that art programs are no longer funded after the third grade in our local school district. "I wasn't a great student early on in my school career and without art classes I don't think I could have gone on to do what I've done in life. Art teaches problem solving skills and so much more," she said.

Wood got her feet wet working with children when she led a printmaking class during last summer's Knock Out Boredom program sponsored by the Waitsburg Resource Center. She said she was impressed by how attentive and interested the children were and realized that they were capable of more than she had expected.

That experience created the desire to provide a fun, relaxing space where artists of all



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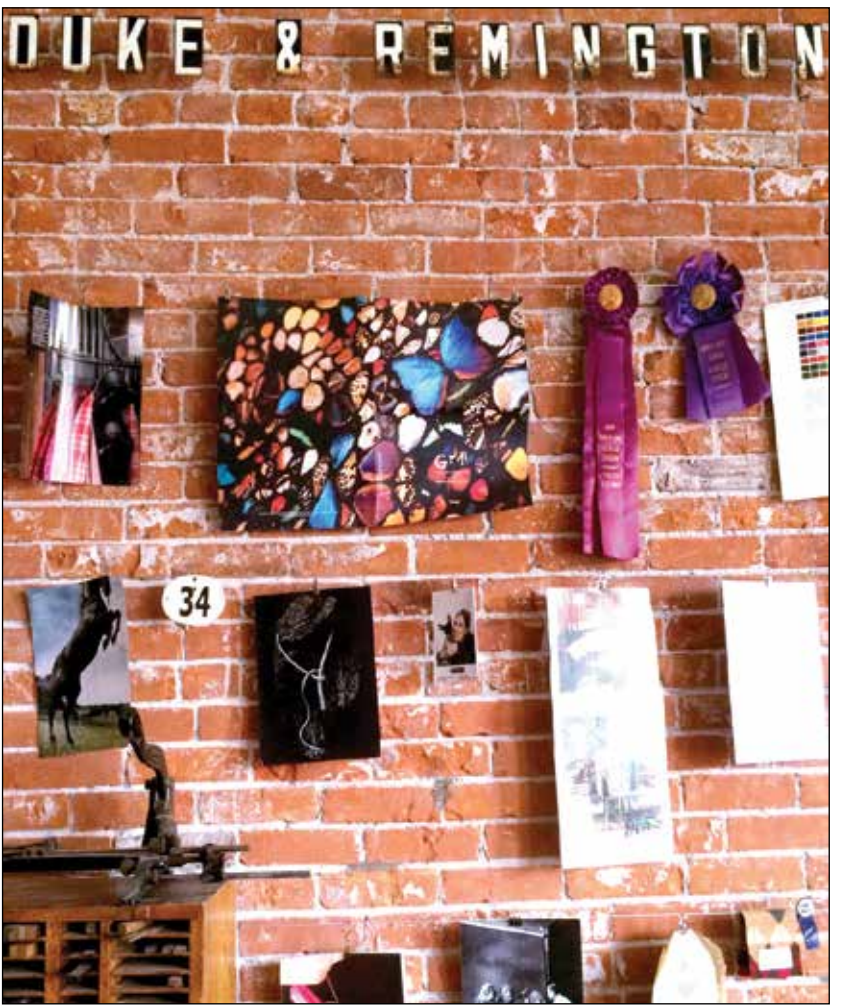


Photo courtesy of Suze Wood

Top: Artist Suze Wood displays beads made using the Nuno felting technique.

Above: The walls in the Wood's studio are filled with items that provide beauty and inspiration. Wood laughingly described herself as a "horrible hoarder of all things old."

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The National Grange

The National Grange, formed in 1867, is America's oldest farm-based fraternal organization. It began as a way for farmers to have political input as they worked to limit the powers of the railroad and grain brokers' monopolies. The Grange worked for tax reform, women's suffrage, preservation of public lands and is responsible for legislation that allowed the formation of public utility districts and the implementation of the blanket primary election process. Locally, the Fergusons credit the Starbuck Grange with writing the resolution that eventually led to the widening of Highway 261 near Starbuck.

Community involvement and service is an integral part of the Grange and chapters were expected to make a Grange Hall open to activities for both mem-

bers and nonmembers. These halls often served as the town's community center, providing social and educational resources. The Grange was unique in that it welcomed women as equals rather than creating auxiliaries like similar organizations. From its beginning, female members had full voting rights and the ability to hold office. The Grange is also a family organization and children are encouraged to participate in meetings and voice their opinions alongside the adults. At the age of 14, they are considered to be a full member.

Local Early History

Waitsburg holds the distinction of being home to the very first Grange in Washington – though it wasn't Washington State at the time. Waitsburg Grange #1 was organized in 1873, when Washington was still a territory, and fell under the jurisdiction of the Oregon State Grange. The Washington State Grange was organized two months before Washington became a state, as farmers became concerned with the proposed constitution. The Waitsburg Grange was the first chapter chartered in Washington in 1889 and celebrated its 125th anniversary in 2014.

The Waitsburg Grange originally met in the Huntsville schoolhouse and the current Waitsburg Grange Hall was built in 1938. Terry Ferguson said that Waitsburg, McKay (where her great-grandparents were members) and one other Grange combined to build the hall. "Back then people had to get to the Grange by buggy, wagon, horse or on foot so it wasn't unusual to see Grange halls every 10 or 15 miles," said Terry. Rick recalls that the Granges built the floor of the building and held dances on it for a couple of years to raise funds for further construction.

Local Recent History

The Fergusons say their three children (Angela, Heather and Reade) credit the Grange with helping them get where they are today. "They learned about the legislative process, public speaking, and leadership skills, and got to travel all over the U.S. as part of the National Youth Team," said Rick.

Their daughter Heather, an educational director for Washington County Museum in Hillsboro, Ore., is on the State Grange Historical Society and is helping compile the state archives in Olympia. Rick and Terry were selected Washington State Young Couple of the Year in 1983-84 and National Young Couple Runner-Ups the following year and Rick was a State Executive Committee Member for 15 years.

The Fergusons have seen the Grange go through several membership cycles in the years they've been involved. "It depends on what kinds of activities you're doing and who gets involved that wants to be active," said Terry. "The neat thing about the Grange is that it can be whatever you want it to be. Each Grange is in tune to its own community and each community has its own needs," she added.

The Waitsburg Grange has met those needs in many ways, including social events, BINGO, a haunted house, benefit dinners and auctions for people who were ill, scholarships, donating a trailer to FFA and providing FFA rotation animals. "If a student took a cow for a year, they got to keep the calf and then they passed the animal on to the next person," said Rick, explaining what a rotation animal is.

A look at the 1995-96 activity roster shows that the hall was used for Boy and Girl Scout meetings, 4-H, Pheasants Forever, Alcoholics Anonymous, the Junior/Senior Prom, Grange dances, weddings, Rural Health Care meetings and local and state Grange meetings. "We had just remodeled the inside right before the flood came through and ruined it. That really took the wind out of our sails," said Terry.

Waitsburg Grange Today

The Fergusons say that there were "easily" a hundred active members prior to the flood of '96, which rendered the Grange Hall unusable. Today, there are "about 42" members, though not all are local or active. Rick and Terry are currently Southeast District Youth Directors and support Youth Team finalists and Rick is president of the National G.R.O.W. Club, an alumni youth program. John Hazelbaker is the current Waitsburg Grange Master. The Grange continues to take responsibility for Waitsburg's annual Easter egg hunt where Rick has played Easter Bunny for over 40 years and Grange members color and hide the eggs.

Rick says Grange members don't meet often since they no longer have a meeting space and they would like to sell the old hall. "The building itself is sound. Kids got into the inside and broke it all apart but it's built strong. You probably couldn't push it down," he said. The Grange is currently accepting written bids on the property, and members would like to see the Grange find a new permanent meeting place where they can hold functions and become active again.

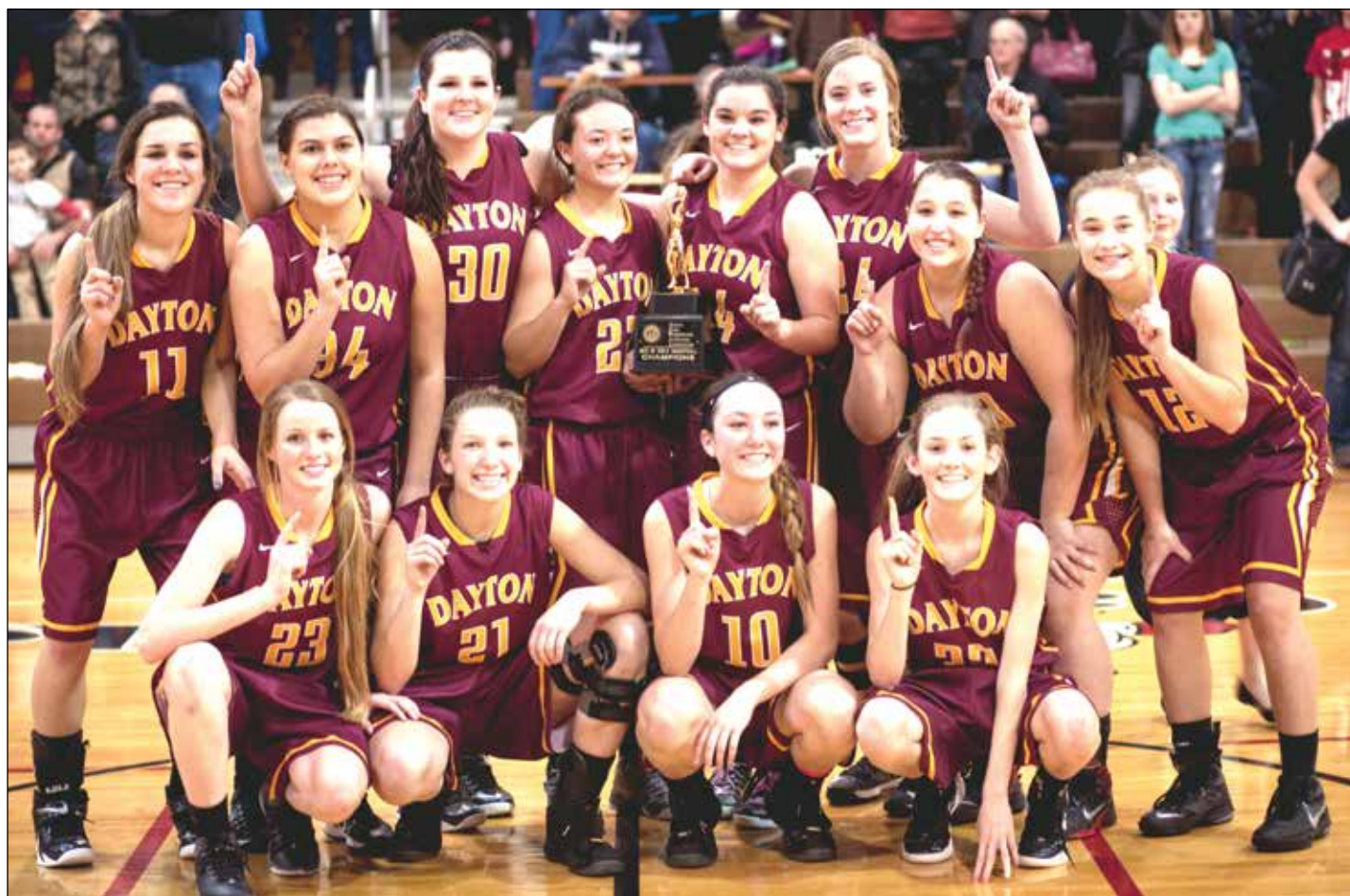
Anyone interested in Grange membership or making a bid on the hall should contact Rick or Terry Ferguson at (509) 337-6207.

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Photo by Dena Wood

Waitsburg residents will see some familiar names in this 1948 Waitsburg Grange Youth Roster.

SPORTS



Photos by Nick Page

Above: The Dayton girls' basketball team was rightly proud of their number-one finish in the SE 2B District 9 league tournament in Waitsburg on Monday. Seniors Sarah Phillips and Lexie Ramirez, center standing, held the tournament trophy. Below: Dayton's Jenna Phillips drives against an Asotin defender.

Lady Bulldogs Take League Tournament Crown

DAYTON GIRLS ADVANCE TO SUB-REGIONALS AS #1 SEED AFTER WIN OVER ASOTIN, 52-50

By Ken Graham | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG – The Dayton girls' basketball team held on Monday night to defeat a relentless Asotin team, 52-50. The win garnered the Lady 'Dogs the District 9 league tournament and number-one seed going into the sub-regional tournament next week.

Dayton moved into Monday's winners' bracket after defeating Tri-Cities Prep in Saturday's first round, 46-37. The Bulldogs faced Asotin, after the Lady Panthers upset league champion DeSales, a team Dayton lost to twice during the regular season – their only league losses of the year.

On Monday, the Lady Bulldogs jumped out to an early lead, up 13-8 after the first quarter. The second quarter featured successful three-point shots by Dayton's Madison Mings and Sarah Phillips, and their team took a 29-22 lead into the half.

Two quick fast-break layups to start the second half, followed by a third midway, bumped the Dayton lead to 13. But the Lady Panthers fought back, and trailed 44-35 after three.

Asotin played an aggressive zone defense for much of the game, which

caused the Dayton girls difficulty inside.

"Late in the game, we didn't attack the zone as well as we could have," said Dayton coach Clayton Strong. "We weren't used to the physical play, and we stopped doing what we needed to do."

With just under six minutes left in the game, Asotin cut the lead to 44-41, on a three-point play. Dayton's Sidney Andrews hit two free throws with four minutes left and then got an open layup, as the Lady Bulldogs built the lead back to five, 48-43.

Dayton and Asotin free throws, but an Asotin three-pointer cut Dayton's lead to 49-46, with 1:44 remaining. Andrews hit one of two free throws at 1:27, to make it 50-47. She then stole the ball, but missed a layup and fouled the Asotin rebounder. It was her fifth, fouling her out of the game with a minute left.

After two missed Asotin free-throws, Dayton's Lexie Ramirez was fouled immediately on the inbound pass, but she missed both free throws. With 38 seconds left, Sarah Phillips was fouled and missed two shots from the line.

An Asotin three-pointer with 14 seconds left tied the score at 50. Ramirez again was fouled on the inbound pass, at the 11-second mark, but this time she sealed the win, sinking both free throws.

For the game, the Lady Bulldogs shot 18 of 34 from the free throw line, but missed free throws late, kept the game closer than it might have been.

"There was a fatigue factor and girls were tired," Strong said. "We're going

to work on getting rested before Monday's game.

For the game, Jenna Phillips led Dayton with 12 points, including six-for-six shooting from the free throw line. Madison Mings had 11 points and Andrews had nine.

Dayton 46, TCP 37

On Saturday, Dayton fell behind early to Tri-Cities Prep, trailing 13-6 after a quarter, but drew to within two at the half, trailing 22-20. The Lady 'Dogs outscored the Jaguars 26-15 in the second half, to cruise to a 46-37 victory.

Ramirez led her team with 12 points, followed by Andrews' eight. Josilyn Fullerton led Dayton with six rebounds.

On Monday, Dayton travels to West Valley High in Spokane to play the loser of the Colfax-N.W. Christian game, which was to be held Thursday.



WP WRESTLERS COMPETE AT SUB-REGIONALS

Heavyweight Tristan Newman advances to Regional Tourney

By Dena Wood | THE TIMES

RITZVILLE – The majority of WP grapplers wrapped up their season at the Feb. 7 Sub-regional meet in Ritzville. Only heavyweight Tristan Newman advances to Regionals after cleaning house in Ritzville. A first place at the Regional meet on Feb. 14 will send Newman on his third consecutive trip to the State wrestling tournament in Tacoma on Feb. 20-21.

132 lb. Devin Newman won three of five matches in Ritzville but fell to Dane Hall of Colfax by pin in 3:12 in the final match for 5th/6th standing. At 138 lbs. "Devin battled illness at the beginning of the season but really started to peak at Sub-regionals. He had some tough matches and wrestled smart and aggressively," said Coach Lanny Adams.

At 138 lbs. David Just won his first match but dropped his next two, all by pin. "David has had a very good season. He had some tough competition but really expanded on his wrestling knowledge," said Coach Lanny Adams.

145 lb. Dejay Lalka dropped two at the Ritzville meet but had an exceptional season to Lanning. "I don't know where to start in recognizing his accomplishments. From his weight loss, to his increased strength, balance and self confidence; I'm very proud of Dejay and really admire his drive to improve," said Adams. "He got his first career win this season (I don't think he has removed his hat except to wrestle, shower and be in the classroom)," added Adams.

Heavyweight Tristan Newman entered the tournament and received a bye in the first round. "Tristan easily manhandled Simon Williams from NWC in his first match and pinned him at 1:05 in the first round," said Adams. Newman then pinned Cody Perryman of Kettle Falls in :55 before facing longtime competitor Mark Dituri of Mary Walker who he pinned for a first place standing in 4:25. "Tristan wrestled hard against Dituri and controlled the whole match," said Adams.

285 lb. Tyler Hoffman won his first match by pin. He lost his second match to Mark Dituri with Dituri winning by injury default. Adams said Hoffman was wrestling smart and staying with Dituri, his toughest competitor, when Dituri rolled his left ankle, earning Hoffman an injury default and bumping him into the consolation bracket. Hoffman lost by 2:33 pin in his third match. "Tyler had a tough season, weighing in at the bottom of his weight bracket and sometimes giving up 40-50 lbs to his opponents. Despite that, he remained focused and continued to improve," said Adams.

Adams said he and Newman are focusing on next week's Regional tournament at Northwest Christian School in Colbert, Washington. Wrestling starts at 11 a.m. on Feb. 14.

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Cardinals Head to Sub-Regionals

WP BOYS WITHSTAND
ONSLAUGHT OF ASOTIN
3-POINTERS TO WIN
MONDAY'S ELIMINATION
GAME 54-51

By Ken Graham | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG – The WP boys' basketball team advanced to the sub-regional playoffs next week by defeating Asotin Monday in the losers' bracket of the SE 2B District 9 league tournament here, 54-51. The Panthers were eliminated.

Monday's game came after the Cardinals lost a heartbreaker to Tri-Cities Prep in Saturday's first tournament round, 52-51, in overtime.

Thirty-three of Asotin's 51 points Monday were the result of 11 successful shots from outside the three-point line. The Panthers sank only five two-point field goals.

The Cardinals' tight man-to-man defense for most of the game wasn't enough to stop the hot hands of Asotin's guards, but clutch fourth-quarter foul shooting saved the day for WP.

The Cardinals trailed for much of the game, as Asotin took a 14-9 first-quarter lead, and led 20-19 at the half. At the halftime buzzer, Devin Acevedo sank WP's only three-point shot of the game, to draw the Cardinals within one.

After trailing 39-35 going into the fourth quarter, the Cardinals kept the game close. With six minutes to play, WP's Kyle Gradwohl stole an Asotin pass and made an open layup to close the Panther lead to two, 42-40. At the 4:45 mark, Owen Lanning put the Cardinals ahead, 43-42, after being fouled on a layup and converting the free throw.

Lanning was again fouled at the four-minute mark and sank both shots from the line. After the Cardinals' Kaiman Suffia sank one of two free throws, an Asotin three-pointer put the Panthers back ahead, 47-46, with 3:20 remaining.



Photos by Nick Page

Above: WP post Jacob Dunn appears to float in the air as he pulls down a rebound during Monday's game against Asotin. Right: Kaiman Suffia drove to the basket during Friday's game against Tri-Cities Prep. Suffia scored a total of 23 points during the two games.



WP's Chance Leroue sank two free throws with 2:55 remaining, to tie the game at 48.

A Gradwohl layup and a Leroue ten-foot jump shot, sandwiched around a missed three-point attempt by Asotin, gave the Cardinals the lead for good, 52-48, with 1:40 remaining. A rare two-point shot by Asotin cut the lead to two, but the Panthers missed three of four free-throw attempts in the final 90 seconds.

With eight seconds left, and WP nursing a one-point lead, 52-51, Lanning was fouled and sank both ends of a one-plus-one to bump the lead to three. A desperation Panther three-point attempt at the buzzer failed, to seal the win for the Cardinals.

For the game, the Cardinals shot 15 of 20 from the free throw line, while the Panthers were eight of 15.

The Cardinals had balanced scoring, with 12 points from Leroue, 11 from Suffia, nine from Acevedo and eight from Lanning. Lanning was six of seven from the free throw line.

TCP 52, WP 51, OT

In Saturday's opening tournament round game against Tri-Cities Prep, Acevedo hit a buzzer-beating

three-pointer at the end of regulation to tie the score at 47. But the Jaguars got a clutch three-pointer of their own late in overtime to seal the victory.

WP jumped ahead in the first quarter, leading at the end of one, 17-6. But the Jaguars came back to trail by one at the half, 26-25. Trailing by six after three, TCP outscored the Cardinals 15-9 in the final quarter to bring on overtime.

For the game, Suffia led the Cardi-

nals with 12 points, followed by Acevedo with nine and Leroue, Lanning and Gradwohl with eight each. Gradwohl also sank two three-pointers.

On Monday, the Cardinals will travel Spokane's West Valley High School for the first round of the District 7/9 Sub-Regional Tournament. They will play the fourth-seeded team from District 7, which was to be determined in tournament play Thursday.

SE 2B Dist. 9 2014/15 Final Standings

SE 2B BOYS LEAGUE	LEAGUE		OVERALL	
	WON	LOST	WON	LOST
WWVA	9	1	16	4
TRI CITIES PREP	6	4	12	8
WAITSBURG-PRESCOTT	6	4	12	6
DESALES	5	5	10	9
ASOTIN	4	6	10	10
DAYTON	0	10	0	20

SE 2B GIRLS LEAGUE	LEAGUE		OVERALL	
	WON	LOST	WON	LOST
DESALES	9	1	14	5
DAYTON	8	2	17	3
TRI CITIES PREP	7	3	15	5
ASOTIN	4	6	8	12
WWVA	2	8	7	12
WAITSBURG-PRESCOTT	0	10	0	18

Dayton Will Decide on Golf at Feb. 18 Meeting

DAYTON – Dayton School District is considering a revival of golf as part of the school's athletic program. The school board will decide on the matter at its Feb. 18 meeting.

A group of 18 students has expressed an interest in reviving the golf program, which was discontinued due to a lack of interest three years ago, according to Superintendent Doug Johnson.

"Numbers for other spring sports may be affected by this request," Johnson said. The board has asked Johnson to provide the most accurate count possible of students planning to play each of the spring sports (golf, baseball, softball and track) to help them make their decision.

"In the future, counts may be gathered in May in order to determine what sports would be offered the following year," Johnson said. "This would allow the time needed to hire coaches, make league commitments and provide adequate supplies for each activity."

2B Regional & State Basketball Tournament Schedule

District 7/9 Sub-Regional Tournament

Monday, Feb. 16 - West Valley High, Spokane

Friday and Saturday, Feb. 20, 21 - Whitman College

State 2B Regional Tournament

Friday and Saturday, Feb. 27, 28 - Spokane

State 2B Championship Tournament

Thursday - Saturday, March 5, 6 and 7 - Spokane



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LEGAL NOTICES

In the Superior Court of the State of Washington for the County of Walla Walla

Corey Lopez, Petitioner,
No. 143002542
Oscar Lopez, Respondent.

The State of Washington to the said Oscar Lopez:

You are hereby summoned to appear within 90 days after the date of the first publication of this dissolution of marriage summons, after January 15, 2015, and defend the above entitled action in the above entitled court, and answer the complaint of the petitioner, Corey Lopez, and serve a copy of your answer upon the petitioner at the address below stated; and in case of your failure so to do, judgment will be rendered against you according to the demand of the dissolution petition, which has been filed with the clerk of said court. If you do not serve your written response within 90 days after the date this summons was served on you, exclusive of the day of service, the court may enter an order of default against you, and the court may, without further notice to you, enter a decree and approve or provide for the relief requested in the petition. The court will not enter the final decree until at least 90 days after filing and service. Serve a copy of your response on Corey Lopez at 135 S. Wilbur Ave., Apt. F4 Walla Walla, WA 99362.

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SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION No. 15 2 00021 8

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

KARL R. ECKHARDT, AS TRUSTEE OF THE ECKHARDT FAMILY TRUST, DATED APRIL 9, 1992 Plaintiff,

vs.

THE HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF AUGUST HERMANN; THE HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF J.B. SWITZLER; THE HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF DAVID ASHPAUGH, Defendants.

THE STATE OF WASHINGTON to the unknown heirs and devisees of August Hermann, J.B. Switzler and David Ashpaugh, deceased:

YOU AND EACH OF YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to appear within sixty (60) days after the date of the first publication of this Summons, to-wit, within sixty (60) days after the 22nd day of January, 2015, and defend the above named entitled action in the above-entitled court, and answer the Complaint of the Plaintiff and serve a copy of your Answer upon the undersigned attorney for the Plaintiff at his office below stated; and in case of your failure so to do, judgment will be rendered against you according to the demand of the Complaint which has been filed with the clerk of this court. The object of said action is to quiet title to property claimed by adverse possession by the Plaintiff for real property situated in the County of Walla Walla, State of Washington, to wit:

A strip of land of variable width located in the Southeast quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 27 of Township 7 North in Range 36 East of the Willamette Meridian, Walla Walla County, Washington, described more particularly as follows:

Commencing at the Northwest corner of said Southeast quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 27; thence N 89°52'34" E along the North line of said Southeast quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 27 a distance of 750.75 feet; thence S 18°18'34" W a distance of 284.08 to the Southeast corner of those lands depicted on that Short Plat recorded in Book 1 of the Walla Walla County Book of Short Plats at Page 21, and filed at County Auditor's Num-

ber 550339, and True Point of Beginning for this Legal Description;

Thence continuing S 18°18'34" W along the West line of those lands described as Parcel D in a deed recorded in Walla Walla County Auditor's File No. 2003-00184 a distance of 289.11';

Thence S 13°44'54" W a distance of 6.35' to a point on the East line of Lot 24 of the Plat of Braymar 3rd Addition, as recorded in Volume 7 of the Book of Plats of Walla Walla County at Page 12, and filed at Auditor's File No. 2005-12858; thence along the Easterly boundary of said Plat as follows:

Thence S 89°52'34" W a distance of 8.94';

Thence N 17°54'30" E a distance of 294.93' to the Northeast corner of said Plat of Braymar 3rd Addition, said Northeast corner being called in prior deeds as a point 16.33 rods South and 39 rods and 10 links East of the Northwest corner of the Southeast quarter of the Northwest quarter of said Section 27;

Thence N 89°52'13" E a distance of 10.59' to the true point of beginning, having an area of 2665 square feet, 0.061 acres.

MINNICK-HAYNER, P.S.

Dated: January 20, 2015
By: /s/ James K. Hayner
WSBA #6398
Of Attorneys for Plaintiff

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PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS NO. 15-4-00015-1 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
Jack D. Sutherland,
Deceased

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

DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: January 29, 2015.
NANCY F. SUTHERLAND, Personal Representative

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

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PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS Cause No. 15 4 00021 5 (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 Estates of

NANCY ANN GERKING, and
LYNDEN CECIL GERKING,
Deceased.

The Personal Representative named below has been appointed as Personal Representative of these estates. Any person having a claim against the decedents must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the Personal Representative or the Personal Representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court. The claim must be presented within the later of (1) thirty days after the Personal Representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(3); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in Section 11 of this act and RCW 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedents' probate and nonprobate assets.

DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: February 5, 2015

KATHY L. TAYLOR
Personal Representative
C/O LARRY SIEGEL LAW OFFICE
129 W. Main
Walla Walla, WA 99362

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NOTICE

Walla Walla County, P.O. Box 813 Walla Walla, WA, is seeking coverage under the Washington State Department of Ecology's Construction Stormwater NPDES and State Waste Discharge General Permit.

The proposed project, Bussell Rd CRP 13-04, is located at Bussell Rd. From Mojonier to Old Milton Hwy near College Place, in Walla Walla County.

This project involves 8.8 acres of soil disturbance for highway construction activities.

(List all construction activities; for example, residential, commercial, industrial, highway, utility).

The receiving water(s) is/are Stone Creek (List all named and un-named surface waterbodies, or ground water if applicable, waters identified in section IX).

Any persons desiring to present their views to the department of Ecology regarding this application may do so in writing within thirty days of the last date of publication of this notice. Comments shall be submitted to the department of Ecology. Any person interested in the department's action on this application may notify the department of their interest within thirty days of the last date of publication of this notice. Ecology reviews public comments and considers whether discharges from this project would cause a measurable change in receiving water quality, and, if so, whether the project is necessary and in the overriding public interest according to Tier II antidegradation requirements under WAC 173-201A-320.

Comments can be submitted to:
Department of Ecology
Attn: Water Quality Program, Construction Stormwater
PO Box 47696, Olympia, WA 98504-7696

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AFTER RECORDING RETURN TO:

Bishop, Marshall & Weibel, P.S.
720 Olive Way, Suite 1201
Seattle, WA 98101

(206) 622-7527
Ref: Hilton, Leroy D, 2013-0005224/485.1364611

Reference Number(s) of Documents assigned or released: 2003-05097
Document Title: NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Grantor: Bishop, Marshall & Weibel, P.S.

Grantee: Leroy D Hilton, an Unmarried Man

Abbreviated Legal Description as Follows: A 144' X 115' TRACT BETWEEN 5TH & 6TH STRS. IN WAITSBURG, IN SE 1/4 SE 1/4 SEC. 10 & SW 1/4 SW 1/4 SEC 11 ALL IN 9-37.

Assessor's Property Tax Parcel/Account Number(s): 370910440065

WE ARE A DEBT COLLECTOR. THIS COMMUNICATION IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

I NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Bishop, Marshall & Weibel, P.S. will on March 13, 2015 at 10:00 am at the main entrance of the Walla Walla County Court-house, 315 West Main Street, in the City of Walla Walla located at Walla Walla County, State of Washington, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in Walla Walla County, State of Washington, to-wit;

BEGINNING AT A POINT 31 FEET EAST AND 165 FEET NORTH OF THE CORNER OF SECTIONS 10, 11, 14 AND 15 IN TOWNSHIP 9 NORTH OF RANGE 37, EAST OF THE WILLAMETTE MERIDIAN; RUNNING THENCE WEST 144 FEET; THENCE NORTH 115 FEET; THENCE EAST 144 FEET ; THENCE SOUTH 115 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING.

SITUATE IN THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA, STATE OF WASHINGTON. Together with that certain 1977 manufactured home bearing VIN No. 7711804685.

which is subject to that certain Deed of Trust dated April 3, 2003, recorded April 10, 2003, under Auditor's File No. 2003-05097 records of Walla Walla County, Washington, from Leroy D Hilton, an Unmarried Man, as Grantor, to 6700 Corporation, A California Corporation, as Trustee, to secure an obligation in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. is a separate corporation that is acting solely as a nominee for GN Mortgage, LLC., a Wisconsin Limited Liability Company and its successors and assigns as Beneficiary. Bank of America, N.A. is now the beneficiary of the deed of trust. The sale will be made without any warranty concerning the title to, or the condition of the property.

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 Grantor's default on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust.

III The default(s) for which this foreclosure is made is/are as follows:

i) Failure to pay the following amounts, now in arrears:

Amount due to reinstate by November 7, 2014

Delinquent Monthly Payments Due from 03/01/2011 through 11/1/2014:
17 payment(s) at \$ 489.77
12 payment(s) at \$ 501.46
12 payment(s) at \$ 523.10
4 payment(s) at \$ 538.23
Total: \$22,773.73

Property Inspection \$ 420.00
Foreclosure Attorney/Trustee Fees: \$ 540.00
Foreclosure Expenses: \$ 520.52

TOTAL DEFAULT \$24,254.25

IV The sum owing on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust is: \$53,723.71, together with interest from February 1, 2011 as provided in the note or other instrument, and such other costs and fees as are due under the note or other instrument secured, and 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. The sale will be made without warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances on March 13, 2015. The payments, late charges, or other defaults must be cured by March 2, 2015 (11 days before the sale date) to cause a discontinuance of the sale. The sale will be discontinued and terminated if at any time on or before March 2, 2015 (11 days before the sale date) the default(s) as set forth in paragraph III, together with any subsequent payments, late charges, or other defaults, is/are cured and the Trustee's fees and costs are paid. Payment must be with cashier's or certified checks from a State or federally chartered bank. The sale may be terminated any time after March 2, 2015 (11 days before the sale date), and before the sale by the Borrower, Grantor, any Guarantor, or the holder of any recorded junior lien or encumbrance paying the entire principal and interest secured by the Deed of Trust, plus costs, fees, and advances, if any, made pursuant to the terms of the obligation and/or Deed of Trust, and curing all other defaults.

VI A written notice of default was transmitted by the beneficiary or Trustee to the Borrower and Grantor at the following address(es):

See 'Mailing List' attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.

by both first class and certified mail on December 17, 2013, proof of which is in the possession of the Trustee; and the Borrower and Grantor were personally served on December 17, 2013, 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.

VII The Trustee whose name and address are set forth 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 objections to this sale on any grounds whatsoever will be afforded an opportunity to be heard as to those objection 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.

If the Trustee's Sale is set aside for any reason, the submitted bid will be forthwith returned without interest and the bidder will have no right to purchase the property. Recovery of the bid amount without interest constitutes the limit of the bidder's recourse against the Trustee and/or the Beneficiary.

XI

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS AND PARTIES WHO ARE GUARANTORS OF THE OBLIGATIONS SECURED BY THIS DEED OF TRUST: (1) The Guarantor may be liable for a deficiency judgment to the extent the sale price obtained at the Trustee's Sale is less than the debt secured by the Deed of Trust; (2) The Guarantor has the same rights to reinstate the debt, cure the default, or repay the debt as is given to the grantor in order to avoid the trustee's sale; (3) The Guarantor will have no right to redeem the property after the Trustee's Sale; (4) Subject to such longer periods as are provided in the Washington Deed of Trust Act, Chapter 61.24 RCW, any action brought to enforce a guaranty must be commenced within one year after the Trustee's Sale, or the last Trustee's Sale under any deed of trust granted to secure the same debt; and (5) In any action for a deficiency, the Guarantor will have the right to establish the fair value of the property as of the date of the Trustee's Sale, less prior liens and encumbrances, and to limit its liability for a deficiency to the difference between the debt and the greater of such fair value or the sale price paid at the Trustee's Sale, plus interest and costs.

XII
NOTICE

THIS NOTICE IS THE FINAL STEP BEFORE THE FORECLOSURE SALE OF YOUR HOME.

You have only 20 DAYS from the recording date on 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:

Telephone: (1-877-894-4663)

Website: <http://www.wsh-fc.org/buyers/counseling.htm>

The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development:

Telephone: (1-800-569-4287)

Website: <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)

Website: <http://nwjustice.org/what-clear>

DATED: November 6, 2014

BISHOP, MARSHALL & WEIBEL, P.S.
Successor Trustee

By:
William L. Bishop, Jr.,
President
720 Olive Way, Suite 1201
Seattle, WA 98101
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) ss.
County of King)

On this 6th day of November, 2014, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the State of Washington, duly commissioned and sworn, personally appeared William L. Bishop, Jr., to me known to be an Officer of Bishop, Marshall & Weibel, P.S., the corporation that executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged the said instrument to be the free and voluntary act and deed of said corporation, for the uses and purposes

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therein mentioned, and on oath states that they are authorized to execute the said instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official seal hereto affixed the day and year first above written.

Name: Darla Trautman
NOTARY PUBLIC in and for the State of Washington at: King County
My Appt. Exp: April 9, 2016

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PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS NO. 15-4-00030-4 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

Beatrice M. Elia
Deceased

The Co-Personal Representatives named below have been appointed as Co-Personal Representatives 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-Personal Representatives or the Co-Personal Representatives' 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-Personal Representatives served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(3); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of this notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both decedent's probate and non-probate assets.

DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: Thursday, February 12, 2015.

Craig N. Elia and Scott A. Elia,
Co-Personal Representatives

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PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS NO. 15-4-00028-2 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:

WILLIS L. REYNOLDS,
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 non-probate assets.

DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: February 12, 2015.

Cory Lynne Frisbee
Personal Representative

Attorney for Personal Representative:
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NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

PRESCOTT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 402-37
WALLA WALLA AND COLUMBIA COUNTIES, WASHINGTON

NOTICE is hereby given that the Board of Directors (the "Board") of Prescott School District NO. 402-37, Walla Walla and Columbia Counties, Washington (the "District") will hold a Special Meeting on February 19th, 2015 at 8:30am at the Vista Hermosa Retreat House. To ensure compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act (Chapter 42.30 RCW), the Board will treat the meeting on February 19th, 2015 as a special meeting, and provide notice of this meeting as required by law.

The February 19th, 2015 Special meeting is called for the purpose of filling board vacancy, progress towards meeting board goals, reviewing academic data, and board policy updates.

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NOTICE OF HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Board of County Commissioners of Walla Walla County, Washington, will hold a public hearing at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, February 23, 2015 in Commissioners' Chambers, Walla Walla County Public Health and Legislative Building, 314 West Main, Walla Walla, Washington to consider adoption of an ordinance to amend Walla Walla County Code to amend Walla Walla County Code to allow for wheeled all-terrain vehicle special event permits.

Additional information on the proposed ordinance may be obtained from Walla Walla County Commissioners' office, 314 West Main, Room 203, Walla Walla, (509.524-2505), or by accessing the documents from the county website (www.co.walla-walla.wa.us) prior to the hearing.

Any citizen may appear at said hearing and testify for or against said amendments, or written testimony, which will be read into the record, may be sent to: Walla Walla County Commissioners, P. O. Box 1506, Walla Walla, WA 99362.

Dated this 9th day of February, 2015

Board of County Commissioners
Walla Walla County, Washington

By: Connie R. Vinti, Clerk of the Board

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Notice and Summons by Publication No: 15-7-00010-1

Superior Court of Washington
County of Walla Walla
Juvenile Court

In Re the Dependency of:

LEWIS-THRALL, Bailey
Mae

D.O.B.: 01/19/2015

To: SHEYNE LEE THRALL
and JOHN DOE

A Dependency Petition was filed on January 23, 2015; a Fact Finding hearing will be held on this matter on April 2, 2015 at 9:30 AM, at Walla Walla County Superior Court, 315 W. Main St., Walla Walla WA, Department II. You should be present at this hearing.

The hearing will determine if your child is dependent as defined in RCW 13.34.030(6). This begins a judicial process which could result in permanent loss of your parental rights. If you do not appear at the hearing, the court may enter a dependency order in your absence.

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

Dated: February 9, 2015
By direction of:
M. Scott Wolfram, Judge

By: /s/ KATHY MARTIN
Clerk

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The City of Waitsburg is requesting proposals from qualified firms to provide landscape maintenance services at the Waitsburg City Cemetery, located at 692 E. 8th St. in Waitsburg, Washington; the Waitsburg I.O.O.F. Cemetery, located on Lincoln and E. 6th Streets in Waitsburg, Washington; the Waitsburg Fairgrounds, located at 349 E. 10th St. in Waitsburg, Washington; and Preston Park, located at 129 Coppei Ave. in Waitsburg, Washington. The City Cemetery is approximately 8 acres including a single lane road which allows visitors to access the interior area of the cemetery; the I.O.O.F. Cemetery is approximately 6 acres; the Fairgrounds is approximately 13 acres, including several buildings and sports fields; and Preston Park is approximately 5 acres, including a restroom building and several pieces of playground equipment.

This request for proposal is designed to provide the City of Waitsburg with a range of levels of service to consider prior to contracting with the selected proposer(s). After reviewing the proposals, the City may select a firm or firms to contract with and the level of service that best meets the City's needs and available funding. The City may also determine not to award a contract to any proposers.

Contracts will be awarded as per the Pricing Quotation Forms, references and other criteria as determined at the sole discretion of the City. All rates and pricing submitted shall include all wages, benefits, the cost of tools, equipment, ancillary supplies, overhead, profit, taxes and other administrative fees associated with the performance of this contract. (e.g., Department of L & I Intent and Affidavit filing fees). Washington State Prevailing Wage rates for Walla Walla County shall apply. See www.cityofwaitsburg.com to view and fill out the full request for proposals document.

If a contract is awarded from this request, it shall be a non-exclusive contract for the services.

The City may, at its sole discretion, utilize other contractors for the same or similar work without first terminating the contract. The City reserves the right to add or delete work quantities and work is subject

to change at any time.

TIMELINE FOR SUBMITTALS

The deadline for submission of proposals and qualifications is 4:00 PM on Friday, February 27, 2015.

Deliver/Mail to: City of Waitsburg
Attn: Randy Hinchliffe, City Administrator
P.O. Box 35
Waitsburg, WA 99361

Direct questions regarding this Request for Qualifications to:

Randy Hinchliffe
509-337-6371
rjhinch@gotvc.net

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION

The application described below has been submitted to the Walla Walla County Community Development Department

File name/Docket #: Dykes Amended Short Plat/SUB15-002

Application type: Short Plat (amended)

Applicant/ Surveyor: Erik Green
Anderson Perry & Associates, Inc.
PO Box 1687
Walla Walla, WA 99362

Property Owner: Josh and Kristin Dykes
10800 West Court Street
Pasco, WA 99301

Date application submitted: 01/28/2015

Project description: The applicant has proposed an amended short plat of a 2-lot short subdivision (STP-97-22) in order to relocate access and utility easements. The smallest lot area is 10.26 acres. The site is located generally at the southwest intersection of McDonald Road and US Highway 12 (APN 340728510016, 340728510015), in the Agriculture Residential (AR-10) zoning district.

Required Permits: None identified

Required Studies: None identified
Complete Application date: 02/10/2015
Notice of Application date: 02/12/2015

REVIEW PROCESS AND PUBLIC COMMENT: The decision on this application will be made by the Walla Walla County Community Development Department Director. The comment period for this project is fourteen (14) days from issuance of the notice of application; this period ends February 26, 2015. The Notice of Application is required by RCW 36.70B.110 and Walla Walla County Code Section 14.07.080.

To be considered as a party of record send written comments to:

Walla Walla County Community Development Department
c/o Lauren Prentice, Principal Planner
310 W. Poplar Street, Suite 200
Walla Walla, WA 99362

APPEALS: The Director's decision may be appealed by the applicant(s) or parties of record to the Walla Walla County Hearing Examiner pursuant to Walla Walla County Code Section 14.11.010 and 14.11.030.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Please contact Lauren Prentice, Principal Planner, at 509-524-2610 or commdev@co.walla-walla.wa.us.

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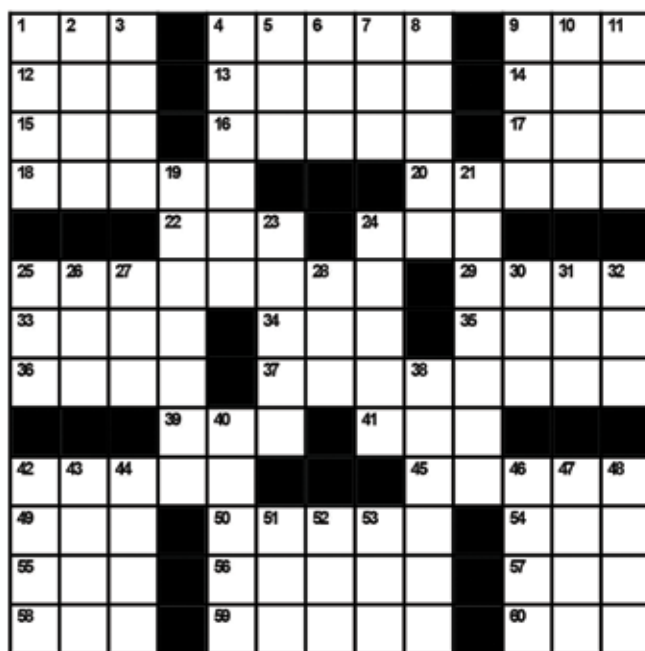
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- Kind of ink
- ___ start with your performance....
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- "I ___ return"
- KFC piece
- Legume
- Best-loved
- Quarry
- Mellows
- Pops
- Knight's apprentice
- Post-it
- Architectural



- "Tinker, tailor, soldier, ___" movie
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- Utah, for one
- Mind-numbers
- Omega or flaxseed
- Sentient
- Luck or roast
- It's ___ over
- Pink color
- "___ moment, please!"
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- Hostile force
- Opposite of used

Down

- Whiskey ___
- Relaxation
- Carpet layer's calculation
- Restaurant employee
- Control
- Scepter of authority
- Go on a run?
- Coquette
- Three oceans touch it
- Wall Street order
- Hades
- Most dear
- More joyous
- Lighththeaded
- Piano part
- Cool
- Green light
- Check for accuracy
- Road cover
- Escaped
- Lay an ___ (mess up)
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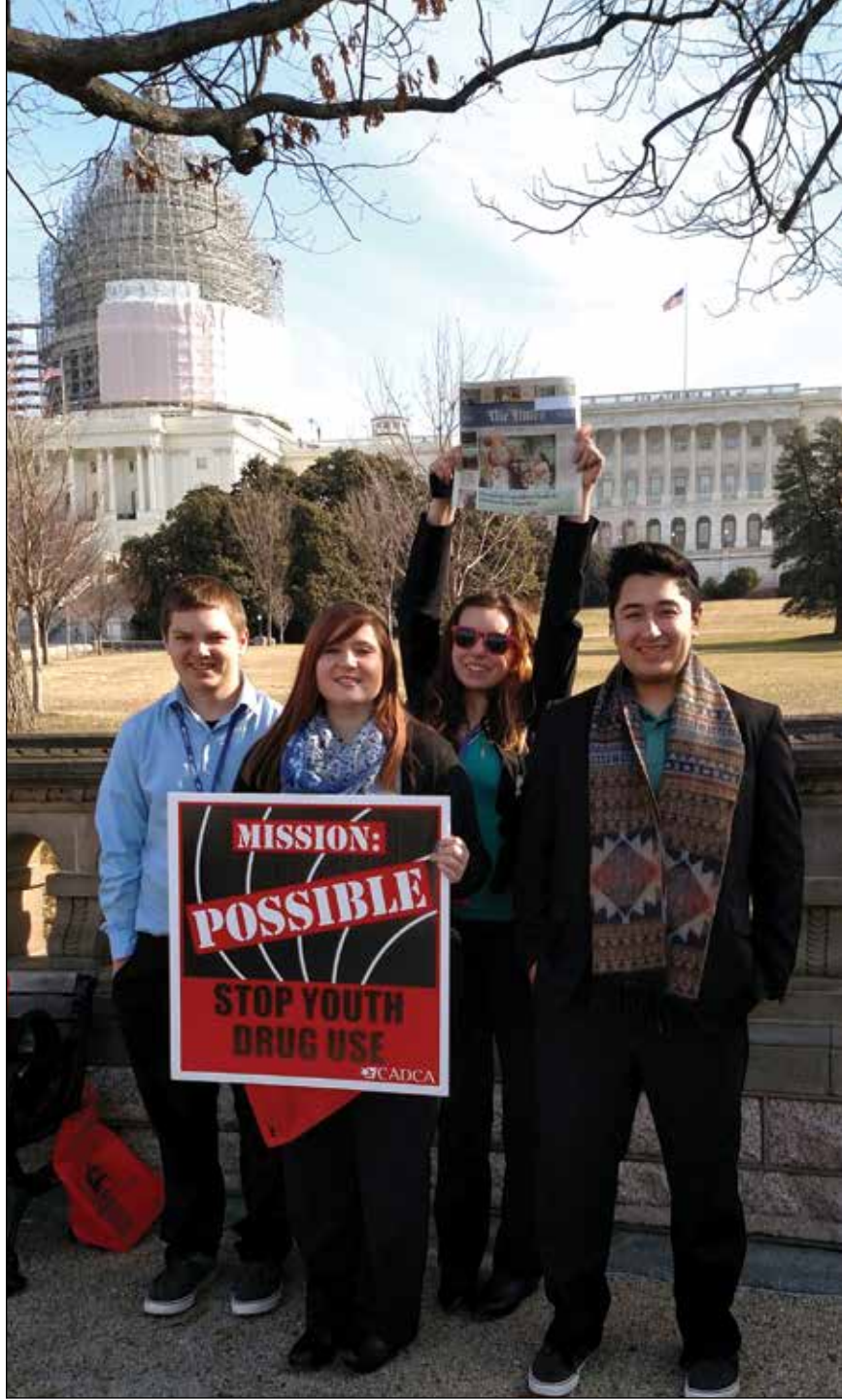
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Last Week's Solution



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The Times (and SHEO) Goes to Washington, D.C.



Courtesy Photo

Four Dayton students traveled last week to Washington, D.C. to attend a Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America annual conference. With them was Columbia County Prosecutor Rea Culwell, who is also a member of the local Coalition for Youth and Families, and Columbia County Prevention Specialist Laura Tolman. The students, shown here holding a copy of The Times in front of the U.S. Capitol Building under renovation (l to r) included Dayton 8th grader Ashton Loper, sophomore Ally Chapman, junior Emily Truean and senior Carlos Orribio.

The students, most of whom are part of SHEO (Students Helping Each Other), and their adult companions, attended the week-long conference to learn more about the prevention process and determine appropriate strategies for pursuing prevention activities in the community. The trip was funded through the Drug-Free Communities Grant as well as other state prevention grants.

NEWS BRIEFS

WW Co. Planning Commission Opening

WALLA WALLA – The Walla Walla County Planning Commission has an opening due to the resignation of member Jonathan Thompson who is moving from the area. Commissioners are seeking applicants to fill the unexpired term which ends March 1, 2016.

Applicants must reside in District 2, which includes Dixie, Waitsburg and Prescott. A map of District 2 commissioner boundaries may be found at the county website at www.co.walla-walla.wa.us. Additional applicant information, an application form and questionnaire are also available on the county website.

The Commission is a seven member citizen body which typically meets the first Wednesday of each month. Duties consist of conducting public hearings and formulating recommendations to the County Commissioners.

Bipolar Education Workshop

WALLA WALLA – The Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance (DBSA) is offering a bipolar educational session at the Walla Walla Community Services Center (1520 Kelly Place, Walla Walla) on Friday, Feb. 20 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The class is free and lunch will be provided. Reservations are required by Thursday, Feb. 19.

The Demystifying Bipolar Disorder session covers what bipolar disorder is; causes, risk factors and triggers; treatment options; how to support those living with bipolar disorder; tools offered by DBSA. Individuals living with bipolar disorder, their family and friends will also share their experiences.

Reservations may be made by emailing president @dbsa-wallawalla.org or by calling (509) 394-8862. DBSA supports Walla Walla, Benton/Franklin and Columbia counties.

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Police Department and fire districts and possibly other surrounding agencies who are currently part of a CAD consortium with Walla Walla including the Walla Walla County Sheriff's Office, the College Place Police Department, Milton-Freewater Police Department.

"It makes sense to share what we can, as we're so tied to these other communities," Commissioner Merle Jackson said. Both Sheriff Rocky Miller and District 3 Fire Chief Rick Turner spoke in support of the purchase during last week's commissioner meeting, citing not only the perks of the system but most especially the ability to share critical information across jurisdictional boundaries as a boon to the community as well as their agencies.

In addition, the sheriff's office will have access to a new software for tracking inmates and related jail records and commissary, a program to aid in evidence collection and proper storage, and the ability for deputies to become fully functional in their patrol vehicles including software that will allow them to write reports without driving back to the office, Columbia County Undersheriff Richard Loyd told commissioners Monday.

"And we'll finally have AVL, or automatic vehicle locators, installed in all the patrol vehicles so dispatch will know where deputies are at all times, which is a huge officer safety issue," Loyd said.

Current Need

The current software and computer system in use at the sheriff's office and dispatch center, created by Spillman out of Utah, was installed in 1997 and has reached "end of life" – in other words, Caldwell said, the product has reached the end of its useful life and is almost entirely phased out of other agencies around the country.

"The current system is failing," she reported, describing glitches and crashes in the system as well as problems with the 20-year-old data tables and generally outdated software and computer server issues.

Upgrading the county's current CAD and RMS system with Spillman would cost just as much as going with New World through Walla Walla, Caldwell said. But the two big hang ups with purchasing a new Spillman system are: (1) Spillman's annual maintenance costs are more than \$30,000 while New World would charge the county a fraction of that to share a system with Walla Walla, Caldwell said; and (2) Columbia County would be responsible for all the equipment related to the system, including the server and all related IT issues.

But if the county signs the interlocal agreement, then Walla Walla will host the server and major physical components of the system, meanwhile providing 24-hour IT coverage for critical errors, crashes or other problems with the systems at a minimal cost to Columbia County. Walla Walla already provides this service to the Walla Walla Sheriff's Office, College Place PD and Milton-Freewater PD.

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