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Waitsburg agrees to partner with the USACE on a flood feasibility study.

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DAYTON



THEATER

The Touchet Valley Arts Council is gearing up for a spring variety show and May melodrama.

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OUTDOORS



DEER

The WDFW is conducting an aerial mule deer study,

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HIGH WATER WARNINGS



Photo by Dena Martin

The National Weather Service issued a flood watch for the Waitsburg area and Columbia County on Friday afternoon as warm weather and accompanying rains caused Coppei Creek and the Touchet River to overflow in low-lying areas. Waitsburg fared much better than Walla Walla which suffered an abundance of power outages due to limbs falling on power lines following an ice storm. Fortunately, waters began to recede Friday afternoon and flooding was minimal. In Waitsburg, Meinburg Road was closed at the Coppei Crossing.

Above: Columbia County Public Transportation Manager Scott Kirk stopped to video high waters in Coppei Creek at the south end of Waitsburg late Friday morning to determine whether it was safe for the transit system to continue runs through the afternoon.

Waitsburg Approves 2018 Budget

CONTINUED INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS ARE PLANNED

By Dena Martin | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG – Mayor Marty Dunn called 2017 "one of the busiest years on record" and says the City of Waitsburg can look forward to continued infrastructure improvements in 2018, with planning into 2019. To make that happen, the city council approved a \$2.17 million budget for 2018 at their Dec. 20 regular council meeting.

Accomplishments for 2017 include filling several long sections of sidewalk gaps to improve the city's walkability, relining a failing storm drain on Main Street to complete the full rehab of that storm drain system and resurfacing Main Street from 1st to 8th streets, which is estimated to add five to seven years to its useful life.

The final section of the east-west sewer line that runs under the Touchet River was replaced in November and is expected to extend the use of that line by at least 50 years.

By far the largest improvement was the replacement of the Main Street Bridge, built



Times File Phot

Sidewalk along the Waitsburg Elementary School playground was replaced in August. Sidewalk installation and replacement, largely funded by grants, has been an ongoing project to improve the city's walkability.

in 1925, which eliminates a key flooding choke point along the city's levee system. The bridge was replaced through a \$1.7 million state grant, after more than ten years of planning and pursuing funding.

Last year's budget was \$3.3 million, the largest budget the city has ever had, according to City Manager Randy Hinchliffe. He said a typical budget for the city is \$1.7 to \$1.8 million, but that there is generally a

large project every two to three years, that bumps that figure up.

The city plans for continued infrastructure improvements in 2018 including additional sidewalk installations and repairs, improving the road grade along Millrace road, levee improvements, beginning work on a flood study assessment, and the possible addition of a park-and-ride lot at the north end of Main Street.

A major undertaking will be the replacement of the city's outdated water meters. The city will move to radio reads that will save the city time and money by streamlining the reading process while improving water use accuracy for billing.

The city has also secured a line of credit with Community Bank in the amount of \$750,000 that the council may choose to draw from to provide funding for infrastructure improvements to the city water and sewer system.

The city will continue to replace low-flow fire hydrants, determine if the fairgrounds grandstands can be saved at a reasonable cost to the city, consider development of a pocket park on Main Street, continue development of the old mill site, install an infor-

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CEDS Meeting Sets Priorities

WASTEWATER TREATMENT, SCHOOLS AND SENIOR CARE ARE VOTED TOP CONCERNS AT ANNUAL MEETING

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON – Fifty-one stakeholders attended the annual Port-sponsored Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy meeting held at Fire District No. 3, on December 20.

Columbia Pulp

Kristi Kobetich, Product Line Manager for Columbia Pulp, LLC, gave an update on the progress of the Lyons Ferry Straw Pulp Mill. Kobetich is the liaison between customers and the production facility, making sure all systems are in place and that customers are satisfied.

"We believe our straw pulp is going to be a good substitute for hard wood pulp," she

Good access to wheat straw, land, water, rail and interstate access on the Snake River makes the location of the Lyons Ferry Straw Pulp Mill ideal.

The "tree free" milling process, using locally sourced wheat and alfalfa, requires less

energy and water than traditional mills.

When the facility is at full production, at the end of 2018, 400 metric tons of wet pulp will be milled each day, bundled, and sent to customers where the pulp will be molded into containers for egg and apple cartons, printing and writing paper, packaging and other items.

Kobetich said the co-product from the milling process also has useful applications for road dust abatement and de-icing, erosion control and agricultural uses.

"It's very exciting from a sustainability aspect. It took a pretty exciting project for me to be interested in packing up and moving across the state," said Kobetich, who moved to Dayton, with her husband, from Port Townsend, three months ago.

Kobetich said resumes are currently being accepted at resume@columbiapulp. com. She said the demand is for skilled trades including millwrights and pipefitters.

Downtown Task Force

Betty Lou Crothers talked about some Downtown Dayton Task Force (DDTF) projects

"The task force is always busy with 501 3C projects," she said.

The Task Force completed landscaping at the DOT building on West Main Street, which is one of three west-end projects. She said the city recently installed sidewalks,

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Times File Photo

Wayfinding signs like this informational kiosk outside the Dayton Chamber of Commerce are part of a regional project, bringing a consistent look for signs throughout the Walla Walla and Touchet Valleys.

TOUCHET VALLEY LIFE

BIRTH



¬ mber Elise Adams, born Dec. 13, 2017 at 12:13 p.m. to Angela and Jake Ad-⊿ams. Grandparents are Glen and Adelle Smith, Waitsburg, Bill and Ann Adams, Garden City, Kansas, and Gayla and Randy Bural, Missouri. Great Grandmother is Erma Lee Smith of Waitsburg. Ember has an older sister, Oaklee Adams.

THANK YOU FOR READING

OBITUARY

LEENORE "LEE" ESTHER FINCH OCTOBER 3, 1935 – DECEMBER 23, 2017

LeeNore "Lee" Esther Finch (nee Blize) died peacefully in hospice care at home in Walla Walla on December 23, 2017 at the age of 82.

Lee was born on October 3, 1935 to Clarence "Zeke" and Moree Blize. She graduated from Waitsburg High School in 1953 and married Nolan Finch on November 20 1954.

Lee and Nolan were married 62 years until Nolan's death on April 24, 2017. She worked as a secretary and bookkeeper at Lloyd's Insurance for

40 years in addition to managing the books for Finch Construction.

Lee took great pleasure in knitting, cooking, gardening, crosswords and playing the piano in addition to annual RV trips to Nolan's favorite fishing spots and the coast. She enjoyed her football pool, was a dedicated Seahawk fan and remained hopeful for another championship Mariner season.

Lee is survived by her son Greg Finch (Vanessa) of Maui, Hawaii, loving in-laws, nieces, nephews and long-time friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, brother Jack Blize, sister Barbara Rerecich, and husband Nolan.

At Lee's request no services are scheduled. The family would like to thank Walla Walla Hospice for the compassionate care provided to both Lee and Nolan this past year.

Touchet Valley Weather Jan. 3, 2018 Waitsburg's Seven Day Forecast Wednesday Friday Thursday Saturday Monday Tuesday Sunday Cloudy Areas of Fog High: 34 Low: 24 Cloudy Scattered Rain Scattered Rain Mostly Cloudy Mostly Cloudy Mostly Cloudy High: 37 Low: 29 High: 35 Low: 31 High: 37 Low: 29 High: 42 Low: 34 High: 32 Low: 26

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Answer: On average, ten.

Jan. 3, 1777 - An overnight enabled Washington and his troops to flank the British at Trenton, cross their lines at Princeton and seek security in the hills of northern

Weather History

Local Almanac Last Week										
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Sun/Moon Chart This Week <u>Sunrise</u> Sunset Day Wednesday

Thursday Saturday











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CLASSIFIEDS

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POSITION ANNOUNCE-MENTS:

Waitsburg School District is accepting applications for para educator (7 hrs./day) this is a temporary position for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year.

For application materials and position information please contact the District Office at (509) 337-6301.

Waitsburg School District has an immediate opening for a full-time regular route bus

Minimum qualifications: Class B CDL. air brake restriction lifted, student endorsement, passenger endorsement. Training may be available. For application materials and

position information please contact Colter Mohney at (509) 337-6301 ext. 3400.

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PIONEER PORTRAITS

Ten Years Ago January 10, 2008

The Waitsburg Fifth Grade Ski Program begins this week at Ski Bluewood and according to teacher Pam Conover, the students are "quite excited" about going skiing. Before they went, however, Deb Callahan brought two sewing machines to the classroom and with Stacia Deal as her dew-worthy assistant, made fleece neck warmers with the kids.

A terrific wind storm pounded Walla Walla and Milton-Freewater last Friday, January 4, but Waitsburg and environs survived the windy onslaught with relatively minor damage. No deaths or injuries have been attributed to the storm. Wind speeds reached 78 iles per hour in the Walla Walla area, uprooting trees, toppling power lines, stripping shingles and leaving an estimated 60% of Walla Walla homes without power.

Twenty-Five Years Ago January 7, 1993

Lynn McCambridge couldn't shovel them out the door fast enough. On Monday, the owner of Touchet Valley Hardware said he had already sold a dozen snow shovels by 2 p.m. While snow started falling days ago, residents of Waitsburg waited until after the New Year to come in to buy that new shov-

The name of Waitsburgh was changed officially by the U.S. Post Office on Jan. 4, 1893 when the "H" was dropped, thus establishing the official spelling as Waitsburg. The settlement established in 1865 went through a series of names, Horseshoe City, Delta and finally Waitsburg. Sara Wilson, OIC at the local post office, relayed the information to The Times after receiving letters from collectors in Colorado asking for the Waitsburg cancellation on Jan. 4, 1993.

Fifty Years Ago January 4, 1963

More than a hundred Masons, Eastern Stars and their families enjoyed a ham dinner on Wednesday night in the elementary school when they met in observance of Sts. John Night. Dinner arrangements were handled by Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Ely, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Jantz, Mrs. M. L. Weaver and Jack McCaw. Dave McConnell introduced Miss Linda McKinney who played a piano solo; and Miss Loravee Bowles who sang three numbers accompanied by her sister, Miss Jeannie Bowles. Rainbow Girls served the dinner.

The Hi-Lo Pinochle Club met Friday afternoon December 29 at the home of Mrs. Pete Ganguet. Prizes were won by Mrs. Frank Brown, Mary Leibermann, Mrs. John Leibermann, and Mrs. Ed Mock. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Clifford Hermanns on January 12.

Sixty Years Ago

January 10, 1958

Kenneth Smith, Dave Roberts and Jim Cresswell, Jr., are attending the W.S.C. Farm Shot Course at Pullman this month. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Webber are parents of a

daughter, Alice Rachel, born Jan. 7.

Gerald Vollmer has been active in teaching young boys of the community the hunter safety course under the sponsorship of the Rifle and Pistol Club. Boys qualifying for certificates were Jerry Fulton, Charles Nettler, Don Lyman, Ernie Duckworth, Walter Vennum, Walter Hodgen, Jim Hersh, Joe Speelman, Lee Fisk, and Mike Speelman.

Bob Butler was named president of the Com-

mercial Club Tuesday evening.

Seventy-Five Years Ago January 8, 1943

Mr. and Mrs. Will Tucker entertained at a New Year's Eve party. Bingo was played during the evening. Mrs. Will Hawks and Mrs. R.D. Roberts won prizes. Refreshments were served and the group watched the old year out and the new year in.

A lovely tea was held New Year's Day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Anderson on Coppei Avenue to announce the engagement of their niece Miss Virginia Rinehart to Denney Neace.

Miss Ruth McGovern was married to Delbert Hansen last Wednesday in Tacoma. The ceremony was held at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McGovern in Tacoma.

One Hundred Years Ago January 11, 1918

Lewiston High School will play Waitsburg High School for the first time in the history of the two schools Friday night at Preston Hall.

Little Miss Marion Bailey entertained a number of her little friends and schoolmates Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 2, the occasion being her 6th birthday.

The Red Cross met at A. J. McLaughlin's and family Friday for work.

Little Ronald Barnes has now recovered from a serious sick spell of the past week.

Just a light touch of winter. A sprinkle of snow Tuesday night with light frost.

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago January 13, 1893

Water was turned into the reservoir on Wednesday evening, Jan. 11, 1893 at exactly 5 o'clock.

The county commissioners are asked to make a liberal appropriation from the county funds to sink an artesian well on Eureka Flat. Go slow with the people's funds, gentlemen.

It is reported that D. G. Ingraham will be employed to do the surveying for the water works at Bolles. M. M. Kent is going to have a water ditch running from Clarence Masons ranch past Mrs. Woodruff's, then on down to A. N. Brown's where the water will be turned back into the Touchet. So you see Bolles Junction is bound to be in the swim along with the rest of the great cities.

TOUCHET VALLEY NEWS

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Senior

Dayton Round Table

Catholic

Church

405 W. Fifth, Waitsburg

Mass Sunday 5 p.m.

382-2311

Fr. Steve Werner

Waitsburg

Presbyterian

Church

504 Main

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Worship 11 a.m.

337-6589

Rev. Bret Moser

Waitsburg

Chapel

320 W. 2nd

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

Worship 11 a.m.

Evening Worship 6 p.m.

Bible Study

Wednesdays 7:30 p.m.

337-6235

Rev. Jimmie Daves

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Church

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Each Sunday

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Waitsburg

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Worship 11 a.m.

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121 Main St, (Town Hall)

Senior Center (403 E. Patit St.)

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

Waitsburg Resource Center

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

Family Story Time Dayton Memorial Library

Dayton Friends of the Fairgrounds

6 p.m.

American Legion Building 7 p.m.

Prescott Story Time Prescott Library

11 a.m.

Open Studio Music Jam

145 Main (Use side door) 6:30 p.m.

School Lunch Menu

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

> 5: No School 8: Breakfast Sandwich; Chicken Nuggets, **Sweet Potato Tots** 9: Biscuit & Gravv: Cheese OR Pepperoni Pizza, Carrots, Pine-10: Cinnamon Roll; Beef Stew, French Bread

11: Muffin & Yogurt;

Taco Salad

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Waitsburg Story **Time**

Weller Public Library 10:30 a.m.

Celebrate Recovery, **Dayton**

Catalyst Church (311 S. 4th)

Dinner 6 p.m.; Meeting 7 p.m.

Dayton-Waitsburg Athletic Combine Meet-

Waitsburg Elementary School Library 6 p.m.

Prescott City Council

> City Hall 7:30 p.m.

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.

Senior Assoc. **Dayton** Round Table

Senior Center (403 E. Patit St.)

12 p.m.

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

Christian Women's Connection

Waitsburg Town Hall 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Call (509) 399-2005 for reservations.

Dayton Story Time

Dayton Memorial Library

10 a.m.

Celebrate Recovery

Waitsburg Christian Church

6:30 - 8 p.m.

Waitsburg **School Board**

Elementary School Library 7 p.m.

Dayton Senior **Round Table**

Senior Center (403 E. Patit St.)

12 p.m.

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Waitsburg Resource Center

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Waitsburg Town Hall

Town Hall 7 p.m.

PJPRD Board Meet-

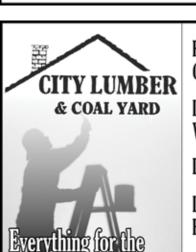
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NEWS BRIEFS

CEREAL GRAINS WORKSHOP, JAN. 16

WALLA WALLA - The WSU extension office will host a Cereal Grains Workshop on Jan. 16 at the Walla Walla Regional Airport from 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

A variety of topics will be covered including: Soilborne Wheat Mosaic Virus in the PNW; Removing Herbicide Residues from Sprayers; Weeds on the Web; "Wheat Straw" What Does it Do for You?; Relationships between the Herbicide; Your Crops and the Soil; and Integrated Pest Management Techniques for Controlling Grasshopper and Mormon Cricket Out-

The workshop costs \$25 and includes lunch and refreshments. Five continuing education pesticide credits have been applied for Washington and Oregon. Register online at https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3214256 or for more information please contact the WSU Extension Office at 509-524-2685 or email Becki Green at becki.green@wsu.edu.

VETERAN'S RELIEF BOARD APPLICANTS NEEDED

WALLA WALLA - Walla Walla County has five openings on the Veterans' Relief Advisory Board (VRAB). The board is responsible to advise the county commissioners, in coordination with the Dept. of Human Services, on the needs of local indigent veterans, and the resources and programs that could benefit them and their families.

Interested applicants must be Walla Walla County residents and must be a veteran. Membership terms are three years. Application forms can be found at the county website at www.co.walla-walla.wa.us or at the commissioners' office at 314 W. Main in Walla Walla. Call (509) 524-2650 with any questions, or email wwcocommissioners@co.walla-walla.wa.us.

Applications must be completed and returned to the commissioners' office by Wed., Jan. 10.

PROVIDENCE RESTRICTS VISITORS **DUE TO FLU**

WALLA WALLA – Providence St. Mary Medical has placed restrictions on visitors due to the widespread flu in the Walla Walla area.

- •Visitors must be either members of the immediate family or individuals age 18 or older.
- •An exception is in the Birth Center where healthy siblings under 18 may visit, but must report to the nurse's station before proceeding to Mom's room so they can be assessed and given masks to wear for the duration of the visit. •All patients are restricted to two visitors at a time in
- the hospital. This means two visitors, total, in the entire hospital building. The intent is to discourage large groups of people from being in the waiting rooms, cafeterias or other public areas of the hospital.
- •Visitors accompanying patients for Providence Medical Group clinic or diagnostic appointments who have a cough or influenza-like symptoms will be given a mask to wear, and are asked to use good hand hygiene to protect others.

The restrictions will remain in place until the incidence of flu declines in the community. Providence St. Mary appreciates the public's help in the effort to reduce the spread of the disease.

BIRTHDAYS

January 5: Fred Rankin, Barb Colby, Willard Cameron, Terry John, Aaron Jones and Ted Seaton. January 6: Kurtis Reser, Maddie Callahan.

January 7: Cecil Webber, Erma Gilbertson, Patrick

Donnelly, Jim Hofer, Alice Webber and Kristyn Scott. January 8: Steven Price, Esther Presler and Todd

January 9: Jennifer Nichols, Angela Crawford, Tim Estes, Nicholas Carpenter, Gail Thames, Gerri Glover, Trevor McGee and Jarod Gagnon.

January 10: Caden McCaw, Todd Harris, Cynthia Graham, Roddy Krause, Andy Hermanns, Kimberly Neal, Melissa Harting, Kyle Huwe, Amanda and Ashley Danforth, Kelly Zuger and Denise Winnett.

January 11: Krista McKinley, Bettina Anderson, Raymond Reed and Jay McKinley, Deborah Larsen.

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"I'm going to call in a specialist to finish out our foursome."

GUEST COLUMN

Online Sales Good for Washington Papermakers

By Don C. Brunell

Curbside recycling bins are packed with cardboard shipping boxes from Christmas online shopping. The uptick in consumer shipments is not only good news for the U.S. Postal Service, FedEx and UPS, but our nation's papermakers.

According to Mastercard Spending Pulse, U.S. year-end holiday retail sales rose nearly five percent compared to the same period last year while online purchases shot up more than 18 percent.

USA Today reported "despite thousands of store closings this year, Americans supplied a final flurry of spending to give retailers their best holiday sales since 2011." The National Retail Federation expects the total to be roughly \$682 billion.

The good news is most of those shipping boxes are headed back to paper mills instead of landfills. The volume is huge. Amazon, which accounts for about 40 percent of the online sales, uses 1.6 million boxes each day, according to MRBOXonline.

The percentage of boxes that Americans recycle has dramatically increased from 55 percent in 1993 to 90 percent today. Unfortunately, the recovery rate for other paper is only 22 percent.

The Fibre Box Association notes that corrugated (technical term for cardboard) is primarily Made in America. Imported cardboard comprises only three percent of the box materials used in our country.

"If we recycled all this paper instead of using virgin paper, we could save approximately 27.5 million tons of carbon dioxide from going into the atmosphere. This is the equivalent of taking 5.2 million cars off the road each year or the amount of energy that it takes to power 1.3 million homes for a year," MRBOXonline reported.

According to the American Forest and Paper Association (AF&PA), the paper and packaging industry depends heavily on recycling. Nationally, the corrugated industry has sales of \$115 billion a year, employs almost 400,000 people, and pays approximately \$30 billion in annual compensation.

Washington is one of the country's leading recycling states which supports a vibrant paper industry.

Last February, AF&PA along with the Washington Forest Protection and Northwest Pulp and Paper associations, released their study which found Washington forest products industry supports family-wage jobs for 106,000 workers and generates \$5.2 billion in wages annually.

By contrast, last year Boeing employed nearly 72,000 people and purchased \$5.2 billion in goods and services in our state.

A major part of that industry is paper used in packaging.

For example, KapStone's Longview mill is one of the nation's largest recyclers of corrugated containers. The company's Western operations, which also includes plants in Seattle and Yakima, employs over 1,700 people.

KapStone and other papermakers focus on sustainability. The Longview mill has reduced its water consumption by one-third since 2005 and cut total greenhouse gas emissions by approximately 72 percent as of 2011 year-end. Almost 90 percent of the energy used at the mill is from renewable sources.

Earlier this year, the National Council for Air and Stream Improvement (NCASI) found that recycled corrugated packaging reduced the industry's greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) by 35 percent between 2006 and 2014 by keeping it out of landfills. Methane emissions from landfills are a significant contributor to global warming.

According to EPA, in 2014, the most recent year for which data is available, 89 million tons of materials from cardboard to plastics were recycled or composted. "Doing so reduced greenhouse-gas emissions in a move equivalent to eliminating the annual emissions of 38 million passenger cars."

The Pacific Northwest is blessed with abundant forests and a vital wood and paper products industry. In Washington alone, forests absorb and store 28.6 percent of the state's climate emissions in live trees and harvested prod-

Combine that with recycling and that is good news heading into 2018.

Don C. Brunell is a business analyst, writer and columnist. He recently retired as president of the Association of Washington Business, the state's oldest and largest business organization, and now lives in Vancouver. He can be contacted at theBrunells@msn.com.

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mational kiosk on Main Street, and look into using ground along the Touchet River for citizen recreational use.

These items are in addition to ongoing services such as police coverage, funding the city pool and library, garbage collection, and maintaining the park and cemetery.

At their November meeting, Hinchliffe told the council that 2017 was an above-average year for property sales.

"In a given year, twenty properties, plus or minus, change hands. This year it's been more like 30," he said.

Preparation for 2019 will include design and engineering work for an updated waterline in the east end of the city where water pressure is low. The city will also look at widening some of the older, narrow streets to allow for improved traffic flow, as well as continued planning for a Taggart Road extension to Highway 12.

Moments

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

- On Jan. 9, 1776, writer Thomas Paine publishes his pamphlet "Common Sense," setting forth his arguments in favor of American independence. Pamphlets were an important medium for the spread of ideas in the 16th through 19th centuries.
- On Jan. 12, 1926, the two-man comedy series "Sam 'n' Henry" debuts on Chicago's WGN radio station. Two years later, after changing its name to "Amos 'n' Andy," it became one of the most popular radio programs in American history.
- On Jan. 11, 1935, American aviatrix Amelia Earhart departs Wheeler Field in Honolulu on a solo flight to North America. Hawaiian commercial interests had offered a \$10,000 award to whoever first accomplished the flight. The next day, after traveling 2,400 miles in 18 hours, Earhart landed safely in Oakland, California.
- On Jan. 10, 1941, President Franklin Roosevelt introduces the lend-lease program to Congress to help Britain beat back Hitler's advance while keeping America only indirectly involved in World War II. By the end of the war, more than \$50 billion in funds, weapons, aircraft and ships had been distributed to 44 countries.
- On Jan. 8, 1962, at the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C., Leonardo da Vinci's masterpiece, the Mona Lisa, is exhibited for the first time in America.
- On Jan. 14, 1973, the Miami Dolphins defeat the Washington Redskins 14-7 at the Los Angeles Coliseum in Super Bowl VII, becoming the first team in NFL history to finish with an undefeated season.
- On Jan. 13, 1982, an Air Florida Boeing 727 plunges into the Potomac River in Washington, D.C., killing 78 people. The crash, caused by bad weather, took place only 2 miles from the White House. Investigators said the plane had to wait too long after being de-iced before it could take off, allowing new ice to accumulate on the wings.

A PROUD TRADITION

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Letters should be no more than 400 words long. All letters must be signed by the writer(s) using their actual name, and complete contact information for each writer, including address and phone number must be included.

We reserve the right to decline to publish any letter that we deem inappropriate for our readership.

WDFW Conducts Aerial Mule Deer Study

By Dena Martin | THE TIMES

The Washington Dept. of Fish and Wildlife is currently flying randomly selected sub-units in Walla Walla, Columbia and Garfield counties to obtain a mule-deer population estimate for District 3 mule deer, excluding the mountain areas, according to Assistant District Wildlife Biologist Mark Vekasy.

Vekasy says the WDFW is also planning a mule deer capture to radio-collar 50 mule deer across the survey area to understand more about survival and movements. Internal study plans for the survey and capture follow objectives outlined in the Statewide Mule Deer Management Plan.

Those objectives are:

- •By 2021, develop new or refine existing survey designs for each of the seven MDMZs to estimate population levels or trends, pre- and/or post-hunt age and sex ratios, and/or spring fawn to adult ratios
- •Within each MDMZ, manage mule deer to ensure stable or increasing populations, as indicated by demographic indicators
- •Adaptively manage (Stankey et al. 2005) to attempt to maintain the current level of mule deer hunting opportunity throughout the seven management
- •By 2027, within each MDMZ maintain or improve the quality of at least 10% of the important seasonal habitats that support mule deer populations

- •Maintain or reduce the number of damage prevention permits or kill permits issued to minimize commercial crop damage caused by deer in MDMZs over the period 2016 -2021
- •By 2020, have long-term solutions or plans in place for at least three local communities dealing with urban mule deer populations causing nuisance or damage issues
- By 2018, increase the number of times mule deer are profiled in public outreach and engagement efforts to at least four per year
- •Establish and promote public use of at least two mule deer viewing opportunity sites with informational kiosks by 2021
- Raise public awareness about deer-vehicle collisions by hosting a town hall type meeting in each MDMZ by 2023, discussing the selected problem areas described above
- Achieve 90% compliance of regulations during mule deer hunting season by 2018
- Prevent illegal take of mule deer outside of the hunting season and illegal commercialization of mule deer parts from increasing above the current level
- Increase funding for mule deer management and research by 10% by 2022
- •Integrate mule deer into the planned, multi-species predator-prey study by 2017

More information about the Statewide Mule Deer Management Plan can be found at http://wdfw. wa.gov/publications/01755/.



Courtesy Photo

A herd of mule deer as seen from the inside of a helicopter.

Times File Photo



Above: Children perform in last years' Spectacle of Miscellany variety show. An informational meeting about this year's show will be held Jan. 29. Left: Roz Edwards (I) as Mrs. Ethelinda Hewlitt has a heart-to-heart with Meghan Bromley who played the heroine, Purity in TVAC's first May Melodrama, Pure as the Driven Snow: A Working Girl's Secret, last May. This year, Bret and Bethany Moser will direct A Bad Day at Gopher's Breath. An informational meeting for this year's melodrama will be held Jan. 22.

TVAC GEARS UP FOR VARIETY **SHOW AND MAY MELODRAMA**

A Disney- themed spring variety show will play in March and a western Melodrama will hit the stage in May

DAYTON - Aspiring perfomers are invited to participate in Touchet Valley Arts Council's Spring Variety Show in March and/or a May Melodrama.

Tracy Barron and Jae Nichols will once again direct the annual variety show which will run March 16-18. This year's theme is "Delightful, Dazzling, and Dandy!"

The variety show is a great way to display local talent of all ages, without performers having to make the much larger time commitment required for the live fall production. It is also an ideal introduction to the theater for new performers, according to the directors.

An informational meeting will be held at the Liberty Theater on Jan. 29 at 6 p.m. and auditions will take place Feb. 5-9. Choose a favorite Disneyesque song to sing, dance, play an instrument to, or scene to act out.

Contact Tracy at (509) 520-8776, TracyB@cchd-wa.org or Jae at (509) 386-9576, JennieN@cchd-wa.org.

Bret and Bethany Moser will direct the second annual May Melodrama, A Bad Day at Gopher's Breath.

"After many failures due to ineptitude, the notorious Rawlins gang rides into Gopher's Breath to rob the bank. While Rawhide Rawlins dreams of a farm for his ma, Sheriff Crutchwaffle, representing all that's rotten in town, also has his designs on the loot. He needs money to escape the clutches of Fat Jack Caldwell, the most feared man in the West. Stricken by love, Rawhide tries desperately to go straight."

An informational meeting will be held at the theater annex (enter from behind the theater) on Jan. 22 at 5:45 p.m..

Auditions will be held Feb. 1 from 4-7 p.m. and Feb. 3 from 9 a.m.-noon.

JANUARY AT THE DAYTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Jan. 4, 6 p.m. Family Story Time and Dinner, Delany Room

Jan. 17, 4 p.m. Friends of the Dayton Memorial Library Jan. 19, 6 p.m. Tod Marshall, Washington State Poet Laureate

Jan. 20, 6 p.m. Book Chat, Delany Room

Jan. 30, 2-3 p.m., Tech Tuesday with Charlie, Delany Room

Story Time every Wednesday. at 10 a.m.

Waitsburg Agrees to Flood Study

CITY WILL PARTNER WITH ARMY CORP OF ENGINEERS TO EVALUATE AND MITIGATE FLOOD RISKS

By Dena Martin | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG - All eyes were on the Touchet River and Coppei Creek last week as warm weather and heavy rains resulted in flood advisories throughout the Touchet Valley. While there was no significant flooding this go-round, it is only a matter of time before the valley sees another high water event, like the Flood of 1996.

That knowledge is what prompted the Waitsburg City Council to commit to a flood feasibility study with the Army Corps of Engineers (ACE) at their Dec. 20 regular meeting. Council member Terry Jacoy cast the lone dissenting vote against entering into the agreement which makes the city responsible for funding \$225,000 of the \$550,000 study.

The city approached the ACE in 2014, seeking help with flood risk assessment. In the fall of 2015 the federal government determined there was a need and Waitsburg was eligible for a cost-share program with the ACE.

Army Corp Chief Planner Rebecca Kalamasz gave a presentation to the council, explaining that the city experiences a significant high water event every 20-30 years. Kalamasz cited the Flood of 1964 and the Flood of 1996, which was just slightly less.

Kalamasz said that in 1996, more than 65% of the town was inundated with water. Sediment deposition destroyed homes and damaged public infrastructure, with damage exceeding \$13 million.

In addition, she said that blocked highways had a commercial impact on transportation with trucks being routed around the area at an additional potential loss of \$2 to \$18 million. She also mentioned the life and safety impacts of fighting the flood, being isolated from critical services and the health hazards associated with water and sed-

In order to cut costs, the scope of the study, which originally included all of Waitsburg, the Coppei and the Touchet River, was reduced to focus on the upstream portion of the Touchet River, from Main Street to the Grange.

"That is the area with the biggest impact on economics, infrastructure, and the highway," Kalamasz said.

She said that downstream improvements such as replacement of the Main Street Bridge, removal of houses, and changes at the wastewater treatment plant should improve performance and also leave less infrastructure in need of

protection.

Since



Waitsburg became eligible for the program, City Manager Randy Hinchliffe has been in the pursuit of funding. He told the council he has currently secured approximately \$175,000 toward the city's portion of the study costs, should the council approve the study.

Those funds include \$20,000 from the Flood Control District, \$20,000 in county funds (\$5,000 annually for four years), a possible \$25,000 grant from the Dept. of Ecology, approximately \$35,000 work-in-kind from the city, and appropriations of \$25,000 from the city budget annually for three years. The city is still \$50,000 short of

covering its portion of the study, but Hinchliffe said he felt confident the city could secure that funding over the next three years. While the study can be completed

in two years, the city asked that it be stretched out over three years to better fit within the budget. Kalamasz said she has been made

aware of more possibilities the city may have to provide additional work-inkind as well.

Once the study, which includes all necessary permitting, is completed, the city will be presented with the best alternatives, based on expert opinion and economic analysis, to choose from. The city is free to determine whether or not to move forward with construction, and to choose (or decline) the option that best fits its budget.

The construction phase of the program, should the city choose to move forward following the study, is split 65/35, with the city paying 35 percent

City Attorney Jared Hawkins had reviewed the agreement and said he found the terms acceptable.

Council member Terry Jacoy expressed concern at the \$550,000 price tag "just for a study" when there was no guarantee the city would be able to afford the improvement options once they were presented.

Council member KC Kuykendall said the cost was not unreasonable and said that the city had just cost-shared \$550,000 to update a Shoreline Master Plan with Waitsburg, Walla Walla and

Council member Jim Romine motioned to proceed with the cost-share agreement, Kuykendall seconded, and all council members but Jacoy voted in agreement.

LEGALS

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-1045A

An Ordinance of the City of Waitsburg, Washington, amending Ordinance 2017-1045 related to the City to entering into and receiving a line of credit from Community Bank in the amount of \$750,000 to provide funding to pay for costs relating to infrastructure improvements associated with the City Water and Sewer

The full text of Ordinance 1045A is available for examination on the City's website www.cityofwaitsburg.com or at the City Clerk's Office, 147 Main St., Waitsburg, WA, during normal business hours.

Adopted the 20th Day of December 2017 Marty Dunn, Mayor

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-1048

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE 2017 BUDGET OF THE CITY OF WAITS-**BURG**

Section 1. The budget for the City of Waitsburg, Washington, for fiscal year 2018 is hereby adopted at the fund level in its final form and content as set forth in the document entitled City of Waitsburg, 2018 Budget, which is on file in the Office of the City Clerk.

Section 2. Estimated resources, including fund balances or working capital for each separate fund of the City of Waitsburg, and aggregate totals (net of transactions between funds) for all such funds combined for the year 2018 are set forth in summary form below, and are hereby appropriated for expenditure at the fund level during the year 2018 as set forth below:

Amount Current Expense Fund (001) \$670,335 Cemetery M&I Fund (002) \$106,850

Library M&I Fund (003) \$2,800 City Street & Road (102) \$258,500

\$500 Municipal Capital Improvement (107)

Water & Sewer Department (401)\$1,114,100

Total All Funds

Promotion (106)

\$2,169,085

\$16,000

The full text of Ordinance 1048 is available for examina tion on the City's website www. cityofwaitsburg.com or at the City Clerk's Office, 147 Main St., Waitsburg, WA, during normal business hours.

Adopted the 20th Day of December 2017 Marty Dunn, Mayor

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NO. 17-4-00030-7 **NOTICE TO CREDITORS** IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASH-INGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY

OF COLUMBIA In the Matter of the Estate Of

KEVIN M. MIEDEMA, Deceased.

The Administrator named below has been appointed and has qualified as the Administrator of this estate. Persons having claims against the decedent must, prior to the time such claims would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, serve their claims on the Administrator or the attorneys of record at the address stated below and file an executed copy of the claim with the Clerk of this Court within four months after the date of first publication of this notice or within four months after the date of the filing of the copy of this Notice with the Clerk of the Court, whichever is later, or except under those provisions included in R.C.W. 11.40.011 or 11.40.013 of this act, the claim will be forever barred. This bar is effective as to claims against both the probate assets and non-probate assets of the decedent.

DATE OF FILING OF NOTICE TO CREDITORS: December 20, 2017.

DATE OF FIRST PUBLICA-TION: January 4, 2018.

/s/Cathy G. Miedema CATHERINE L. MIEDEMA, Administrator

c/o MARINELLA & BOGGS Attorneys at Law, WSBA# P. O. Box 7; 338 E. Main Street Dayton, WA 99328 (509) 382-2541

> The Times Jan 4, 11, 18, 2018 1-4-b

No. 17-4-00224-9 **Probate Notice to Creditors** (RCW 11.40.030)

Superior Court of Washington County of Walla Walla

In the Matter of the Estate of Jubilee Ulu,

Deceased.

The Designated Administrator named below has been appointed as Designated Administrator 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 Designated Administrator or the Designated Administrator'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 Designated Administrator 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 11.40.060. This

Date of First Publication: Dec. 21, 2017 Publication: Waitsburg Times Michael Ulu, Designated Administrator c/o Michael S. Mitchell Attorney at Law 129 West Main Street Walla Walla, WA 99362

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against both the decedent's

probate and nonprobate

Publish: December 21, December 28, January 4

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No. 17 4 00212 5 PROBATE NOTICE TO **CREDITORS** RCW 11.40.030 IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASH-**INGTON** IN AND FOR THE COUNTY **OF WALLA WALLA**

In re the Estate of: BRIAN D CHANDLER, Deceased.

The Administrator named below has been appointed as Administrator 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 Administrator, or the Administrator's attorney at the address stated below, a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of:

1. Thirty (30) days after the Administrator served or mailed the Notice to the Creditors as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or

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

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

Administrator: Dana M. Chandler

Attorney for the Administrator: Mona J. Geidl, Minnick-Havner Address for Mailing or Service:

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

Court of Probate Proceedings and Cause Number: Walla Walla County Superior Court, Cause No. 17-4-00212-

Date of First Publication: December 28, 2017 DANA M. CHANDLER Administrator By: /s/ Dana M. Chandler Dana M. Chandler Administrator

Dates of Publication: December 28, 2017 January 4, 2018 January 11, 2018

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Pursuant to the Revised Code of Washington 61.24, et seq. TS No.: WA-16-748719-SW APN No.: 36-07-29-87-3111 Title Order No.: 8674645 Deed of Trust Grantor(s): Helen M Smith Deed of Trust Grantee(s): U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION ND Deed of Trust Instrument/ Reference No.: 2009-08436 I. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Quality Loan Service Corp. of Washington, the undersigned Trustee, will on 2/2/2018, at 10:00 AM At the main entrance to the Walla Walla county Courthouse, located at 315 W Main, Walla Walla, WA 99362 sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder, payable in the form of credit bid or cash bid in the form of cashier's check or certified checks from federally or State chartered banks, at the time of sale the following described real property, situated in the County of WALLA WALLA, State of Washington, to-wit: Situated in the County of Walla Walla State of Washington: Beginning at a point in the dividing line between Block 31 of Roberts' Addition to the City of Walla Walla and Evan's Addition to said City of Walla Walla according to the official plat of said Addition, which point is 132 feet West measured along said dividing line from the point of intersection thereof with the Westerly line of First Avenue South in said City; thence North 29 Deg. 50' West 62 feet; thence South 65 Deg. 00' West 60.55 feet; thence South 25 Deg. 00' East 61.78 feet to said dividing line; thence North 65 Deg. 00' East 65.7 feet to the point of beginning. More commonly known as: 422 1/2 S 1st Ave, Walla Walla, WA 99362 which is subject to that certain Deed of Trust dated 7/27/2009 recorded 8/19/2009, under Instrument No. 2009-08436 records of WALLA WALLA County, Washington, from HELEN M. SMITH, UNMAR-RIED AKA HELEN MARIE SMITH, as grantor(s), to U.S. BANK TRUST COMPANY, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION as original trustee, to secure an obligation in favor of U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIA-TION ND, as original benefic iary, the beneficial interest of which is held by U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION ND, the Beneficiary . II. No action commenced by the Beneficiary of the Deed of Trust is now pending to seek satisfaction of the obligation in any Court by reason of the Borrower's or Grantor's default on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust/Mortgage. III. The default(s) for which this foreclosure is made is/are as follows: Failure to pay when due the following amounts which are now in arrears: \$23.552.73 . IV. The sum owing on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust is: The principal sum of \$52,497.48 , together with interest as provided in the

Note from 4/3/2014 on. and

such other costs and fees as

are provided by statute. V. The

above-described real property

will be sold to satisfy the

expense of sale and the

obligation secured by the

Deed of Trust as provided by

statute. Said sale will be made

without warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances on 2/2/2018. The defaults referred to in Paragraph III must be cured by 1/22/2018 (11 days before the sale date), or by other date as permitted in the Note or Deed of Trust, to cause a discontinuance of the sale. The sale will be discontinued and terminated if at any time before 1/22/2018 (11 days before the sale), or by other date as permitted in the Note or Deed of Trust, the default as set forth in Paragraph III is cured and the Trustee's fees and costs are paid. Payment must be in cash or with cashiers or certified checks from a State or federally chartered bank. The sale may be terminated any time after the 1/22/2018 (11 days before the sale date) and before the sale, by the Borrower or Grantor or the holder of any recorded junior lien or encumbrance by paying the principal and interest, plus costs, fees and advances, if any, made pursuant to the terms of the obligation and/or Deed of Trust, and curing all other defaults. VI. A written Notice of Default was transmitted by the Beneficiary or Trustee to the Borrower(s) and Grantor(s) by both first class and certified mail, proof of which is in the possession of the Trustee: and the Borrower and Grantor were personally served, if applicable, with said written Notice of Default or the written Notice of Default was posted in a conspicuous place on the real property described in Paragraph I above, and the Trustee has possession of proof of such service or posting. The list of recipients of the Notice of Default is listed within the Notice of Foreclosure provided to the Borrower(s) and Grantor(s). These requirements were completed as of 4/12/2017 VII. The Trustee whose name and address are set forth below will provide in writing to anyone requesting it, a statement of all costs and fees 1-4-c due at any time prior to the sale. VIII. The effect of the sale will be to deprive the Grantor and all those who hold by, through or under the Grantor of all their interest in the above-described property. IX. Anyone having any objections to this sale on any grounds whatsoever will be afforded an opportunity to be heard as to those objections if they bring a lawsuit to restrain the sale pursuant to RCW 61.24.130. Failure to bring such a lawsuit 0.64 to 0.74 may result in a waiver of any

proper grounds for invalidating the Trustee's sale. X. NOTICE TO OCCUPANTS OR TENANTS - The purchaser at the Trustee's Sale is entitled to possession of the property on the 20 th day following the sale, as against the Grantor under the deed of trust (the owner) and anyone having an interest junior to the deed of trust, including occupants who are not tenants. After the 20 th day following the sale the purchaser has the right to evict occupants who are not tenants by summary proceedings under Chapter 59.12 RCW. For tenant-occupied property, the purchaser shall provide a tenant with written notice in accordance with RCW 61.24.060. THIS NOTICE IS THE FINAL STEP BEFORE THE FORECLOSURE SALE OF YOUR HOME. You have only 20 DAYS from the recording date of this notice to pursue mediation. DO NOT DELAY. CONTACT A HOUS-ING COUNSELOR OR AN ATTORNEY LICENSED IN WASHINGTON NOW to assess your situation and refer you to mediation if you are eligible and it may help you save your home. See below for safe sources of help. SEEKING ASSISTANCE Housing counselors and legal assistance may be available at little or no cost to you. If you would like assistance in determining your rights and opportunities to keep your house, you may contact the following: The statewide foreclosure hotline for assistance and referral to housing counselors recom-

mended by the Housing

dfi.wa.gov/consumers/

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Finance Commission: Toll-free:

1-877-894-HOME (1-877-894-

4663) or Web site: http://www.

Department of Housing and Urban Development: Toll-free: 1-800-569-4287 or National Web Site: http://portal.hud.gov/ hudportal/HUD or for Local counseling agencies in Washington: http://www.hud. gov/offices/hsg/sfh/hcc/fc/ index.cfm?webListAction=search&searchstate=WA&filterSvc=dfc The statewide civil legal aid hotline for assistance and referrals to other housing counselors and attorneys: Telephone: 1-800-606-4819 or Web site: http://nwjustice.org/ what-clear . Additional disclaimers provided by the Trustee: If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the noteholders rights against the real property only. QUALITY MAY BE CONSID-**ERED A DEBT COLLECTOR** ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A **DEBT AND ANY INFORMA-**TION OBTAINED WILL BE **USED FOR THAT PURPOSE** Dated: 9/28/2017 Quality Loan Service Corp. of Washington, as Trustee By: Kristen Oswood, Assistant Secretary Trustee's Mailing Address: Quality Loan Service Corp. of Washington C/O Quality Loan Service Corp. 411 Ivy Street, San Diego, CA 92101 (866) 645-7711 Trustee's Physical Address: Quality Loan Service Corp. of Washington 108 1 st Ave South, Suite 202 Seattle, WA 98104 (866) 925-0241 Sale Line: 916-939-0772 or Logi n to: http://wa.qualityloan. com Trustee Sale Number: WA-16-748719-SW State of: County of: On before me, ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument. I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of the State of WITNESS my hand and official seal. (Seal) Signature IDSPub #0132244 1/4/2018 1/25/2018

The Times Jan. 4, 25, 2018

Public Notice

Pursuant to the requirements of 36.77.070 Revised Code of Washington (RCW), notice is hereby given of Columbia County's intent to use county forces for the following highway construction project:

Project No. 15-60 Countywide Sign Upgrade Whiskey Creek Road MP

Work to Be Performed: Replace deficient signs on various roads throughout the county. The estimated cost of the county forces work is \$61.115. Funding for the project is from a safety grant through the Washington State Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration.

William Andrew Woods, P.E. Columbia County Engineer/ Public Works Director

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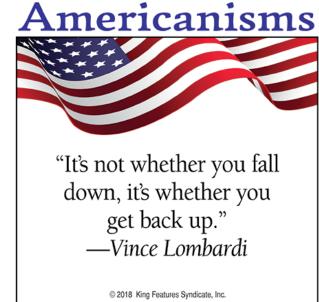
STRANGE BUT TRUE

by Samantha Weaver

- * The unknown soul who made the following sage observation must have been a keen observer of events: "A politician can appear to have his nose to the grindstone while straddling a fence and keeping both ears to the ground."
- * In the 17th century, a Frenchman opened a coffee shop in London and sold chocolate, newly imported from the Americas, for 10 to 15 shillings a pound. That may not sound like much until you learn that at the time, the going price of a pound gold was 20 to 30 shillings.
- * Are you interested in pogonotrophy? If you're a woman, the answer is probably no. The word, derived from the Greek word "pogon," or "beard," and the suffix "trophy," or nourishment, refers to the growing of a beard.
- * Most people realize that many places in the United States were once known by different names. Here's a sampling: the Potomac River was originally called Conococheague Creek, Camp David was named Shangri-La, and the USA itself was once known as the United States of Congress Assembled.
- * Good news for the not-so-neat among us: Making your bed could be bad for you. A study done in the United Kingdom at Kingston University showed that the linens of an unmade bed retain less moisture, therefore making them less attractive to dust mites.
- * Evidently it's not just humans who associate a deeper voice with maturity (and desirability) in males. It seems that male owls try to appear more macho and attract females by lowering the tone of their hoots.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

'The cult of individual personalities is always, in my view, unjustified. To be sure, nature distributes her gifts variously among her children. But there are plenty of the well-endowed ones too, thank God, and I am firmly convinced that most of them live quiet, unregarded lives." -- Albert Einstein



PUZZLES/RECIPE

Super Crossword

SUMMING UP THE NEW YEAR

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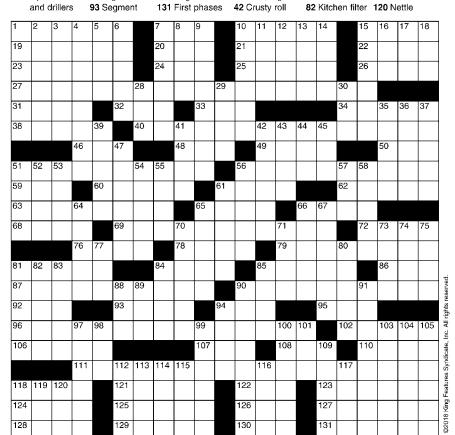
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TEENY MCMUNN: MY RECIPE BOX

Jorge's Indian-Spiced **Tomato Lentil Soup**

This caught my eye and, of course, makes me think of tomato soup and grilled cheese sandwiches, always a favorite for those cold days and a quick dinner. I didn't get a chance to make it yet but it got a five-star rati9ng. One of the seasonings is garam masala. I googled it to see if it was going to be hard to find and it isn't. When I get it purchased and if you are interested in making this, then please let me know. The recipe only calls for 1/8 teaspoon, so I'm sure I will have plenty to share. It looks like an interesting blend of flavors.



And speaking of grilled cheese sandwiches, I didn't realize there was another way to make them, except to put butter on each side and grill it. I was aghast when I saw Joe put mayonnaise on the bread, then grill it. Now he does his sandwich and I do mine.

INGREDIENTS:

- 4 c. low-sodium vegetable broth, divided
- 1 small yellow onion, finely chopped 1 clove garlic, finely chopped
- 1 tsp ground coriander
- ½ tsp ground cinnamon 1/8 tsp ground turmeric
- 1/8 tsp garam masala
- 1/8 tsp cayenne pepper
- 1 c. red lentils
- 1 can (14.5 oz) no salt diced tomatoes
- 1 Tbsp fresh lemon juice (opt) 1 Tbsp crumbled feta cheese (opt)

DIRECTIONS:

Bring ½ cup broth to a boil in a pot; reduce heat and simmer. Add onion and garlic and simmer until onion is translucent and tender, about 5 minutes. Stir coriander, cinnamon, turmeric, garam masala, and cayenne pepper into onion mixture; simmer for 1 minute.

Stir lentils into spiced onion mixture; cook stirring constantly for 30 seconds. Add remaining 3 ½ cups broth and tomatoes; bring to a boil. Reduce heat to low, cover, and simmer until lentils are tender, 10 to 12 minutes. Stir lemon juice into soup and garnish with feta cheese.

I would think if you didn't have lentils available, rice or small shell macaroni would be a good substitute, though lentils would be healthier.

If you have a favorite soup or dish you like to make for the winter months, please let me know. Or any other recipe you would like to share - I'd love to

ENJOY AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

KOVELS: ANTIQUES AND COLLECTING By Terry and Kim Kovel

'Kilroy Was Here'

Remember hearing "Kilroy was here"? Kilroy is a famous "doodle" seen during World War II. No one is sure exactly where it began, but in about 1939, the comic man looking over a fence while poking his nose and hands over it with the words "Kilroy was here" started to appear. The doodles were



It took only a little over \$160 to buy this "Kilroy was here" bank. The 5-inch-high plaster bank was painted red. The bottom had the words To open, cut hole in bottom." It is a very rare souvenir of the Second

found in strange places where soldiers were stationed. The character may have been inspired by an earlier bit of graffiti used by Australians during World War I with the words "Foo was here." He reappeared in the next war from 1941 to 1945. Kilroy graffiti was found in barracks, inside submarines, and, it is claimed, on the beaches at Normandy when the troops landed for the famous battle.

'Kilroy was here," with or without the doodle, still is part of American slang and has appeared in TV shows, movies and even songs in this century. The face over the fence has been made into inexpensive three-dimensional, carnival chalkware figures and even banks. A red plaster bank was one of several Kilroy pop-art items featured in a Hakes auction in 2016. It sold for \$168.37, probably to someone who remembers seeing a Kilroy message years ago.





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landscaping, benches, and bike racks.

"I knew it was going to be awesome and I didn't realize how much that was going to tie the east and west end, contiguously," Crothers said.

The DDTF contracts with the Chamber of Commerce in organization, promotion, design and maintenance.

"With B&O money we are allowed to help private small businesses improve their property," she said.

Some of those projects are the new public restroom at the Dayton Historic Depot, façade improvement through grants, regional wayfinding signs, maintenance at Caboose Park and the Commercial Street Walkway and downtown flowers.

"We've had more positive feedback on those flower planters the last two years than anything I can remember through all of the years," Crothers said.

In 2018, the DDTF will work at Caboose Park to get railroad-themed playground equipment and picnic tables, installed.

Chamber of Commerce

Bill Clemens, President of the Dayton Chamber of Commerce, announced board members for 2018.

They are: Kathy Berg, President; Ann Walsh Vice President; Bev Rising, Treasurer. Clemens will serve as Past President.

"Events are the biggest focus. We will continue with that and look for ways to make it better," Clemens said.

The job of the chamber is the general promotion and marketing of Dayton, which is done through hotel/motel funds. Clemens said the chamber stepped out into the social media realm fairly successfully in 2017.

Port manager Jennie Dickinson agreed, "There is no doubt that Justin's (Nix) additional promotion of Octoberfest brought different people to our town."

The Chamber will continue to work with the DDTF and on the Shop Local Campaign, and will keep an eye on targeting the market that was identified through a recent tourism survey, Clemens said.

CEDS Project List

Port Manager Jennie Dickinson spent considerable time updating the CEDS Project List in areas including: Education and Training, Infrastructure, Business Development, Tourism,



The county Planning Commission and Friends of the Fairgrounds have worked to bring improvements such as new HVAC and a sound system to the Dayton Fairgrounds. Left: An artist's rendering of the Columbia County Fairgrounds in the draft facilities plan

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Housing, Community Development, and Accomplishments.

Dickinson said she thinks upgrading the city's wastewater treatment plant is essential because the Department of Ecology has ruled there can be no new commercial connections without a discharge permit.

"I know one instance that caused a business to look elsewhere," she said. "That's my number one keeping Jennie up at night," she said.

Dickinson said she would like to see an internship program for jobs for teens and aging schools tops her list of priorities.

Also, recycling has come to a standstill because of the failure on the part of the state legislature to pass a capital budget.

"It's important for the planet," Dickinson said.

Economic Indicators

Dickinson spoke about some economic indicators for Columbia County.

In 1993, the county had a 15% average unemployment rate, not seasonally adjusted. The rate for the end of 2017 is 4.7%, which is "pretty astonishing." she said.

"It's very, very exciting. With tourism wind development and other things, we're not hit so hard," she said.

The largest employer in the county is CCHS with 159 employees, followed by Ski Bluewood, with 130. The Dayton School District employs 107 workers.

The biggest gain overall has been Seneca Foods Corporation which has almost doubled its workforce through increased seed production.

"It is full and busy, and we are very lucky they have kept their seed production here," Dickinson said.

The largest taxpayers in the county are those with wind facilities: Portland

General Electric, PacifiCorp and Puget Sound Energy, which are keeping individual tax rates steady or increasing very little, she said.

In 2003, the total county valuation was \$265 million. Dickinson said that because of the way wind facilities are valued, it has gone up 227 percent, to almost \$1 billion in 2017.

"Another really, really long term sign for our community," she said.

All taxable retail sales show a percent increase of 7.36% from second quarter 2016 to second quarter 2017. Taxable Retail Sales for the Retailing Industry shows an increase of 14% from 2016 to 2017, Dickinson said.

2017 Priorities

Dickinson also gave an update on the top three priorities for our region, which were voted on by stakeholders at the 2016 CEDS meeting.

Walking/Biking Trails

Stakeholders identified a bike trail going from Dayton to Waitsburg as a top priority. With help from a grant from the National Park Service, a plan that will connect nonmotorized trails throughout the region is in its final stages.

The finalized plan will be adopted by the Palouse Regional Transportation Planning Organization, and incorporated into regional city and county comprehensive plans, after which prioritization and funding can begin, she said

Fairgrounds/Community Center/ Historic Fairgrounds Building

Early in 2017, County Planning Director Meagan Bailey formed a committee to create a Facilities Improvement Plan for the fairgrounds and golf course. Since then, another group, the Friends of the Fairgrounds, has also formed to help.

Bailey said the Fairgrounds Pavilion has been upgraded with a new HVAC, sound system, tables and chairs, and is being used for community events.

The BOCC is creating a new maintenance department, under Dave Finney. Finney will be able to track expenses at any county-owned property, she said.

Security cameras at the golf course and horse arena will be installed to collect all associated use fees.

The Touchet Valley Golf Board will rent the restaurant and golf sheds from the county to help get the county out of heavy subsidization of those facilities, Bailey said.

Affordable/Senior/Assisted Living Housing

Dayton General Hospital CEO Shane McGuire addressed Affordable/Senior/ Assisted Living Housing.

He said the systems already in place only address long-term care and end-of-life care. He said there is a significant "donut hole" in care for older people who need intermediate care between living in their own home and nursing home care. People who need nursing home care are currently in facilities in Walla Walla, he said.

Columbia County Health System (CCHS) is looking into preliminary designs for a 24,000 sq. ft. memory care/assisted living facility.

"Seventy percent of the residents in the Booker Rest Home could qualify for that," McGuire said.

He said business plans and concepts will be finalized in 2018.

"We want these people to stay local. This is their home," he said.

CCHS is also looking into creating dementia-friendly communities **2018 Priorities**

At the end of the meeting those present were asked to identify top priorities for 2018. Of the 51 attendees, 38 people voted with the following items receiving the top five votes:

- 1. Wastewater Treatment Plant
- 2. School Facilities Plan/Improvements/Levies/Bonds
- 3. Workforce/Senior/Assisted Living/Memory Care Housing
 - 4. Boys & Girls Club
 - 5. Recycling

"These priorities help our economic development partners with decisions on how and where to allocate time and resources throughout the year," Dickinson said.



