

THIS WEEK

DAYTON



NUTRITION

Suzi Tasker opens New Thought Nutrition in Dayton.
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WAITSBURG



HOLIDAY

Waitsburg students enjoy holiday activities.
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BASKETBALL

The Cardinal boys took two wins and one loss into Christmas Break
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REINDEER GAMES



Photo by Dena Wood

Students at Waitsburg Elementary School, Preston Hall, and Waitsburg High School enjoyed a special day of fun activities on Monday, Dec. 19. Above: Joe Adams and Kitty Lambert are decorated as living Christmas trees during a Reindeer Games class competition in the WHS auditorium. See more photos on Page 7 and the Last Page.

Waitsburg Schools Define Priorities

IMPLEMENTATION OF CAPITAL PROJECTS AND SUPERINTENDENT'S SEARCH TOP LIST

By Dena Wood | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG – The Waitsburg School Board defined district priorities for the 2016-2018 school year in a work session prior to the board's Dec. 14 regular meeting.

Replacement of retiring district superintendent Carol Clarke and guidance with implementation of the capital projects funded by the \$3.8 million capital improvements bond, approved in November, topped the list of priorities.

Superintendent's Search

Topping the list of priorities was the "completion of a successful superintendent search by the end of March 2017." The new superintendent will replace Dr. Carol Clarke, who has held the position since 2004.

During the board meeting following the work session, the board approved the hire of Bill Jordan, of Northwest Leadership Associates, as the lead consultant for the superintendent search. Jordan recently retired as Superintendent of Walla Walla Public Schools and is a former superintendent of the Prescott School district. The board felt his familiarity with Waitsburg and other local school districts makes him especially well-suited for guiding the board through the selection process.

Clarke had her first meeting with Jordan on Dec. 19 and said that staff, students, families and community members will be encouraged to participate in the selection process. Clarke said an online survey asking participants to identify the desired qualities and characteristics for the new superintendent will be available next week.

Focus groups will be set up for Wed., Jan.

4, for gathering more information from those with a vested interest in the district and timelines are being developed to lead to the selection of a new superintendent by the end of March, Clarke said.

Capital Projects

The board's second priority is to "create an enhanced learning environment that meets current and future learner needs." The board intends to hire an Architectural Services and a construction manager to guide the district through the process and implementation of its capital projects, with the anticipation that all projects will be completed by fall of 2018.

Projects funded by the recently approved bond measure include upgrading the HVAC system in all three schools, a complete renovation of the school kitchen, and construction of a field house at the athletic field.

During their regular meeting Dr. Clarke said everything is in line for the bond funds to be available in the district account by Dec. 29. Clarke has been working with Dax Logsdon, of ESD 112's Construction Services Group, to develop a request for qualifications for architectural services. Logsdon would be able to assist with negotiating a contract with a construction management firm once the architect is selected.

The board agreed to advertise for RFQ statements in January and complete the selection process as quickly as possible. They hope to choose an architectural firm by the end of February. Board chair Ross Hamann said he would like to see the field house project completed over the summer, if possible.

Academic Growth

Several priorities remained largely unchanged, including the desire to "embrace learning growth throughout the Waitsburg school system." The board will do this by continuing to provide multiple assessment tools and collaboration time to discuss students' assessment data and how it will impact the instructional offerings of the district.

The board requested quarterly or bian-

Warren Orchards Settles with Ecology Dept.

Agreement includes restoration to enhance fish habitat in North Touchet River

THE TIMES

DAYTON – A recent settlement with Warren Orchards will help make major environmental improvements to the Touchet River near Dayton, according to a press release from the Washington Department of Ecology. The department says the river provides critical habitat for threatened steelhead.

Warren Orchards was fined by Ecology for illegally watering their 100-acre apple and pear orchard along the river, after being ordered to stop irrigating during the state's historic drought in 2015.

As part of the settlement, Warrens agreed to take 20 acres of orchard out of production and place them into a conservation easement with the Blue Mountain Land Trust. The easement will prohibit future development, but may allow limited agricultural use.

The land is slated for a habitat restoration and enhancement project by the Snake River Salmon Recovery Board in partnership with the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation.

Early designs for the project include the addition of boulders, large wood stumps, and logs to help influence the river's flow and create more beneficial fish habitat. Plans also call for the addition of streamside plants, such as native trees and grasses, to help reduce flood risks downstream and improve water temperatures by providing shade.

The Warrens appealed the original \$73,530 fine to the Pollution Control Hearings Board before entering into settlement discussions with Ecology.

According to the press release, the agreement allows the land trust to compensate the Warrens for the conservation easement, but requires a \$20,000 reduction in payment from the appraised value of the land.

As long as the terms of the settlement are met, the Warrens will pay \$30,000 and Ecology will excuse the remainder of the fine after two years, the release said.

The Pollution Control Hearings Board dismissed the Warrens' original appeal of the fine and approved the settlement on Dec. 16.

NO DECEMBER GROUNDBREAKING FOR COLUMBIA PULP

DAYTON – At last week's Port of Columbia County board meeting, Port Manager Jennie Dickinson said there will be no groundbreaking for Columbia Pulp in December.

"Since the election, the bond market is in turmoil," Dickinson said.

"They are wading their way through that tumultuous market. Interest rates on the bond offerings have sky-rocketed, not based on any facts, but just based on speculation and uncertainty, and they are still trying to sort their way through the bond market," she said.

"You go from a 4.5% interest rate, to an 8.5% interest rate, and that affects a business plan. The problem is, whether or not the business plan can support it," Dickinson added.

TOUCHET VALLEY LIFE

NEWS BRIEF

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S CONNECTION LUNCHEON

WAITSBURG – The next Christian Women's Connection luncheon will be held at Waitsburg Town Hall on Jan. 11 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. It will be catered by the CWC committee and the cost is \$10. Please make reservations to Judy at (509) 399-2012 by Jan. 6.

Popular speaker Lynn Franz will delight her audience with her sense of humor and Jordyn Hutchens will demonstrate cake decorating. The Kuykendall Kids will sing and play bluegrass music.

Childcare is available by reservation.

OBITUARY

BETTY LEE MOSLEY

MAY 6, 1935 – DECEMBER 13, 2016

Betty Lee Mosley, a resident of College Place, died Tuesday, December 13, 2016 in the Washington Odd Fellows Home in Walla Walla. She was 81 years old. No services are planned at this time.

Mrs. Mosley was born May 6, 1935 in Denver, Colorado. She was the daughter of James W. Anderson and Emogene B (McKenny) Anderson. As a young girl she had attended various schools and later moved with her family to Waitsburg, where she graduated from high school. After high school she had attended two years of nursing college at St. Mary's Hospital. She married Bert T. Mosley on May 29, 1955 in Waitsburg. She had worked for the telephone company in Walla Walla for a time and later in Fresno and Glendale, California. The family then moved to New Jersey where she worked in sales. In 1973, they moved to Se-

attle. The couple later purchased the Air Cargo Express Company where Mrs. Mosley helped run the company until they retired and sold the company in 1995. During retirement, the couple had enjoyed several years of traveling around the country in their RV.

Betty had been a member of the Lions Club of Keno, Oregon and will be remembered as a special person that was loved by everyone she met. She was a devoted to her family in all ways.

Survivors include her husband Bert Mosley of College Place, a daughter, Terrie Lee Mosley Campbell of Maple Valley, Wa.; a brother – in-law, Don Mosley of Enumclaw, Wa., and a sister-in-law, Darleen Wheeler of Walla Walla, Wa., Numerous nieces and nephews also survive. She was preceded in her death by her parents, a sister, Phyllis Rubel and a brother,



Beigh McLaughlin.

Memorial contributions in her memory may be directed to the Walla Walla Valley Hospice and may be sent care of the Mountain View Colonial-DeWitt, 1551 Dalles Military Road, Walla Walla, Wa, 99362. Mountain View –Colonial Dewitt is entrusted with the arrangements.

PIONEER PORTRAITS

Ten Years Ago December 28, 2006

Danielle Coila and Jeremy Nichols were recently named "Youths of the Month" for the month of December by the Exchange Club of Walla Walla. Coila and Nichols were honored at a luncheon at the Elks Club in Walla Walla on December 11 for their outstanding achievement at Waitsburg High School.

A \$19,575 grant from the Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development has been received by the Waitsburg Community Revitalization Committee. The money will fund a study of the former Preston-Shaffer Milling Co. Besides preservation, study for the 1864 structure will include future uses.

Fifty Years Ago December 22, 1966

A Commercial Club Committee this week recognized the following citizens for the extra effort that they have taken to decorate their homes for this holiday season: First Prizes: James Fox, Bill Zuger, Bob Sickles and Stan Pierson. Mobile Home Category: (First Prize) – Duane French, Richard Crawford and Richard Denbeigh, J. E. Paulus.

Glen Hofer, Waitsburg wheat farmer, has accepted an appointment to serve in Washington D. C. as the Executive Vice President of the National Association of Wheat Growers.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Land, Joan and Tom, and Mr. and Mrs. John Reese and family of Walla Walla plan on spending the Christmas holiday in Helena, Mt. at the home of the Doug Anderson's. Mr. and Mrs. King Witt will spend the Christmas weekend in Spokane with Reg and Ann Barr and children. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Payne entertained their bridge club with a Christmas party Saturday night. High scores were held by Mrs. Roger Hevel and John Egli. Guests for the evening were Mr. and Mrs. John Egli. Paul Hofer surprised Mrs. Hofer with a beautifully decorated birthday cake which the group enjoyed following the midnight supper.

Sixty Years Ago December 28, 1956

On Christmas Eve fog settled over much of this area, with freezing temperatures during the nights causing hazardous road conditions.

The annual New Year's Eve dance will be sponsored by the Waitsburg firemen at the Lection Hall Monday night.

Relatives and close friends attended the marriage of Philip Levi White and Eden Alice Brown at the Methodist Church Dec. 24.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Anderson spent Christmas at Sun Valley with Ralph and Penny Jones who are at home for the holidays.

Seventy-Five Years Ago December 26, 1941

Plans are now being perfected for a uniform system of air raid precautions for Walla Walla County schools, according to County Superintendent Mrs. Violet B. Reid, who attended a meeting in Spokane last week at which war problems were discussed.

New grain bags can not be purchased at the present time and the existing supply of used sacks has been requisitioned by the government. This is the situation in brief as reported by local grain dealers.

Registration of all horses and mules in the State of Washington is requested by the Western Remount Headquarters of Sa Mateo, Cal.

One Hundred Years Ago December 29, 1916

Further reports of the damage being done stock in the Snake River winter camps by coyotes affected with the rabies, is contained in a letter received by Fireman Walter White from his brother V. S. White who is farming in that section.

Harrison Hardin Hungate, one of the prominent farmers of the Walla Walla Valley, and one of the best beloved, passed away in Walla Walla Sunday morning at about 11 o'clock. He was almost 81 years of age.

The family of Van Buren Clark had a pleasant gathering at their home on Seventh Street on Sunday afternoon.

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago January 1, 1892

S. Wood this week sold his restaurant to J. W. Highland of Huntsville who will take possession of the same immediately. Mr. and Mrs. Highland are thorough hotel people having had much experience in that line of business. We wish them unbounded success.

The city has obtained a deed to its well site on the Coppei. Thus we go, step by step, at a snail's pace, in the water works direction.

All patrons and pupils regret to see Miss Alta Arnold sever her connection with our school. She is one of the very best teachers in the state, and a model young lady, as near perfect as it is possible for mortals to be.

Died in Dayton, Dec. 18, 1891, S. M. Wait aged 69 years, 7 months and 20 days. In 1864 he built a mill on the Touchet where now stands Washington Mills; and Waitsburg was named in his honor.

Touchet Valley Weather Dec. 21, 2016

Waitsburg's Seven Day Forecast

Wednesday Mostly Sunny High: 33 Low: 28	Thursday Rain Likely High: 40 Low: 31	Friday Partly Cloudy High: 38 Low: 28	Saturday Partly Cloudy High: 33 Low: 26	Sunday Mostly Cloudy High: 33 Low: 25	Monday Partly Cloudy High: 34 Low: 21	Tuesday Partly Cloudy High: 38 Low: 22

Weather Trivia

What type of lightning occurs most frequently?
ANSWER: Cloud to cloud lightning.

Weather History

Dec. 21, 1929 - A tremendous storm produced snow from the Rio Grande Valley of Texas to southern Arkansas. The storm produced 26 inches of snow at Hillsboro, Texas, 18 inches at El Dorado, Ark. and 14 inches at Bossier, La.

Local Almanac Last Week

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Precipitation
Monday	37	25	41/30	0.25"	0.42"
Tuesday	27	18	41/29	0.00"	0.56"
Wednesday	21	14	41/29	0.16"	-0.14"
Thursday	23	17	41/29	0.00"	0.18.1°
Friday	20	4	40/29	0.01"	0.34.9°
Saturday	20	2	40/29	0.00"	-16.8°
Sunday	20	5	40/29	0.00"	

Data as reported from Walla Walla

Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
New 12/29	7:33 a.m.	4:09 p.m.	12:01 a.m.	12:22 p.m.
Wednesday	7:33 a.m.	4:10 p.m.	1:02 a.m.	12:48 p.m.
Thursday	7:33 a.m.	4:10 p.m.	2:02 a.m.	1:15 p.m.
Friday	7:34 a.m.	4:11 p.m.	3:01 a.m.	1:43 p.m.
Saturday	7:34 a.m.	4:12 p.m.	3:59 a.m.	2:15 p.m.
First 1/5	7:34 a.m.	4:12 p.m.	4:56 a.m.	2:50 p.m.
Monday	7:35 a.m.	4:13 p.m.	5:52 a.m.	3:30 p.m.
Tuesday				

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

NEWS BRIEFS

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Waitsburg Presbyterian Church

504 Main
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m.
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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

New River Fellowship

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

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Kids Lunch and Activity
Waitsburg Christian Church
11 a.m. - Noon

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

Waitsburg Resource Center
106 Preston Avenue
2-4 p.m.

23

Movie Night
Waitsburg Chapel (320 W. 2nd)
7 p.m.
12 Gifts of Christmas. Free to the public.

24

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.

Home Lighting Con-



Lunches will be served, and activities will be provided, by the Waitsburg Resource Center on Tues., Wed., Thurs., (Dec. 21, 21, 22 and 27, 28, 29) at the Christian Church (corner of Main and 6th) from 11 a.m. to noon during winter break.

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CHRISTMAS

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

27

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

Kids Lunch and Activity
Waitsburg Christian Church
11 a.m. - Noon

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.

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12 p.m.
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Blue Mountain Artists Guild
Delany Building, Dayton
7 p.m.

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Dayton Library Story Time
Dayton Memorial Library
10 a.m.
Storytime is free to the public and no library card is needed.

Kids Lunch and Activity
Waitsburg Christian Church
11 a.m. - Noon

Dayton Friends of the Library
Dayton Memorial Library
4 p.m.

29

Kids Lunch and Activity
Waitsburg Christian Church
11 a.m. - Noon

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LIBERTY THEATER EAST COAST NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

DAYTON - The Liberty Theater will host a New Year party beginning at 6:30 with a showing of Oceans Eleven, starring George Clooney and Julia Roberts. The party will continue in the annex with great food, champagne, and sparkling cider. A 9 p.m. toast will kick off 2017 in style.

Tickets are \$25 each for \$45 for a couple. Tickets include admission to the film and afterparty and one glass of champagne. Get tickets at the theater or online at www.libertytheater.org.

WAITSBURG RESOURCE CENTER NEEDS

WAITSBURG - The Waitsburg Resource Center is in need of the following items: Dish soap, toilet paper, shampoo, deodorant, sugar, and flour. Donations may be dropped off at the center during regular hours or left at the Christian, Presbyterian, or Catholic churches.

The resource center is open Thursdays from 2-4 p.m. and Saturdays from 9-11 a.m. and is located on the side of the Banner Bank building at 106 Preston Ave.

BIRTHDAYS

December 23: Tyler Hofer, Joyce Beckley, Claire Raven, Alta Daniel, Larry Bickelhaupt, Lorene Brown, Kim Douglas, Richard Bessey, Karen Lambert, Chelsea Gore.

December 24: Shirley Kitterman, Carolyn O'Brien, Shane Hilton, Mary Conner, Barbara Wagener, Tracey Harper, Karen Stroobants.

December 25: Solon Pietila, Donna Manley, Les Richardson, Sonia Borrowdale, Annette Becker, Carol Hevel, Dalton Carlisle, and Neil Maxwell.

December 26: Sandra Farley, Sydney Claire Brookshire, Jennifer Nielsen, Margie Douglas.

December 27: Everett Wright, Laura Keyser, Veronica Hartwell, Adam Branson, Marcus Mead.

December 28: Jayce Gleason, Brendan Donovan, Peggy Baker Henry, Marie Leonard, Nancy Otterson, Jo Ann Perry, Ellie McWilliams, Scott Huwe, Gail Harshman, Sarah Chromy, Kelly Jo Lyons, Janice Mason Eatherton, Christopher Danforth, Richelle Coleman, Jayce Gleason and Jay Dimak.

December 29: Jared Kibler, Betty Rollins, Linda Anderson, Howard Laughery, Dick Finch, Miles Hubbard, Holly Menino, Kevin Blair, Colby Mayberry.

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A Visit From St. Nicholas

[Editor's note: The following originally appeared anonymously in a newspaper called the Troy Sentinel, in Troy, N.Y., on Dec. 23, 1823. Its author was later revealed to be Clement Clarke Moore, a writer and professor of literature in New York City.]

'Twas the night before Christmas,
when all through the house
Not a creature was stirring,
not even a mouse;
The stockings were hung by the
chimney with care,
In hopes that St. Nicholas soon
would be there;
The children were nestled all snug in
their beds,
While visions of sugar-plums danced
in their heads;
And mamma in her 'kerchief, and I
in my cap,
Had just settled our brains for a long
winter's nap,
When out on the lawn there arose
such a clatter,
I sprang from the bed to see what
was the matter.
Away to the window I flew like a
flash,
Tore open the shutters and threw up
the sash.
The moon on the breast of the
new-fallen snow
Gave the lustre of mid-day to objects
below,
When, what to my wondering eyes
should appear,
But a miniature sleigh, and eight tiny
reindeer,
With a little old driver, so lively and
quick,
I knew in a moment it must be St.
Nick.
More rapid than eagles his coursers
they came,
And he whistled, and shouted, and
called them by name;
"Now, Dasher! now, Dancer! now,
Prancer and Vixen!
On, Comet! on, Cupid! on, Donder
and Blitzen!
To the top of the porch! to the top of
the wall!
Now dash away! dash away! dash
away all!"
As dry leaves that before the wild
hurricane fly,
When they meet with an obstacle,
mount to the sky;
So up to the house-top the coursers
they flew,
With the sleigh full of Toys, and St.
Nicholas too.

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The Times

A PROUD TRADITION

The Times was founded in 1878 by C.W. Wheeler and has been produced every week since then. It is one of the oldest newspapers in the state of Washington.

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Fake News is Sickening, But Don't Make the Cure Worse Than the Disease

By Margaret Sullivan, The Washington Post

When a guy with an assault rifle walks into a pizza joint to "self-investigate" the made-up conspiracy theory he found on the internet about a nonexistent child-prostitution ring, there's no doubt we've got a problem.

And regular folks are reasonably alarmed.

A new Pew Research Center study finds that two in three U.S. adults say that fabricated news stories cause "a great deal of confusion about the basic facts of current issues and events." This sense is shared widely across incomes, education levels, political affiliations and most other demographic characteristics, according to the study.

Pope Francis agreed, memorably comparing the consumption of fake news to the eating of excrement. (A much-shared fake story said he had endorsed Donald Trump for president.) President Barack Obama has chimed in on the dangers, too: "When there's so much active misinformation and it's packaged very well," he said, it poisons political discourse.

Facebook, initially reluctant to step into the fray, announced Thursday that it would take some first steps.

"We've focused our efforts on the worst of the worst," wrote Adam Mosseri, a Facebook vice president. Those efforts include testing ways for users to report what they suspect is fake news; working with the Poynter Institute's International Fact-Checking Network to provide users with verified information on "disputed" stories; and reducing the financial incentives to spammers.

The idea is to slow the spread of fake news without turning Facebook into a worldwide censor.

It's a promising start, given Facebook's outsize role as a purveyor of fake news to its nearly 2 billion users.

And it certainly beats one of the ideas that surfaced in the Pew survey - that the government or politicians should act to stop the spread of fake news. (Asked who should tackle the problem, respondents gave about equal weight to government, tech companies such as Facebook and Google, and the public.)

Government involvement is a seriously bad idea. It could put the question of what constitutes real news and what constitutes fake news in the hands of those who may be most affected by it.

And given the ascendancy of Trump, who traffics in falsehoods on a regular basis - and has been clear about wanting to limit long-established press rights - it's an even worse notion.

"I'm not suggesting we throw up our hands and say there's nothing to be done, but we need to be very rigorous in defining the problem and thinking through the implications," said Jameel Jaffer, director of the Knight First Amendment Institute at Columbia University.

For one thing, he says, "there's a very narrow category of content that everybody would agree upon."

The term "fake news" is fuzzy. It can refer to a multitude of problems, in-

cluding disinformation, propaganda, conspiracy-mongering or what Jaffer calls "very biased takes on public affairs."

"I don't think we want the government - or, for that matter Facebook - to be the arbiter of what's true and what's false," Jaffer told me.

So what else can be done?

Eli Pariser, the founder of the viral-news site Upworthy, has set up an online clearinghouse for potential solutions. One of these: Verified news-media pages. A news organization would have to apply to be verified as a credible news source, after which its stories would be published with a "verified" mark, similar to Twitter's check mark.

Another is adding a "fake news" flag to questionable articles. This could be user-generated or crowdsourced; it would mean that readers would at least see a warning box before they clicked through, thus potentially slowing the spread. As the Guardian noted in a recent survey, this would be vulnerable to gaming the system: "Users could spam real articles with fake tags."

All of these ideas are open to claims of bias.

In a world increasingly plagued by social-media filter bubbles and partisan echo chambers, it's tough to get agreement even on the color of the sky - much less the role of Russian cyber-intrusion into the American presidential election.

But despite the protestations by some in the Trump camp that there are no facts anymore, that way lies anarchy.

Amy Mitchell, Pew's director of journalism research, told me that the new survey reinforces earlier research findings: "Americans have a hard time agreeing on the facts." But the Pew survey - mostly done before the gunman walked into the aforementioned D.C. pizza shop, Comet Ping Pong - makes clear that people find the proliferation of fake/false news confusing and want action.

Facebook and other tech giants need to keep moving on this, while being ever-mindful of legitimate free-speech concerns. That's a very tricky balance, with hazards everywhere.

The answers don't lie in government oversight, which can quickly turn to censorship.

Perhaps most important: We all must get smarter about what we're reading and viewing.

Schools should be redoubling their efforts to teach news literacy, civics and history. News literacy organizations deserve more support than ever. Fact-checking, and good judgment, informed by radical skepticism, matter most. And yes, a slower trigger finger on the share buttons.

Truth may indeed be hard to pin down. But facts do exist - and underground tunnels at Comet Ping Pong don't.

Margaret Sullivan is The Washington Post's media columnist. Previously, she was The New York Times public editor, and the chief editor of The Buffalo News, her hometown paper.

Send everyone home for Christmas - nobody's working anyway

By Chris Stokel-Walker, Bloomberg

If you're running a business, you might as well shut up shop for Christmas now. More than half your employees might be there, but they're not putting their heart into it.

"Christmas seems to be starting earlier every year," said Dan Rogers, co-founder of Peakon, a Danish startup that collects and measures data on employees.

A survey by the company found that 54 percent of British workers mentally check out for the holidays by Dec. 16.

At the younger end of the workforce, the great Christmas check-out comes sooner. Already Friday, six in 10 millennial workers have switched off, compared with just 40 percent of baby boomers, the survey of 3,000 workers found. It takes until Dec. 20 for the lion's share of older workers.

"It's extremely hard to concentrate on tasks when you're excited about meeting up with loved ones, socializing and being merry," said Lorraine Black, 28, an internal auditor based in New York for an insurance and investment company.

She's not putting things off on purpose, but she knows she's less productive. "Realistic managers aren't in denial," she said. "It's not the ideal situation for them but one that they experience and have to accept nonetheless."

In the run-up to Christmas, it can seem like just about everyone's sneaking onto Amazon or trying to find the perfect gift.

Some employers are giving in, offering employees a day off for shopping so that they won't do it on company time. London-based company Jargon PR gives workers "bonus Christmas shopping days" every December.

"We offer this so the team know they have a day dedicated to shopping without having to use [vacation days] or cram things in during the working day," said Simon Corbett, managing director.

There's less work, Corbett says, because clients are taking off anyway. The insouciance inevitably spreads.

"I try to make sure the team enjoy the build up with regular socials, Christmas [sweater] days and a few long wet lunches," Corbett said.

For working parents, school holidays can also be a blunt on productivity. Most British schools let out for the holiday break today. Some parents take days off, but battling with co-workers for prime vacation real estate is easier said than done.

With Christmas falling on a Sunday this year, many office workers won't have to work beyond the 23rd.

"Inevitably it's more difficult to be as productive or have as much continuity," said Carly Donovan, who manages a team of employees at Monitor Deloitte. "At my work, generally, when people are in, they're in, and are still very productive and on it."

Anyway, you should probably get back to work. Christmas is just over a week away, and leaving your to-do list unfinished until 2017 is a surefire way to kickstart an unhappy new year.

Letters Welcome

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TOUCHET VALLEY NEWS

A VISIT FROM... - FROM PAGE 5

And then, in a twinkling, I heard on the roof
 The prancing and pawing of each little hoof.
 As I drew in my head, and was turning around,
 Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound.
 He was dressed all in fur, from his head to his foot,
 And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot;
 A bundle of Toys he had flung on his back,
 And he looked like a pedler just opening his pack.
 His eyes—how they twinkled! his dimples how merry!
 His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry!
 His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow
 And the beard of his chin was as white as the snow;
 The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth,
 And the smoke it encircled his head like a wreath;
 He had a broad face and a little round belly,
 That shook when he laughed, like a bowlful of jelly.
 He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf,
 And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself;
 A wink of his eye and a twist of his head,
 Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread;
 He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work,
 And filled all the stockings; then turned with a jerk,
 And laying his finger aside of his nose,
 And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose;
 He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle,
 And away they all flew like the down of a thistle,
 But I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight,
 "Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good-night."

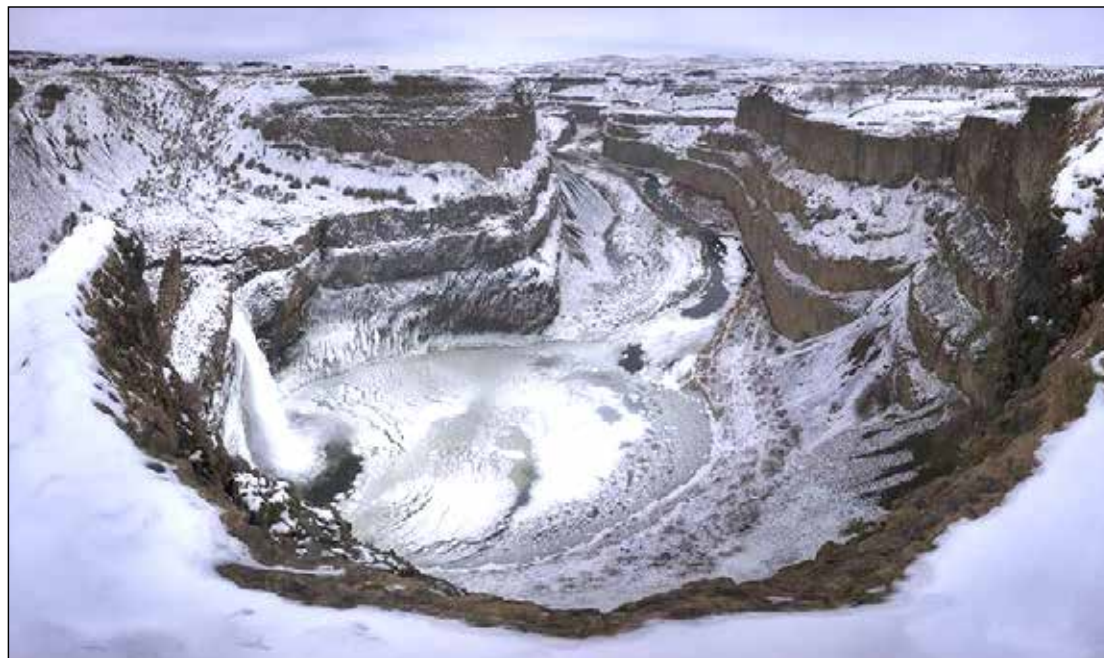


Photo by Nick Page

This stunning photo of Palouse Falls was taken by Dayton photographer Nick Page during the valley's recent snowstorm. Palouse Falls State Park is participating in the First Day Hike program and will offer a guided hike on New Year's Day.

CELEBRATE THE NEW YEAR WITH 'FIRST DAY HIKES'

PALOUSE FALLS AND COLUMBIA PLATEAU PARKS OFFER GUIDED HIKES

THE TIMES

OLYMPIA – The public is invited to ring in the new year with First Day Hikes, offered on Jan. 1 in any of 32 state parks across Washington. State Park rangers and volunteers will be on hand to guide participants and most participating parks will offer refreshments.

More than 30 parks will offer guided hikes, snow shoe treks and fat tire bike rides. There will be something for every fitness level. For more information about the hikes being offered visit www.naspd.org/initiatives-special-programs/first-day-hikes/.

Jan. 1 is also the first of 12 Washington State Park free days in 2017, when visitors will not need to display a Discover Pass to access the park.

Nearby parks participating in First Day Hikes include Palouse Falls State Park near Starbuck and Columbia Plateau Trail State Park in Pasco.

Palouse Falls State Park, near Starbuck:

Take a two-hour, moderate round-trip hike featuring incredible views of Palouse Falls, Washington's official state waterfall. Learn about the area's flora, fauna and geology, while discussing the principles of Leave No Trace. Meet at noon, at the lower parking lot. Carpooling is recommended, as the parking lot is small. (Directions: <https://goo.gl/maps/dBNJVqAs9wK2>)

Columbia Plateau Trail State Park, Pasco: A moderate 2-hour round-trip bicycle ride to the portion of the trail between Ice Harbor Dam Trailhead and the Snake River Junction Trailhead. Learn about the principles of Leave No Trace, while enjoying a brisk ride along this trail with scenic views of the Snake River. Meet at 10 a.m. at the Ice Harbor Dam Trailhead, east of Pasco. (Park map: <http://parks.state.wa.us/DocumentCenter/Home/View/1854>).

For more details about 2017 First Day Hikes visit the official Washington State Parks blog, Adventure Awaits, at: <http://adventureawaits.com/2016/12/first-day-hikes-2017/>. The blog includes information about degree of difficulty for each hike, age appropriateness, whether pets are allowed, contact information and more. First Day hikers are also encouraged to share their stories on the blog.

SCHOOLS - FROM PAGE 5

nual evidence that most students are showing academic growth. If the students do not show academic growth, the board wants to know what steps or strategies are being taken to ensure progression.

Expand Educational Experiences

Fourth on the priority list is to "expand educational experiences to early and adult learners." To that end, the board will continue to provide support to the WWCC ECEAP Preschool so that no child will be required to pay in order to attend. The district will provide space, as well as administrative, custodial, and food service support.

The board will also work with staff to provide opportunities for parents and families to develop the knowledge and skills necessary to support their students' education.

Professional Development

Finally, the board agreed to "improve educational practice to levels that have profound impact upon learning for both students and adults." They will continue to support the professional development of staff that enables them to implement effective instructional practices. Specifically, they will support staff in review of the science program to enable them to have the most current instructional materials in order for students to meet the NGSS (Next Generation Science Standards).

The updated priorities list was unanimously approved by the board during the regular board meeting directly following the work session.

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New Thought Nutrition Opens in Dayton

SUZI TASKER'S NEW BUSINESS HELPS SET THE TABLE FOR HEALTH AND WELLNESS

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—Suzi Tasker has opened a new business in Dayton. Beginning last February, Tasker undertook a nine-month course through the Nutritional Therapy Association in Olympia, to become a nutrition practitioner.

On May 31, she and her husband, Duane, closed Aardvark Granola Blue Mountain Station, to allow her to concentrate on her studies, she said.

Tasker said that two years ago, she was struggling with some health issues that included two major surgeries to remove a benign but recurring tumor.

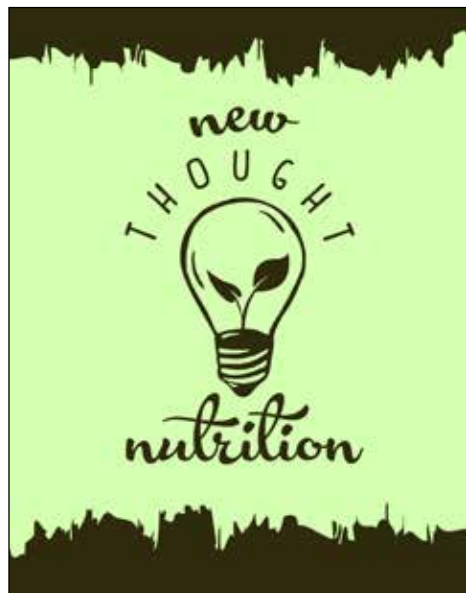
"That just walloped me," said Tasker. "I needed to make some changes. I had a lot of stress. I just had no more to give."

One day a customer popped into Aardvark Granola, and the two began a conversation about nutritional therapy and the importance of nutrition on behavioral health, that lasted over several months, she said.

Over coffee in Richland with her new friend, Tasker said she intuited that God wanted her to pay attention, and her focus turned to acquiring education about nutrition, so that she could help herself and others.

The online course of study with the Nutritional Therapy Association consisted of fifteen modules of both video and audio lectures, Tasker said.

She said she made three trips to



Olympia for hands-on workshops, and practiced on "clients" around town, before final tests, in November.

Since opening on Dec. 1, Tasker has been conducting tailor-fit sessions with individual clients, she said. "One size does not fit all," Tasker said. "We are all unique."

For the individual sessions, Tasker undertakes the role of Nutritional Detective, she said. Clients are encouraged to keep a three-day food journal and answer a nutrition questionnaire, to help her prioritize health options.

Digestion, blood sugar balance, minerals, fatty acids, and hydration are all taken into consideration, Tasker said. The program emphasizes a nutrient-dense diet of whole foods properly prepared.

In January, Tasker is offering a five-week workshop, or virtual class, called the Restart Program, which offers nutritional education and emotional support while undergoing sugar detoxification.

"This is not about weight loss. It is about resetting the button in your life



Photo by Michele Smith

Top left: The New Thought Nutrition logo. Above: Suzi Tasker, NTP, with "Gus," her teaching tool for children.

and working with real food," Tasker said.

Tasker said she would especially like to offer the course to corporations, through their health and wellness programs.

"I want people to receive a new thought about food and wellness, because that is what had to happen for me," Tasker said about her new adventure as a nutritional practitioner.

The Restart Program will begin on Jan. 4. The introductory price is \$150, if registering before Dec. 31, and \$175 after that date. Participants will receive all materials, group support on Facebook, and environmental support as well, Tasker said.

New Thought Nutrition is located at 242 East Main Street in Dayton. Tasker can be reached by phone at: (509) 524-8841 or by email at: newthoughtnut@gmail.com.

Small Business Rep Explains Services at Port Meeting

ALSO, A JANUARY PUBLIC HEARING HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR THE SALE OF SURPLUS PORT PROPERTY

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—At last week's meeting of the Port of Columbia Commissioners, the director of the regional Small Business Development Center in Walla Walla spoke about work he does with potential and established businesses.

Joe Jacobs is a Certified Business Advisor and Accredited Business Planning Advisor, and he is part of a statewide network of organizations helping people to start and expand businesses. He also helps companies get ready to sell, he told the commissioners.

Since 2012, Jacobs said he has been able to help clients access over \$11 million in capital infusion, with 211 new jobs created and 56 businesses created.

In Columbia County, Jacobs said that he, and people in his talent pool, have been helping a majority of clients at the Blue Mountain Station, and elsewhere, get started.

Baby boomer business owners are getting older and want to sell their businesses, but are having a hard time doing so because potential buyers have lost a large amount of their net worth during the recent recession, Jacobs said.

"Thirty-five thousand dollars of net worth per person has been lost during the recession," he said.

Jacobs said that 65 to 70 percent of all businesses will be transitioning over in the next two to three years. Keeping businesses here is functionally important, he added.

"If a business closes in Dayton, wealth creation leaves and the economic engine leaves," Jacobs said. "It is functionally important to keep businesses here."

Brad McMasters, the Port's Economic Development Coordinator, agreed. He said that if businesses are thinking of selling, to contact Port officials for help.

"The client has to make the initiation," McMasters said. "Now that we have Joe as a resource we can begin that process."

Jacobs and McMasters agreed that business owners should begin the process two years ahead of when they would like to sell. "Three

years is better," said Jacobs.

Port Manager Jennie Dickinson said the SBDC operated for several years in Walla Walla, but the program was cut due to budget constraints. Area partners were asked to help WSU reinstate the office, she said.

Jacobs said funding for the SBDC is through the Small Business Administration, and matching funds are required.

All of the work performed by the Small Business Development Center is a result of contributions of eleven stakeholders, Jacobs said.

Jacobs thanked the Port commissioners on behalf of his clients for their \$1,750 annual contribution to the SBDC.

Also during the meeting, Port officials were asked to consider a request by Mitch Payne of Northwest Grain Growers for NWGG to acquire a small portion of Port-owned property for possible expansion. The property runs parallel to the Seneca Foods plant, and includes an old rail spur line.

"We are analyzing potential future needs of the seed plant in Dayton," Payne told the commissioners. "The most advantageous location is on the northeast side of the seed plant, in line with the bins we erected in 2011.

"With our current footprint, we are limited in future expansion. We can't consider any, without acquiring the additional adjoining property," Payne added.

Dickinson said that the rail operator's commercial director has said that the spur line could be shifted away from the building, and wrap back around to attach to the main line. Or loading could be done on just the main line.

The rail operator's representative told the Port that he will do whatever is needed to accommodate the request made by Payne on behalf of the NWGG, Dickinson said.

Seneca Foods, Inc would also like to purchase Port-owned land, Dickinson said.

Seneca would like to purchase 8,800 square feet of property adjacent to the new Seneca seed storage building on Washington Ave., she said.

Commissioners established a value for that property of a minimum of \$25,000 per acre, not to exceed \$30,000 per acre, they said.

Dickinson said there are three options for the sale; by sealed bid, auction, or negotiated sale.

A public hearing to address the property sales has been scheduled for Jan. 11, at 10 a.m., in the Port boardroom.

DAYTON'S 'FIRST NIGHT' CELEBRATION

DAYTON – The "First Night" New Year's Eve celebration will be held in the Dayton Elementary School Multipurpose room on Dec. 31, from 6 to 9 p.m. The theme for this year is Family Game Night.

Offerings include life-size games, family table games, basketball shoot, and team competitions. A cake walk, photo booths, and music and light show, are also planned.

Columbia County Health System is providing hot dogs, chips, cookies and water.

Drawings will occur at 7, 8 and 9 p.m., with a total of 12 door prizes. Drawings will be done in several different age group categories.

Donations of cakes, cookies, brownies and candies will be accepted at the Dayton Elementary School Multipurpose room after 4 p.m., on Dec. 31.

Contact Peggy Guterrez at (509) 301-2953 if you are able to help with setting up, help with facilitating games, or if you have treats to donate for the cake walk.

HOLIDAY HOOPLA!



Photo by Dinah Lindsey



Photo by Liv Leid



Photos by Dena Wood unless noted

Waitsburg students celebrated their final day of school before winter break with fun and community service. Grade school children celebrated Polar Express Day by participating in activities based on the popular children's book and watched *Homeward Bound* at the Liberty Theater. Middle school students decorated cookies, read books, played games, and held a dance-off. High schoolers played games, enjoyed root beer floats courtesy of the Waitsburg Resource Center and a concert by Framing Fables. The WHS band, NHS, and FCCLA visited Booker Nursing Home where the band entertained residents while other students sang, visited, and delivered cards and treat bags. Clockwise from top left: First grader, Georgia Reser, shows off her Polar Express bell after decorating cookies. High schoolers competed to decorate the best living Christmas tree. (l to r): Jade Alleman, Annie Trent, and Gem Moreland compete in a timed gift wrapping contest. Booker residents read cards and visit with WHS students. See more photos on Last Page.

Cell Phones in Class: Help or Hindrance?

WAITSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT WILL RE-EXAMINE ITS POLICY ON IN-CLASS CELL PHONE USE

By Dena Wood | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG – Should students be allowed to access their cell phones during class? As it currently stands, Waitsburg students must store their phones in a holding box prior to entering their classes. But that may change. Or not.

During the public/board comment portion of December's regular school board meeting, board member Christy House suggested that the district take a closer look at its cell phone policy.

House said that the primary way coaches communicate with athletes is via Facebook, but the communication takes place during the day, when the students can't access to their phones. She also said that some teachers allow phones in the classroom for kids to use for math, research, or educational apps, while others don't.

"There's just no consistency. There's a lot of grey area, so kids are getting in trouble in one way and not in another. And they can't communicate but they're getting communicated to. I think if the coaches are going to communicate that way we need to relax our cell phone policy or change the way they're being communicated to. Or if one teacher is going to allow the use of technology, we should allow the use of cell phones," House said.

Middle school teacher Maddie Martin and high school teacher Jim Leid were in attendance and both said they allow regulated use of cell phones in their classrooms. Martin said she

often uses the app Kahoots with her students to review for tests. One of her students introduced the app, which allows for team-based, game-show-style quizzing, to the class.

While supportive of limited use, Martin felt unregulated cell phone access would be a detriment at the middle school level.

"It's age appropriate. I think the high school kids can handle it. Please don't do that to the middle school kids. We would lose all control," she said.

Leid said his students use Desmos, a free online graphic calculator, which he says is easier to use than Texas Instruments.

"In a lot of ways we have sheltered our kids and even our community, and it's been good. But we're definitely starting to feel the push. The world is operating differently," said High School Principal Stephanie Wooderchak.

Wooderchak said teacher Nicole Abel has every assignment available to her students via a link on Skyward, and teacher Matt Elder speaks lecture notes into his phone and the words come out on his overhead projector.

"Here we have teachers using their phones in class but the students can't. We're in an interesting age," she said.

Board members questioned whether all students have access to smart phones and Facebook, and expressed the need to teach and require responsible cell phone usage.

House said she in no way wanted the school board to direct the staff, but suggested that the issue is one that could be discussed by the staff and brought back to the board.

"We're digital immigrants. Our kids are natives. They were born into this. It truly does reflect a shift in culture and how we do business in and out of schools. It's a meaningful discussion," said Superintendent Carol Clarke.

WAITSBURG SCHOOL BOARD UPDATE

DEC. 14, 2016

Annual Organization Meeting

- Unanimously elected Ross Ha:mann as Board Chair.
- Unanimously elected Christy House as Vice Chair.

Budget Status Report:

-Dr. Clarke reported a "relatively strong" General Fund balance of \$607,974. Clarke said that in January, appropriations will use actual rather than budgeted numbers and the district will likely see an increase due to a higher actual enrollment than budgeted.

Elementary Principal Report:

- The lunch ladies transformed the cafeteria into a Candyland and Cocoa with Santa was a success.
- Elementary students will celebrate Polar Express Day on Dec. 19, and will see *Homeward Bound* at the Liberty Theater in Dayton in the afternoon.
- Eighteen students are receiving supplemental weekend food packages provided by the Waitsburg Resource Center. The resource center will also provide lunches and activities on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday during winter break.
- Deanna Coulston spearheaded Gifts for Students. BPEO, school staff, and community members have ensured all students will have gifts for Christmas.

Secondary Principal Report:

- The grade 5-12 winter concert was cancelled due to weather but the band will play holiday songs during home basketball games.
- LEO, FFA, and FCCLA club members helped kids select and wrap gifts during Kids Night to Shop.
- The WHS band and student council were scheduled to travel to the VA hospital in Walla Walla to help serve at a veteran's Christmas party. (This was cancelled due to weather.) Students and staff sent socks, candy canes, and letters of appreciation to the veterans.
- On Dec. 19, the FCCLA, WHS band, and NHS will entertain Booker Nursing Home residents and deliver treat bags.

Athletic Director Report:

- The only home wrestling tournament is scheduled for Jan. 10 at 6 p.m.

Transportation/Maintenance Report:

- One boiler is down due to a small electrical fire in the boiler room.
- Discussed best way to deal with snow removal on gravel parking lots. Board suggested asking if the county could clear the lot before Saturday's home game.

Superintendent Report:

- Enrollment is "very strong" at 291.71 FTE students.
- The capital improvement bond sale is on track for funds to be in the district account on Dec. 29.
- Discussed capital improvement timeline. (See District Priorities story Page 1)
- Old Business:**
 - Approved 2016-2018 Board Priorities. (See District Priorities story Page 1)
- New Business:**
 - Russ Knopp reported on the Washington State School Directors' Association Annual Conference.
 - Approved closure of the district office from Dec. 20 – Jan. 2.
 - Approved resignation of Sarah Boudrieau as ASB concessions manager effective at the end of her contract. The board will advertise for the position.
 - Approved resignation of Abbey Manzano as head girls' basketball coach due to work conflicts.
 - Approved hire of Roy Ramirez as head girls' basketball coach. Ramirez is also assistant boys' basketball coach and has been coaching the girls for the last several weeks.
 - Approved dismissal of a classified district employee following an executive session discussion.
 - Approved hire of Bill Jordan as Superintendent Search Consultant.

Cardinals Take Two Wins, One Loss Into Christmas Break

DUNN, GRADWOHL
COMBINE FOR 94 POINTS
AGAINST TOUCHET,
POMEROY AND OAKESDALE

By Andie Holmberg | THE TIMES

Waitsburg 41, Oakesdale 37

WAITSBURG – Waitsburg senior Kyle Gradwohl put up 19 points and played tough defense as the Waitsburg boys' basketball team beat the Oakesdale Nighthawks, 41-37 at home on Saturday.

The Cards and the Nighthawks got off to a slow start, putting up just 10 combined points in the first quarter, including a Jordan French 3 pointer in the first minute of play. The Nighthawks put their first point on the board with a single free throw with 2:29 left on the clock, followed by another single free throw with just 40 seconds left in the quarter.

With the score 8-2 to begin the second quarter, Kyle Gradwohl made a strong drive down the key, scoring and drawing the foul for a possible 3-point play. Though both teams hustled, the score at halftime was just 16-11 with the Nighthawks outscoring the home team in the second quarter, 9-8.

And then the game really began. Both teams came out ready to play in the third quarter. For the Cards, Landon Callas scored on a quick inside move, and the Nighthawks' starting freshman, Matt Hockett, answered with a long two. Dunn scored on an offensive put-back, and Oakesdale's Cal Gregory answered again with a long three, bringing the score to 20-17.

The Cards were unable to convert on the next possession, but back on defense, Gradwohl swiped the ball and scored on a fast break. Oakesdale answered again and then Gradwohl scored back-to-back baskets on an inbound pass and then a baseline move.

Dunn hit a long 2, and the visitors called a time out. After the break, Gradwohl was fouled driving down the center. With just 35 seconds left in the 3rd, Oakesdale hit another long three, then stole the inbound pass and scored the

final basket of the quarter, to pull within five, 29-24.

The battle continued with both teams fighting hard on the boards and playing great defense.

Oakesdale had first possession and scored a big three just seconds in. Gradwohl came right back with a bucket and then the Nighthawks scored on a big offensive board, staying within 3.

Gradwohl scored, breaking the press. With 6:40 left to play, Garrity earned his fourth foul and Oakesdale sank both free throws, getting back to within 3, 34-31.

The next two minutes, defensive hustle kept the game lively, with Waitsburg's Cade Branson wrestling hard for a loose ball and was rewarded by the favor of the possession arrow.

With just four minutes left, Dunn went up strong on the offensive board and scored the put-back, and again, Oakesdale answered, to close to 36-33. With 2:24 left, Garrity was fouled hard and sank both free throws and the Hawks scored again bringing the score to 38-35 with under two minutes left.

With 58 ticks left, Dunn was fouled on the offensive board and made one of two.

With just 34 seconds left, Jordan French was called for a defensive reach on Evan Henning and then called for a technical foul. Henning made his two free throws for the regular foul and Austin Rutledge made 1 of 2 on the technical, to again bring Oakesdale back to within striking distance, 39-36.

Waitsburg finished with three points from free throws, as Garrity, Gradwohl and Callas each went 1 for 2 at the line.

Oakesdale 2 9 13 13 - 37
Waitsburg 8 8 13 13 - 42

Oakesdale - Henning 9, Hockett 7, Rutledge 7, Anderson 5, Gregory 5, Himes 4, Schell 0

Waitsburg - Gradwohl 19, Dunn 11, Garrity 6, French 3, Callas 3, Branson 0, Kitselman 0, Martin 0, Miller 0

Waitsburg 56, Touchet 42

WAITSBURG – Jacob Dunn lead the Waitsburg Cardinals with 19 points and 13 boards to beat Touchet at home, 56-42, in a makeup game on Dec. 13. Both teams got off to a slow start, as the weather and road conditions kept them off the court during the previous week.



Photo by Dena Wood

Waitsburg's Kyle Gradwohl drives the lane during last Tuesday's home game against Touchet, as teammate Jacob Dunn looks on.

"Both teams had been snowed out of games, school and practices so the game was a little sloppy," said Cardinal Coach Tavis Crittenden.

Coach Crittenden used the Card's height advantage down low to beat the Indians. In addition to Dunn, whose 19-point evening included three 3-pointers, Kyle Gradwohl scored 13 points, Landon Callas 11, and Jordan Garrity added another 10.

The Cards focused on their defense under the basket and did their best to keep the ball away from Touchet's big

man, James Kates, holding him to just seven points. Touchet Junior Hayden Schaeffer led the Indians offense, hitting four 3-pointers. Also scoring, Justin Warner with eight, Lot Butler had six and Titus Miller contributed five. Brian Andrade and Isaac Gutierrez chipped in a basket apiece.

With the cards leading 42-22 going into the final quarter, Dunn and Gradwohl took a seat, supporting their teammates, who put 14 points on the board to seal the victory. Touchet scored 20 in

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Lady Cards Drop Three to Close Out Year

DEVON HARSHMAN LEADS SCORING,
REBOUNDING AGAINST TOUCHET,
POMEROY, OAKESDALE

By Andie Holmberg | THE TIMES

Oakesdale 47, Waitsburg 38

WAITSBURG – On Saturday, the Lady Cardinal hosted the Oakesdale Nighthawks. Although Harshman and Araya kept it tough for the Nighthawks under the basket, the Cardinals were unable to overcome errors, leading to a 47-38 victory for the visitors.

Waitsburg sputtered at the start, putting up only 14 points in the first half when their shots just wouldn't seem to fall.

Not throwing in the towel, the Cardinals came out stronger in the second half. Harshman scored 12, with fellow post Araya adding 11. Harshman led all players with a game-high rebound tally of 17.

At the end of three, Waitsburg trailed the Nighthawks 36-25. During the final quarter, the Cards played their best game of the night, outscoring the Hawks, 13-11.

Foul trouble hit the Cards early in the fourth quarter. Lexi Brannock came out to sit on the bench after committing her fourth foul just 30 seconds in.

In the first five minutes of the final quarter, the Cards narrowed the gap. After a pair of free throws by Chloe Pearson, quickly followed by another pair by Harshman, the Cardinals trailed 39-36 with just under three minutes in the game.

In an attempt to send the Nighthawks to the line, Analisea Ayara fouled out with 1:02 left. Brannock returned to the lineup and fouled out with 51 seconds left.

Jacey Johnson led Oakesdale with 17 points, 11 rebounds and three steals. Emily Perry added 11

Oakesdale 14 12 10 11 - 47
Waitsburg 6 8 11 13 - 38

Oakesdale - Hockett 2, Johnson 17, Perry 11, Perry 4, Reed 9, Shrope 4, Baljo 0.

Waitsburg - Forney 0, Harshman 12, Lee Jones 3, Pearson 6, Sandau 3, Williams 0, Miller 0, Brannock 0, Lewis

Touchet 57, Waitsburg 30

WAITSBURG — Touchet needed a little time to warm up before beating Waitsburg, 57-30, in a non-league girls' makeup game here Tuesday.

The Indians (3-0) led 10-7 after the first quarter and took a 32-13 lead into the locker room at halftime. Waitsburg was unable to gain any traction to come back in the second half.

Sophomore Center Devon Harshman led both teams with a game-high 16 points. Analisea Araya score eight, Chloe Pearson added five and Taylor Lee Jones added a free throw for the Cards. Although the Cards were able to force Touchet into committing fouls, they went just 12 of 21 from the line, while the Indians went three for five. Turnovers were another sore spot for future focus, as the Lady Cards lost the ball 22 times.

For Touchet, juniors Katie Skramstad and Dana Jagger led the Indians, each scored a team-high 13 points. Caitlin McGreevy added 12 points, and senior Abby Grudzinski 10. Skramstad and McGreevy each hit a pair of 3-pointers.

The Cardinals were strong on the boards, out-rebounding Touchet 36-22. Harshman led on the boards as well with 12.

Touchet 10 15 16 16 - 57
Waitsburg 7 10 7 6 - 30

Touchet (57) – Richartz 1 0-0 2, K. Skramstad 5 1-2 13, E. Skramstad 1 0-0 3, McGreevy 5 0-0 12, Kromm 2 0-0 4, Fraizer 0 0-0 0, Grudzinski 4 1-2 10, Jagger 6 1-1



Photo by Andie Holmberg

Waitsburg's Devon Harshman drives to the basket for a layup during Saturday's game against Oakesdale.

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SPORTS



Photo by Andie Holmberg

Waitsburg and Dayton wrestling team members took a break during practice on Monday. Left to Right: Devin Newman, Josh Hartwell (rear) Tyler Hoffman, Ky Adams, Joe Adams, David Just and DeJay Meyer.

HARTWELL PUTS BULLDOGS BACK ON THE MAT

By Andie Holmberg | THE TIMES

DAYTON - For the first time in nearly ten years, Dayton High School has a wrestling team. Sophomore Josh Hartwell will wear Bulldog colors while training in Waitsburg.

Josh's family moved to Dayton about 10 years ago. Josh has always been active and enjoyed any sport where he could use his strength to win, sometimes as a way to let go of his anger without getting in trouble.

He said he began asking Dayton if they could have a boxing team while he was still in elementary school, but never found any serious takers. Then he asked about wrestling, but no one was interested in getting a team started.

Until this year, Hartwell played basketball for something to do in the winter. He still isn't exactly sure how everything happened as far as the wrestling goes. He said this fall during soccer he half-heartedly asked Dayton's Athletic Director, Heather Clarys about wrestling.

Then one day he was called out of class to the office. All he had to do was sign the papers and he would be able to wrestle. He also has a couple of dedicated Waitsburg parents that provide transportation so Josh can get to practices.

Waitsburg Coach Lanny Adams is excited to have Josh on his team and describes Josh as a hard worker and fast learner, with a lot of determination. Josh is benefitting from the experience of his teammates, and Coach Adams sees a lot of potential in the young man.

With weather postponing or cancelling the first three scheduled meets, the Waitsburg and Dayton wrestlers finally started their season at the Mac-Hi tournament this weekend. Hartwell said he had a few butterflies when they got there. After weigh in, he was even more nervous when he learned he was 6/10 of a pound over his 138-pound limit and was going to wrestle at 148.

Weather in the region had cancelled other tournaments, so many regional schools of all size came to Mac-Hi.

In the first round Hartwell faced Rice Quintana of Kamiakin and was pinned after 2:33. Hartwell met Donovan Morales of Southridge in the next round and walked away with his first career victory, pinning Morales at the 1:38 mark. Josh then beat Carlos Garcia of Riverview by technical fall. Hartwell lost his last match in the double elimination tournament to Damon Sawyer of Irrigon.

Coach Adams was very proud of Hartwell saying he did well and fought hard.

"Josh did very well for his first wrestling tournament. He had a good showing. He made some mistakes, but we anticipated them just because of his experience level," Adams said.

Grapplers Earn Three Medals at Mac-Hi Tourney

WAITSBURG WRESTLERS FINALLY START SEASON AFTER WEATHER CANCELED THREE MATCHES

By Andie Holmberg | THE TIMES

MILTON-FREEWATER - Waitsburg wrestlers traveled to Milton-Freewater on Saturday to compete in their first match of the season, against regional schools of all sizes.

Waitsburg Coach Lanny Adams took seven Cardinals and one Dayton Bulldog to the tourney. The team made it to five medal-round matches.

Ky Adams placed second, while Tyler Hoffman and Joe Adams each brought home fifth-place medals.

In the 138lb class, senior David Just defeated Xavier Trinidad (Southridge) by pin 1:48. Just was able to get the first takedown and controlled the match. Just was pinned (1:58) by Joey Chavez (Kamiakin) in his second match. In the next round,

Just pinned (2:26) Chase Larson (McCloughlin) and then pinned (:44) Christian Solis (Wa-Hi). In the medal round for 5th/6th place, versus Michael Fuzi (Irrigon) Fuzi won by pin 4:52.

Coach Adams praised Just for "wrestling hard and smart. He had to fight hard after his loss. He showed a

lot of heart and dedication!"

At 145 pounds, Dayton sophomore Josh Hartwell won two matches and lost two. (See sidebar for details.) At 152 pounds, senior Devin Newman was defeated by Josie Agularo (Irrigon) by pin 1:57 in his first round. In the second round, Newman won by pin over Keegan Krogh (Irrigon) 1:47. Newman defeated Carson Bronson (Hepner) by pin (0:44).

In the medal round for 5th/6th place, Newman went up against Bryan Ocampo (Wa-Hi). Ocampo won by pin (0:28).

Coach Adams said, "Devin did well. He had a rocky start, but he pulled through. He remained focused and showed his heart by staying in the fight all day."

Also at 152 pounds, senior DeJay Meyer lost to Neal Randolph (Hermiston) by pin (0:49) in the first round. Meyer was defeated in the second round by Keagan Krogh (Irrigon). Keogh won by pin (1:52).

At 170 pounds, sophomore Ky Adams had a bye in the first round. In the second round, Adams pinned Franco Sanchez (Irrigon) in a well-wrestled match after 5:28. In the third round, Adams pinned Jamal Mangerero (Wa-Hi) in 16 seconds.

In the medal round for 1st/2nd place, Kaden Kilberg (McCloughlin) won by pin at 3:53.

Coach Adams described the battle as a "hard-fought match. Kilberg had the length and leverage. It was so a battle of coach's kid against coach's kid. Ky

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Dayton Girls Remain Undefeated

LADY 'DOGS ARE 6-0 AFTER WINS OVER WWVA, 50-42, AND KITTITAS, 56-20

THE TIMES

DAYTON - The Dayton girls' basketball team picked up its first two wins in the new Eastern Washington Athletic Conference last week, downing Walla Walla Valley Academy at home, 50-42 on Tuesday, and then trouncing Kittitas, 56-20, on the road.

Against WWVA, Dayton took a 21-13 lead into halftime, and then played the Knights evenly in the second half to preserve the win.

"We felt fortunate to win the ball game as we felt we did not play our best," said Dayton coach Clayton Strong. "But WWVA did some things that bothered us a little bit."

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Case No. 11 3 00284 0

In the Superior Court of the State of Washington for the County of Walla Walla ELIZABETH BERG, Petitioner

NICHOLAS BERG, Respondent.

The State of Washington to the said NICHOLAS BERG:

You are hereby given notice that there been a petition for a notice of relocation. You are to responded with in 42 days after the date of the first publication of this summons of a notice of relocation, after January 19, 2017 and defend the above entitled action in the above entitled court, and answer the complaint of the petitioner, ELIZABETH BERG, 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 notice of relocation, which has been filed with the clerk of said court. If you do not serve your written response within 42 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 42 days after filing and service. Serve a copy of your response to ELIZABETH BERG at 2222 School Ave. Walla Walla, WA, 99362

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Jan. 5, 12, 2017
12-8-f

No. 16 4 00234 8 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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

In re the Estate of CARMEN MARDENE LORENZ,
Deceased

The personal representative named below has been appointed as personal representative of these estates. Any person having a claim against the decedents must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided 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 decedents' probate and nonprobate assets.

Date of first publication: December 22, 2016 (anticipated)

Personal Representative: Ruth N. Russo
c/o Michael E. de Grasse
Counsel for Personal Representative
59 S. Palouse St.
P. O. Box 494
Walla Walla, WA 99362

Walla Walla County Superior Court Cause No. 16 4 00234 8

/s/ Ruth N. Russo
Ruth N. Russo
Personal Representative

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Dec. 22, 29, 2016, Jan. 5, 2017
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Pursuant to the Revised Code of Washington 61.24, et seq. TS No.: WA-16-737847-BB APN No.: 360722330108 Title Order No.: 160194779-WA-MSO Deed of Trust Grantor(s): WILLIAM M. WILLIAMS Deed of Trust Grantee(s): HOUSEHOLD FINANCE CORPORATION III Deed of Trust Instrument/ Reference No.: 2007-03231 I. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Quality Loan Service Corp. of Washington, the undersigned Trustee, will on 1/20/2017, 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: LOT 1 OF SHORT PLAT RECORDED OCTOBER 30, 1998 IN VOLUME 3 OF SHORT PLATS AT PAGE 206 UNDER AUDITOR'S FILE NO. 9812542, RECORDS OF WALLA WALLA COUNTY, WASHINGTON. SITUATED IN THE CITY AND COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA, STATE OF WASHINGTON. More commonly known as: 435 SYCAMORE ST, WALLA WALLA, WA 99362 which is subject to that certain Deed of Trust dated 3/21/2007, recorded 3/23/2007, under 2007-03231 records of WALLA WALLA County, Washington, from WILLIAM M. WILLIAMS, AS HIS SEPARATE ESTATE, as Grantor(s), to PIONEER TITLE COMPANY, as Trustee, to secure an obligation in favor of HOUSEHOLD FINANCE CORPORATION III, as Beneficiary, the beneficial interest in which was subsequently assigned to U.S. Bank Trust, N.A., as Trustee for LSF9 Master Participation Trust under an assignment recorded under Auditors File Number 2016-01735 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: \$26,725.33 IV. The sum owing on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust is: The principal sum of \$138,620.56, together with interest as provided in the Note from 5/26/2015 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 1/20/2017. The defaults referred to in Paragraph III must be cured by 1/9/2017 (11 days before the sale date) to cause a discontinuance of the sale. The sale will be discontinued and terminated if at any time before 1/9/2017 (11 days before the sale) the default as set forth in Paragraph III is cured and the Trustee's fees and costs are paid. Payment must be in cash or with cashiers or certified checks from a State or federally chartered bank. The sale may be terminated any time after the 1/9/2017 (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 and Grantor at the following address(es): NAME WILLIAM M. WILLIAMS, AS HIS SEPARATE ESTATE ADDRESS 435 SYCAMORE ST, WALLA WALLA, WA 99362 by both first 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. These requirements were completed as of 8/4/2016. 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. 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=dcf> 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>. If the sale is set aside for any reason, including if the Trustee is unable to convey title, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the monies paid to the Trustee. This shall be the Purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Trustor, the Trustee, the Beneficiary, the Beneficiary's Agent, or the Beneficiary's Attorney. 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 note holders right's 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 As required

Bulldogs Fall to WWVA, Kittitas

WWVA 55, DAYTON 50

DAYTON - The Dayton boys' basketball team hosted Walla Walla Valley Academy on Dec. 13, and came up short after a hard-fought battle, losing 55-50.

The Bulldogs fell behind early and couldn't close the gap, despite a fourth-quarter rally. Dayton trailed 31-21 at the half and entered the fourth quarter down 42-30.

For the game, Ben Kleck led his team with 14 points, including two three-pointers. Tanner Bren added 13. Junior Helm had nine rebounds and three assists, to go along with his eight points.

Walla Walla 17 14 11 13 — 55
Dayton 10 11 9 20 — 50

WALLA WALLA VALLEY ACADEMY (55) — Acosta 4-12 6-6 15, Childs 2-6 0-1 4, Freedle 2-5 7-11 11, Terry 1-2 0-0 3, Wells 0-5 0-0 0, Johnson 3-4 0-0 6, Powers 0-0 1-1 1, Lopez 3-4 0-0 6, Lomeland 4-9 0-0 9. Totals 19-43 14-19 55.

DAYTON (50) — Helm 4-11 0-0 8, Dieu 1-1 2-2 2, Martin 3-6 0-0 6, Wilkening 1-4 0-0 2, Kleck 5-18 2-4 14, Bryan 1-5 1-5 3, Bren 4-14 4-4 13. Totals 19-58 9-15 50.

3-point goals — WWVA (Acosta, Terry, Lomeland), Dayton (Kleck 2, Bren). Total fouls — Dayton 22, WWVA 12. Fouled out, none. Technical fouls — none. Rebounds — WWVA 42 (Freedle 12), Dayton 25 (Helm 9). Turnovers — WWVA 14, Dayton 9. Assists — Dayton 6 (Helm 3), WWVA 4 (Acosta 1, Freedle 1, Terry 1, Lopez 1).

by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. Dated: 9/15/2016 Quality Loan Service Corp. of Washington, as Trustee By: Rhianna Watson, Assistant Secretary Trustee's Mailing Address: Quality Loan Service Corp. of Washington C/O Quality Loan Service Corp. 411 Ivy Street, San Diego, CA 92101 (866) 645-7711 Trustee's Physical Address: Quality Loan Service Corp. of Washington 108 1st Ave South, Suite 202 Seattle, WA 98104 (866) 925-0241 Sale Line: 916-939-0772 Or Login to: <http://wa.qualityloan.com> TS No.: WA-16-737847-BB IDSPub #0115184 12/22/2016 1/12/2017

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Dec. 22, 2016, Jan. 12, 2017
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ORDINANCE SUMMARY

Pursuant to RCW 35A.12.160, the Council of the City of Prescott hereby approves for publication the following Ordinance Summary:

The name of the City is the City of Prescott, Washington.

The Ordinance summarized is Ordinance No. 2016-07, adopted by the Council of the City of Prescott on December 12, 2016.

The Ordinance establishes the City's 2017 budget.

The Ordinance is summarized as follows:

The Ordinance is divided into four (4) sections.

Section 1 adopts the 2017 Budget for the City of Prescott with total expenditures of \$248,947.00, broken down by fund as follows: Current Expense Fund--\$154,126.00; City Street Fund--\$16,721.00; Water Fund--\$66,600.00; and Water Reserve Fund--\$11,500.

Section 2 states that a copy of the detailed budget and Budget Ordinance will be forward to the Division of Municipal Corporations of the State of Washington.

Section 3 states that if any part of the Budget or Ordinance is adjudged to be invalid, such adjudication will not affect the validity of the Ordinance as a whole or other parts of the Ordinance.

Section 4 states that the Ordinance is necessary and shall take effect immediately upon its passage and posting.

A copy of the entire Ordinance will be mailed upon request or may be examined at City Hall.

This Ordinance was APPROVED by the Council of the City of Prescott on the 12th day of December, 2016.

Steve Heimbigner
Mayor

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Dec. 22, 2016
12-22-c

ORDINANCE SUMMARY

Pursuant to RCW 35A.12.160, the Council of the City of Prescott hereby approves for publication the following Ordinance Summary:

1. The name of the City is the City of Prescott, Washington.

2. The Ordinance summarized is Ordinance No. 2016-06, adopted by the Council of the City of Prescott on December 12, 2016.

3. The Ordinance amends the City's 2016 budget to address emergency medical services expenses experienced in calendar year 2016.

4. The Ordinance is summarized as follows:

a. The Ordinance is divided into three (3) sections.

b. Section 1 amends the EMS Reserve Fund of the 2016 fiscal budget by increasing the authorized EMS Reserve Fund expenditures by \$7,925.30.

c. Section 2 adopts, ratifies, and confirms the amendment of the 2016 fiscal year budget.

d. Section 3 states that the Ordinance shall take effect upon approval by the Mayor and after the publication as provided by law.

5. A copy of the entire Ordinance will be mailed upon request or may be examined at City Hall.

This Ordinance was APPROVED by the Council of the City of Prescott on the 12th day of December, 2016.

Steve Heimbigner
Mayor

The Times
Dec. 22, 2016
12-22-d

Kittitas 66, Dayton 26

KITTITAS - Kittitas hosted Dayton on Friday night and had an easy time with the Bulldogs, winning 66-26.

Dayton fell behind early, trailing 17-9 after the first quarter, and 38-13 at halftime. The Bulldogs could never solve the Kittitas 'D'.

"Kittitas is by far the best team we've played this year. Their defense overwhelmed us," said Dayton coach Will Hutchens. "They shot 15 more times than we did, which makes it difficult to keep up. They had fewer turnovers and cleaned up the glass."

Ben Kleck led the Bulldogs with 11 points. He also had four rebounds. Tanner Bren added six points, plus four rebounds.

Dayton 9 4 5 8—26
Kittitas 17 21 18 10—66

DAYTON (26) — Helm 1-3 0-0 2, Dieu 1-1 0-0 2, Martin 1-1 0-0 2, Wilkening 0-1 1-2 1, Willis 0-3 0-0 0, Kleck 5-14 0-0 11, Bryan 1-1 0-0 2, Bren 3-11 0-2 6. Totals 12-41 1-4 26.

KITTITAS (66) — Harris 3-6 1-2 9, Hudson 2-3 0-0 4, Lenihan 2-4 0-0 4, Arnold 0-3 0-0 0, Gibson 4-6 0-0 8, Mata 2-3 0-0 4, Brown 5-9 0-0 10, Lamb 1-1 0-0 2, Arrenola 1-3 0-0 2, Ravent 6-18 7-7 23. Totals 26-56 8-11 66.

3-point goals — Dayton (Kleck), Kittitas (Harris 2, Ravet 4). Total fouls — Dayton 7, Kittitas 6. Fouled out — none. Technical fouls — none. Rebounds — Kittitas 30 (Brown 7), Dayton 22 (Kleck 4, Bren 4). Turnovers — Dayton 19, Kittitas 11.

No. 16 4 00235 6 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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

In re the Estates of MARY THOMPSON, Deceased and LEWIS A. THOMPSON, JR. Deceased.

The personal representative named below has been appointed as personal representative of these estates. Any person having a claim against the decedents must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided 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 decedents' probate and nonprobate assets.

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SPORTS

CARDINALS - FROM PAGE 8

the fourth quarter, and pulled within 10 at one point, but lost the battle: final score 56-42.

Touchet 9 9 4 20 - 42

Waitsburg 11 18 13 14 - 56

Touchet (42) - Miller 2 0-0 6, Guiterrez 1 0-0 2, Andrade 1 0-0 2, Preciado 0 0-0 0, Butler 3 0-0 6, Schaeffer 4 0-0 12, Kates 3 1-1 7, Warren 3 2-4 9, Team 17 3-5 42.

Waitsburg (56) - Callas 4 2-2 11, Terry 0 0-0 0, Garrity 5 0-0 10, French 1 0-0 2, Miller 0 0-0 0, Kitselman 0 0-0 0, Dunn 7 2-4 19, Martin 0 0-0 0, Gradwohl 4 4-5 13, Branson 0 1-2 1, Team 21 9-13 56.

3-Point Goals - Touchet 5 (Schaeffer 4), Waitsburg 5 (Dunn 3), Total fouls - Touchet 14, Waitsburg 8, Fouled Out

- None, Technical Fouls - None, Rebounds - Touchet n/a, Waitsburg 43 (Dunn 13), Turnovers - Touchet n/a, Waitsburg 19. Assists - Touchet n/a, Waitsburg 15 (Gradwohl 4, Dunn 4)

Pomeroy 67, Waitsburg 45

POMEROY - A quick Pomeroy Pirates team beat the Waitsburg boys in Southeast B1 play Friday night, 67-45.

While the Cards' Jacob Dunn and Kyle Gradwohl combined for 32 points, Pomeroy's Ryan Wolf and Jace Gwynn scored 13 points apiece for the Pirates.

Freezing weather may be to blame for the slow start by both teams Friday, as the score at the end of the first quarter read 15-4 Pirates. The Cardinals put up 16 points in the second quarter to

end the half with 20, trailing the Pirates by 14.

The Cardinals scored 25 points in the second half to end the game with 45. Leading the way in scoring for Waitsburg, Jacob Dunn had 17 points, Kyle Gradwohl 15, followed by Callas with 4, French and Martin with 3 apiece, Branson 2 and Garrity 1.

For the Pirates - Wolf 13, Gwynn 13, Tewalt 10, Slaybaugh and Morfin each with 8, Caruso 6, Heytvelt 5, LaMunyan and Hyer with a basket a piece, Lyle 0, for a total of 67.

Waitsburg 4 16 10 15 - 45
Pomeroy 15 19 19 14 - 67

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3, Team 24 3-5 57.

Waitsbrg (30) - Harshman 4 8-11 16, Jones 0 1-2, Sandau 0 0-2 0, Pearson 1 3-4 5, Araya 4 0-2 8. Williams, Forney, Hays 0 0-0 0. Team 9 12-21 30.

3-point goals - Touchet 6 (K. Skramstad 2, McGreevy 2). Total Fouls-Touchet 20, Waitsburg 8. Fouled Out Touchet (Grudzinski). Technical fouls - None. Rebounds - Touchet 24 (Grudzinski 6), Waitsburg 39 (Harshman 12). Turnovers - Touchet 8, Waitsburg 22.

Pomeroy 53, Waitsburg 12

POMEROY - In Friday's SE1B game, Pomeroy's Sidney Smith and Madison Dixon each scored 14 as the Pirates defeated Waitsburg 53-12.

Devon Harshman led the Cardinals with six points and pulled down a game-high 14 rebounds.

The Pirates put up a lot of shots, go-

ing 23 for 67, or 34%, from the field. The Pirates controlled the ball, committing just 9 turnovers and 8 fouls, and sending the Cardinals to the line only once.

Waitsburg (12) - Brannock 1-2 0-0 2, Harshman 3-9 0-0 6, Jones 0-4 0-0 0, Sandau 0-3 0-2 0, Forney 0-1 0-0 0, Hays 0-1 0-0 0, Pearson 0-1 0-0 0, Araya 2-5 0-0 4, Lewis 0-1 0-0 0, Williams and Miller 0-0 0-0 0.

Pomeroy (53) - Halbert 5-7 0-0 10, Gingerich 1-4 0-0 3, Watko 2-4 0-0 4, Halverson 1-2 0-0 2, Smith 5-18 4-5 14, Dixon 6-17 2-4 14, Caruso 3-13 0-0 6, Wolf 0-2 0-0 0, Heytvelt, Lindgren and Davis 0-0 0-0 0.

3-Point Goals - Pom (Gingerich). Total fouls - Pom 8, Waits 13. Fouled out - none. Technical - none. Rebounds-Waits 22 (Harshman 14), Pom 37 (Dixon 9). Turnovers - Waits 32, Pom 9. Assists Wait 2 (Brannock, Hays), Pom 17 (Halbert 4, Smith 4).

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wrestled smart and hard all day long. Good way to start the wrestling season."

In the 182-pound class, senior Joe Adams beat Tanner Mills (Irrigon) by pin (1:26) in the first round.

"Joe controlled and wrestled smart. Worked some new moves he has been practicing," Coach Adams said.

Joe Adams lost to Michael Breeding (McCloughlin) by pin (2:23) in round two. Next, Adams pinned Andres Flores (River View) (1:13). Adams won by pin over Roel Rojas (River View) (0:21).

In the medal round for 5th/6th place, Joe Adams defeated Moises Camacho (Kamiakin) by pin 2:47.

"Joe wrestled smart. He got caught in a takedown attempt in his second match," Coach Adams said. "If it wasn't for that, he would have been in the finals. He wrestled smart and hard."

At 285 pounds, senior Tyler Hoffman was defeated by Donnie Clark (Mc-

Cloughlin). Clark won by pin :26. In the second round Hoffman and teammate Dylan Knowles went head to head. Hoffman won by pin 1:28. Hoffman went on to beat Isaac Melton (Wa-Hi) by pin :31 in the next round.

In the medal round for 5th/6th place, Hoffman defeated Cole Tannahill (Southridge), winning by pin 1:01.

"Tyler showed a great level of intensity. Very happy with his performance so far," Coach Adams said.

Also at 285 pounds, senior Dylan Knowles (Senior) beat Tyler Cearley (Kamiakin), winning his first High school match with a pin 4:22. Knowles was beat in the next round by Garrett Hills (Hermiston). Hill won by pin :40.

Knowles then had to wrestle his own teammate. He was defeated by Tyler Hoffman.

Knowles remained upbeat and told the coaches, "Now I know what I need to work on."

"We played much more engaged and focused on the little things," said Strong. "After halftime we came out strong with no let down."

Currin led the Dayton scoring with 20 points. She also had five rebounds and six steals. Phillips scored 16 and Andrews, 14. Josilyn Fullerton had six rebounds and five assists. Phillips had five rebounds, seven steals and three assists.

Dayton 21 8 21 6—56
Kittitas 8 3 3 6—20

DAYTON (55) — Phillips 6-12 4-6 16, Andrews 4-9 5-6 14, Laughery 1-4 0-0 2, Brincken 0-1 0-0 0, Fullerton 2-7 0-0 4, Currin 10-14 0-3 20, Patton 0-0 0-0 0, Bryan 0-1 0-0 0, Griffen 0-0 0-0 0. Team 23-50 9-15 56.

KITTITAS (20) — Allphin 0-6 0-0 0, Feddema 3-8 1-2 7, Baker 0-2 0-0 0, Graham 0-1 0-0 0, Williams 3-8 3-4 9, Stampfly 0-0 0-0 0, Hyatt 1-2 0-0 2, Escobar 1-2 0-0 2, Pott 0-2 0-0 0, Lamb 0-0 0-0 0, Sanchez 0-5 0-0 0. Team 8-36 4-6 20.

3-point goals — Dayton 1 (Andrews), Kittitas 0. Total fouls — Dayton 15, Kittitas 14. Fouled out — none. Technical fouls — none. Rebounds — Dayton 26 (Fullerton 6), Kittitas 28. Turnovers — Dayton 13, Kittitas N/A. Assists — Dayton 13 (Fullerton 5), Kittitas N/A.

LADY 'DOGS' - FROM PAGE 9

For the game, Sydney Andrews led the Lady 'Dogs in scoring, with 15 points. Jenna Phillips added 12. Shayla Currin yanked down 11 rebounds, and Phillips had four assists and three steals.

Walla Walla 6 7 11 18 — 42
Dayton 8 13 8 21 — 50

WALLA WALLA VALLEY ACADEMY (42) — King 7-15 1-3 19, Anderson 0-4 0-0 0, Jenkins 2-4 0-0 4, Browning 3-13 1-3 7, Dybdahl 0-5 1-2 1, Cole 1-3 0-0 2, Cheng 0-5 1-2 1, Graham 4-16 0-2 9, Larson 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 17-66 4-12 42.

DAYTON (50) — Phillips 5-13 2-2 12, Andrews 7-13 1-2 15, Laughery 2-5 0-0 4, Wanlarbkam 0-3 0-0 0, Fullerton 4-9 2-4 10, Currin 3-12 3-4 9, Bryan 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 21-56 8-12 50.

3-point goals — WWVA (King 3, Graham), Dayton (none). Total fouls — WWVA 13, Dayton 11. Fouled out — none. Technical fouls — none. Rebounds — WWVA 35, Dayton 33.

Dayton 56, Kittitas, 20

On Friday, after a long bus ride, the Lady Bulldogs jumped out to a big 21-8 lead in the first quarter against Kittitas, and never looked back. Dayton held Kittitas to 12 points through the final three quarters.

TEENY MCMUNN: MY RECIPE BOX

Peanut Butter Brittle

Be aware: This is addictive! It has the texture of a butterfinger bar. Sometimes bazaars will sell "soft peanut brittle" for a huge price or candy stores will, and you think to yourself, I wish I could make it myself.

Well here is the recipe, or perhaps one of them. I believe people are getting away from making candy, maybe for weight reasons, maybe not enough family around, or just have never attempted it.

This recipe needs some helpful hints before you try it for the first time. Nothing like someone else making the mistakes so you don't have to. So I will add them to my notes.

- 2 c. sugar
- 2 to 2/2 c. peanut butter
- 1/4 c. water
- 1/2 tsp vanilla
- 1 1/2 c. light corn syrup
- 1 1/2 tsp soda
- 2 c. salted peanuts (I use Spanish peanuts)

Combine sugar and water in heavy saucepan. Bring mixture to a boil over high heat. Spoon hot sugar syrup upside of pan to wash down sugar crystals thoroughly. Stir in corn syrup. Cook to hard crack stage, 300 degrees. Meanwhile, mix peanuts, peanut butter, and vanilla. Remove syrup from heat: at once add peanut butter mixture. Stir in soda (have this premeasured and ready to go) Pour onto greased cookie sheet, quickly spread with a fork. YIELD: About 3 pounds of creamy peanut brittle.

MY NOTES: First, it is important that you have a heavy sauce pan. The one I have is the one grandma had. Second, you will need a candy thermometer. Some I believe say 310 degrees is hard crack. Do not cheat on this.

Third, make sure that you, or whoever helps you stir in the peanut butter mixture, has good upper arm strength and knows how to FOLD the mixture in quickly. Soooooo important. I had my fella friend help me make a batch, thinking with his arm strength, it would be a piece of cake, but he didn't understand FOLDING and QUICKLY.

Use a heavy spoon, and fold, fold, fold in the mixture. You will want to cut the spoon thru the mixture very quickly to get it mixed into the hot syrup and when you think you are about done, add the soda and keep mixing and folding. The soda will cause it to get frothy and that's what makes it have the texture it does.

****The candy will try to set up while it's in the pan so mix quickly and pour onto a greased cookie sheet. Have a couple of forks handy and spread it the best you can, thinner is better. I've had some of the mixture not get the soda so it was a bit crunchy, but all in all, it turns out great.

ENJOY!

****Next week I hope to have a great chip dip recipe for your parties. It will be more like a salsa, but with brown rice. Justin and Roger made it for us at church so you know it's already going to be good.

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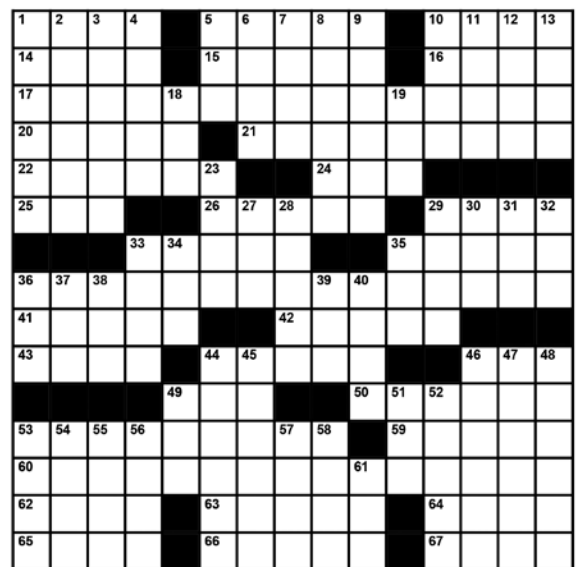
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21. In vain
22. Fireplace feature
24. Albanian coin
25. The Greatest
26. Participant
29. Fishing spot
33. Fish dish
35. Often-missed humor
36. March composer
41. Sight parts
42. Sentences
43. Clique
44. Harbingers
46. Banquet
49. Sean ___ Lennon
50. Sana'a native
53. Inflectional morphology
59. Furze
60. G men leader
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63. Fill up
64. Merlin, e.g.
65. Sales force
66. Jostle
67. Marine eagle

Dear Johns
by Myles Mellor



28. Diacritical mark
29. Major-leaguers
30. Promise to pay
31. Printer's widths
32. Carpet, Scandinavian
33. Fly in the ointment
34. Kind of driver
35. Something to believe in
36. Wine container
37. Seeds, in a way
38. Nester
39. Elementary particle
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44. Anxious
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53. Like some doors
54. Traffic marker
55. Hack
56. Getaway spots
57. Low-___
58. Thus
61. Chop

Last Week's Solution



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ELEMENTARY ENTERTAINERS



Photos by Dena Wood

Community members enjoyed a winter program by Waitsburg Elementary Students in the WHS auditorium on Dec. 19. Kindergarten students sang SANTA, Hello, Reindeer, and We All Clap Hands Together. The first grade sang Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer, Jingle Bells, and I've Got Peace in My Fingers. Second graders sang Up on the Rooftop, Santa Claus is Coming to Town, and We Wish You a Merry Christmas. The third Grade performed Jingle Bell Rock, Silver Bells, and Holly Jolly Christmas, and fourth graders sang Deck the Halls and Winter Wonderland. The fourth grade led the audience in singing Light a Candle for Peace while holding glow stick "candles." Music was directed by Kathy Shirm and Liz Alleman. Chloe Pearson accompanied on piano and Jacob Dunn served as light/sound technician. Clockwise from top: First graders sing Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer, second graders sing Santa Claus is Coming to Town, Kindergarten students sing Hello Reindeer.

Photos by Dena Wood

Right: Brayden Miller was decorated by his classmates as a living Christmas tree in the WHS Reindeer games competition.

Far right: (l to r) Christian Church Pastor Matthew Wyatt, Pam Conover, and Ben Moser serve up root beer floats at the WHS cage. The WRC provided the floats as a thank you for the recent high school food drive and donations of socks from the high school FCCLA club.



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