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THIS WEEK

DAYTON



LIBRARY

Dayton's new library director, Dusty Waltner, loves the variety afforded by working in a smalltown library.

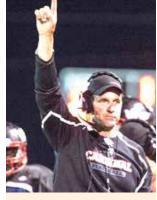
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GRIZZLY BEAR FIRE INFO



A family gathered in front of the Columbia County Courthouse Tuesday morning to look over the latest updates on the Grizzly Bear Complex Fire. See more fire information on Page 10.

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COMBINE

Waitsurg and Dayton have combined for middle school football. The team, coached by Jeff **Bartlow, began practices** in Waitsburg this week.

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TOUCHET VALLEY



FIRE

Firefighters are making progress in containing the Grizzly Bear Complex Fire south of Dayton.

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Columbia County Won't Ban Pot Businesses

On 2-1 vote, commissioners directed planner and prosecutor to draw up regulations

By Ken Graham | THE TIMES

DAYTON - During a special meeting on Monday, the Columbia County Board of Commissioners rejected a motion to ban growing, processing and sales of marijuana in the unincorporated parts of the county.

The motion to ban, which was made by Commissioner Merle Jackson, failed on a 2-1 vote, with Commissioners Dwight Robanske and Mike Talbott voting against.

After the vote, the commissioners asked Columbia County Planning Director Kim Lyonnais and County Prosecutor Rea Culwell, who were both in attendance, to begin work on drawing up a set of zoning and enforcement ordinances to regulate marijuana businesses. They said they would schedule a workshop in the next few weeks to review and finalize the new ordinanc-

For nearly two years, the commissioners have imposed a moratorium on establishment of marijuana businesses in the county. The latest extension of the moratorium will expire Sept. 17.

Earlier this year, the Dayton City Council imposed a ban on all marijuana businesses within the city limits.

Prior to the vote, Commissioner Jackson gave a list of reasons he is in favor of banning marijuana businesses in the county. These included the fact that sales and possession of marijuana are prohibited by federal law, in spite of Washington's pot legalization by voters nearly three years ago; the fact that a majority of voters in Columbia County voted against the legalization measure; and the fact that it would be better to have consistency between city and county rules.

Jackson also said, "I think it sends the wrong message to kids in our community about marijuana."

Commissioner Robanske then spoke, saying that he feels it's better to regulate a substance that is now legal to possess and has long been used in the county.

"People in Columbia County have been smoking pot for 50 years; no make that 60 years," he said. "The ban will not stop pot use. It probably won't even slow it down. It's better for us to have control" over its production and sale, he added.

Commissioner Talbott said he also feels it's better for the government to regulate the production and sale of marijuana than to leave it up to the black market.

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Fire Dept. **Annexation Moves Ahead**

Council and fire commissioners assure residents that Fire District 2 will serve Waitsburg

By Dena Wood | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG - At their Aug. 19 meeting, Waitsburg's City Council approved a pre-annexation agreement, subject to minor revisions, with Walla Walla County Fire Protection District No. 2 and passed a resolution to surplus the Waitsburg fire station and equipment, allowing for its eventual transfer to the District. Both the agreement and resolution are contingent on city and county voters passing the proposed annexation which will appear on November's special election ballot.

A top concern of council members was how to address the misperceptions held by city residents. Nearly all the councilors said they had received comments from people who are under the impression that the annexation means that Waitsburg will be left without a fire department and unprotected.

"I've had some weird comments from people who totally do not understand this," said council member Deb Callahan. "I had someone say, 'So we're not going to have any fire protection? What are we supposed to do if our house burns?"

City Administrator Randy Hinchliffe said the city plans to send out a letter explaining how the annexation will work. The city and district also plan to hold open house meetings to help educate the community, as the election draws nearer.

Waitsburg's current fire protection is provided by three entities, all housed in the Waitsburg Fire Station on Main Street: the Waitsburg City Fire Department, Walla Walla County Fire Protection District No. 2 and Columbia County Fire Protection District No. 2. All three entities share equipment and personnel through a mutual aid agreement. The annexation would consolidate those services by bringing the city under district jurisdiction.

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A FOND FAREWELL TO PHILBROOK

Emma shares her experience as a teen columnist

A Column By Dena Wood | THE TIMES

¶mma is saying farewell this week. Our Student Life columnist, Emma ■Philbrook, plans to keep in touch with us, perhaps submitting a column on a monthly basis, but it just won't be the same. While we're pleased to see her set forth on her college adventure, it's hard to say goodbye to someone who has become such a familiar face on the pages of The Times.

As a matter of fact, Emma has been here longer than the rest of us. Her first published column, featuring gift-giving tips, was printed on Nov. 29, 2012. This week she submitted her 143rd column, having never missed

I almost hesitate to mention Emma's popularity. More than once I've heard people say, "Emma's column is the first thing I

read." Or even, "Emma's column is the only thing I read," (a comment that really should be reserved for Emma, directly, since the rest of us do have feelings, too. Just sayin').

What can't be denied is that both The Times and our readers will miss Emma greatly. As we say good-bye, it seems like the perfect opportunity to learn what the experience of writing a teen column for three years was like, from Emma's perspective.

Dena: How did you end up writing for

Emma: It's a pretty long story, but I'll give you the short version: I was president of the Leo's Club my sophomore year, and part of my job was to go to a meeting of the Lions Club to help them coordinate a joint food drive. My summer job had just ended and I was looking for something else to do. I saw[former Times publisher] Imbert Matthee there and thought it would be cool if I could get an internship at the Times, so I talked to him. He put me in touch with Jillian Beaudry, who was his editor at the time, and she said I could write a column.



Emma Philbrook, who has written The Times' Student Life column (originally called Teenage Musings) for three years, graduated from WHS in June and will attend Whitman College this fall.

TOUCHET VALLEY LIFE

SEA-TECH Students Hit the Books

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA – Eleven students from Dayton, Prescott, and Waitsburg began school a a bit earlier than their counterparts, starting classes at SEA-TECH, which follows the Walla Walla School District schedule, on Wed. Aug. 26. The skills center, which is located on the Walla Walla Community College campus, opened last year and offers courses in Health Science Careers, Digital Media, Manufacturing and Welding Technology and Electrical Systems Technology.

This year, Waitsburg has a total of six students attending SEA-TECH: one in Health Science, two in Manufacturing and Welding, two first-year Digital Media students, and one second-year Digital Media student. Dayton has four students registered for the program: three taking the Manufacturing and Welding Technology Course and one taking Digital Media. Prescott has one student enrolled in the Electrical Systems Technology program.

This summer two SEA-TECH students, Jorge Garcia of Touchet and Trenton Mangarero of Walla Walla, completed successful internships through the Youth-Works program, coordinated by



Times File Photo

Josiah Travis, of Waitsburg, began his second year in SEA-TECH's Digital Media program this week. Travis also attends Running Start classes at Walla Walla Community College.

the Blue Mountain Action Coun-

Garcia, who had participated in SEA-TECH's sustainable energy program, started a paid internship with Doyle Electric in Walla Walla as an electrician helper following his graduation in June. Garcia will be entering the apprenticeship program, through Doyle Electric, this fall.

Mangarero, who took the Digital Media course at SEA-TECH, was placed as a YouthWorks intern at Walla Walla Web Weavers website design business. Business Nanqi You mentored Mangarero through the summer and offered him a part-time job this fall while he continues his education at Walla Walla Community College.

Touchet Valley Weather Aug. 26, 2015 Waitsburg's Seven Day Forecast Friday Wednesday Thursday Partly Cloudy Partly Cloudy Mostly Sunny Partly Cloudy Partly Cloudy Few T-storms High: 93 Low: 59 High: 90 Low: 59 High: 88 Low: 58 High: 80 Low: 55 High: 83 Low: 55 High: 79 Low: 51 High: 82 Low: 54 Local Almanac Last Weel Weather Trivia Day Normals 1 4 1 Precip Precipitation 0.00" When was the first weather Monday Normal precipitation 0.21" satellite launched? Tuesday 91 89/61 0.00 63 Departure from normal-0.21" Wednesday 65 89/61 0.00° launched in the United States Thursday 71 89/61 0.00" Average normal temperature74.8° And I was I was I was I was I was 88/61 0.00° Friday Departure from normal +0.1° Saturday 83 88/61 0.00" Weather History Sunday 88/60 0.00" Data as reported from Walla Walla Aug. 26, 1949 - A hurricane Sun/Moon Chart This Week made landfall at Delray Beach. Winds reached 153 mph at the Sunrise **Moonrise** <u>Day</u> Sunset Moonset Jupiter Lighthouse before the 6:06 a.m. Full Wednesday 7:42 p.m. 5:31 p.m. Thursday 7:40 p.m. 6:07 a.m. 6:15 p.m. 3:35 a.m. anemometer failed. The hurricane caused 45 million dollars damage 6:08 a.m. 7:38 p.m. 6:56 p.m. 4:47 a.m. 7:33 p.m. 7:36 p.m. Saturday 6:10 a.m. 6:02 a.m. to crops. The hurricane also 8:08 p.m. 7:20 a.m. caught the Georgia and South Sunday 6:11 a.m. 7:34 p.m. 8:43 p.m. 8:37 a.m. Carolina coast resulting in another Monday 6:12 a.m. 7:32 p.m.

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PIONEER PORTRAITS

Ten Years Ago September 1, 2005

A signal from an aircraft emergency locater transmitter (ELT) was detected and located near Waitsburg on July 20 by members of several Civil Air Patrol (CAP) Squadrons. The ELT, transmitting from a parked aircraft, was a false alarm.

AS firefighting resources continue mop-up operations in the School Fire area, the need for road, trail and area closures were evaluated and eased to accommodate public access late last week. "There is still a lot of firefighting activity taking place within the fire perimeter and we can't allow unrestricted public access until hazardous conditions are removed," said Monte Fujishin, Pomeroy District Ranger.

Twenty-Five Years Ago August 30, 1990

An interesting era of U.S. Air history is being preserved in a flight hangar on Whiskey Creek Road by long-time crop duster, Harley Woodworth. How long is "long-time?" In Woodworth's case it comes out to an even 40 years as he started in 1951 when Kenneth Bickelhaupt hired him. Woodworth's life is another case of "time sure goes fast when you're having fun." Being a pilot has been in his blood ever since he was in high school at Dayton. Maybe even before, for that matter. It was in his senior year that he took a preflight course. Roy Reid was his teacher.

Margaret and Miles Collingswood were chosen as Pioneers of the Year by the members of the Waitsburg Historical Society board at their regular meeting Monday night. They will be honored at the 18th annual Pioneer Fall Festival on Sept. 16.

Fifty Years Ago August 26, 1965

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Larsen have rented the Brunton cottage and plan to move in next week. He is an E.W.S.C. graduate and will be teaching social studies, literature and spelling in the seventh and eighth grades.

Michael E. Archer, son of Mrs. L. J. Archer, of Waitsburg has been selected as a pilot-flight engineer by Trans World Airlines.

The family of Mrs. Lucy Donnelly gathered Sunday, Aug. 22, in the Dayton City Park for their annual re-union. Nine of her twelve children were able to be present with their families making a total of fifty-five who enjoyed the day.

New addition to the Centennial Museum was a spoon which was found by Mrs. Robert Neer of Kent, Washington. The Neers found it under an old garage on property at Lake Sawyer which was originally owned by Walter P. Preston of Waitsburg. The spoon was found in the summer of 1963. We ran a picture of it, drawn by Wayne Nettles, in The Times last year. It has an Indian motif, with canoe, paddles, and designs with a picture of the old academy in the bowl of the spoon. This makes an interesting addition to our museum, which seems to be gaining momentum each week.

Seventy-Five Years Ago Sept. 6, 1940

The members of the Christian Church and friends of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Price are having a potluck dinner at the church next Sunday, Sept. 8, following the morning services. Mr. and Mrs. Price are leaving in the near future to make their residence in Walla Walla.

Mrs. Chas. Vollmer entertained Thursday at a dessert bridge honoring Miss Freda Vollmer.

Miss Betty Abbey entertained at a bridal shower Thursday evening honoring Miss Jean Sweazy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sweazy.

One Hundred Years Ago Sept. 10, 1915

The stork visited the home of Dr. and Mrs. H. A. Mount, Tuesday, Sept. 7th and left the sweetest bundle of humanity that ever came to gladden any heart in the form of a fine big boy.

The Waitsburgers are now all home from their mountain camps. W. G. Shuame moved his family down last Thursday, and the families of W. B. Shaffer, D. P. Bailey and F. O. Cox moved down Saturday which left the camp at Thayer's Mill on the Touchet deserted.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Rees and daughter Florence of Portland arrived Wednesday and are spending a few days visiting old Waitsburg friends.

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago Sept. 5, 1890

Miss Ina L. Robertson, lady principal of the Waitsburg Academy arrived in the city from Albany, Oregon, last week.

Schuyler Arnold left on Tuesday for Pomeroy where he will seek a position. Success be with you Schuyler.

E. G. Mitchell, a rancher living a few miles east of Palouse City, was arrested Friday last on a charge of setting fire to F. M. Smith's gristmill, which was lately destroyed. Hi is in jail awaiting

Misses Daisy, May and Mary Evans of Lewiston, Id., arrived in the city last Saturday morning. Misses Daisy and May will attend Waitsburg Academy while Miss Mary will attend the public school.

TOUCHET VALLEY NEWS

EVENT

AUTHOR JANE KIRKPATRICK TO SPEAK AT WALLA WALLA LIBRARY

WALLA WALLA - Bestselling historical fiction novelist Jane Kirkpatrick will speak Tues., Aug. 31, at the Walla Walla Public library as part of the library's Big Idea Talks series. A dessert reception will be held with the author at 6:30 p.m. and the program begins at 7 p.m.

Kirkpatrick is a New York Times and Christian Bookseller's Association bestselling author of more than 25 books. She is known for her well-researched, inspirational, historical fiction based on the lives of real people and events.

Kirkpatrick will discuss her latest novel, The Memory Weaver, which explores the life of Eliza Spalding Warren, who was just a child when she was taken hostage by the Cayuse Indians in 1847. As a grown woman with two children, her husband wants to make a new start in another territory – the land of her captivity. Readers will follow Eliza on her journey that unravels the threads of the past and leads to healing.



Waitsburg Presbyterian Church 504 Main

Worship 9:30 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. **Rev. Jimmie Daves** 337-6235

Last Day for Waitsburg Depression and Bipolar School District Summer Feeding Program

Soup for the Soul

Dayton First Christian Church (410 S. 3rd, Dayton) 5:30 p.m.

All are welcome to come and enjoy a free community sponsored dinner on the last Friday of each month. For more info. contact Judi Brooks at 382-4771. Transportation is available. For a ride call public transportation at 382-1647

Waitsburg Resource Center

106 Preston Avenue 9-11 a.m.

The Center provides food and resources to families in the Waitsburg and Prescott School Districts.

Saturday Market

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School Lunch Menu

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Waitsburg Story Time Weller Public Library

10:30 a.m.

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Dayton Library Story Time

Dayton Memorial Library

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

Prescott Library Story Time

Prescott Library 10:30 a.m.

Crafts and stories geared to preschool children, but all ages are welcome.

Waitsburg Senior **Round Table**

Waitsburg Presbyterian Church

11:30 a.m. Join local seniors every Tuesday for lunch. \$4 suggested donation for those over 60. \$7

charge for guests under

60. Meals on Wheels are available. Call 337-8541 for more info.

Dayton Senior Round Table

Senior Center (403 E. Patit St.)

12 p.m.

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

Artisan Food Market

Blue Mountain Station, Dayton 12 - 6 p.m.

School Starts in Dayton

Dayton School Board 609 S. 2nd. 6:30 p.m.

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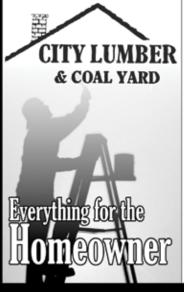
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POLICE NOTES

Waitsburg

Aug. 21

Two-vehicle collision on Bolles Road near Main Street. Both drivers transported to hospital by ambulance. Cause of collision is still under investigation.

Dayton

Nothing reported.

COURT NEWS

HELGERSON, NIETO TRIALS POSTPONED

NIETO NO LONGER FACES "THREE STRIKES" LIFE SENTENCE, ACCORDING TO PROSECUTOR

THE TIMES

DAYTON - Columbia County Superior Court Judge Scott Gallina has postponed the trial of Levi Helgerson, of Dayton, who is charged with first degree assault of a child.

The trial was originally scheduled to begin this week, but was reset for November 2, and may last as many as eight days.

According to Columbia County Prosecutor Rea Culwell, problems with Columbia County's jury notice system left the court with too few potential jurors for the trial. The judge agreed to delay the trial to allow recruitment of a full pool of potential jurors.

Helgerson, 24, is accused of severely injuring the infant son of a woman he was living with. The alleged crime took place in February 2014. He is currently out

The trial of Anthony Nieto, who is accused in a stabbing case in Dayton, was also rescheduled by Judge Gallina. He will stand trial beginning Sept. 9.

Nieto, 56, of Dayton, is accused of stabbing another man during a fight behind Woody's Bar and Grill last November. He has been housed in the Columbia County Jail since his arrest.

Prosecutors originally thought that Nieto faced a mandatory "three strikes" life sentence, since he has previously been convicted of two serious felonies in California. However, County Prosecutor Rea Culwell said she has determined that, since Nieto was sentenced for both of the California convictions on the same day, by Washington law, they only count as one "strike." So, if he's convicted at trial, or enters into a plea agreement, Nieto's sentence will likely be significantly less than life.

BIRTHDAYS

August 28: Michelle Donavon, Jerome Baumann, Daniel Harshman, Shelby Janovich, Robert White.

August 29: Debby Nordheim, Howie Smith, Rick Peck, Ryan Meier, Ivan Keve, Lori Hickman, Hanna Mock, Eddie Hernandez.

August 30: Lee Bergstrom, Jake Harshman, Tristan Michael Dunn, Chance McDaniel, Kendra Smith.

August 31: Tim Quigg, Tammie Witt, Dara Roberts, Marshall and Maverick Counts, Mark Leroue, Jr.

Sept. 1: Leslie Yancey, Allison Huwe, Janis Huwe, Todd Hawkins, Ronald William Winnett, Travis Roberts, David Mahoney, Mathew Witt, Donna Thomas, Mrs. L.O. Gardner.

Sept. 2: Bob Wright, Marjorie Lowe, Kirk Huwe, Sherry Cook, Jordan Ely, Darlene Damm.

Sept. 3: Delbert Mock, Glenn Bickelhaupt, Alice Mercer, Michael Adams.





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COMMENTARY / NEWS

KEN GRAHAM: FROM THE PUBLISHER

Columbia Co. **Makes Right** Move on Pot

olumbia County Commissioner Dwight Robanske said it best on Monday:

"The ban will not stop pot use. It probably won't even slow it down."

And so, on Monday, the commissioners voted 2-1 against a pro-

posed ban on marijuana businesses in the unincorporated parts of the county. (See story on Page 1.)

I'm encouraged to see a big dose of realism by the commissioners on pot businesses. Even Commissioner Merle Jackson, who made the motion for the ban, and lost the vote, made some very constructive suggestions in the discussion that followed about how best to regulate those businesses.

Commissioner Robanske made a strong case when he said that it is better for the county to have control over the production and sale of what is now a legal substance in our state – one that will continue to be used, ban or no ban. And I agree.

According to county planning officials, no one has recently expressed an interest in establishing a pot business in Columbia County. It may be a long time before the county's rules are ever applied. But the county will now be ready when that time comes.

Many people in Walla Walla and Columbia counties - a majority, no doubt - would rather that no one around here used marijuana, and so they see a ban as the way to get closest to that goal.

The Walla Walla County Commissioners passed a ban on marijuana businesses in the unincorporated county late last year, and the Dayton city council did the same earlier this year, for businesses within the city.

But bans just leave an opening for black market operators. That goal is unachievable.

I hope those leaders will soon take another look at their bans and consider the more forward-thinking approach of the Columbia County Commissioners.

People around here have been using marijuana for decades. Now that it is legal in Washington, it's time for our political leaders to take the sensible course of regulating its production and sale and maintaining control, rather than banning it and leaving it to the black market.



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EMMA PHILBROOK: STUDENT LIFE

Thoughts On My Last Regular Column

'ey there, every-Okay, so maybe that was a bit too peppy a start for the last regular edition of this column, but if there's



one thing I can't stand, it's when the final book in a series gets all moody and broody just because the author's sad it all has to come to an end.

I've been thinking about how to write the piece you're currently reading for ages. For a while, I contemplated printing my "lost first column", which was about getting a column, but then I decided that I really needed a chance to say goodbye as the person I am today, not the girl I was 144 columns ago.

I thought about doing a "compound column" of the funniest things I'd ever written, but most of them aren't very funny without the proper context. I even considered revealing my top-secret recipe for Knowledge Bowl brownies so that a new generation of players can use it to propel WHS to victory, but then I realized that people from rival districts subscribe to The Times as well, and that in any case having an awesome secret recipe is good for my self-esteem.

The vision for this column that stuck with me most, though, was a piece brimming with optimism – a metaphorical ride into the sunset. I would gush about my incredible roommate, the wonderful opportunities at Whitman, and the fact that today was the first day of the rest of my life. You would all get just a bit weepy, but you would be smiling when you set the paper down.

Last night I decided not to do that. It's not that my roommate isn't awesome (because she is CRAZY awesome),

It's that I still have corny jokes I need to unload. So here goes:

At the financial aid office at a small liberal arts college, the door creaks open and a large frog hops up to the front desk. To the surprise of the intern manning said desk, the frog produces a student ID proving that it attends the college.

"I need a \$5,000 Stafford loan

The intern, mightily confused, directs the frog to the office of Patricia Wak, the school's federal loan coordinator. The frog hops into the office and says "I need a \$5,000 Stafford loan (rib-

"Well," replies the highly confused Ms. Wak, "we don't usually grant those this late in the year. What do you need

"Supply and (ribbit) studio fees for my Art 150 class (croak)," replies the

'Um, okay," says Ms. Wak. "We'll need proof of your enrollment in the

The frog leaves and returns with a ceramic panda. Ms. Wak isn't sure this counts as proof of enrollment, but the frog insists, and so eventually the dean of financial aid is called in to resolve the

The dean takes one look at the panda and says, "It's a knick-knack, Patty Wak. Give the frog a loan."

or that Whitman isn't awash with opportunity (because it really and truly is), or that today isn't the first day of the rest of my life (because, well, yeah).

(croak)", says the frog.

frog.

dispute.

Isn't that awful? Isn't that horrible? Don't you hate me?

If not, I'll be checking in with The Times every four to six weeks until you come to your senses.



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GARY HOFER: MARKET BULLETS

Commodity Prices Softening

ommodities prices as a class have been declining since 2011, according to the CRB Commodities

Created by The Commodities Research Bureau, it is an indicator based on a wide selection of commodity prices; that is, prices for real-world "stuff" from burlap and copper to crude oil, wheat and zinc.

There are 23 different items whose prices go into making the numerical index for the CRB. Watching the chart for this index is to observe what is happening in the real world.

We all know that crude oil has dropped from \$107 per barrel 14 months ago to a price below \$43 this week. That is the lowest point for oil since the spring of 2009. Copper, silver and gold are all at 6-year lows. Wheat is at the low end of its trading range covering the last 6 years.

Each commodity in its own way contributes to the whole economic system of the world. When China was growing at 7% or more per year, demand for copper and other industrially sensitive materials pushed prices higher, very good for producers of these fundamental things, particularly among less developed countries. Now with China running at lower RPM, exporting less and more critically importing less, prices have softened. We are nearing a turning

We are at a very interesting juncture. One of the things that frustrates traders is that just about the time it becomes "obvious" the market is completely negative – when there is no trace of a reason to buy and everyone can see the trend to the downside - the move will end and a rally will begin.

It is foolish to buy based on the rational that "everything is cheap now", but it is time to be alert to changes in the market weather. We are either about to plunge much lower or snap back upward. The anxiety of commodity producers is increasing.

Wheat prices have been staring down the barrel of a solid if unremarkable crop in the northern hemisphere. There are no serious production problems emerging in the southern side of the globe either. When there is plenty of wheat for sale, prices do not have to move higher to ration supply. Buyers have the capital to go ahead with purchase programs and the selling window is open.

Technically speaking, Chicago wheat futures downside objective measures to about \$4.54, but the current trading has been grinding out around the \$4.90-\$5.00 range, the same intermediate lows we have seen repeatedly since early June. There are also several other price levels where buyers were uncovered in the past, i.e. \$4.89, \$4.74 and \$4.60.

Owning wheat at this price may make you clench up a bit, but for those with a contrarian attitude, the fortitude (and the capital to hold on), there is some hope of a bounce to come. Don't forget the stops (planned bail-out points). New major uptrend? Not for a while yet.

Item: The International Energy Agency (IEA) said last Wednesday that "Persistent low oil prices and global economic growth gaining momentum will cause crude demand in 2015 to rise by 1.6 million barrels per day." For perspective, the U.S. is said to consume about 19.5 million barrels per day, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA).

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TOUCHET VALLEY NEWS

PHILBROOK - FROM PAGE 1

Dena: Do you recall what your first article was and how you came up with the

Emma: My first column was about how happy I was to get a column. It was a huge deal for me. However, Ms. Beaudry wanted a column that read more like an article - something of an informative nature written in the third person. So the first column that got published was a list of gift-giving tips. In honor of that start, I wrote a gift-giving tip column on Thanksgiving weekend both years afterwards, only those were funnier.

Dena: How have your columns evolved over the three years you've written for

Emma: When I first started, like I mentioned, my columns were much less personal. It was really hard for me to write that way, because I was trying to entertain people, and it's hard to entertain people when you don't have that connection. I reverted to the format I use today within my first four or five columns. Of course, by that time, they had already started printing me and they couldn't just stop, so I got away with the switch in format. Also, I like to think I've gotten funnier over the years, but it's anyone's guess whether I actually have.

Dena: Did writing become easier or harder over time?

Emma: After a while, you get into a rhythm. Of course, finding new subject matter is always a challenge, but that's the wonderful thing about life - it just keeps throwing you inspiration.

Dena: What was the hardest thing about writing for the paper?

Emma: With a wide audience comes the need to respect that audience. What I think is a funny, innocent joke might be horribly offensive to a reader, and in a small town, that reader is very likely to be somebody you know and would never, ever offend on purpose. You have to be pretty careful if you want to write something that everyone can enjoy.

Dena: What was the easiest or most enjoyable part?

Emma: Sharing my sense of humor with the Touchet Valley. It's a great feeling to make people laugh. My sophomore year I wrote a column about not going to Prom, and I remember that everybody was telling me how funny it was and how hard they were laughing when they were reading it. It was awesome.

Dena: Do you see writing in your future, and if so, in what forms?

Emma: Of course I'm going to keep writing, just like I'm going to keep breathing and drinking water. I have to do it. It's part of my biology. I can't wait to start writing papers for my classes at Whitman, and I'm working on a short story that I hope

Emma's First Column, Published for the First Time

walked through the doors of Waitsburg High School last Friday morning with my shoulders back and my head in the clouds.

As I opened my locker, my Human Development textbook fell out and clonked me on the head. I barely noticed.

Pulling out my supplies for first period, which is Band, I strutted in a similar manner to the band room. With a flourish, I whipped a chair off of a stack and set it primly on the ground in the approximate location of the flute section.

"What's with you?" asked the band director.

"Well, I talked to the editor of The Times and she's giving me a column to write!"

"Neat! I'm glad. I've noticed that they need a bit more material to fill up that new, bigger edition. This might cut a few full-page advertisements down to size.'

Coming down from Cloud Nine only to take my final in second period, I strode confidently into English, my third-period class.

"Mrs. Leid," I announced to my teacher, "The Times is having me do a column!"

"Oh, you'll be great at that!" she enthused "Yeah!

Right up your alley!" A reality check, in the form of a ten-page test on Elie Weisel's Night, was delivered shortly afterward.

At lunch, I told my friend Cat the good news, who said that it was 'nice' that I was writing for The Times. Another friend, Logan, said something similar. In fact, most of the kids I talked to took it in stride.

With, naturally, the exception of my little broth-

"Oh great. Way to ruin a perfectly good newspaper, you twerp."

I love you too, Chris.

My mother, predictably, was excited. So were my maternal grandparents. And I'm sure my father's side of the family will be thrilled as soon as I tell them. It's all a question of how to let them know.

Maybe I'll send them all a clipping of the piece. Or a link to it on the paper's website. Or maybe I'll stay mum until one of them comes up to visit, leafs through a copy of The Times, and sees my name followed by a rather lengthy piece of print, with someone on hand to take a picture of the reaction.

In fact, I was planning to simply leave today's Times open on the kitchen table and wait for my mother to find out about the column that way. It almost worked, too. But I only got about halfway through typing the piece you're reading now before she wandered into the computer room and asked what I was doing.

"Umm...it's an essay, Mom. For English. About... umm...General Custer.'

"Really. What does that have to do with your Human Development textbook falling on your head?"

So I came clean. I told her, in explicit detail, about my trip to The Times' office for an interview about a certain food drive. How they had my name on file because I'd requested an internship. How the editor had given me her e-mail address and a due date - and a column - as well as six Starbursts and three mini Twixes, possibly the only payment I'll ever receive for this job.

Well, that and the look on my extended family's faces when a well-placed copy of the Times makes an appearance on Thanksgiving.

to get published in Whitman's annual literary magazine. I'm also picking away at writing a science fiction novel - that should be interesting. In the more immediate future, I intend to check in with the readers of The Times periodically - every month

Dena: Tell us a bit about your plans for the coming year.

Emma: I'll be attending Whitman this fall. I don't have a major yet, but I'll be entering their pre-law advising program. I can't wait to meet my roommate in person - she's a writer, too, and we have a mile-long string of e-mails back and forth talking about our lives, our hopes, our dreams, beluga whales, disparity in international education systems, and wisdom-tooth removal. I'm bracing myself for all kinds of crazy-hard assignments and intense studying, but I think that'll be fun. I love making my brain earn its keep.

In the course of our interview I was thrilled to learn that Emma still had a copy of her very first column, about how happy she was to be writing for The Times, which was never published. We are pleased to share it with our readers today. (See

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A Passion for Libraries

NEW DAYTON LIBRARY DIRECTOR DUSTY WALTNER LOVES THE VARIETY IN HER NEW JOB

By Dena Wood | THE TIMES

DAYTON - They say that 'absence makes the heart grow fonder,' and that truism turned out to be a career-changer for Dayton's new library director, Dusty

While pursuing a doctorate degree in geography, Waltner found herself, for first time since her teens, not employed by a library. The realization of how much she missed that work eventually resulted in Waltner earning a library degree and landing her role as the current director of the Columbia County Rural Library District (CCRLD).

Waltner, who just completed her Masters in Library and Information Science last week, became the district's director in July and brings with her enthusiasm and a belief in the importance of technology. Waltner replaced Jill Rourke who was hired as director in 2014, but left earlier this year, shortly after losing her husband to cancer.

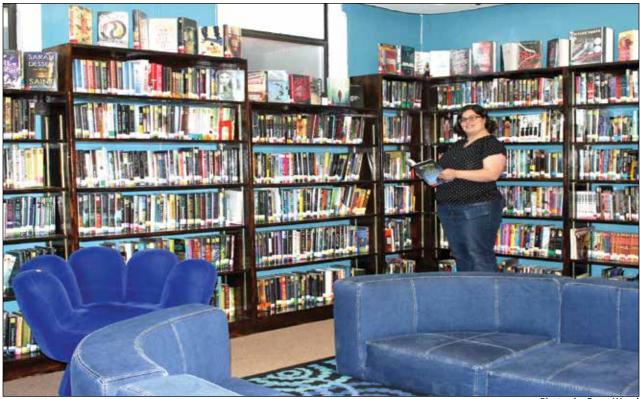
Waltner grew up in Louisana and earned both her bachelors and masters degrees in geography at the University of Montana in Missoula. She then transferred 2,100 miles back to Louisiana after being accepted into a doctorate program at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge.

That is when she realized her true passion was libraries, rather than geography.

"I started working in libraries at 16 and continued to work in them to put myself through school. When I started teaching college (geography) classes while earning my doctorate, I realized just how much I missed library work. That's when I started doing a dual degree and picked up the library degree," she

Weary of big-city life in Baton Rouge, Waltner moved with her husband and teenage son, to accept a job working in the archives at the University of Montana library while she continued to pursue her library sciences and doctorate degrees online. Waltner said she has always wanted to live in the Pacific Northwest and applied immediately when she saw the opening in Dayton.

Waltner said her family was looking specifically for a location with a small town feel. Having seen many



Above: Dayton Memorial Library Director Dusty Waltner peruses a book in the newly renovated young adult space, now located in the library's basement. Below: Library Assistant Howard Buehler demonstrates the library's new hand-held scanners.

small communities that are closed and unwelcoming to outsiders, Waltner said she was pleasantly surprised by the warm welcome she received here.

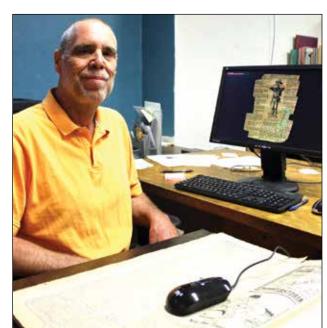
"This is an amazing community. It's very welcoming. I was immediately treated as if I belonged," she

Waltner said the best thing about her role as CCRLD director is the variety. "I could get triple the salary at a large library, but I would do one job every day. In a small town I get to do every job that the library does; from cataloging to collection development to finances to programming.

"Yesterday I was playing musical chairs during the summer reading program party. What director gets to play musical chairs with kids? If I was in the city I would never get to do that. I'd be in meetings with stakeholders," she said.

Since being hired in July, Waltner has been busy with the physical reorganization of the library. The Young Adult area was moved from a tiny, cramped

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PROSECUTOR, EXTENSION OFFICES TO MOVE

COUNTY HAS PURCHASED FORMER PGE OFFICE ON E. CLAY FOR PROSECUTOR

By Ken Graham | THE TIMES

DAYTON - The Columbia County Prosecutor's Office will move to a new location on South Clay Street in Dayton next month.

According to Prosecutor Rea Culwell, the Columbia County Commissioners have agreed a more secure space for her ofto purchase the building at 215 fice, and will be ADA compliant,

was expected to close this week.

The building formerly housed the Portland General Electric Dayton office during the construction of the Tucannon River Wind Farm, and before that, Blue Columbia Eye Care.

Culwell said that, prior to the move, some modifications will be made to the building to increase security for storage of records and to create a safe space to meet with family members in custody dispute cases.

She said the move will provide

Dayton High School Soccer - 2015

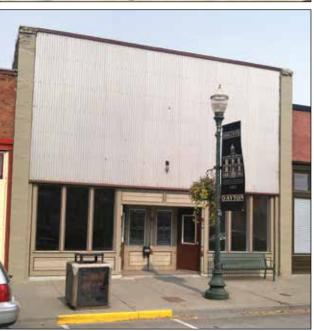
East Clay Street, next door to the which her current office isn't. She County Planning office. The sale expects the move to be completed by the end of September.

The Commissioners agreed Monday to lease a new space on Dayton's Main Street for the Columbia County Extension Office. That office is currently located in the Federal Building, next to the Dayton Post Office.

The new office will be located at 137 E. Main. Also moving into the new space will be the Columbia County Weed Board Office and the 4H advisory office.

The Extension Office move is also expected to be completed by the end of September.





Photos by Ken Graham

Top: the future home of the Columbia County Prosecutor's Office at 215 E. Clay Street in Dayton. Above: The building that will soon house the Columbia County Extension office, at 137 E. Main.

Date	Oppnent	Location	Time	JV
Sat. Sept. 5	Red/Gold Scrimmage	Dayton	TBA	
Wed. Sept. 9	Jamboree	Dayton	5:30 pm	
Sat. Sept. 12	Alumni Game	Dayton	TBA	
Wed. Sept. 16	WWVA	WWVA	5:00 pm	
Sat. Sept. 19	Trout Lake	Dayton	1:00 pm	
Mon. Sept. 21	Prescott	Prescott		4:00 pm
Sat. Sept. 26	Northport	Spokane (N.W. Chr.)	2:00 pm	
Sat. Sept. 26	N.W. Christian	Spokane (N.W. Christia	3:30 pm	
Wed. Sept 30	Prescott	Dayton	6:00 pm	
Fri. Oct. 2	Ukiah	Dayton	7:00 pm	
Sat. Oct. 3	Ukiah	Dayton	10:00 am	
Mon. Oct. 5	WWVA	Dayton	6:00 pm	
Mon. Oct. 12	Prescott	Dayton		6:00 pm
Fri. Oct. 16	Moses Lake Christian	Dayton (Senior Night)	6:00 pm	
Sat. Oct. 17	Valley Christian	Dayton	1:00 pm	
Wed. Oct. 21	Prescott	Prescott	4:00 pm	
Fri. Oct. 23	Moses Lake Christian	Moses Lake (TENTATIVE) 4:00pm	
Sat. Oct. 24	Moses Lake Christian	Moses Lake	1:00 pm	
Mon. Oct. 26	WWVA	Dayton		6:00pm



Middle School Combine Moves Ahead

WAITSBURG AND DAYTON FOOTBALL PLAYERS ARE JOINING FORCES THIS FALL

By Dena Wood | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG - Due to the dwindling number of middle school players at both schools, Waitsburg and Dayton school boards have agreed to form an athletic combine for middle school football for the 2015-16 school year.

"This will benefit our kids big time," said Waitsburg middle school football coach Jeff Bartlow, who spearheaded the idea. "We want to continue playing 11-man football at the high school and it allows us not to slip down to 8-man. Dayton is playing 8-man right now, but over time, with the size of their school, we hope to get numbers up in

Waitsburg's school board was presented with the suggestion of a Dayton-Waitsburg combine at their July 29 board meeting and responded positively.

Board chair Ross Hamann felt a combine was the right move to make, developmentally, for both programs. He also said that middle school combines were much less complicated than high school combines and that the focus was more on participation and development.

Waitsburg Superintendent Carol Clarke entered into discussions with Dayton Su-



(Above): New WHS head football coach Troy Larsen (center) had his team reading the concussion labels on their helmets during practice on Saturday morning After 16 years as head coach, Jeff Bartlow resigned as high school coach this year to take over as middle school coach, allowing him to spend weekends with his family. Bartlow believes the middle school combine with Dayton will ultimately benefit the high school programs at both schools.

PIE-ONEER FALL FESTIVAL

perintendent Doug Johnson who was also supportive of the idea. Johnson announced the combine agreement at Dayton's Aug. 19 school board meeting.

Johnson said that, with both districts experiencing a smaller number of players, the combine was the best solution to field a team consistently. Johnson said there are still some details to be worked out, such as transportation, but that school officials and parents believe the combine is a great opportunity for students.

"I am really excited to do this for the first time. It is a good fit for me as I am used to the combine we had with Prescott High School

since it was installed in 2007," said Bartlow.

"I believe this will really help Dayton with participation over the next few years, both at middle school and high school levels. We just want what is best for the kids and this, right now, is best for our kids in both communities," he added.

Bartlow will be assisted by coaches Brad Sandau and Joe Rhymes, with Ben Christensen volunteering. Thirteen 8th graders and six 7th graders have signed up to play. Practices began in Waitsburg on Aug. 25 with the first game (opponent TBA) scheduled on Sept. 17.

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"Annexation of the City of Waitsburg Fire Department into Fire Protection District No. 2 has no negative impact on anyone in the City of Waitsburg," said Hinchliffe. "In reality, it will actually benefit them by only the district responding to emergencies in the city, rather than one of the three fire entities currently housed in the Waitsburg Fire Department Building," he added.

Hinchliffe said the District will eventually combine the City Fire Department and Waitsburg Ambulance Service into one entity what will be responsible for all emergency services.

"This consolidation will allow the District to better provide for emergency needs of the citizens of Waitsburg as well as the property owners in Fire District No. 2," he said.

Hinchliffe said the annexation will also remove the oversight responsibility from the city council and allow the fire district commissioners to focus efforts on the District (which includes the city) as a whole, to improve emergency response activities.

"Eventually, the annexation could lead to full-time staff at the fire department that would improve response time and lessen the overall need for volunteers, which have become harder to find as the city's population ages and longterm volunteers retire from the department," he

Hinchliffe also noted that eliminating the fire department from the city's budget will free up resources that can then be used in other departments like the city pool or library.

Waitsburg's city council and District fire commissioners plan to host one or more open house events in the coming months to address questions from the public. Plans are to have both Columbia County Fire District 3 Chief Rick Turner, who recently helped negotiate a similar successful consolidation in Dayton, and Roger Ferris from the Washington Fire Commissioner's Association, on hand to respond to concerns as well.

Pies for the Pool

EXPERT JUDGES HIGHLIGHT LOCAL TALENT PIE BAKING CONTEST

By Dena Wood | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG - About a half dozen people turned out for the organizational meeting of Friends of the Waitsburg Pool, which they hope will become part of the Rural Youth Enrichment Services 501c3, earlier this month. The group nailed down their priorities and immediately began work on their first fundraiser, a pie baking contest, to be judged at Waitsburg's Fall Festival on Sun., Sept. 20.

The Friends agreed that their first priority is meeting the needs of children, followed by providing funding and/or scholarships to help lifeguards with certification fees. Additional funds will be used toward pool maintenance, repairs and upgrades, according to organizer Kate Hockersmith.

The group wasted no time in organizing their first fundraiser, a Pie-Oneer Fall Festival Invitational Pie Baking Contest.

"There are some really amazing pie bakers in this town; they may just not know that they're that good. We want to highlight the tremendous amount of talent we have here in Waitsburg," said contest organizer Karen Gregutt.

To do so, a panel of expert judges has agreed to judge the bake-off. Judges include professional pastry chef Valerie Mudry of Waitsburg's Whoopemup Café and executive director of Walla Walla Community College's culinary arts program, Dan Thiessen. "They know a good pie when they taste one,"

Tues., Oct. 27

Fri., Oct. 30

Gregutt said.

The third judge will be "Waitsburg Pie Expert" Jack Mc-Caw, whose late wife Laurette was well-known as an accomplished pie

baker. Gregutt said this honorary position will be auctioned off for next year.

The contest is open to bakers of all ages with prizes in three categories: Under 12, ages 12-18, and 19 and above. Contestants will bake two identical pies; one for judging and one for sale. Health department guidelines require that pies be fruit-only, and contain no dairy or eggs in the filling. Both the filling and crust must be homemade.

Pies will be judged on appearance, taste and creativity. Ribbons will be awarded in each category and one pie will receive the coveted "Best of Pie" award. Registration forms may be picked up at Waitburg City Hall and Waitsburg Hardware Store and must be turned in by Friday, Sept. 18.

Fall festival attendees will be able to purchase bites or slices of pie and whole pies will be sold in a silent auction. Judging will be completed prior to the end of the auction and ribbons will be placed next to winning pies before the bidding is closed.

Gregutt said she hopes many bakers will join the competition and looks forward to the contest becoming an annual Pioneer Fall Festival event.

"We want this invitational event to be something people can truly feel proud of if they win,"



WAITSBURG - Waitsburg city administrator Randy Hinchliffe has been awarded the Professional Finance Officer Award from the Washington Finance Officers Association for the eighth year running.

The Professional Finance Officer Recognition Program provides an opportunity for members to be recognized for their continued personal development and achievements in the governmental finance

Mayor Walt Gobel recognized Hinchliffe, reading a letter from the Finance Officers Association, at Waitsburg's Aug. 19 City Council meeting.

A portion from the letter read, "This annual award requires ongoing education and professional excellence on the part of each individual and is not automatically awarded. Randy is committed to achieving educational and professional excellence as acknowledged by the receipt of this reward for the last eight years."

Prescott HS Fall Sports Schedules

PRESCOTT HS SOCCER 2015 **PLACE** TIME DATE **OPPONENT** Wed., Sept. 9 Dayton 6:20/7:10 Jamboree Fri., Sept. 11 Boardman Boardman 4:00 Mon., Sept. 14 **WWVA** Prescott 4:00 Fri., Sept. 18 St. George's 4:00 Spokane Tues., Sept. 22 Irrigon Irrigon 4:00 Sat., Sept. 26 St. George's Prescott 11:00 Wed., Sept. 30 Dayton Dayton 6:00 Fri., Oct. 2 **NWC** Spokane 4:00 Tues., Oct. 6 Boardman Prescott 4:00 Fri., Oct. 9 **Trout Lake** Trout Lake 3:00 Fri., Oct. 16 Prescott Irrigon 2:00 Mon., Oct. 19 **WWVA** College Place 4:00 Dayton Wed., Oct. 21 Prescott 4:00 Sat., Oct. 24 Valley Christian Spokane 12:00

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PRESCOTT HS VOLLEYBALL 2015

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DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Sat., Sept. 5	Jamboree	Kahlotus	9:00
Tues., Sept. 8	Dayton	Prescott	5:00/6:00
Sat., Sept. 12	Tournament	Waitsburg	9:00
Thur., Sept. 17	DeSales	Walla Walla	5:00/6:00
Sat., Sept. 19	Tournament	Palouse	9:00
Tues., Sept. 22	College Place	College Place	5:00
Thur., Sept. 24	WWVA	Prescott	5:00/6:00
Tues., Sept. 29	Tri-Cities Prep	Pasco	5:00/6:00
Thur., Oct. 1	Waitsburg	Waitsburg	5:00/6:00
Tues., Oct. 6	Asotin	Prescott	5:00/6:00
Thur., Oct. 8	Dayton	Dayton	5:00/6:00
Tues., Oct. 13	DeSales	Prescott	5:00/6:00
Fri., Oct. 16	Alumni	Prescott	5:00/6:00
Tues., Oct. 20	WWVA	College Place	5:00/6:00
Thur., Oct. 22	Tri-Cities Prep	Prescott	5:00/6:00
Tues., Oct. 27	Waitsburg	Prescott	5:00/6:00
Wed., Oct. 28	Asotin	Asotin	5:00/6:00

LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASH-INGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA

In the Matter of the Estate

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NOTICE OF HEARING

WALLA WALLA COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS REVISING ESTABLISHED ROADWAY DESIGN STAN-DARDS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIV-EN that a hearing will be held to consider revising established Roadway Design Standards. Said hearing will be held in the Walla Walla County Commissioner Chambers, County Public Health and Legislative Building, 314 West Main, Walla Walla, Washington at 10:30 A.M., on Tuesday, September 8th, 2015 or as soon thereafter as possible.

By: Randy L. Glaeser, P.E. Director/County Engineer

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Public Notice

The Walla Walla County Water Conservancy Board will hold its regular meeting September 2, 2015 at 2:00 PM at the Walla Walla County Public Health and Legislative Building, 314 West Main, Room 213, Walla Walla.

> The Times Aug. 27, 2015

SHERIFF'S PUBLIC NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL PROP-ERTY No. 12-2-00840-1

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASH-INGTON FOR WALLA WALLA COUNTY

THE HUNTINGTON NA-TIONAL BANK, its successors in interest and/

Plaintiff,

VS.

or assigns,

UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF

EARL D. RILEY; TERESA BECKVOLD;

DEANA MAXSON; JULIE HOULIHAN; HSBC BANK USA, NA,

SUCCESSOR BY
MERGER TO HOUSEHOLD FINANCE
CORPORATION III, WASH-

INGTON STATE
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL
AND HEALTH

SERVICES; OCCUPANTS
OF THE PREMISES,

Defendants

TO: The Judgment Debtors Named Above:

The Superior Court of Walla Walla County has directed the undersigned Sheriff of Walla Walla County to sell the property described below to satisfy a judgment. If developed, the property address is:

82 South Columbia School, Burbank, Washington 99323

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

TRACT 3 AS DESIGNATED ON SHORT PLAT FILED JULY 13, 1978 IN VOLUME 1 PAGE 113 OF SHORT PLATS, UNDER AUDITOR'S FILE NO 7806229, RECORDS OF WAL-LA WALLA COUNTY, WASH-INGTON; TOGETHER WITH AN ACCESS EASEMENT ALONG THE EAST 30.0 FEET OF THE NORTH 358.85 FEET OF THE SAID EAST HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUAR-TER OF SECTION 12, TOWN-SHIP 8 NORTH, RANGE 30 EAST OF THE WILLAMETTE MERIDIAN.

The sale of the within described property is to take place:

Time: 10:00 AM
Date: Friday, October 2,

Place: Main Entrance, Walla Walla County Courthouse, Walla Walla, WA

The judgment debtors can avoid the sale by paying the judgment amount of \$79,094.15, together with interest, costs and fees, before the sale date. For the exact amount, contact the sheriff at the address stated below.

Dated this 20th day of Au-

gust, 2015

JOHN A. TURNER, Sheriff Walla Walla County

By: Sherri Krumbah, Senior Admin Clerk

240 W. Alder #101, Walla Walla, WA, 99362 (509) 524-5400 or (509) 524-5411

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SHERIFF'S NOTICE TO JUDGMENT DEBTOR OF; WRIT FOR ORDER OF SALE NO. 12-2-00840-1

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The sale of the described property is subject to:

[X] No redemption rights after sale.

[] A redemption period of eight months which will expire

at 4:30 PM On the ___ day of ____, 20___

[] A redemption period of one year which will expire at 4:30 PM On the

day of _____, 20___
The judgment debtor or debtors or any of them may redeem the above described property at any time up to the end of the redemption period by paying the amount bid at the sheriff's sale, plus additional

costs, taxes, assessments, certain other amounts, fees, and interest. If you are interested in redeeming the property contact the undersigned sheriff at the address stated below to determine the exact amount necessary to redeem.

IMPORTANT NOTICE; IF THE JUDGMENT DEBTOR OR DEBTORS DO NOT REDEEM THE PROPERTY BY 4:30 PM ON THE 2ND DAY OF OCTO-BER, 2015, THE END OF THE REDEMPTION PERIOD, THE PURCHASER AT THE SHER-IFF'S SALE WILL BECOME THE OWNER AND MAY EVICT THE OCCUPANT FROM THE PROPERTY UNLESS THE OCCUPANT IS A TENANT HOLDING UNDER AN UNEX-PIRED LEASE. IF PAGE THREE

IF THE PROPERTY TO BE SOLD IS OCCUPIED AS A PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE BY THE JUDGMENT DEBTOR OR DEBTORS AT THE TIME OF THE SALE, HE, SHE, THEY OR ANY OF THEM, MAY HAVE THE RIGHT TO RETAIN POSSESSION DURING THE REDEMPTION PERIOD, IF ANY, WITH PAYMENT OF ANY RENT OR OCCUPANCY FEE THE JUDGMENT DEBTOR MAY ALSO HAVE A RIGHT TO RETAIN POSSESSION **DURING ANY REDEMPTION** PERIOD IF THE PROPERTY IS USED FOR FARMING OR IF THE PROPERTY IS BEING SOLD UNDER A MORTGAGE THAT SO PROVIDES.

Dated this 20th day of August, 2015.

JOHN A. TURNER, Sheriff

Walla Walla County

By Sherri Krumbah, Senior

Admin Clerk 240 W. Alder #101, Walla Walla WA 99362 (509) 524-5400 or 524-5411

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NOTICE OF HEARING

WALLA WALLA COUNTY SIX-YEAR TRANSPOR-TATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIV-EN that a hearing will be held to consider amending the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program. Said hearing will be held in the Walla Walla County Commissioner Chambers, County Public Health and Legislative Building, 314 West Main, Walla Walla, Washington at 10:30 A.M., on Monday, September 14th, 2015 or as soon thereafter as possible.

By: Randy L. Glaeser, P.E. Director/County Engineer

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CITY OF WAITSBURG REQUEST FOR QUALIFICA-TIONS MAIN STREET BRIDGE RE-PLACEMENT

The City of Waitsburg is requesting Statements of Qualifications from firms interested

in providing Civil and Structural Engineering services for a bridge replacement project scheduled to begin construction in Summer 2017.

The Consultant shall provide bridge design services for the demolition and replacement of current structure with a concrete girder bridge. The design shall include, but is not limited to, bridge railing, approach guardrail, bridge approaches, drainage, and finish grades. The project shall be designed to current State, City, American Association of State Highway and Transportation, and Load and Resistance Factor Design standards. The Consultant shall also be responsible for all surveying, hydraulic modeling, geotechnical investigations, environmental documentation, and permit applications.

All firms are hereby advised that compliance with local, State, and Federal requirements for Equal Employment Opportunities is required.

Submittals should include the following information: Firm name, address, and phone number and the names of the Principal-in-Charge, Project Manager, and key team members

Submittals shall be limited to 30 single-sided pages and will be evaluated and ranked based on the following criteria:

Ability to perform expected work
 Ability to meet deadlines

3. Ability to stay within budget4. Similar project experi-

ence
5. Key personnel
6. Past experience with the

City of Waitsburg
7. Client references
8. Location of firm

The City of Waitsburg encourages disadvantaged, minority, and women-owned

consultant firms to respond.

Please submit THREE copies of your Statement of Qualifications to:

Randy Hinchliffe, City Administrator City of Waitsburg PO Box 35 Waitsburg, WA 99361

Submittals will be accepted no later than 4:00 p.m. on September 10th, 2015. Submittals received after this time and date will not be considered. Any questions should be directed to Randy Hinchliffe at (509) 337-6371.

The Recipient, in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. 2000d to 2000d-4 and Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Department of Transportation, subtitle A, Office of the Secretary, Part 21, nondiscrimination in Federally assisted programs of the Department of Transportation issued pursuant to such Act, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises as defined at 49 CFR Part 26 will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation

and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, national origin, or sex in consideration for an award.

Following evaluation of submittals, the City may conduct an interview with the most qualified firms to determine final selection. The City assumes no obligation of any kind for expenses incurred by any respondent to this solicitation.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEET-ING WALLA WALLA COUNTY

PLANNING COMMISSION

Public Meeting Information The Walla Walla County Planning Commission will be holding a public meeting to discuss possible amendments related to wedding and event center facilities.

This workshop meeting may include general discussion of the following related 2015 Comprehensive Plan and Development Regulations Amendment applications.

*ZCA15-001 – J Alan and Deanne Fielding, Cameo Heights Mansion

Zoning Code Text Amendment application to amend WWCC 17.08.074C to allow dining service at Type 3 Bed and Breakfast Guesthouses for 50 guests and to allow various events with up to 50 attendees. *ZCA15-002 – Armando

Zoning Code Text Amendment application to amend WWCC 17.16.014, Permitted Uses, to allow Wedding and Event Centers in the Rural Residential 5 zoning district.

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*ZCA15-004 – Nathanael Small

Zoning Code Text Amendment application to amend WWCC 17.16.014 to allow Wedding and Event Centers in the Primary Agriculture 40 zoning district as a conditional use permit, subject to certain criteria.

*ZCA15-006 – Kenney Farms

Zoning Code Text Amendment application to amend WWCC Chapter 17.16 to allow events in the Agriculture Residential 10 zoning district.

PUBLIC MEETING County Public Health and Legislative Building 314 West Main Street 2nd floor - Room 213 Walla Walla, WA September 2, 2015 at 7:00

FOR MORE INFORMA-TION: For more information regarding this meeting, please contact Lauren Prentice, Principal Planner at 509-524-2620 or commdev@co.walla-walla. wa.us.

Walla Walla County complies with ADA; reasonable accommodation provided with 3 days notice.

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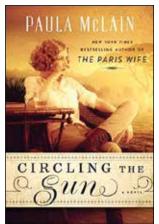


TOUCHET VALLEY NEWS

New at the Library

Weller Public Library

212 Main Street, Waitsburg Hours: Mon. and Thurs. 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Storytime: Mon., 10:30 a.m.



Circling the Sun by Paula McLain (Adult Fiction): Historical fiction writer McLain transports readers to colonial Kenya in the 1920's where the fearless and captivating Beryl, Markham, a record-setting female aviator is caught up in a passionate love triangle.

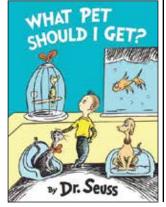
The Shining Girls by Lauren Beukes (Adult Fiction): A masterful twist on the serial killer tale fea-

turing a memorable and appealing heroine in pursuit of a deadly criminal.

Looking for Alaska by John Green (Young Adult): Miles "Pudge" Halter is fascinated with the gorgeous, clever, funny, self-destructive, screwed up, and utterly fascinating Alaska Young, who lives down the hall at his boarding school.

What Pet Should I Get by Dr. Suess (Children's): A never-before-seen picture book for Dr. Suess about what happens

when a brother and sister visit a pet store to pick out a pet.



Dayton Memorial Library

111 S. 3rd Street, Dayton Hours: Mon., Wed., Fri., 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Tues. & Thurs., 12-8 p.m.; Sat., 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Storytime: Tues., 10 a.m.

> Don't Breathe A Word by Jennifer McMahon (Adult Fiction): A haunting, spine shivering page turner.

Deadly Design by Debra Dockter (Young Adult): An action-packed page-turner and fascinating exploration of genetic modification.

Woodpecker Wham! by April Pulley Sayre (Junior Nonfiction): Get a

bird's eye view of everyday life as seen through the eyes of a woodpecker.

The War That Saved My Life by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley: An exceptionally moving story of triumph against all odds set during WWII, from the author of Number the Stars.

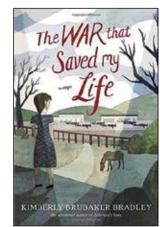
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A WORD

JENNIFER MCMAHON

First Grade Dropout by Audrey Vernick (Easy Reader): Readers will discover that embarassing things happen to everyone but they're not usual-

ly as bad as they seem. And sometimes they're even funny!



NO BAN - FROM PAGE 1

The commissioners discussed with Lyonnais and Culwell various options for zones in which pot businesses would be allowed. Potential zones for growing marijuana are the A1, A2 and A3 zones, and possibly AR1 and AR2 zones, Lyonnais said.

There was discussion of whether processing should be allowed in the A zones, or only in the light

industrial zone. Marijuana retail stores might be allowed just in commercial zones in the county.

Culwell pointed out to the board that state law has very strong restrictions on licensing and operation of marijuana businesses, but that the board could add their own additional restrictions if they wished.

"We can make the law in Columbia County more restrictive than state law," she said, "but we can't make it less restrictive than state law.

Even though the moratorium will run out in less than a month, the commissioners said they don't expect to have the new ordinances in place before late October or November.

NEWS BRIEFS

WALLA WALLA HOSPICE FUNDRAISER

WALLA WALLA - The Walla Walla Community Hospice will host its 14th Annual Pond and Garden Tour on Sat., Sept. 12 from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. The fundraising events is a self-guided tour of 10 gardens in the Walla Walla area. It is a delightful tour of unique and creative gardens incorporating ponds, creeks, and other water

Walla Walla Community Hospice is a nonprofit organization committed to providing quality hospice care to adults and children facing a limited life expectancy. No patient is denied for financial reasons. All proceeds from the Pond & Garden tour will be used toward providing quality hospice care in Walla Walla, Columbia and northeast Umatilla counties.

Tickets for the event include a tour map and entrance to all 10 gardens. There will also be a raffle for garden accessories, featured vendors of garden art, musicians, artists and local food vendors. Tickets are limited and must be purchased in advance.

Cost is \$20 per person (12+ years only, please) and may be purchased at the WWCH office (1607 Isaacs, Walla Walla), and Brights Candies & Gifts (11 E. Main, Walla Walla). Tickets may also be purchased online at https://wwhospice.org or by phone at (509) 525-5561. More information about the tour is available at www. haspice.org of on the groups Facebook page at www. facebook.com/wallawallahospice.

FREE WA-HI GOLD CARDS **ALLOW FREE ADMISSION**

WALLA WALLA - Seniors who live in the Walla Walla School District boundaries and Walla Walla Public Schools retirees 60 and older are invited to attend most school events at no charge. Get a complimentary Gold Card and see concerts, plays, art shows and athletic events (except playoff games governed by YVIAA or WIAA regulations) at no charge. Gold Cards are issued from the ASB office at Walla Walla High School, 800 Abbott Road. Proof of residence is required. For more information contact Barbara Brown at bbrown@wwps.org or call 509-526-8611.

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room upstairs, to a bright, airy space, with plenty of seating, in the basement. Waltner says they plan to move the children's section downstairs in the near future as well, so that kids can visit and play, while the upstairs is reserved as a quiet space for adults.

Waltner has a strong appreciation for the advantages of technology and is working to increase the library's technological resources. Just this month, the library received six iPod shuffles, provided by the Dayton Friends of the Library, which can be preloaded with up to five library audio books and checked out. The library also offers eReaders and laptops for both checkout and in-building use.

The library recently purchased several hand-held scanners, similar to a computer mouse, which can be used to scan items from books or newspapers. This is especially helpful with fragile items like aged newspaper articles.

"While there are a great many ways that living in a rural community improves quality of life, one of the downsides is the delay in access to information, particularly the latest and greatest technology," Waltner said. "I want to ensure that our community has equal access to information and technology services as that offered in libraries in the big cities.

"While still holding true to our farming roots, we need to also make sure we are preparing our youth in 21st century technology skills, especially considering farming equipment maintenance requires an increasing knowledge in computer programming," she added.

Waltner said she is also very pleased with the enthusiasm and efforts of her staff. Ninety-one kids participated in

the summer reading program and 45 adults joined the library's first adult summer reading program, this year.

Library assistant (and entomologist) Howard Buehler recently set up a research room in the basement, with microscopes available for patron use. Buehler is also very involved in the library's extensive genealogy collection which includes Dayton Chronicle archives, local plot maps, cemetery records, census records and volumes of historical records compiled by area

The library also hosts popular community events. Author Susan Matley will read from her newly released novella, Small-g City, on Thursday, Sept. 24 at 6 p.m.

Political cartoonist Milt Priggee will give a talk entitled, "Cartooning the Evergreen State: A Conversation About Local Political Cartoons and What is Considered Acceptable Commentary of the 21st Century," at 7 p.m. on Oct.

Washington State poet laureate Elizabeth Austen will give a free poetry writing workshop, "Poetry for All," on Oct. 10 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. No writing experience is necessary but class size is limited to 25 so participants must sign up at the library in advance.

The library is also planning a Banned Book Week celebration during the week of Sept. 27, which will include special events, prizes and a movie at the Liberty Theater. The library will also have a booth at the Dayton Fair where visitors can stop in to read, rest, play games to win books, and even sign up for library cards.

In fact, since September is Library Card Sign-Up Month, it's the perfect time for anyone who doesn't have a library card, to stop in and get one while checking out the updated space and new resources.

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system

1. Leg part

3. John, abroad

4. More foliaged

5. Steep slope

6. Got an eyeful

9. Philosophical

11. Love lots

10. Chest protector

12. Kidney related 13. Japanese style writing 21. Baby bottom 23. Meal, informally 28. Lady's secret 29. Dog biter 30. Literary device 32. Hot wine punch 36. It shows the way

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Grizzly Bear Fire Crews Continue Working Toward Containment

[Editor's Note: the following information was released Tuesday morning by the *Umatilla National Forest Fire Information Office.*]

ELGIN, Ore. - Firefighters continue to make overall progress containing the Grizzly Bear Complex fire. Direct and indirect firelines were improved and 5% containment was achieved.

A new fire started yesterday afternoon near the north edge of the Grizzly Bear Complex. Named Green Ridge, it is burning in mixed fuel (grass, timber, slash). Although 60% contained yesterday, it grew last night to 7 acres. Its cause is being investigated.

A vehicle accident occurred last night as fire crews were deployed to work the night shift. In the dust and smoke, an engine staffed with three people got too close to the road shoulder and rolled off the edge. All three firefighters were transported to a local hospital. One has a shoulder injury. Two were uninjured. All are well, but feeling sore this morning.

Incident Commander Brian Gales emphasized the need to drive carefully and manage fatigue as crews continue to work extremely hard and effectively over this long fire season.

US Forest Service Regional Supervisor Jim Pena visited the Incident Command Post in Elgin, Ore. yesterday. He also expressed appreciation and support for the hard work firefighters are engaged in on the Grizzly Bear Complex. He emphasized that the nation recognizes the challenging weather and scarcity of firefighting resources that the northwest is experiencing.

On the north, south and east sides of the fire, crews continue to prepare and improve direct and indirect fire lines. The main foundations of these lines is Forest Road 4608 on the north, Forest Road 62 on the south; and dozer line and roads such as 4309 on the east. Scouting for containment opportunities on the fire's west side to prevent spread and ensure protection of the Mill Creek watershed contin-

The majority of active fire is no longer at the communities of Troy, Grouse Flats, and Eden Flats. Because the immediate threat has been reduced, resources and personnel working under the Oregon State Fire Marshal's Office incident management team will be leaving the fire this morning. Some of these engines will continue working on the fire under their standard firefighting agreements.

Although some structures were unfortunately lost, firefighters reported that many residences in the area were saved due to the capacity and coordination provided by Oregon State. No structures were lost yesterday.

Warm, dry weather with light winds is expected to continue today. Fires can ignite easily because fuels are so dry. The major danger is from spot fires that are difficult to detect in heavy fuels and smoky conditions. If the fire has an opportunity to move uphill it can move quickly. More moderate weather conditions are expected to develop as a cold front moves into the area Friday night bringing a 60% chance of wetting rain.

After today, evacuation levels north and east of Anatone will be evaluated for possible reduction.





Top: In this photo taken Friday, a huge plume of smoke can be seen above the Grizzly Bear Complex Fire. (Courtesy photo)

Above: Grizzly Bear Complex Fire Branch I overhead team enjoys homemade cookies provided by the community. They said they are the best they have ever had. (Photo courtesy of Lisa Caldwell.)

Grizzly Bear Complex Fire - Situation as of 8/25

Total Personnel: 676 Size: 59,200 Acres % of Perimeter Contained: Fuels Involved: Timber, grass and brush

Public Meeting to be Held

DAYTON – A public meeting will be held Thursday evening at 7 p.m. at the Seneca Activity Center here to update community members on the current status and plans regarding the Grizzly Bear Complex Fire.

According to Columbia County Emergency Management Director Lisa Caldwell, Columbia County officials and fire personnel will be on hand to give the update and answer questions.

Donations Encouraged

DAYTON – Donations for firefighters are being collected at the 911 center at the southeast corner of the Columbia County Courthouse. Suggested donations include water, nutrition bars, apples and pre-posted post cards.





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