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THIS WEEK

DAYTON



DEPOT

The history of the Dayton Depot and rail transportation is now available online thanks to the work of Museum Director Tamara Fritze.

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WAITSBURG



RETIREMENT

John and Dinah Lindsey will retire after 37 years each, teaching and coaching in Dayton and Waitsburg.

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SPORTS



SOFTBALL

Lady Cards sweep Touchet on the road 11-10, 34-17. Clinch third place in league.

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WAITSBURG ELEMENTARY'S GOT TALENT



Photo by Dena Wood

Waitsburg second graders surprised talent show coordinator and retiring teacher Dinah Lindsey with a song tribute to close out the Waitsburg Elementary's Got Talent show on Friday evening. See more photos on Last Page.

Hospital Board Receives Audit Summary

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR POINTS TO IMPROVEMENTS IN CCHS'S FINANCIAL POSITION

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—Tom Dingus, of DZA PLLC, Certified Public Accountants, presented highlights of his unmodified independent auditor's report for 2016 and highlights from financial indicators to the CCHS Board of Commissioners at their April meeting.

"You guys are off to a good start in 2017," Dingus told the board.

Dingus said patient accounts receivable revenue growth doubled in 2016. Net patient service revenue has increased 13% from the previous year, with more patient services provided. Also, purchase services went up 20%, he said.

Bad debt and charity care percentage is relatively "low compared to a lot of hospitals," Dingus added.

With regard to total margin, Dingus said changing net position numbers as a percentage of total revenue is within the range

of best practice, at 3.9%.

"More than half of small hospitals have an operating margin of less than 13.5%," Dingus explained.

"The good news in all this is the operating loss, which was over \$1 million the previous year, was down to \$741,000, which is a trend in the right direction," said Dingus. "And once you factor in the taxation from both M&O levies and the debt service, you get to a change from debt to income, which is essentially a break even."

This represents an almost \$600,000 change for the better in the financial position of the organization over 2015, he said.

Problems impacting the year's annual numbers have been due to the billing conversion process, which has caused disruptions to the revenue cycle credits and balances, administrative staff turnover in the past, and more journal auditing entries in 2016, said Dingus.

Dingus also talked about the sources of revenue for the hospital district, for which 61% is through government programs, and is "pretty typical."

Dingus said there was a large payable owed to Medicare at the end of 2016, and that was discussed at length during last

week's meeting.

The hospital district is a cost-based reimbursement hospital. Liabilities and net position are determined by estimated third party payment settlements and the amount due on the 2016 Medicare Cost Report, Dingus told the commissioners.

For inpatient, outpatient, and swing bed patients, and for patients at both clinics throughout the year, the district is paid an interim rate, which is an estimate of what the actual costs are going to be and is based on the prior year. The cost report can raise havoc with cash flow, and money will either be owed to Medicare, or the district will receive payments from Medicare.

"It doesn't change cash in or out. Medicare is going to pay on the best information it has from the cost report filed. It is more chaotic if there are bigger changes, like more volume, or if service lines changed a little bit," Dingus said. "You had a payable at the end of the year because you have more volume, and that is good. It's the nature of a cost-based system where the cash flow is not as fluid and even as you want."

According to CEO Shane McGuire, the district was left owing money to Medicare

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Waitsburg Grange Revival

Both building and organization see new life; community is invited to May 7 potluck

By Dena Wood
THE TIMES

WAITSBURG – Waitsburg holds the honor of being home to the very first Grange in Washington, even before Washington was a state. And while memberships have ebbed and flowed over the years, the organization is still alive and ready to become a strong community asset once again.

Members of Waitsburg Grange #1 are looking to revive the family- and community-centered organization with a community potluck at 4 p.m. on May 7, to be held at the Waitsburg

Grange Hall, just across from Midway Food Mart on Highway 12.

In 2015, members voted to sell the then-unusable Grange Hall and look for a new meeting place, in hopes that the group could hold functions and become active again. The hall did sell, but it turns out members don't need to find a new location, after all. They'll be meeting in the same building they have used for nearly 80 years.

Eric Turbe, of Seattle, purchased the building and had opted to remain anonymous and keep a "low profile" until recently. He plans to make the building available to rent for meetings and events, in the future. Turbe is a Grange member himself, and gave the organization permission to use the building, and is even retaining the building's name as the Waitsburg Grange Hall, according to newly elected Grange President, Penny Hazelbaker.

Hazelbaker said Turbe is working with Travis

Richardson of Dayton Construction, and they have cleaned the building, remodeled the inside, replaced windows, and installed new electricity, water, and a bathroom. They have also added gravel to the lot, replaced the concrete slab out front, and there are plans to replace the kitchen.

There is still cosmetic work, such as painting, that needs to be done, but Hazelbaker said Grange members are happy to help with that as a "thank you" for being allowed to use the building.

About 20 members were present at the April Grange meeting, where Hazelbaker was elected president. She assumed the position left empty her late husband, John Hazelbaker, who had been Grange President for more than 20 years.

"We want people to know that this is happening! We're not going to sit idle, anymore," Hazelbaker said.

Waitsburg Grange



Times File Photo

The Waitsburg Grange Hall prior to its sale in 2015. The building has been largely remodeled and is ready for use again.

#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. The Waitsburg Grange was the first chapter chartered in Washington in 1889.

The organization originally met in the Huntsville schoolhouse, before building the hall on Highway 12 in 1938. The organization first built the floor of the building and held dances on it for a couple of years

to raise funds for further construction, according to Rick Ferguson.

Granges are unique in that they welcomed women as equals from the beginning, granting them voting rights and the ability to hold office. As a family organization, children are encouraged to participate in meetings and voice their opinions alongside the adults. Children are considered full members at age 14, the Fergusons said.

The Fergusons explained that community

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TOUCHET VALLEY LIFE

FFA FLAMINGO FUNDRAISER



Courtesy Image

This flock of flamingos, visiting the home of Kevin and Christy House, has been making its way through the 'Burg as part of a fundraiser to help kids travel to the FFA State Convention.

WAITSBURG – A massive flock of flamingos has been traveling from lawn-to-lawn throughout the 'Burg over the last week. The neon pink pranksters are on a mission to raise funds to help the Waitsburg FFA Chapter send 20 students to the State FFA Convention, to be held on the Washington State University campus, later this month.

For \$20, individuals can surprise a friend (or enemy!) with a festive flock of flamingos to adorn their front lawn. The flock will quietly migrate to another home the following evening. And for the Flamingophobic, anti-flocking insurance is available for just \$10. To order a flocking, contact Nicole Abel at (509) 301-6560.

DEATH NOTICE

Funeral services for Gladys L. Ferguson will be held 10 a.m., Mon., May 8 at the Dayton United Brethren Church, 1106 S 4th St, Dayton Wash. Pastor Greg Brownell, officiating. Graveside service will follow at the Starbuck Cemetery. Gladys was 87 and passed away at the Booker Nursing Home. Complete obituary will follow.

NEWS BRIEF

PATRIOTIC SEND-OFF

WAITSBURG – The community is invited to join Bob Brock as he begins his journey toward Washington D.C. on his America's Patriotic Jeep Tour, in a send-off at 9 a.m. on Mon., May 15 at Waitsburg Town Hall.

Brock will cross the country while honoring veterans and spreading awareness about suicide prevention for veterans, the Wounded Warrior Program, and the Gary Sinise Foundation.

Follow Bob's adventures on the "Patriot Jeep" Facebook page.

PIONEER PORTRAITS

Ten Years Ago May 10, 2007

The site of the former John Smith Implement and Hardware, known locally as "The Hole," is in the process of being "renovated" for new uses. About two-thirds of it has been leveled and seeded to grass and the other one third may soon be outdoor dining for customers of the Whoop 'Em Up Hollow Café. John and Marilyn Stellwagen, owners of the larger segment, are interested in hearing what might be done with the wall on the south side. John Stellwagen envisions a mural of some kind on it and is asking the community to submit proposals.

A mother's love knows no bounds, it is said, and Marie Gagnon is living proof. For 158 hours she patiently, painstakingly and, we might add, perfectly hand carved a beautiful sign that will be mounted inside the main entryway at the U.S. Coast Guard station in Alaska where her son Jarod Gagnon, and Electronic Technician (ET2), is stationed.

Twenty-Five Years Ago May 7, 1992

Valedictorian Michele Marie White and salutatorian Charles Joe McCown will lead the 1992 graduating class of Waitsburg High school at the school's 97th commencement ceremonies Tuesday, May 26 in the high school auditorium.

Little munchkins were out on Seventh Street Friday evening, distributing May baskets. A pleasant surprise to welcome in May.

Public installation of officers of Rainbow Assembly #68 will be held Sunday afternoon May 10 at 3 p.m. Andrea Jacoy, worthy advisor-elect.

The Waitsburg Booster Club, which is in formation, is sponsoring a contest for a logo. Frank Reser, of Waitsburg, said the contest is open to anyone and the deadline for entries is May 20.

Waitsburg FFA and 4-H members did extremely well at the 57th annual Junior Livestock Show of Spokane this week, including Diane Conover, who won grand champion for 4-H market class steer. Remarkably, it was the third year in a row a member of the Conover family has won the top award of the show in market-class steer. Sandra Conover won for the past two years.

Fifty Years Ago May 4, 1967

Photo caption: Bill Zuger, member of the Board of Directors of the Days of Real Sport, places the Queen's crown on Sherrie Donnelly at the high point of the Coronation Ball held late Saturday night in Waitsburg. Queen Sherrie and her court members, Carmen Davis and Gwyn Ferguson will reign over the 54th annual running of this community event.

Photo caption: Gun Club Shotgun awards were won by: Fred Sprankel (4th), Gerald Vollmer (2nd), and Ben Sutton (1st). 3rd place was won by Clyde Blessinger. Junior winners of the Gun Club competition were: Les Richardson (2nd), Charles Baker (1st), John Nordheim (3rd), and Bruce Abbey (High Individual). Winners in the Gun Club Sub-Junior shooting were: Glen Smith (3rd), Linda Towers (2nd), and Greg Leid (1st).

Harold Meinberg, who has been an active participant in Days of Real Sport activities for many years, will serve as parade marshal for the 1967 event.

Seventy-Five Years Ago May 15, 1942

Miss Gloria Jeanne Ray, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Ray, was presented as "Miss Waitsburg" during intermission Saturday night at the Days of Real Sport.

Helen Lloyd was salutatorian and Pat Hirsch valedictorian at the commencement program Thursday.

Lawrence Fullerton is stationed at Scott Field, Illinois with the U.S. Army and Wayne Fullerton is at San Diego, Ca. with the U.S. Navy.

Over fifty guests and members enjoyed the Progressive Club Musicale held Thursday afternoon in the Mrs. Marcus Zuger home on Main Street.

One Hundred Years Ago May 11, 1917

In order to meet the increasing wages being paid on farms of this section, and to keep men in the county road crews, the board of county commissioners Monday voted to increase the pay to \$3 per day instead of \$2.75 as formerly.

Mrs. Willa Ogden invited her Sunday School class out to her pleasant home on Preston Avenue last Saturday afternoon from two to four o'clock. Those present were Ethel Newman, Louise Ramseur, Laura Pemberton, and Katie Martin.

The closing exercises for Waitsburg High School were held Thursday evening, May 17. The following comprise the class of 1917: Cecil Arnold, Neva Buroker, Wallace Beckley, Naomi Danielson, Dewey Danielson, Ethel Free, Paul Free, Roberta Houtchens, Freda Hosley, Burr Hosley, Cecil Hosley, Kittie Miller, Herschel Piatt, Julia Ramseur, Harriet Stewart, Paul Talbott, Charles Vollmer and Guy Warren.

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago May 13, 1892

The O. & W. T. Co. will immediately enlarge their stockyards in this city. There is also some talk to the effect that a new depot will soon be erected in this city, by that company.

People who are at a loss to account for the disappearance of their cows may be able to find them at the pound, by bringing \$1. The marshal is determined to allow the streets to be used as a pasture no longer.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Christian Church will give an ice cream and strawberry festival in the near future, or if the weather be fine, in a grove.

Touchet Valley Weather

May 3, 2017

Waitsburg's Seven Day Forecast

Day	Forecast	High	Low
Wednesday	Partly Cloudy	76	52
Thursday	Mostly Sunny	84	59
Friday	Showers Likely	77	49
Saturday	Few Showers	65	45
Sunday	Partly Cloudy	67	45
Monday	Partly Cloudy	70	59
Tuesday	Sunny	71	56

Weather Trivia

What is a waterspout?
A waterspout is simply a tornado traveling over water instead of over land.

Weather History

May 3, 1988 - Thunderstorms brought much needed rains to the drought-stricken central United States. Evening thunderstorms produced large hail in North Carolina. Hail the size of baseballs was reported just west of Mooresville, N.C.

Local Almanac Last Week

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Precipitation
Tuesday	62	46	65/43	0.08"	0.41"
Wednesday	55	46	65/43	0.27"	0.45"
Thursday	59	43	65/44	Trace	-0.04"
Friday	61	42	65/44	0.00"	52.3°
Saturday	64	41	66/44	Trace	54.6°
Sunday	66	48	66/44	0.06"	-2.3°
Monday	56	43	66/45	Trace	

Data as reported from Walla Walla

Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Wednesday	5:36 a.m.	8:04 p.m.	12:46 p.m.	2:59 a.m.
Thursday	5:34 a.m.	8:05 p.m.	1:52 p.m.	3:30 a.m.
Friday	5:33 a.m.	8:07 p.m.	2:57 p.m.	3:58 a.m.
Saturday	5:31 a.m.	8:08 p.m.	4:00 p.m.	4:25 a.m.
Sunday	5:30 a.m.	8:09 p.m.	5:02 p.m.	4:51 a.m.
Monday	5:29 a.m.	8:10 p.m.	6:04 p.m.	5:18 a.m.
Tuesday	5:27 a.m.	8:12 p.m.	7:04 p.m.	5:18 a.m.

CLASSIFIEDS

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limited to supervising pool office, cleaning, interacting with the public and handling money and paperwork. These positions will be seasonal, and hours will vary.

Qualified applicants may pick up and return applications at Waitsburg City Hall, 147 Main Street, P.O. Box 35, Waitsburg, WA 99361. All applications must be received by 3:45 p.m. on Wednesday, May 24, 2016.

For more information, call (509) 337-6371. The City of Waitsburg is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

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Church Directory

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Mass Sunday 5 p.m.
382-2311
Father Bob Turner

Waitsburg Presbyterian Church

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

Waitsburg Chapel

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

Waitsburg Christian Church

604 Main St
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m.
Each Sunday
337-8898
Rev. Matthew Wyatt

New River Fellowship

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

6-7

Prescott Community Yard Sale
Prescott
8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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Waitsburg Resource Center
106 Preston Avenue
9-11 a.m.

Annual 3rd Street Yard Sale
Dayton
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Annual Lions Rib Feed
Waitsburg Fairgrounds
6 p.m.

7

Community Potluck
Waitsburg Grange
4 p.m.

8

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

Spring Band Concert
WHS Auditorium
7 p.m.
Concert by grade 5-12



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

5: French Toast;
8: Omelet & Toast;
Chicken Cordon Bleu, Asparagus
9: Biscuit & Gravy;
Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza, Carrots, Pineapple
10: Cinnamon Roll; Chicken Drumstick, Roll, Broccoli
11: Muffin & Yogurt; Chicken Fried Steak, Gravy

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bands.

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

Prescott City Council
City Hall
7:30 p.m.

9

Waitsburg Senior Round Table
Waitsburg Presbyterian Church
11:30 a.m.

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.

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Dayton Story Time
Dayton Memorial Library

10 a.m.

Christian Women's Connection
Pataha Flour Mill, Pomeroy
11:30 a.m.

Celebrate Recovery, Waitsburg
Waitsburg Christian Church
7 p.m.
Help for recovering from any hurt, habit, or hang-up

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

11

Dayton Senior Round Table
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12 p.m.
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WALLA WALLA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE DAILY PRESS BOARD

April 24: Juvenile resident brought marijuana and drug paraphernalia onto the property of the Jubilee Leadership Academy. Subject was arrested for possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

April 26: Dixie resident stated he was assaulted while riding in a vehicle with his wife and stepdaughter during an argument.

April 27: Deputies responded to the Jubilee Youth Academy to reports of a student making suicidal statements. Credit card was found in gas pump on Preston Ave.

April 29: Victim advised deputies that he noticed approximately 1/2 cord of wood was taken from his woodpile, located on W. Fifth St., during the night.

April 30: Dispatch notified the sheriff's office that Walla Walla Paramedics were responding to an unresponsive male that was not breathing and whose face was discolored in Waitsburg. CPR was in progress.

COURT NEWS

COLUMBIA COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT APRIL 19, 2017

Arraignments:

-Brandon Wayne John, 33, Dayton; charged with first degree unlawful possession of a firearm. Entered a pleas of not guilty. Released on \$10,000 personal recognizance bond. Case is continued to May 3 for trial setting. A second case against him for two counts of escape in the first degree was also continued to May 3 for trial setting.

Trials Set:

-Travis Rogelio Garcia, 30, Dayton; charged with unlawful imprisonment - dv, coercion - dv, 4th degree assault - dv, possession of methamphetamine and three counts of unlawful possession of a firearm. Trial set for June 15-16.

-Deloris Lorraine Elder, 53, Dayton; charged with forgery and theft in the third degree. Trial set for July 27-28.

-Raymond Joe Cate, 55, Walla Walla; charged with one count of delivery, manufacture, or possession of methamphetamine with intent to deliver and one count of use of drug paraphernalia not used for marijuana. Trial set for May 25-26.

Sentencing:

-Kyle Robert Jamerson, 31, homeless; charged with possession of a controlled substance, violation of an anti-harassment order, and contempt of court. Sentenced to zero days confinement as part of a plea agreement that includes a 12-month inpatient drug/alcohol treatment program. He is responsible for \$1,580 in legal financial obligations.

-Destiny J Williams, 40, Dayton; charged with theft in the second degree and fourth degree assault, domestic violence. A 24 month stay of prosecution was entered. If there are no further violations of law and other conditions are met during that time, prosecution will move the court to dismiss.

-Noe Jaimez, 21, Walla Walla; Charged with possession of methamphetamine, DWLS 3rd degree, and operating a vehicle with no interlock device. Noe plead guilty to charges one and three, with the dismissal of number two. Sentenced to 30 days in the county jail to run concurrently with Walla Walla. Responsible for \$2,680 in legal financial obligations.

Other:

-Lonnie Lee Montoya, 37, Dixie; charged with at-

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BIRTHDAYS

May 4: Liya Senter, Tom Land, Anna Ray and Ashley Janovich.

May 5: Jim Tuttle, Dian McQuade, Pamela Parsons, Todd Wood, Rhiannon Chapman, Kin Hofer, Kelly Thomas Ward, Jim Crawford and Kathryn Fry.

May 6: Scott and Ellie Johnson, Betty Mosley, Joan Kennedy, Barbara Danforth, Annette Bergevin, Marcy Thompson, Theron Barbee, Jonathan Cosper and Kylie McConnell, Katelynn Martin.

May 7: Jake Kibler, Richard Ford, Herb Mettler, Brayden Wood, JoAn Fiala, Rose Rinell, Fred Knudsen, Patty Baker, Lydia Rose Roberts, Della Mae and Daisy Rae Rowson.

May 8: Kay Wright, Bonnie Tower, Dean Done, Cathy Williams, Tony Witt, Monika Page and Lindsey Roberts.

May 9: Donald Duncan, Patrick Manyak, Valerie Hamann, Dan Havens, Cody Havens.

May 10: Walter Vennum, Mary Davis, Kristin Mock, Peggy Hall, and Justin Zuger.

May 11: Evelyn Ladd, Vance Price, Donna Hempel, Lynda Patton, Liv Leid, Ronald Leinbach and Melissa Ferrians.

What is an alcohol blackout?

An alcohol blackout has been described as ALCOHOL INDUCED AMNESIA. Technically an alcohol blackout is a gap in a person's memory for events that took place while he or she was drinking. When a blackout happens, a person's brain does not create memories for these events as they are happening. For people who have had a blackout, it can be frightening to wake up the next day and not remember what they did the night before.

No level of drinking is safe or legal for anyone under age 21. Help our youth grow to be healthy, happy, and successful adults - PLEASE DON'T PROVIDE ALCOHOL TO MINORS



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Trump's Policies Must Not Benefit Only Big Businesses Like Mine

By Charles Koch, Special To The Washington Post

Like Alexis de Tocqueville nearly 200 years ago, I believe American society thrives when people act out of an enlightened regard for themselves that constantly prompts them to assist each other. I remain optimistic that our nation can unify around policies that promote a system of mutual benefit for people from all walks of life.

As President Donald Trump nears 100 days in office, we are moving closer to that ideal in some respects, but not in others. But no president can - or should - be expected to solve every problem alone. To be successful, leaders in any field must listen to everyone, even those with whom they disagree.

On the plus side, the president has taken a thoughtful approach to regulatory reform. He has appointed a strong team capable of acting on the best ideas to remove unnecessary regulations that undermine innovation, competition and opportunities for those who need them most. I also applaud the president's selection of Neil Gorsuch for the Supreme Court. With a career of prioritizing the Constitution over political gamesmanship, the new justice will be a critical voice of properly applied constitutional law.

At the same time, I view some actions of this administration as counterproductive. These include broad travel bans, discouraging free trade and a tendency toward rhetoric that too easily divides Americans instead of uniting them.

But rather than spending too much time looking back - even if only for 100 days - we need to look forward. The president and lawmakers have an excellent opportunity to take bold steps here and now to reverse the United States' trajectory toward a two-tiered system: one that benefits the wealthy and well-connected (including big busi-

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Alas, the Mortgage Interest Deduction Won't Go Away

By George F. Will, The Washington Post

Attempting comprehensive tax reform is like trying to tug many bones from the clamped jaws of many mastiffs. Every provision of the code -- now approaching 4 million words -- was put there to placate a clamorous faction, or to create a grateful group that will fund its congressional defenders. Still, Washington will take another stab at comprehensiveness, undeterred by the misadventures of comprehensive immigration and health care reforms. Consider just one tax change that should be made and certainly will not be.

The deductibility of mortgage interest payments, by which the government will forgo collecting nearly \$1 trillion in the next decade, is treated as a categorical imperative graven on the heart of humanity by the finger of God because it is a pleasure enjoyed primarily by the wealthy. About 75 percent of American earners pay more in payroll taxes than in income taxes, and only around 30 percent of taxpayers itemize their deductions. Ike Brannon, of the Cato Institute and Capital Policy Analytics in Washington, argues that, given America's homeownership rate of about 62 percent, not even half of all homeowners use the deduction. Its principal beneficiaries are affluent (also attentive and argumentative) homeowners, and its benefits, as Brannon says, "scale up" regressively: The larger the mortgage and the higher the tax bracket, the more valuable the deduction is.

Perhaps the deduction's net effect is a higher rate of homeownership, which can benefit society by encouraging respect for property rights, the thrift necessary for a substantial investment, and a sense of having a stake in the community. But the unpleasantness of 2008 demonstrated the downside of encouraging too much homeownership. Furthermore, the deduction might actually suppress homeownership by being priced into rising housing costs. Besides, Australia, Canada and the United Kingdom, which have no mortgage interest deductions, have homeownership rates comparable to America's.

Homeownership is, Brannon argues, a way for people to hold their wealth; it is (BEG ITAL)not(ENIT) an investment because "it does not improve the productive capacity of the economy." Indeed, the more money that flows into housing, the less flows into stocks, bonds or banks.

Government policy is like a Calder mobile -- touch something here and

things jiggle over there. For example, the president has acted to discourage the use of Canadian wood when making planks for the rising edifice of American greatness. A 20 percent tariff on softwood imports from Canada -- about 30 percent of the softwood lumber used in U.S. residential housing construction -- is retaliation for Canada's government supposedly charging Canadian lumber interests too little for trees harvested in government forests. The tariff will raise the price of flooring and siding and therefore of houses.

Dismayed U.S. homebuilders foresee a 6.4 percent increase; U.S. lumber interests say that is an exaggeration. Even allowing for theatricality on both sides, lumber protectionism will certainly deepen two problems: Because the mortgage interest deduction enables higher housing prices, Americans will continue to pour too much wealth into housing. And inequality will be exacerbated. Homeownership is crucial to the accumulation of wealth. But as social scientist Joel Kotkin writes, millennials are caught in a pincer of low incomes -- the Census Bureau estimates that even those with a full-time job earn \$2,000 less in real dollars than the same age cohort did in 1980 -- and high housing prices. Kotkin says "homeownership rates for people under 35 have dropped 21 percent" since 2004.

And there is this: The percentage of persons ages 25 to 34 who have never been married has risen from 12 in 1960 to 47 today. There are cultural as well as economic reasons for this delay in two powerful economic multipliers -- family formation and house-buying -- but certainly, the rising cost of housing is a factor. This is just one of the unseen costs of protectionism's seen benefit of a small number of domestic jobs protected.

Elimination of the mortgage interest deduction would have to be grandfathered to accommodate those who budgeted for their home purchases with the deduction in mind. Even so, it will not happen. Neither will limiting the deduction by denying it to a tiny top sliver of the largest mortgages -- say, portions of mortgages over \$500,000. People are loss-averse -- they resist surrendering any benefit, even if they would reap bigger benefits from increased economic growth that would result from a more sensible allocation of society's resources. And the political class is risk-averse, unwilling to challenge the affluent, or 1 million organized Realtors. The sound you hear is of mastiffs growling.

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The past 100 days have been a disaster - for Democrats

Marc A. Thiessen, Special To The Washington Post

Let's face it: The past 100 days have been a disaster . . . for Democrats. While much ink has been spilled in the past week assessing President Trump's first 100 days in office, the Democrats' abysmal performance has largely escaped scrutiny. So let's review their record.

The Democrats spent much of Trump's first months in office pushing their unfounded narrative of Trump's alleged collusion with Vladimir Putin. But that narrative went up in smoke when Trump launched missile strikes against Putin's Syrian ally, Bashar Assad. Trump not only hit the air base from which Assad allegedly had launched his chemical weapons attack but also dropped the "mother of all bombs" on the Democrats' efforts to paint him as a Putin puppet. His Syrian strikes were followed by U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Nikki Haley's blistering speech before the U.N. Security Council laying the blame on Russia for failing to stop Syria's use of chemical weapons and Defense Secretary Jim Mattis's charge, on a recent visit to Afghanistan, that Russia is arming the Taliban. Suddenly, we're in a new Cold War with Moscow - which pours cold water on Democrats' case for Trump-Putin collusion. All that effort at character assassination down the drain.

But most damaging has been the Democrats' seemingly nonstop efforts to further alienate the millions of Americans who twice voted for Barack Obama but switched to Trump last year. The president's critics have pointed to a Post-ABC News poll, which showed that Trump had not expanded his base of support since he took office. Well, Trump did not need to expand his base. He won the election (and the poll suggested that if the election were held again today, he would not only defeat Hillary Clinton again but also win the popular vote this time).

The ones who need to expand their base are Democrats - the party that lost - and they utterly failed to do. According to the Post-ABC News poll, only 2 percent of Americans who voted for Trump regret their votes, while fully 96 percent say it was the right thing to do. In other words, after 100 days, Democrats made no inroads with these Obama-Trump voters. Quite the opposite, today just 28 percent of Americans say that the Democratic Party is in touch with the concerns of most Americans today - 10 points behind Trump.

Perhaps one reason is that Democrats have made clear their deep-seated contempt for the values of working-class, socially conservative Democrats who left their party in droves last year. On April 21, newly elected Democratic National Committee chairman Thomas Perez announced that pro-life candidates are no longer welcome in the Democratic Party: "Every Democrat, like every American, should support a woman's right to make her own choices about her body and her health. That is not negotiable." Hear that, Middle America? Get with the baby-killing program.

Democrats are completely focused on placating their frothing, left-wing, anti-Trump base - and the American heartland thinks these people are insane. They see women marching in anti-Trump rallies wearing "pussy" hats (and placing them on the heads of young children). They see left-wing mobs attacking Charles Murray at Middlebury College and trying to stop Ann Coulter from speaking at the University of California at Berkeley. They see "Bill Nye the Liberal Guy" - honorary co-chair of the March for Science - raising a

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nesses such as Koch Industries) at the expense of everyone else.

In addressing the United States' challenges, I encourage the president to evaluate every policy on its potential to help people improve their lives. No piece of legislation will ever be perfect, and allowing the perfect to be the enemy of the good only further accentuates our country's divisions. Good policy moves us closer to this ideal, even if by small steps.

With this principle in mind, here are a few policy changes I believe are vital - and genuinely achievable, by this president, at this moment - to improving well-being and opportunity for all Americans:

Comprehensive tax reform is long overdue. Americans deserve much, much better. The president's newly offered plan to reduce rates and simplify the code is a step in the right direction. I am also encouraged by the absence of Congress' proposed border adjustment tax (or any tax) that would increase the profits of industrial companies such as Koch by raising the price on goods that Americans rely on every day.

This administration should instead make room for tax cuts by encouraging Congress to rein in wasteful spending and reduce corporate welfare provisions that benefit big business at the expense of families. A tax code that champions Main Street is vital for economic growth and innovation. On these issues, the president is well-positioned to lead.

The health-care debate has been a mess, but I'm hopeful the president can get it on track. Let's start by laying the foundation for innovation; this will re-

duce costs and improve quality for everyone. This can't happen without new legislation, but there are actions the administration can take in the meantime, such as reforming the Food and Drug Administration and granting discretion to states to innovate within the constructs of Obamacare and Medicaid. While not perfect, such actions can move us closer to a system where all individuals can choose the affordable care that is best for them.

As a candidate, the president spoke passionately about the need to reduce crime rates and improve safety, particularly in urban areas. I agree. When criminal sentences are just and fit the offense, and when those who have committed nonviolent crimes learn from their mistakes and get a second chance, we all benefit. Instead, what we have today is an epidemic of over-incarceration that breeds distrust and increases violence between the police and the communities they serve. The president can break this cycle by working with lawmakers who stand ready to reform our criminal-justice system.

I do not see eye to eye with the president (or anyone) on all issues; however, as with all administrations, I stand ready to help him do right, wherever I can.

I believe Trump has a tremendous opportunity to pave the way - in the next 100 days and beyond - for long-term economic success and greater prosperity for all. I wish him the best and look forward to collaborating with him and anyone - regardless of political party or ideology - who is passionate about advancing a free, open and flourishing society.

Charles Koch is chairman and chief executive of Koch Industries.

100 DAYS FROM LEFT

question about whether people should be punished for having "extra kids." (Which of their kids, they wonder, is the "extra" one?) They see a horrible feedback loop of left-wing intolerance for their beliefs and way of life.

And they see Democrats in Washington pandering to these people.

They also see that Democrats have not even made a pretense of cooperation with the candidate they elected. The Democratic Party is no longer the opposition; it is "The Resistance." These voters rightly ask: Resistance to what? The answer, they conclude, is resistance to ideas that are not their own. Resistance to the values of Middle America. Resistance to the candidate who promised to fight for them - the "forgotten Americans" the Democratic Party abandoned.

The Democrats' unrelenting, hyperventilating obstruction of Trump has sent crystal-clear a message to millions of Obama-Trump voters: We don't hear you. We loathe your president and all of you who put him into office. And we're going to show you what you can do with your Trump vote, by doing every-

thing in our power to undermine the man you elected.

Not smart. Cranking out the liberal base while alienating working-class, traditionally Democratic voters did not work in 2016. It cost Democrats not only the presidency but also a historic opportunity to take control of the Senate in a year when the playing field was tilted against the GOP.

Yet for some inexplicable reason, Democrats seem hellbent on doubling down on this failed strategy in 2018. Trouble is, in 2018 Republicans are defending only eight Senate seats, while Democrats are defending 25 - including 10 in red states that Trump won. And working-class voters in those states see that Democrats have utter contempt for their choice of president, and thus utter contempt for them.

A hundred days in, these voters remain loyal to Trump. That's good news for the president. But for Democrats, it is a disaster.

Marc A. Thiessen is a fellow with the American Enterprise Institute and former chief speechwriter to President George W. Bush.

SPRING BANDS CONCERT

WAITSBURG - Waitsburg 5th - 12th graders are ready to present their spring music for the year in a concert in the WHS auditorium on Mon., May 8 at 7 p.m.

The fifth grade will lead with the Frere Jacques round and Regal March, followed by the sixth grade with Pikes Peak March and Sword of Fire. The seventh grade will perform Ant Man, Jurassic Park, Air for Band, and Funkytown. The WHS band will play concert, jazz, and funk favorites. Join them for cookies and punch in the cage following the concert.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S CONNECTION LUNCHEON

POMEROY - The May Christian Women's Connection Luncheon will be held at the Pataha Four Mill located at 50 Hutchens Hill Road in Pomeroy on May 10, from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. The lunch is \$10 and will be catered by Louise Von Vogt and crew.

May's theme is "Joys and Jolts of Genuine Friendship" and the speaker is Jeanne Borgen of Sumas, Wash. Donna Helcius will provide the special feature with a four-season color analysis and Louis and Jon Von Vogt and their daughter Maria Dispenza will provide musical entertainment.

Call Judy for reservations at (509) 399-2005 by Fri., May 5 and cancellation by Mon., May 8. Childcare is available by reservations.

COUNTY SEEKS HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS

WALLA WALLA COUNTY - Walla Walla County is seeking up to five members on the Human Services Advisory Board. The board is responsible for assisting the Dept. of Community Health in determining needs and setting priorities for services, and assists in evaluating and monitoring Behavioral Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Homeless Housing plans and service delivery.

The board meets one afternoon per month and members should have some background, personal experience, and/or knowledge in Behavioral Health. At least one-quarter of the advisory board must be made up of persons who have recovered from a behavioral health condition. Board members must be residents of Walla Walla County and have no personal financial interest in county funded programs, or other potential conflicts of interest.

Applications may be found online at www.co.walla-walla.wa.us, or picked up at 314 W. Main (Rose St. Entrance), Walla Walla, or by calling (509) 524-2650. Applications must be returned by Fri., May 26.

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involvement and service is an integral part of the Grange, and chapters were expected to make their halls open to activities for both members and nonmembers. The halls often served as the town's community center.

Prior to the flood of '96, which rendered the Grange Hall unusable, there were more than one hundred active members of the Grange, according to members Rick and Terry Ferguson. Following the loss of a meeting space, numbers dwindled, but the group has continued to take responsibility for Waitsburg's annual Ester Egg Hunt, where Rick has played Easter Bunny for over 40 years, and Grange

members hide and color the eggs.

"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," Terry Ferguson told The Times in 2015, prior to the sale of the building.

The Waitsburg Grange was once an active part of the community, offering social events like BINGO, an annual haunted house, benefit dinners, auctions for people who were ill. They also extended a helping hand to the local FFA chapter and provided annual scholarships.

Hazelbaker said the group is looking forward to holding BINGO and holiday events once again.

"This is a family or-

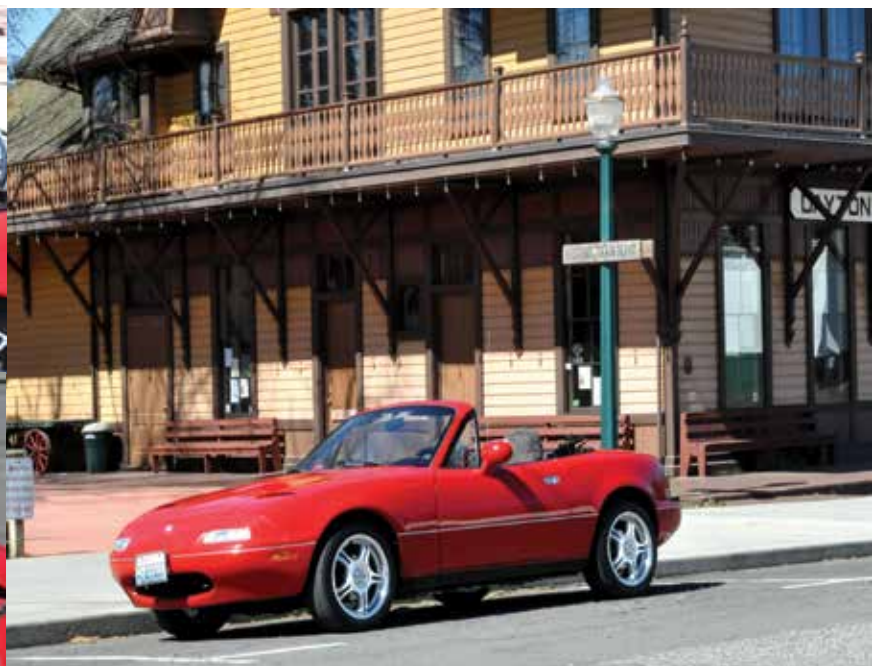
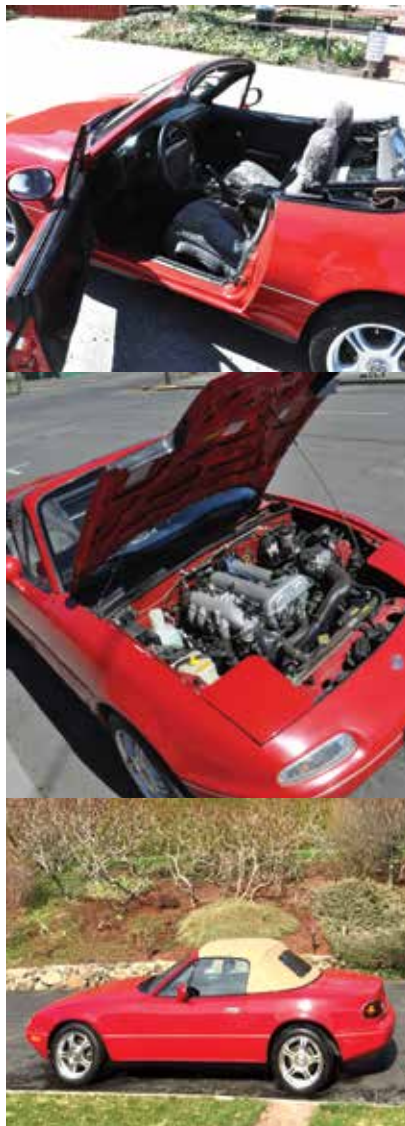
ganization, and we very much want the kids to be involved. Eventually, we will have a scholarship again. The members vote on what they want to do in the community," Hazelbaker said.

With a meeting place available again, local members are excited to find out what needs the organization can fill in the community. The entire community is invited to the May 7 potluck to visit with neighbors and learn more about the Grange. Hazelbaker said Turbe plans to attend the meeting and will be happy to visit with community members as well.

Anyone interested in membership or learning more about the Grange should contact Penny Hazelbaker at (509) 520-5245 or Rick or Terry Ferguson at (509) 337-6207.

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EIGHT MONTH EFFORT FOR MUSEUM DIRECTOR

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—Dayton Historic Depot Museum Director Tamara Fritze has spent the last eight months researching the history of the 1881 Oregon Railway and Navigation Company Depot, better known as the Dayton Historic Depot, and looking into the significance of the depot to the local community, from the time it was built in 1881, until 1934, when passenger traffic to the depot ceased.

“We as a community should know how important to our town the depot was. It changed the lives of people who lived here,” said Fritze.

Before rail transportation, grain, and other agricultural products, had to be hauled overland to Walla Walla, or to the community of Grange City, at the mouth of the Tucannon River, as discussed by Fritze, in her research.

Fritze also points out the importance of the railroad to the social aspects of living and recreating in Columbia



Courtesy Image

Dayton's historic railway depot.

County. Entertainers, politicians, salesmen, and lecturers came to town by rail, providing an opportunity for an otherwise isolated community to connect with the greater world.

“For example, in June, 1891, all of the Sunday schools of the county came together for a picnic at the Shiloh Campground (now Lewis & Clark State Park.) The Union Pacific provided train service from Dayton's Depot to the park at 8:30, 9:30, and 10:20 in the morning, and return service at 3:30, 4:30, and 5:00, in the afternoon. Although only a distance of five miles, the trains helped make a longer day of music, addresses, and entertainment possibilities,” according to Fritze's research.

Fritze said she conducted her research mainly at the Dayton Memorial Library, but also in the Depot archives, as well as looking into the research of other historians.

The Depot was originally listed on the National Register of Historic Places in September, 1974, said Fritze.

“At that time there was no real history of the Depot, or its significance to the community. It needed to be updated to today's standards, she said.

A link to the history of the Dayton Historic Depot, and the story of rail transportation in Columbia County, can be viewed at The Dayton Historical Depot Society homepage, under Events & Exhibits.

AN EXCERPT FROM “HISTORY OF THE RAILROAD” ON THE DAYTON HISTORIC DEPOT WEBSITE

Even as Dayton grew and established itself as an important community in the southeastern portion of the territory, its residents struggled to find a means of transportation for their grain and other agricultural products. Farmers were forced to haul grain, sheep, lumber, and other products overland to Walla Walla or to the community of Grange City, located at the mouth of the Tucannon River. Rumors of railroads coming to Dayton were abundant, and the newspaper reported many of them, even when they admitted, as they did in March 1879, they had been “unable to learn whether this report has foundation or not or any further particulars.” The Walla Walla Statesman in 1879 editorialized, “Dayton must have a railroad; it is contrary to every law of nature that a place of its present and prospective advantages, located in the midst of the garden valley of the world, with its granaries full to overflowing should remain bottled up. The people of Dayton want a railroad—they must have it and are bound to get it.”

In order to facilitate a railroad into the city, Dayton's leaders persisted in trying to woo railroad companies to lay track into the community. In late 1879 they started a railway committee and began investigating on their own potential routes for connecting with the surrounding communities. The Columbia Chronicle enthusiastically editorialized for a railroad: “We cannot talk railroad too much. In the first place our county needs a road and needs it immediately. In the second place, it will be a paying investment for some enterprising man or men to furnish us with the much needed facilities of transportation. It is evident that the resources and productions of the country surrounding Dayton will justify a branch road to this place; and we would be accused of exaggeration if we were to approximate even at a low figure how a railroad would multiply the crops already produced.” Finally, on May 18, 1880, Henry Villard, President of OR & N attended a meeting of Dayton's railroad committee. He stated his company would come to Dayton if the city provided the right-of-way for the line and ground for a depot. Villard assured the committee that work would begin the following week, and the railroad would be complete within a year. The community eagerly complied with the stipulations, and provided land for a rail yard and depot next to the Touchet River as well as purchased railroad right-of-way for a total cost of \$4,517.

Dayton Plans to Fix Streets

COUNCIL ALSO ADDRESSES MEDICAL MARIJUANA COOPERATIVES, AND HEARS TOURISM UPDATE

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON--At last week's Dayton City Council meeting, Howard Boggs and Adam Schmidtgall, with Engineering Firm Anderson Perry & Associates, presented the council with an evaluation of potential design concepts, means of construction, cost estimates and funding sources for several street improvement projects in the city.

The engineers discussed North Hill improvements for Whitman and Columbia Avenues, between Front and Willow streets, and Front St., between Whitman and Columbia, which are unpaved.

They also discussed East Washington Ave., from N. Fourth St. to the Main St. viaduct, which is an existing paved street used for residential access, and access to Seneca Foods, Inc. The existing pavement has deteriorated to an unserviceable condition, and has been closed to through traffic.

The city is also looking ahead to 2018, when chip sealing can be done for S. Fourth St., from Main St. to the city limits, for S. Third St., from Main St. to Jackson St., and for South Second St., from Park St. to School Bus St.

The city has applied to FEMA for \$72,500 for help with Washington Ave. repairs, and the Transportation Improvement Board has \$50,000 available to help with street repairs, according to City Administrator Trina Cole.

Also, when the city gets facts back on FEMA, and from the TIB, Seneca will be asked for help with Washington St. repairs, Mayor George said.

In the last few years, Dayton has been pretty high on the list for getting funding with the TIB, according to Boggs.

The Anderson Perry engineers have identified around \$160,000 worth of damage due to winter freezing and thawing, and the TIB has responded with a \$50,000 grant for making repairs on potholes around town, according to Boggs.

The council will meet with the engineers to discuss ideas and costs for street repairs going forward, at a workshop planned for 5:30 p.m. on May 8, prior to the regular city council meeting.

The city is also moving forward with a street improvement plan that will include an understanding of the health of the infrastructure located beneath the streets.

“Our ultimate goal is to make huge amount of improvements to a lot of streets,” said Cole.

Anderson Perry has been tasked by city officials with creating an inventory of every street in town, as to street conditions and the condition of the water and sewer lines beneath them.

It would be counterproductive to pave streets over old water or sewer line, said Schmidtgall.

Schmidtgall said the City of Walla Walla has a comprehensive street infrastructure plan, which is tied to utility rates. Their philosophy is “it is cheaper to pave than to patch”, he said.

The engineers said they will use information supplied by the TIB, and the water system plan, to assist with the creation of a comprehensive street plan, by the time the next funding cycle takes place.

In her report, Cole said she has been working on the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan. She has also made an application to the USDA for the water improvements on S. First St., Oak St., and part of Second St., in order to obtain a lower interest rate.

Also at last week's meeting City Planning Director Karen Scharer talked about the Complete Streets Forum and Safe Routes to School.

“We got a lot of good information. The hope is we can begin working on some of the paperwork needed, and some policies, and eventually get some funds to improve some of the sidewalks and such that we haven't been able to address,” Scharer said.

Scharer also introduced the topic of medical marijuana cooperatives. According to state law a qualified patient can grow up to fifteen marijuana plants on their property, but the law also allows for medical marijuana cooperatives, so that four people can grow up to sixty plants at one residence, she said. The concern is what the impact is to the neighbors due to smell.

Councilwoman Delphine Bailey expressed the desire to include the Sheriff's Department in any conversations about medical marijuana.

Mayor George said, “This is not going to be solved in the next couple of months . . . We need to get it out and get educated on it.”

In his report, Dayton Chamber of Commerce Director Andrew Holt said tourism inquiries were down at the visitor's center due to the harsh winter weather, but the chamber's social media campaign is doing well. There has been a 19% jump in Facebook hits and website hits are up 73% over this time last year, he said.

The chamber is partnering in production of a new Dayton Area Visitor's Guide, which will be placed in visitor centers state-wide, Holt said.

The Cup of Joe program is going well, and there have been four presentations made since January including; financing for small businesses, assistance available through the state Department of Commerce, business succession planning, and developing a food system, said Holt

Holt told the council that relocation package inquiries are split 50/50 among people looking for possible retirement in the area, and people taking jobs in the area.

The council also approved first readings of the city's Shoreline Master Plan ordinance, and a new water and sewer revenue bond ordinance.

PACIFIC POWER TO REPOWER MARENGO WIND TURBINES

DAYTON—Pacific Corp, a division of Pacific power, plans upgrades to its existing wind fleet by 2020. Upgrades will include installing larger blades and newer technology in order to increase power production by 20%.

Tom Gauntt Communications Representative for PacifiCorp said plans are in the works to repower the wind turbines at two sites in Marengo, in 2018-19.

Gauntt said the existing wind turbine blades have a 240 ft. span, and, due to the increased

length of the new ones, even longer trailers will be needed to transport them to the work site.

“It is quite a deal,” said Gauntt.

“It will be like changing a tire,” he said about the process for removing the existing blades, installing the new ones, along with a new power generating mechanism.

There are 78 wind turbines at Marengo I, and 39 at Marengo II, and it has been eight to 10 years since they were installed Gauntt said.

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because the interim cost report was completed “pretty late in the year.”

Commissioner Bob Hutchens asked Dingus how the district could address the issue of cash flow reserves, and Dingus said it was a matter of paying attention to whether a receivable or payable is being built, he said.

“You have really big receivables on the cost report, and you're not getting that money until July of the following year, so it's just knowing when you have big payables and receivables, and adjusting your cash flow, appropriately,” Dingus said.

Dingus said the cost-based reimbursement system works well as a risk management type of system.

“It is a struggle for critical access hospitals, especially when you change your volumes or your operations,” he said.

Looking at the financial statements from the first three months of 2017, Dingus said that increasing volumes will create a payable again this year, and cash flow will need to be managed.

McGuire said one way to overcome overpayment is to start building an interim cost report earlier, so an adjustment can be made to the interim rate by Medicare. He proposed doing so as early as June.

Dingus said another goal for the district is to have money set aside for debt service. Long term debt stands at \$10.5 million, he said.

Dingus spoke about the effects that two Unlimited Tax General Obligation Bonds, three Limited Tax General Obligations Bonds, and small loans from CREA and General Electric have had on the financial health of the district.

“Long-term debt should be paid down. You've been highly leveraged for quite a while,” Dingus said. “Being in debt reduces the ability for borrowing.”

Dingus said he would also like to see an increase in the number of days of cash on hand, from 41 at the end of December, to a minimum of 90 days, and “then balance out the debt service.”

Retiring Together

JOHN AND DINAH LINDSEY WRAP UP LONG TEACHING CAREERS IN DAYTON, WAITSBURG

By Dena Wood | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG – For Waitsburg residents John and Dinah Lindsey, attending a local sporting event together has always required careful consideration, to find a seat in the most neutral location possible. With nearly 75 years of teaching and coaching between them - John in Dayton and Dinah in Waitsburg - the couple is looking forward to retiring together at the end of this school year, bittersweet as it may be.

John and Dinah, both known for their strong relationships with their students, will be sorely missed in their respective districts.

Dinah's father was a navy submarine captain and she grew up "always by the ocean." The family moved every few years, living in Bremerton, San Diego, and Hawaii. When he reached the rank of captain, Dinah's father was stationed in Washington D.C., and Dinah graduated high school in Virginia.

Dinah said she made the decision to become a teacher early on, and spent two years studying education at Elon College in North Carolina. She followed her family to Washington, and attended Eastern Washington University when her father became the commanding officer of the Trident Training Facility in Bangor, Washington.

John is a Waitsburg High School graduate and grew up in Dixie. After graduation, he attended EWU, and took general studies until he found satisfaction in an elective wood and metal shop class, eventually earning a degree in industrial arts education, with a minor in traffic safety.

Dinah is two years older, and the couple met in an art class during the first quarter of John's freshman year. They became, and remained, a couple throughout college. John didn't walk during his graduation ceremony, forgoing that observance for the greater honor of walking down the aisle with Dinah on his graduation day, instead.

The couple was married at the Waitsburg Christian Church by Reverend Vernon Smith, who had also been John's childhood school bus driver.

Dinah graduated from EWU in 1979 with a degree in physical education and health for middle and high school. She taught P.E., dance, and health, and coached basketball, volleyball, and track in Omak, Wash. for three years.

John graduated in 1981 and worked at a Coast-to-Coast store in Omak while filling in as a substitute teacher and coaching middle school volleyball and track. With no teaching positions open in John's field in Omak, he ap-



Photo by Dena Wood



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Clockwise from left: John and Dinah Lindsey relax at home, while proudly wearing their "DW" T-shirts. Dinah's 2015 first grade class posed during an annual trip to the Lindsey Pumpkin Patch. John helps a student in the DHS woodshop classroom.



Courtesy Image

plied for an opening in Dayton, where he was hired to teach woodshop.

"I've only ever interviewed for one job in my life and that was it," John said.

Unable to find housing in Dayton, the couple settled in Waitsburg, where they have remained and raised their two sons.

While he started out teaching high school woodshop, John has taught multiple subjects in grades 4-12 over his career. For years, he taught all the science classes for several grades.

"Others didn't like the mess and having stuff out, and I don't mind that. And I like getting them out of the books and off paper," John said.

One of his favorite projects is raising rainbow trout, a relatively fragile fish, for release. The kids wear white lab coats while they use clipboards to record data, and students make posters and keep fish journals, he said.

Always the hands-on guy, John said his absolute favorite project has been the ski program, which he currently directs, and has been a part of for 19 years.

"I've taught a lot of kids to ski over the years. I loved hearing the kids cheer and yell in the morning when I'd say, 'You're never going to hear another teacher say this. . . . LET'S GO SKIING!!'" John said, laughing.

"John and I developed a great friendship through the years and have a lot of 5th grade ski trip memories. He was a wonderful instructor in the ski hill. He worked his magic with a lot of the fifth graders who were struggling. By the end of our ski days, they were skiing," said fellow teacher Kristin Ramirez. "As a teaching partner, John taught me patience and not to sweat the small stuff," she added.

After moving to Waitsburg, Dinah worked as a substitute and coached, but was soon offered a position as a kindergarten teacher/coach.

"I'd never, ever, considered elementary, but as soon as I started I knew

this is what I was supposed to be doing. I had no idea this was going to be my calling. It's where I've been ever since, except for a move to first grade in 1990," she said.

"I love the magic of teaching them to read. It feels like a miracle every time. I get the joy of watching them become lifelong readers from the start," Dinah said, when asked about the best part of her job.

Dinah is known for special classroom traditions, such as her annual Thanksgiving feasts and trips to the Lindsey's pumpkin patch.

When they moved to their home on Taggart Lane in the late 80's, John and Dinah planted a pumpkin patch with the intent of bringing Dinah's students out to pick pumpkins. They've never missed a year, though Dinah had to watch her class from the kitchen window one year when she was ill.

Her most meaningful tradition, an idea she heard at a workshop and initially intended to be a one-time event, is her Mother's Day letters, where she shares the good she sees in her students and their mothers.

"People have asked me what I'll pass on and that's the story that I want to pass on to other teachers," she said.

Dinah said she went to the Post Office the day after she had sent her first letters and found a woman crying. When she asked if she was OK, the woman said, "I'm reading your letter. I'm a single mom and no one ever says these things to me."

Another time, Dinah attended the funeral of a former student. As she walked by the casket, the student's mother was holding the letter Dinah had written about her son, years prior.

"It's these tiny little stories that you hear that mean so much. Next week, I'll start my letters for the last time," Dinah said.

Both John and Dinah have coached multiple sports throughout their careers. They laughed as they recalled try-

ing to figure out where to sit to watch games.

"As a teacher, it means a lot when you show up to a game. The students always know. When they did this," John said, pointing to his DW t-shirt, "we went 'Hallelujah!'"

"We are finally united! We were happy for the DW!" Dinah said, laughing.

Both Dinah and John said that the most important thing to each of them is the kids. Relationships with the kids is a big deal, they agreed. Their co-workers concur.

"Having taught next to John for a number of years, I was always impressed by his efforts to develop a real relationship with his students. You can tell he really cares about kids," said teacher Clint Reser.

"I have had the pleasure of being a co-worker to Dinah for the past twenty years and prior to that my contact was that of a parent to two of her students. Dinah's gift of teaching and love of life is on display each and every day. She is the sunshine at the beginning of each day to her students, and at the end of the school day she can be seen walking her students out offering words of encouragement to both students and parents," said elementary school secretary Linda Henze.

"The enthusiasm, energy and excitement that Dinah brings to her classroom, the school, and the district will be greatly missed," said Superintendent Carol Clarke.

When asked about their plans for the future, the Lindseys say they have made a commitment not to take on any new responsibilities for at least a year. They plan to "goof around," spend time on their boat, and take some long overdue family trips.

"We both decided to retire together about a year ago. It felt like the right time for both of us. It feels so right for us right now that I don't have any doubts that this is the right thing for us to do," Dinah said.

MINI MASS BAND



Photos Courtesy of Brad Green



On Tues., April 25, Waitsburg hosted the first ever Mini-Mass Band. Touchet and Dayton middle school bands (Prescott was unable to attend) joined the Waitsburg Preston Hall 7-8th grade band for three hours of rehearsal, lunch, and hanging out.

Approximately 80 students played favorite concert pieces and pep band music together before performing a 20 minute concert for elementary students. The bands played the concert pieces: Ant Man, Jurassic Park, and Afterburn. Pep band pieces included: Our Director, Star Spangled Banner, Ex's and Oh's, Seven Nation Army, Paint it Black, and Firework.

Above: The Mini Mass Band rehearses in the WHS auditorium.

Left: Touchet Director Sonny Elsasser has some fun during a performance for elementary students.

SCHOOL BOARD UPDATE APRIL 12, 2017

-Dr. Clarke suggested that the board budget for the same number of students they budgeted for last year, which was 270. The graduating class of 30 is exiting the system and she said there are 15-17 kindergarteners registered for the coming year. She said there should be no problem maintaining the full-time teaching staff of 20. The enrollment average for 2016-17 school year was 291.65.

-Approved re-application for a waiver to excuse two days from the 180-day school year for conferences. This has been done for the last four years but the waiver expires this year. The renewal will request an additional three years of two-day waivers.

-The board gave Clarke authority to sign a contract with Building Dynamics, Inc. (Rob Robinson) as project representative to protect the district interests during the upcoming capital projects, once legal counsel has approved the contract.

-The board allowed Clarke authority to sign a contract with Design West Architects for the upcoming renovation projects. Legal counsel and the architects are working out an agreement, which is anticipated to be finalized by May 1.

-The board went into executive session to discuss a contract with Dr. Mishra, as District Superintendent/Elementary Principal. The contract was negotiated and signed by Mishra, who was in attendance.

Waitsburg Girls Sweep Touchet on Road

11-10 AND 34-17 WINS CLINCH THIRD PLACE IN LEAGUE FOR LADY CARDINALS

By Ken Graham | THE TIMES

TOUCHET – The Waitsburg softball team rallied from two runs down in the sixth inning to pull out a win in the first game of Saturday's double-header at Touchet, 11-10. The Lady Cards then outslugged the Indians in a high-scoring second game, taking the win, 34-17.

In game one, Ariel Sandau and Taylor Jones each had three hits for Waitsburg, in a game in which the Cardinals trailed 10-7 after five innings. The team notched three runs in the sixth to tie it, and then got the winning run in the top of the seventh.

In game two, Waitsburg jumped out to a 9-1 lead after one inning and fought off a Touchet comeback before scoring 24 more runs in the final three innings to run away with the win.

For the game, Sandau had four hits, and Jones, Devon Harshman and Jade Alleman each had three.

"The first game was back and forth, with pitchers struggling to hit a pretty small strike zone," said Waitsburg Coach Angie Potts. "I'm really proud of the girls for being able to finish a close game and not get rattled."

Added Potts: "The girls hit the ball really well, ran aggressive, and made



Photos by Andie Holmberg

Above left: Taylor Jones takes a cut at a Touchet pitch during Saturday's game in Touchet. Above right: Pitcher Ariel Sandau delivers to the plate.

some great plays in the field. We were able to complete some double plays and take advantage of base running errors committed by Touchet."

The two wins secured Waitsburg's third-place finish in the league and a spot in the play-in game for regionals on May 9.

Game 1:

Waitsburg	2	1	2	0	2	3	1	11	8	2
Touchet	3	1	2	2	2	0	0	10	5	0

Benson, Summers (3) and J. Alleman; Skramstad and Gallaher

Hits: Waitsburg: Sandau 3, Jones 3, Harshman, Pearson; Touchet: Gallaher 2, Olson 2, Rea

Game 2:

Waitsburg	9	0	1	0	7	7	(10)	34	18	4
Touchet	1	5	2	1	8	0	0	17	7	1

Summers, Benson (2), Sandau (5) and J. Alleman; Kromm, Skramstad (1) and Contreras, Gallaher (1)

Hits: Waitsburg: Sandau 4, Jones 3, J. Alleman 2, Harshman 3, Pearson 2, K. Alleman 3, Summers 2; Touchet: Skramstad 2, Gallaher, Contreras 2, Jaggar, Rea

Dayton Girls Sweep White Swan, 17-1, 12-1

LADY BULLDOGS FINISHED SEASON THIS WEEK WITH DOUBLE-HEADER AT LIBERTY CHRISTIAN

By Ken Graham | THE TIMES

WHITE SWAN – The Dayton girls' softball team took advantage of 13 White Swan errors in two five-inning games to overwhelm the home team in a double-header on Saturday, 17-1 and 12-1.

In game one, Megan Robins went three-for-four and knocked in five RBIs to lead her team. Heidi Dobbs and Scully Castorena each had two hits.

Robins had a strong game on the mound as well, giving up only three White Swan hits. On defense, Dayton played errorless ball.

In game two, Castorena went three-for-four, while Hannah Becker, Kaleigh White, and Kylee Laughlin each had two hits.

Pitcher Savannah McFarland gave up four hits, while the Dayton defense committed only one error.

"Dayton consistently put runs on the board, scoring in four of five innings in each game," said Assistant Coach Desirae Jones. "We had just one miscue on defense, behind solid pitching from Megan and Savannah."

The Lady Bulldogs are now 8-4 in league play, and 11-6 overall. The team was to travel to Liberty Chris-

tion on Tuesday for a double-header, in their final regular season games.

Game 1

Dayton	2	0	5	4	6	17	runs, 9 hits, 0 errors
WS	1	run in the first	1	run, 3 hits, 6 errors			

Dayton battery Megan Robins and Heidi Dobbs
WS battery Ashley Carey and Amanda Carey

Dayton hits Heidi Dobbs 2, Megan Robins 3x4 with 5 RBIs, Scully Castorena 2, Kaleigh White, Destiny Brincken

WS hits Amanda Carey, Tanika Taylor 2

2B: Day- Robins, Brincken; WS- Taylor

Game 2

Dayton	1	1	4	0	6	12	runs, 13 hits, 1 error
WS	1	run in the fourth	1	run, 4 hits, 7 errors			

Dayton battery Savannah McFarland and Heidi Dobbs

WS battery Ashley Carey and Lexi Heglar

Dayton hits: Tatumn Laughery, Mia Becker, Hanna Becker 2, Megan Robins, Scully Castorena 3x4, Kaleigh White 2, Savannah McFarland, Kylee Laughlin 2

WS hits: Tanika Taylor, Lexi Heglar, MaCalaya Byrd, Lilly Tiaz

2B: Day- Hanna Becker, Megan Robins, Kylee Laughlin



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Dayton's Hannah Becker took a hard swing at a pitch during a game earlier this year.

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SPORTS

DW Baseball Sweeps White Swan

DAYTON-WAITSBURG PITCHERS GIVE UP ONLY THREE HITS IN ROAD DOUBLE-HEADER

By Ken Graham | THE TIMES

WHITE SWAN, Wash. – The Dayton-Waitsburg baseball team cruised to two easy five-inning wins at White Swan on Friday afternoon, 20-1 and 13-3.

In game one, pitcher Kyle Gradwohl gave up only two hits, and his team played errorless defense behind him. DW batters had 14 hits and took advantage of seven White Swan errors to rack up 20 runs.

Brandon Boudrieau led his team with three hits. Gradwohl, Chris Philbrook, Brayden Miller, and Cade Branson each had two hits. Boudrieau and Gradwohl had four RBIs apiece, and Miller knocked in three.

“Gradwohl struck out 12 of the 15 batters he faced,” said DW coach Shane Loper. “With our roster still not 100% due to illness, injuries and ineligibili-

ties, the boys did a great job acclimating to their newly assigned positions offering no errors in the 5 inning game.”

In game two, pitcher Ashton Loper went three innings and took the win, giving up three runs on one hit. Junior Helm pitched the final two innings, giving up no runs. The DW defense committed four errors in the game.

DW batters had ten hits, including two each by Alex Jenkins, Gradwohl and Miller. Jenkins also had three RBIs.

“Younger pitchers came out and threw a good game keeping the score low and picked up another win,” said Loper. “Again, the younger players did a great job fielding and swinging the bats while several starters were out. Looking forward to next week when our starting roster should be back to 100%.”

Dayton-Waitsburg has an overall record 11-2-0 and an EWAC record of 8-2-0 putting them in second place in the league standings.

Game 1

DW: 4 3 4 7 2 20 14 0
WS: 0 1 0 0 0 1 2 7

Pitchers: DW: K. Gradwohl (Win) (all 5 innings) 12 strikeouts...faced 15 batters

WS: Estrada (Loss) 1K, Fernandez 1K

Hits: J. Helm 1 single, C. Philbrook 2 singles, K. Gradwohl 1 single and 1 double, J. Williams 1 single, J. Willis 1 single, B. Miller 2 singles, C. Branson 2 singles, B. Boudrieau 3 singles, N. Dougherty 1 single

RBIs: E. Williams 2, B. Miller 3, C. Branson 1, B. Boudrieau 4, K. Gradwohl 4, C. Philbrook 1, J. Willis 1

Game 2

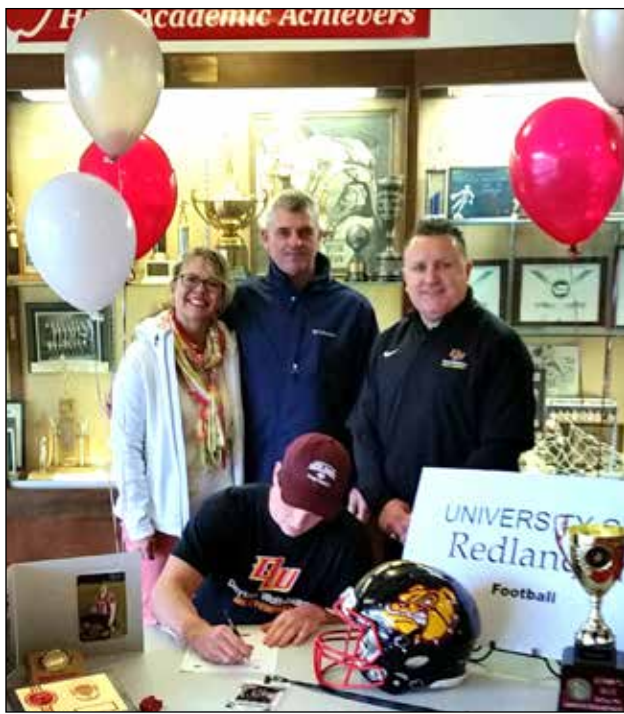
DW 1 4 3 5 0 13 10 4
WS 0 0 3 0 0 3 1 2

Pitchers: DW: A. Loper (Win) pitched first 3 innings (2 Ks), J. Helm (Save) pitched last 2 innings (3 Ks); WS: Edward (Loss) pitched first 2 innings (2 Ks), Fernandez pitched last 3 innings (3Ks)

Hits: J. Helm single, A. Jenkins 2 singles, K. Gradwohl 1 single and 1 double, J. Williams single, B. Miller 1 single and 1 Triple, M. Conrad single, D. Swan single

RBIs: M. Conrad 2, J. Helm 1, A. Jenkins 3, D. Swan 2, E. William 1, J. Dieu 1

DAYTON ATHLETES SIGN LETTERS OF INTENT

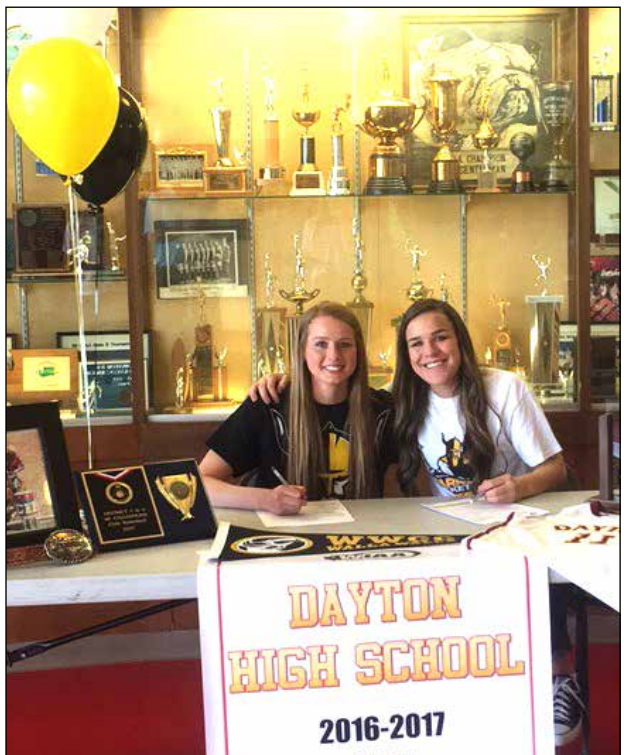


Courtesy Photos

Last week, three Dayton seniors signed letters of intent to continue their athletic careers in college.

Above left: with his parents, Jody and Steve Martin, and his Coach, Troy Larsen, looking on, Cal Martin signed a letter of intent to play football next year at University of Redlands, in Redlands, Calif.

Below left: Dayton basketball players Shayla Currin and Sidney Andrews will move on to Walla Walla Community College next year. Currin will compete in rodeo, and Andrews will compete in basketball.



ADAMS GETS TWO SECONDS AT STRANDBERG MEET

SPOKANE VALLEY - Competing against runners from dozens of schools of all sizes on Saturday, Waitsburg's Emily Adams took second place finishes in two events - the 800-meter and 3200-meter runs. Adams also was 10th in the triple jump and anchored the ninth-place 4x400 meter relay team.

The relay team also included Clarissa Espana, Leena Baker, and Kirsten Miller.

On the boys' side, the 4x400 relay team of Andre Potts, Seamus House, Daltin Lambert, and Carlos Norris took 15th place.

2017 Strandberg Invitational Central Valley HS, Spokane Valley - April 29, 2017

Boys' Results			Girls' Results		
100 Meters Varsity - Finals	39. Andre Potts	17-04.00	100 Meters Varsity - Finals	41. Clarissa Espana	14.86a
46. Joe Leamy	12.59a SR		43. Leena Baker	15.17a PR	
47. Carlos Norris	12.87a PR		200 Meters Varsity - Finals	32. Kirsten Miller	30.68a
54. Alexis Espana	14.83a PR		33. Clarissa Espana	30.77a	
200 Meters Varsity - Finals	43. Joe Leamy	25.76a SR	800 Meters Varsity - Finals	2. Emily Adams	2:25.80a
43. Joe Leamy	25.76a SR		3200 Meters Varsity - Finals	2. Emily Adams	11:54.27a SR
46. Carlos Norris	26.56a PR		100m Hurdles - 33" Varsity - Finals	29. Kirsten Miller	19.77a PR
Kevin Murphy	DNS		300m Hurdles - 30" Varsity - Finals	29. Kirsten Miller	59.58a
800 Meters Varsity - Finals	46. Daltin Lambert	2:31.20a	4x100 Relay Varsity - Finals	9. Clarissa Espana	
47. Seamus House	2:34.21a PR		Leena Baker		
1600 Meters Varsity - Finals	53. Daltin Lambert	5:25.54a PR	Kirsten Miller	56.99a	
54. Seamus House	5:26.44a PR		Discus - 1kg Varsity - Finals	Leena Baker	FOUL
60. Tom House	6:18.24a SR		Long Jump Varsity - Finals	35. Leena Baker	12-03.00
3200 Meters Varsity - Finals	33. Tom House	13:59.51a	Triple Jump Varsity - Finals	10. Emily Adams	32-01.75
4x400 Relay Varsity - Finals	15. Andre Potts				
Seamus House					
Daltin Lambert					
Carlos Norris	4:18.93a				
Shot Put - 12lb Varsity - Finals	Kaleb Bryant	SCR			
Discus - 1.6kg Varsity - Finals	51. Tom House	60-06			
Javelin - 800g Varsity - Finals	Joe Larue	SCR			
Kaleb Bryant	SCR				
Cameron Terry	SCR				
High Jump Varsity - Finals	Andre Potts	NH			
Long Jump Varsity - Finals					

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LEGALS

In the Superior Court of the State of Washington for the County of Walla Walla No. 17-3000587

Shyla Ann Osborne Petitioner,
Chuck Conley Osborne, Respondent.

The State of Washington to the Chuck Conley Osborne:
You are hereby summoned to appear within 90 days after the date of the first publication of this dissolution of marriage summons, after the 30th day of March, 2017, and defend the above entitled action in the above entitled court, and answer the complaint of the petitioner, Shyla Ann Osborne, and serve a copy of your answer upon the petitioner at the address below stated; and in case of your failure to do so, 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 final order and approve or provide for the relief requested in the petition. The court will not enter the final order until at least 90 days after filing and service. Serve a copy of your response on Shyla Osborne Ann Osborne at 315 W. Main Street, Walla Walla, 99362

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NO. 17-2-00120-2 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION RCW 4.28.110

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

PIONEER TITLE COMPANY OF WALLA WALLA D/B/A COLUMBIA TITLE COMPANY, Interpleader Plaintiff,
vs.
BARBARA WHATLEY, Defendant Seller,
and
GERALD STEINAUER and VALORI ADAMS, Defendant Buyers.

The state of Washington to Defendant Seller, Barbara Whatley:
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 April 6, 2017, and defend the above-entitled action in the above-entitled Court, and answer the complaint of the plaintiff, and serve a copy of your answer upon the undersigned attorneys for plaintiff, at his (or their) office below stated; and in case of your failure to do so, judgment will be rendered against you according to the demands of the complaint in this action, which has been filed with the Clerk of said Court.

The object of this action is to determine conflicting claims to earnest money.

DATED this 21st day of March, 2017.
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NO: 17-4-00067-0

PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS
RCW 11.40.030

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

In re the Estate of:
FRANCES A. BERLEY,
Deceased.

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

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

DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: April 20, 2017.

Samantha Joy Brewer
Personal Representative

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PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS No. 17 4 00066 1

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

In re the Estate of

DONALD W. WOOD,
Deceased.

The personal representative named below has been appointed as personal representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided by RCW 11.40.070 by serving or mailing to the personal representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of:

(1) Thirty (30) days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or
(2) Four (4) months after the date of first publication of this notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051, and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.

Date of first publication:
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c/o Michael E. de Grasse
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Sylvia F. Wood
Personal Representative

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No. 17-4-00070-0 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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

In Re:

THE ESTATE OF GERALD THOMAS HAWKS,
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 stated below a copy of the claim and filing of 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 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.

Personal Representative:
THOMAS L. HAWKS
Date of First Publication:
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/s/ Thomas L. Hawks
THOMAS L. HAWKS
Personal Representative of the Estate of Gerald Thomas Hawks

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No. 17-5-00002-9 Summons Served by Publication (SMPB)

SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA

In re:
BERLIN KIMBERLY LONGIN,
d/o/b 2/12/2010.
Summons Served by Publication

(Note to Publisher: publish everything but the headings in the table below and the text following boxes not checked.)
To Karl Longin:
The other party has asked the court to TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AS TO THE ABOVE NAMED CHILD. An amended petition to terminate your parental rights was filed on 3/14/17.

You must respond in writing if you want the court to consider your side.

If you are an alleged father, failure to file a claim of paternity under chapter 26.26 RCW or to respond to the petition is grounds to terminate your parent-child relationship with respect to the child;
If you are the non-consenting parent or alleged father, you have a right to be represented by counsel and that counsel will be appointed for an indigent person who requests counsel.

Deadline! Your Response must be filed and served within 60 days of the date this summons is published. If you do not file

and serve your Response or a Notice of Appearance by the deadline: No one has to notify you about other hearings in this case, and the court may approve the requests in the Petition without hearing your side.

Follow these steps:
1. Read the Petition and any other documents that were filed at court with this Summons. Those documents explain what the other party is asking for.
2. Fill out a Response. You can get the Response form and other forms you need at:

The Washington State Courts' website: www.courts.wa.gov/forms

The Administrative Office of the Courts – call: (360) 705-5328

Washington LawHelp: www.washingtonlawhelp.org, or

The Superior Court Clerk's office or county law library (for a fee).

3. Serve (give) a copy of your Response to the person who filed this Summons at the address below, and to any other parties. You may use certified mail with return receipt requested. For more information on how to serve, read Superior Court Civil Rule 5.

4. File your original Response with the court clerk at this address:

Walla Walla County Superior Court Clerk, 315 W. Main Street, Walla Walla, WA 99362

5. Lawyer not required: It is a good idea to talk to a lawyer, but you may file and serve your Response without one.

Person filing this Summons or his/her lawyer fills out below:

/s/ J. Carman 4-17-17
J. Carman, WSBA #31537
Date 4-17-17

6 East Alder Street, Suite 418, Walla Walla, WA 99362

This Summons is issued according to Rule 4.1 of the Superior Court Civil Rules of the State of Washington. j

The Times
April 27, May 4, 11, 18, 25, June 1, 2017
4-27-b

NO. 17 4 00354-0 NOTICE TO CREDITORS SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON FOR CLARK COUNTY

Estate of
JANE A. HICKOK,
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 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 the 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 nonprobate assets.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Pursuant to the Revised Code of Washington 61.24, et seq. TS No.: WA-13-594300-TC APN No.: 360604310057 Title Order No.: 130197675-WA-MSO Deed of Trust Grantor(s): JAMES R. MOSS, RAMONA E MOSS, JESSICA WALTERS Deed of Trust Grantee(s): MORTGAGE

ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR UNITED FINANCIAL MORTGAGE CORP. Deed of Trust Instrument/Reference No.: 2005-01022 I. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Quality Loan Service Corp. of Washington, the undersigned Trustee, will on 6/2/2017, 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: PARCEL D-2 OF SHORT PLAT RECORDED MARCH 20, 1997 IN VOLUME 3 OF SHORT PLATS AT PAGE 128, UNDER AUDITOR'S FILE NO.9702375, SITUATE IN WALLA WALLA COUNTY, STATE OF WASHINGTON. More commonly known as: 396 HILL ROAD, WALLA WALLA, WA 99362 which is subject to that certain Deed of Trust dated 1/13/2005, recorded 1/26/2005, under Instrument No. 2005-01022 records of WALLA WALLA County, Washington, from JAMES R MOSS AND RAMONA E MOSS, HUSBAND AND WIFE AND JESSICA WALTERS, AS HER SEPARATE PROPERTY, as grantor(s), to NATIONS TITLE AGENCY OF LA., INC, as original trustee, to secure an obligation in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR UNITED FINANCIAL MORTGAGE CORP., as original beneficiary, the beneficial interest in which was subsequently assigned to U.S. Bank NA, successor trustee to Bank of America, NA, successor in interest to LaSalle Bank NA, on behalf of the registered holders of Bear Stearns Asset Backed Securities I LLC, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2005-HE6, the Beneficiary, under an assignment recorded under Auditors File Number 2013-08216 xxx xxx II. No action commenced by the Beneficiary of the Deed of Trust is now pending to seek satisfaction of the obligation in any Court by reason of the Borrower's or Grantor's default on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust/Mortgage. III. The default(s) for which this foreclosure is made is/are as follows: Failure to pay when due the following amounts which are now in arrears \$156,167.42 IV. The sum owing on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust is: The principal sum of \$208,989.54, together with interest as provided in the Note from 7/1/2009 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 6/2/2017. The defaults referred to in Paragraph III must be cured by 5/22/2017 (11 days before the sale date), or by other date as permitted in the Note or Deed of Trust, to cause a discontinuance of the sale. The sale will be discontinued and terminated if at any time before 5/22/2017 (11 days before the sale), or by other date as permitted in the Note or Deed of Trust, the default as set forth in Paragraph III is cured and the Trustee's fees and costs are paid. Payment must be in cash or with cashiers or certified checks from a State or federally chartered bank. The sale may be terminated any time after the 5/22/2017 (11 days before the sale date) and before the sale, by the Borrower or Grantor or the holder of any recorded junior lien or encumbrance by paying the principal and interest, plus costs, fees and advances, if any, made pursuant to the terms of the obligation and/or Deed of Trust, and curing all other defaults. VI. A written Notice of Default was transmitted by the Beneficiary

or Trustee to the Borrower(s) and Grantor(s) by both first class and certified mail, proof of which is in the possession of the Trustee; and the Borrower and Grantor were personally served, if applicable, with said written Notice of Default or the written Notice of Default was posted in a conspicuous place on the real property described in Paragraph I above, and the Trustee has possession of proof of such service or posting. The list of recipients of the Notice of Default is listed within the Notice of Foreclosure provided to the Borrower(s) and Grantor(s). These requirements were completed as of 1/8/2016. VII. The Trustee whose name and address are set forth below will provide in writing to anyone requesting it, a statement of all costs and fees due at any time prior to the sale. VIII. The effect of the sale will be to deprive the Grantor and all those who hold by, through or under the Grantor of all their interest in the above-described property. IX. Anyone having any objections to this sale on any grounds whatsoever will be afforded an opportunity to be heard as to those objections if they bring a lawsuit to restrain the sale pursuant to RCW 61.24.130. Failure to bring such a lawsuit may result in a waiver of any proper grounds for invalidating the Trustee's sale. X. NOTICE TO OCCUPANTS OR TENANTS – The purchaser at the Trustee's Sale is entitled to possession of the property on the 20th day following the sale, as against the Grantor under the deed of trust (the owner) and anyone having an interest junior to the deed of trust, including occupants who are not tenants. After the 20th day following the sale the purchaser has the right to evict occupants who are not tenants by summary proceedings under Chapter 59.12 RCW. For tenant-occupied property, the purchaser shall provide a tenant with written notice in accordance with RCW 61.24.060. THIS NOTICE IS THE FINAL STEP BEFORE THE FORECLOSURE SALE OF YOUR HOME. You have only 20 DAYS from the recording date of this notice to pursue mediation. DO NOT DELAY. CONTACT A HOUSING COUNSELOR OR AN ATTORNEY LICENSED IN WASHINGTON NOW to assess your situation and refer you to mediation if you are eligible and it may help you save your home. See below for safe sources of help. SEEKING ASSISTANCE Housing counselors and legal assistance may be available at little or no cost to you. If you would like assistance in determining your rights and opportunities to keep your house, you may contact the following: The statewide foreclosure hotline for assistance and referral to housing counselors recommended by the Housing Finance Commission: Toll-free: 1-877-894-HOME (1-877-894-4663) or Web site: http://www.dfi.wa.gov/consumers/homeownership/post_purchase_counselors_foreclosure.htm. The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development: Toll-free: 1-800-569-4287 or National Web Site: <http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD> or for Local counseling agencies in Washington: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/sfh/hcc/fc/index.cfm?webListAction=search&searchstate=WA&filterSvc=dfc> The statewide civil legal aid hotline for assistance and referrals to other housing counselors and attorneys: Telephone: 1-800-606-4819 or Web site: <http://nwjustice.org/what-clear>. Additional disclaimers provided by the Trustee: If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the noteholders rights against the real property only. QUALITY MAY BE CONSIDERED A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE Dated: 1/23/2017 Quality Loan Service Corp. of Washington, as Trustee By: Tricia Willis, Assistant Secretary Trustee's Mailing Address: Quality Loan

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Service Corp. of Washington C/O Quality Loan Service Corp. 411 Ivy Street, San Diego, CA 92101 (866) 645-7711 Trustee's Physical Address: Quality Loan Service Corp. of Washington 108 1st Ave South, Suite 202 Seattle, WA 98104 (866) 925-0241 Sale Line: 916-939-0772 or Logi n to: <http://wa.qualityloan.com> Trustee Sale Number: WA-13-594300-TC State of: California County of: San Diego 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 California that the foregoing paragraph is true and correct. WITNESS my hand and official seal. (Seal) Signature IDSPub #0121840 5/4/2017 5/25/2017

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May 4, 25, 2017
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NO: 17-4-00084-0
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS
RCW 11.40.030

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

In re the Estate of: MARK STEPHEN TAYLOR, Deceased.

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

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NO: 17-4-00083-1
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA

In re the Estate of: STEVEN WARD HALL, 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

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

In re the Estate of: MARILYN R. ENGLAND, Deceased.

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

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tempting to elude a police vehicle, possession of a stolen vehicle, resisting arrest, driving with a suspended license – third degree. Arraignment continued to May 3.

-Michelle Martinez, 439, Dayton; charged with unlawful imprisonment – accessory, assault in the 4th degree – accessory, and coercion – accessory. May 4 trial date was stuck and case is continued to May 17 to re-set trial date.

TEENY MCMUNN: MY RECIPE BOX

Smoked Paprika Goulash

Are you asking yourself, what happened to the perfect pound cake recipe I was talking about last week? I spent at least a half hour looking for it on Saturday and couldn't find it. I think I pulled it out of my drawer so I would have it when I was ready for it, so it is somewhere. So frustrating; but that seems to be how I roll.

I saw this recipe and it caught my eye because of the smoked paprika. We have some, but I've never used it. It seemed like a lot of paprika, but the reviews all said it was good, so I made it for dinner last night. It's worth repeating.

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 Tbsp vegetable oil
- 3 onions, sliced
- 3 cloves garlic, chopped
- ¼ c. smoked Spanish paprika
- 1 tsp coarsely ground pepper
- 1 tsp salt
- 3 pounds stew meat, cut into cubes
- 3 Tbsp veg oil divided
- 1 ½ c. water
- 1 -6 oz can tomato paste
- 1 -10 oz pkg egg noodles
- ½ c. sour cream, optional
- 8 sprigs fresh parsley, optional

DIRECTIONS:

Heat one Tbsp oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Cook and stir onions until they soften and begin to brown at the edge, eight to 10 minutes. Add garlic and cook for one minute. Transfer mixture to a slow cooker. Cover and set cooker to low

Mix together paprika, salt, and pepper in a large bowl. Toss the meat cubes in the paprika mixture until evenly coated.

Heat one tablespoon of the oil in the skillet over medium heat. Put a third of the beef cubes into the skillet and cook until nicely browned on all sides (see my notes). Transfer to slow cooker. Pour two tablespoons of water into the skillet and scrape the browned bits from the pan. Pour liquid into the slow cooker. This prevents the paprika from burning when you brown the next batches of beef. Add another tablespoon of the oil to the skillet and cook



the next batch the same way. Repeat for the third batch.

Stir in the tomato paste and the rest of the water into the slow cooker. Cover. Cook on high for four to five hours, or low for six to eight hours.

Cook noodles according to directions and maybe slightly under cook them. Add sour cream on top if you like.

MY NOTES: The recipe actually said how to cook the noodles, but "follow directions" works for me. Here are a few of the things I did differently. I used only two onions and two pounds of stew meat. I cut up a three-pound roast, which was cheaper than stew meat, and saved one pound for after. We have enough left over for two more meals, but there is only two of us. I could have easily used three onions and three pounds of stew meat. It seems like a lot of onions but they cook down. I also used minced garlic.

The original recipe said two teaspoons of salt, but I cut it down to one. I also salted mine a bit afterwards. I think it's better to do that, than to make it too salty for someone else. I guessed at the pepper and wished I had actually put a full teaspoon in.

I also brown all the meat at once in a large cast iron pan, and lastly I cooked it covered in a 275 degree oven for three hours. It came out very tender and the smoked paprika was just right. I used wide egg noodles but one could use mashed potatoes also.

ENJOY –I was pleasantly surprised☺

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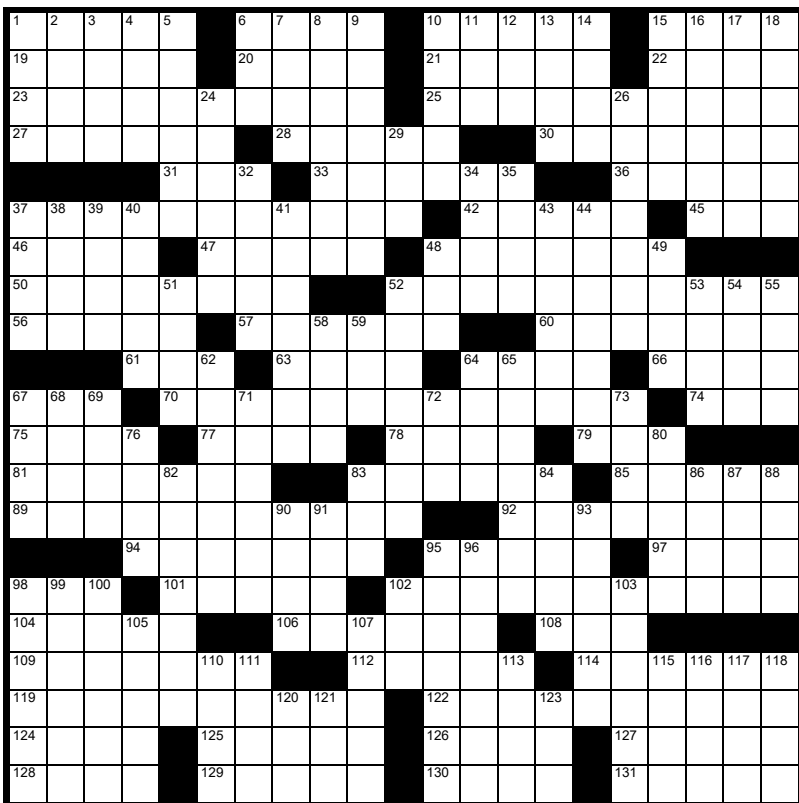
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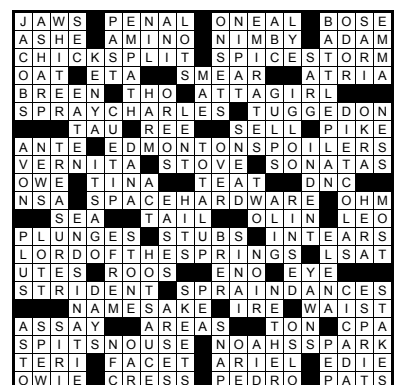
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- 7 Deal, with "out"
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- 12 "XPD" author Deighton
- 13 One following the 10 gurus
- 14 Jessica of "Sin City"
- 15 Title character in a Nikos Kazantzakis book
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- 24 Arcade game consumer



- 26 Making a curved shape
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- 34 Commandment start
- 35 Addition products
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- 38 In screen saver mode, say
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- 41 Unspecified figure
- 43 Must
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- 48 With 60 Across, "Yippee!"
- 49 Smokes, in slang
- 51 Ms. Bagnold or Blyton
- 52 Like Chewbacca
- 53 Heller's Minderbinder
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- 55 ___ disease (tick-borne affliction)
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- 80 103 Down piece
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- 84 Big storage units
- 86 Big number, of a sort
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- 91 Mononymous widow of David Bowie
- 93 U.N. member state beginning in 1993
- 95 Backdrop for many Tom Clancy novels
- 96 Fantasy fiction?
- 98 Ready to perform on a TV show hosted by RuPaul. sav
- 99 Docking spot
- 100 "300" director Zack
- 102 "Fancy that!"
- 103 Bed occupant
- 105 Defunct "Dawson's Creek" network
- 107 Narrow valleys
- 110 Private no-show?
- 111 Street sign word
- 113 Sole
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WAITSBURG ELEMENTARY'S GOT TALENT!



Photos by Dnea Wood

Performers at the April 28 Waitsburg Elementary talent show:

- Row 1: Kindergarten Class
- Row 2: Natalie Knudson, Alyssa Hollingsworth, Ryleigh Crosby, teachers Marne Henderson/Gabe Kiefel/Deanna Coulston
- Row 3: Ellie Teal, Kairi Dahlby, Hannah Peralez, Terry Klein, Chasity Paddock, Juca Ferreira, Griffen Hinchliffe
- Row 4: Bryer Paul, Kyra Karl, Amy Bly/Addy Johnson, Cheri Mathews, Carter Barron, Natalie Knudson/Brooklyn White

Row 5: Jason Watson, Makenna Barron, Georgia Reser/Victoria Whitmore, Cracyn Vinti, Yaneli Flores, Teighan Anderson/Makenna Barron
 Row 6: Hannah Peralez/Taysiah Layes, Cody Coulston

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