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THIS WEEK

DAYTON



TRAILS

Dayton citizens offer input on regional trails plan.

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WAITSBURG



RAINBOW

Kendra Smith is installed as Rainbow Worthy Advisor. Group is seeking new members.

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SPORTS



WRESTLING

Waitsburg's Joe Adams won his class in the district meet in Colfax, and advances to sub-regionals as number one seed.

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SENIORS CELEBRATED



Photo by Nick Page

Waitsburg and Prescott recognized their senior fall sports participants at home games over the weekend. Dayton recognized senior players at their home game against Liberty Christian on Tues., Feb. 7.

Above: It was a full gym in Waitsburg Fri., Feb. 3 as Waitsburg senior boys basketball players and wrestlers were recognized prior to the boys varsity game against Pomeroy.

Waitsburg Seniors

Wrestling: Dylan Knowles, Tyler Hoffman, Joe Adams, Dejay Meyer, Devin Newman, David Just, Emily Adams (Manager)
Boys Basketball: Kyle Gradwohl, Jacob Dunn, Jordan French, Jordan Garrity, Landon Callas, Cameron Terry, Nick Kitselman
Girls Basketball: Taylor Hays, Analisea Araya
Cheer: Timber Frohreich, Jade Alleman, Taylor Spoonemore

Prescott Seniors
Boys Basketball: Noah Servi, Travis Crockett, Andre Potts
Girls Basketball: Michelle Cardenas
Cheer: Elizabeth Perez, Eddie Perez

Dayton Seniors

Girls Basketball: Sidney Andrews, Shayla Currin, Josilyn Fullerton, Jenna Phillips, Alexis Wanlarbkam
Cheer: Ally Chapman, Isabelle Houdak, Jennifer Warren
Boys Basketball: Tanner Bren, Zech Bryan, Ben Kleck, Cal Martin, Lane Wilkening, Trystan Willis
Pep Band: Savannah McFarland, Michelle Romero, Brittany Suchodolski, Samantha Sweetwood

City Seeks Tree Committee Members

COMMITTEE WILL ASSIST AND ADVISE THE CITY COUNCIL

By Dena Wood | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG – Trees – what to do with them, and who is responsible for making those decisions – were a hotly debated and recurring topic at Waitsburg City Council meetings throughout 2016.

The city is now accepting applications for two citizens to sit on the City of Waitsburg's tree committee.

The tree committee will be an advisory committee to the council and will include five members, including two city council representatives, the city public works director, and two citizens appointed by the council. Applications

and/or letters of interest must be received at City Hall by 4 p.m. on March 10. Official appointment by the city will take place Wed., March 15.

In years past, the city had an active tree committee, but the street committee eventually assumed those duties. However, city ordinances failed to reflect the change, causing some confusion and re-evaluation.

In one incident last year, the city was threatened with legal action if the removal of five large trees on West 6th street was not halted. The trees were slated for removal because the roots were causing heaving to the sidewalk that was to be replaced through the city's sidewalk repair and replacement program.

Waitsburg attorney Mike Hubbard informed the city that, according to Waitsburg's Municipal Code, "no person other than the (Waitsburg Tree)

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'Levy Cliff' Concerning to Dayton School Officials

By Michele Smith THE TIMES

DAYTON—Officials with the Dayton School District are watching the progress of House Bill 1059, and hoping it becomes law. If so, it would extend the safety net for local levy collections by an additional year.

The State Legislature has reduced the amount of money local school districts are allowed to collect from voter approved M&O levies in anticipation of full funding for basic education, as ordered by the State Supreme Court in the McCleary ruling. Because fully funding for basic education is not

yet a reality, school districts state-wide are facing what is referred to as a "levy cliff."

Dayton School District Superintendent Doug Johnson has recently expressed concern about the outcome for the DSD, should HB 1059 not clear the legislative hurdles. Johnson said there would be a reduction in M&O levy collections in 2018, with effects felt in 2019.

"It would not be good," Johnson said. "If the levy cliff bill does not pass, which compensates for the reduction in local funding, our budget next year would feel an immediate hit. First and foremost would be our current plan to hire

a K-12 counselor, something our community truly wants, and our children need. It would be very challenging to keep all we have in place now, and still add the counselor."

The local voter-approved \$1.46 million M&O levy collection in 2018 supports the cost of salaries for teachers and administrators beyond state support, athletics and activities, salaries for support personnel positions beyond state support, food services support, materials and supplies, operating and maintenance, and costs associated with the career and technical education program.

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SPEND TIME WITH YOUR VALENTINE, CLOSE TO HOME

By Dena Wood | THE TIMES

If you're looking for something special to do on Valentine's Day, you won't have to travel far. Many local businesses are offering Valentine's deals that are sure to please that special someone in your life.

The WhoopemUp Café in Waitsburg will open at 5 p.m. to offer a special Valentine's Day Love Feast of creole steamed mussels and a decadent seafood etoufee. All the regular menu items will also be available and there will be plenty of chocolate for dessert!

Whiskey Canyon Sports Bar & Grill is offering a special meal of marinated flank steak, sautéed green beans, choice of baked or mashed potato, and choice of soup or salad for \$20 per person, in addition to regular menu items.

The Dayton Eagles is offering a surf and turf special ofbacon-wrapped steak, sauteed shrimp in garlic butter, baked potato, dinner salad, and Garlic Toast.. Dinner will be served from 5-9 p.m. and is \$21 per person. Call (509) 382-2112 for tickets. Open to Eagles members and guests.

The Weinhard Café is partnering with the Liberty Theater (see below) and will give diners a free dessert with a dinner entrée or two lunches, when guests present a ticket to The Diaries of Adam & Eve.

Follow dinner with a romantic evening at the theater. **The Liberty Theater** will present Mark Twain's The Diaries of Adam & Eve on Valentine's Day evening. The performance, starring Matt & Nyssa Zanger, captures the remarkable and enduring love story of Twain and his wife. The evening begins with a 7 p.m. reception, featuring wine, tea, and coffee, served with complimentary chocolate desserts. Admission is \$12/each or \$20/couple. Order online at www.libertytheater.org or at the box office.

It's hard to go wrong with candy. **Mary's Candies**, located at Blue Mountain Station, is offering 20% off any heart or flower-shaped chocolate with the purchase of a gold gift box. They are also offering a special on select ice cream combinations on Valentine's Day. Mary's Candies is open from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday at 700 Artisan Way in Dayton.

Elk Drug has your sweet tooth covered as well. Bring in your sweetheart for an ice cream sundae, short shorts, or banana split during the week of Feb. 13-17 and receive a second one free.

Snapdragon Floral and Gifts in Dayton offers Valentine's gifts including flower arrangements, chocolates, love lotions, balloons and stuffed animals. Receive 10% off when you purchase \$100 or more of Valentine's gifts.

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TOUCHET VALLEY LIFE

HONOR ROLLS

WAITSBURG HIGH SCHOOL SEMESTER ONE HONOR ROLL - FULL TIME STUDENTS

Senior Class 2017 4.0

Jacob M. Dunn
Taylor A. Hays
Selina L. Mercado
3.25 and above
Analisea L. Araya
Cameron P. Terry
DeJay A. Meyer
Jade E. Alleman
Jordan D. French
Joseph D. Leamy
Kyle R. Gradwohl
Lexi R. Brannock
Nathan W. Aronson
Nicolas G. Kitselman
Skylar Wood
Taylor B. Spoonemore
Timber M. Frohreich
Laramie Mathews

Junior Class 2018 3.25 and above

Ariel J. Sandau
Chloe R. Pearson
Clarissa V. Espana
Deja A. Williams

Kennocha L. Gallee
Kitty K. Lambert
Tayler L. Jones

Sophomore Class 2019 4.0

Leena L. Baker
Loren C. Negron
3.25 and above
Brayden M. Miller
Brayden M. Wood
Carson A. Alessio
Devon R. Harshman
Kelsey K. Alleman
Riley A. Witt
Scott A. Leamy

Freshman Class 2020 4.0

Grace A. Coulston
Kailyn P. Lewis
3.25 and above
Braden W. Kitselman
Cason T. Nichols
Kevin James L. Murphy
Kirsten M. Miller
Wyatt G. Bohlman

PRESTON HALL SECOND QUARTER HONOR ROLL

8th Grade

3.25 & above
Koby Harris
Riley Hubbard
Teagen Larsen
Kaylee White

7th Grade

3.25 & above
Jessie Atteberry
Caleb Barron
Kiley Curran
Megan Forney
Chloe Gleason
Brayden Mohney
McKenzie Lewis-Seal
Mya Wood

6th Grade

4.0
Zachariah Wood
3.25 & above
Levi Boudrieau
Hendrix Groom
Andrea Gonzalez
Laura Hill
Blake Jones
Monte Pettichord-Mathews
Sarabeth McGowen
Seazyn Russell

PIONEER PORTRAITS

Ten Years Ago February 15, 2007

Jane Butler was initiated into P.E.O., Waitsburg Chapter BE, in January of 1947. The initiating President was Evelyn Harris. In her 60-year P.E.O. lifetime, she has also been a member of Chapter BJ in Dayton and Chapter CE in Yakima . . . At January meeting of the Waitsburg chapter, Butler was honored with a Sweet Adeline serenade of the song "That's What Friends Are Fro," a bouquet of fresh flowers and an interview with "Barbara Halters" aka Barb Knopp, a member of the chapter.

Fifty-four members and guests attended Waitsburg Commercial Club meeting February 6, 2007 at Ye Towne Hall. Guests introduced were Fr. Bob Turner, Linda Ray and her group of violinists; Joe Thomas and Delbert Mock. The drawing of \$11,000 was won by Wilt Poolman.

Twenty-Five Years Ago February 13, 1992

Waitsburg's City Council's tree committee is making plans to plant trees on Main Street early in the spring. The European Hornbeam has been selected as the most suitable tree for the restrictive and stressful environment of a city street. . . Because the city has no budget for trees, the tree committee members Bill Thompson and Ron Carlson are seeking financial help from citizens or clubs who will sponsor the purchase of a tree. So far, six people have offered to finance one of the trees.

Cardinal varsity seniors Ben Lawyer, Jason Selph, Matt Schiermeister, Cody Havens and Brandon Butler played their last basketball game for Waitsburg High School Feb. 8.

Mayor Roy Leid and council members Bill Thompson and Bob Abbey have been appointed to the city's personnel committee as a result of new guidelines adopted last week for city employees to follow. It is the first time the city has a formalized set of policies for employees.

Fifty Years Ago February 9, 1967

Kermit Jones and Dave McConnell engaged in sport last week that would make the writers of the old "Whirly-Birds" show green with envy. The pair were up in Kermit's bird looking over some wheat ground when they chanced on Mr. Coyote loping along the hill. They gave him a merry chase over hill and dale until he had had enough of the sport and headed for the restful confines of civilization. Fred Zuger said he saw the 'copter land in his farm lot. The duo alighted and ran into the barn. The wily coyote got into the barn ahead of them, and his somewhere in a cranny inside - cause they never did find him.

Susan Chapman returned a billfold belonging to Times Nature Notes reporter (Loyal Baker) last Sunday night. He lost it on the sidewalk somewhere and it contained nearly all of his earthly savings. (Approx. \$5.) It was a nice thing for Susan to do - sort of a memorial to Honest Abe whose birthday we celebrate this next week.

Seventy-Five Years Ago February 13, 1942

Spring vacation for the schools has been canceled by the school board. School will be held on four Saturdays in March so that school can be dismissed for the year on May 22.

The pea cannery which is being constructed here by the Bozeman Canning Co., is progressing nicely. The tile work for the storage warehouse is being done by Taylor Bros. of Walla Walla and William Vogt of Waitsburg is the carpenter foreman on the job.

Sorotus Club met at the home of Mrs. Henry Zuger Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Mount Shaffer who was in charge of the program, presented an instructive and interesting paper on "Food for Victory."

One Hundred Years Ago February 16, 1917

M. Zuger Jr. and family and Mrs. Alice Winchell arrived home Friday morning from Long Beach, Calif, where they have been sojourning of the past two months. The rest of the Waitsburg Colony down there are commencing to think about returning home.

Born, Friday, Feb. 9th to Mr. and Mrs. Will Volmer, a daughter. Thanks, Will, for a choice cigar.

W. C. Segraves, who recently sold his farm in Whetstone Hollow, is moving this week to near Touchet where he has purchased another farm. Tom Grooms is going to farm the place formerly owned by Mr. Segraves.

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago February 19, 1892

Hons. Lewis Neace, P. A. Preston, and A. C. Dickinson were among visitors to the Garden City on Saturday.

An exchange says that a man in his town shot off his foot. That's nothing. There are men in Waitsburg who shoot off their mouth every chance they get.

Bids for a brick building, one story with basement, 36 x 100 feet, to be erected on the corner of Main and Second streets in Waitsburg by the J. H. Morrow Mercantile Co., will be received at the store up to March 5, 1892 at 2 o'clock. Plans and specifications to be seen at the office of J. E. Abbott, Architect, Waitsburg.

Three protracted meetings in progress this week - Methodist, Presbyterian and United Presbyterian.

But two more months for the festive town cow to be roaming at her own sweet will thru our city.

RAINBOW TROUT CARVING RAFFLE



Courtesy Image

The Waitsburg Home and School Association is selling raffle tickets for this Rainbow Trout carving by Tom Schirm. Tickets are \$5/each or \$20/5. The drawing will be held at the 2017 HASA carnival.

Purchase tickets from any HASA member or message Deanna Coulston on Facebook or through the elementary school.

Touchet Valley Weather

Feb. 8, 2017

Waitsburg's Seven Day Forecast

Wednesday Rain/Snow High: 35 Low: 34	Thursday Cloudy High: 44 Low: 34	Friday Mostly Cloudy High: 44 Low: 33	Saturday Partly Cloudy High: 41 Low: 28	Sunday Sunny High: 41 Low: 27	Monday Mostly Sunny High: 45 Low: 29	Tuesday Sunny High: 50 Low: 32

Weather Trivia

What do you see when you "see" your breath?
Answer: Condensed water vapor.

Weather History

Feb. 8, 1987 - A powerful storm hit the Great Lakes region. North winds of 50 to 70 mph raised the water level of southern Lake Michigan two feet and produced waves 12 to 18 feet high, causing seven million dollars damage along the Chicago area shoreline.

Local Almanac Last Week

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Precipitation
Monday	37	27	43/30	0.00"	0.15"
Tuesday	30	23	43/30	0.00"	0.49"
Wednesday	29	17	43/30	0.00"	-0.34"
Thursday	21	19	43/31	0.00"	28.1°
Friday	24	20	44/31	0.11"	37.0°
Saturday	46	24	44/31	0.04"	-8.9°
Sunday	46	30	44/31	0.00"	

Data as reported from Walla Walla

Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Full 2/10	7:04 a.m.	5:09 p.m.	2:56 p.m.	5:14 a.m.
Wednesday	7:02 a.m.	5:10 p.m.	4:03 p.m.	6:04 a.m.
Thursday	7:01 a.m.	5:12 p.m.	5:11 p.m.	6:46 a.m.
Friday	6:59 a.m.	5:13 p.m.	6:20 p.m.	7:23 a.m.
Saturday	6:58 a.m.	5:15 p.m.	7:26 p.m.	7:55 a.m.
Sunday	6:56 a.m.	5:16 p.m.	8:31 p.m.	8:24 a.m.
Monday	6:55 a.m.	5:18 p.m.	9:34 p.m.	8:52 a.m.
Tuesday				

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TOUCHET VALLEY NEWS

NEWS BRIEF

BLUEGRASS JAM

WALLA WALLA - The next Waitsburg Bluegrass Jam will be held at the Lyman House at Whitman College on Fri., Feb. 10 at 6:30 p.m. Parking is available on Stanton Street or University Street. The entrance is near the intersection of University and Stanton.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

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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.

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Dayton Youth & Children Program
Dayton Memorial Library
3 p.m.

Coffee, Cookies, Coloring
Dayton Memorial Library
3-5 p.m.
Enjoy coffee, tea, and cookies while coloring intricate and unique coloring book designs.

FrogHollow and Framing Fables Fundraiser
The Tuxedo Bar & Grill (Prescott)
7 p.m.
\$10 cover. All funds will go to Nathan Stueckle for medical expenses.



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

10: Pancake on a Stick; Turkey Bacon Ranch Wrap, Roasted Kale

13: Omelet & Sausage; Chicken Patty on a Bun, JoJos

14: Biscuit & Gravy; Chicken Fried Steak, Gravy

15: Longjohn; Cancun Chicken Wrap, Cucumbers

16: Breakfast Pizza; Nachos, Pepper Strips

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

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

Dayton City Council
City Hall
7 p.m.

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VALENTINE'S DAY

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

Waitsburg Senior Round Table
Waitsburg Presbyterian Church
11:30 a.m.
Join local seniors every Tuesday for lunch. \$4 suggested donation for those over 60. \$7 charge for guests under 60. Meals on Wheels are available. Call 337-8541 for more info.

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

The Diaries of Adam & Eve
Liberty Theater

7 p.m.

Eagle's Valentine's Dinner
Dayton Eagles
5-9 p.m.

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Dayton Story Time
Dayton Memorial Library
10 a.m.

Christian Women's Connection
Waitsburg Town Hall
11:30 a.m.

Waitsburg City Council
Lions Club Building, Fairgrounds
7 p.m.

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

Dayton School Board
District Board Room
6 p.m.

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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.

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COURT NEWS

COLUMBIA COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

February 1, 2017

Arraignments:

-Benjamin Glen Smith, 33, Dayton; charged with rape of a child in the third degree, second degree child molestation, and third degree child molestation. Smith, a Washington State Penitentiary corrections officer, was arrested outside his home on Jan. 23. Court documents allege that Smith had ongoing sexual relations with a child between 14 and 15 years old and had sexual contact with that same child and another child between the ages of 12 and 13. Smith is being held in Benton Franklin County Jail on \$100,000 bond. He entered a plea of not guilty to all counts. Trial setting is scheduled for Feb. 15.

-Thomas Bray, 30, Dayton; charged with failure to register as a sex offender. Court documents allege that Bray moved from his last address in Dayton in August, lived homeless between Dayton and Clarkston, and failed to register with Columbia County following his last move. Bray has been convicted of assault in the third degree with sexual motivation and has two convictions for failing to register as a sex offender in Stevens County. Bray was released on a \$10,000 unsecured appearance bond, with conditions. He entered a plea of not guilty. Omnibus and trial setting is scheduled for Feb. 15.

-Michael J. Testerman, 19, Dayton. Charged with one count of harassment - domestic violence and one count malicious mischief, third degree - domestic violence. Testerman is in custody and bond was left at \$7,500. He pleaded not guilty to all counts.

Plea Agreements:

- Richard A. Brelo, 59, transient; charged with assault in the third degree and assault in the third degree. Brelo pleaded to amended charges of criminal mischief and unlawful handling of a weapon in a plea agreement. He was sentenced to five months for each charge, with credit for time served.

Miscellaneous:

-Brandon Wayne John, 33, Dayton; charged with two counts of escape in the first degree. A Feb. 14 trial date was struck and he waived his right to a speedy trial. Pretrial hearing is set for March 15 with a trial set for March 23.

BIRTHDAYS

February 10: Susan Kenney, Betty Harpe, Ryan Wertz and Sara Wilson, Ryan Wertz.

February 11: Erika Heilbrun, Jeff Christensen, Jill Bickelhaupt, Micki Payne and Jean McCown.

February 12: Ken Cole, Jr., Benjamin Moser, Landis Potts and Lindsey Richardson.

February 13: Denise Shaffer, Lori Ann Witt, Tamara Fry, James Olson, Jonathon Baker, Justin and Travis Turner and Patty Mayberry.

February 14: Susan Talbott, Edith Wold, Gina Lytle, Susan Zuger and David Smith.

February 15: Ephraimia Reese, Andrew Wertz, Neta Henze McKenzie, Joe McCown Jr., Ansel Hofe, Christina Hofer, Jack Otterson, Stacy Ashcroft and Wanda Witt, Andrew Wertz.

February 16: Jason Eaton, Mike R. Mayberry and Loren Eng.

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Why Presidents Lose So Many Wars On Big Government

By Stephen Mihm, Bloomberg View

Donald Trump's recent flurry of executive orders mandates that for every new regulation issued by any agency, two must be eliminated. This comes on top of a federal hiring freeze and vows to reduce administrative bloat and otherwise force the government bureaucracy to conform to the kinds of expectations that govern private business.

While Trump sees himself as an outsider president bringing new ideas to Washington, these particular ideas would be painfully familiar to his predecessors. For the past century, presidents of both parties have sought to rein in the federal bureaucracy. Most have failed to make it more efficient. Not even anti-government crusader Ronald Reagan was able to lessen the regulatory burden in any significant way.

Can Trump triumph where so many stumbled? He's already buckling to pressure on the hiring freeze. And if history is any guide, his only chance at success depends on something he's avoided so far: the hard work of building a bipartisan consensus across all branches of government. Here's what he's up against.

Reform efforts arguably began with President Theodore Roosevelt, who made his feelings known with this quip: "Our executive government machinery should be at least as well-planned, economical, and efficient as the best machinery of the great business organizations, which at present is not the case."

Roosevelt's campaign for efficiency and accountability gave rise to the banal-sounding Committee on Department Methods, which sought to impose order on the burgeoning federal bureaucracy. Like many of its successors, it largely failed, even if it helped establish the idea that the president, as much as Congress, had the power to review and reform the federal bureaucracy.

Future presidents followed Roosevelt's lead, setting up other committees and commissions aimed at streamlining the federal government. Congress stood in the way of many reforms, refusing to withdraw money from pet projects or agencies. But the individual bureaucracies also proved remarkably resistant to seeing their power diminished.

When President William Harding sought to streamline government in the 1920s, Secretary of Commerce Herbert

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ONE WEATHER PREDICTION, AND THE MINUTE THAT ANYONE MENTIONS POLITICS...BOOM! ...BACK IN THE HOLE

The Completely Unromantic - But Real - Reason We Give Roses on Valentine's Day

By Ana Swanson, The Washington Post

Americans who give or get roses on Valentine's Day usually don't think about where their flowers came from. But your roses may have traveled farther this year than you have.

A few days ago, the roses were likely 2,000 or 3,000 miles away, sitting in a Colombian greenhouse near the foothills of the Andes Mountains. The blooms probably traveled to Miami on a refrigerated plane, where some were poked and shaken by agricultural officials. Then they were sent on their (still refrigerated) way to flower shops around the U.S., arriving just in time for the holiday rush. Most roses make this trip in just three or four days.

This incredible global system is the real reason we give roses on Valentine's Day. Of course, roses have long been a symbol of love, sex and beauty, with soft petals and a scent that must have seemed outrageously sweet in the old days of open sewers, infrequent showers and no deodorant. When the prudish Victorians began using bouquets of flowers to telegraph their feelings to loved ones in a messaging system known as "floriography," roses were cemented as a symbol of romantic affection.

But giving or getting a flower that typically blooms in the summer on Valentine's Day, in the middle of the frigid month of February? That something so delicate can come from so far away, so cheaply, and at the moment when it's just about to bloom -- it's truly a logistical miracle.

Decades ago, most flowers were grown relatively close to where consumers bought them, since they wilted so quickly after being picked. The Netherlands was home to a massive flower industry that supplied much of Europe, and fresh flowers were grown on farms around the U.S. But the invention of "cold chains" -- shipping systems that keep goods at a constant temperature from the farm to the customer, and can preserve blooming flowers in a state of suspended animation -- made it possible to move flower growing operations to lower-cost countries.

Today, the Netherlands still accounts for about half of the world's cut flowers, especially the higher-quality blooms, according to Dutch financial company Rabobank. But beginning in the 1990s, production began to shift to mega farms in warmer countries with

low-cost labor. Colombia and Ecuador now supply the bulk of flowers bought in the U.S., while Ethiopia and Kenya provide many for Europe. Industries have grown in Malaysia, Zimbabwe, India, Mexico and China, as well.

On the Tuesday before Valentine's Day, 500 million Colombian flowers were estimated to reach the U.S. market, arriving on about 30 flights per day from Bogota to Miami. You might wonder why Colombia plays such a big role: It's partly because the U.S. agreed to lift import duties on Colombian flowers to help offer alternate job opportunities to the drug trade. The U.S. imported 65 percent of its cut flowers from Colombia in 2013, up from 55 percent in 2003, according to Rabobank.

Part of the reason that roses are so widely available in the U.S. is that they are hardy enough to survive being shipped from these countries -- as are carnations. "Many other flowers cannot be cheaply transported from far away," says Cindy van Rijswijk, a floriculture analyst with Rabobank. Tulips, lilies, irises and sunflowers are not so resilient, and are often grown in closer locations like California, or packed more loosely and with more care, which increases their shipping costs.

The stakes for having these roses travel halfway around the world and arrive just in time for Valentine's Day -- and in the perfect bloom -- are high. As an episode of Planet Money from last year points out, a dozen roses are almost twice the price on Valentine's Day that they are on Feb. 15. Bungling the sale of roses at Valentine's Day can easily put a florist out of business.

But to warrant that high price, a rose needs to be coaxed into blooming at just the right time. By controlling the temperature, growers can speed up or slow down the blooming of the roses by about four days, but that's it, according to the Planet Money podcast. If millions of roses bloom at the wrong time -- just before or just after Valentine's Day, as they do every few years -- most will just be thrown away.

Given this risk, the challenge of global coordination, and the thousands of frequent flier miles that your Valentine's Day roses accumulate, it's a wonder that they are sold so cheaply. Online, a dozen roses can go for as little as \$20 or \$30.

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MIHM - FROM LEFT COLUMN

Hoover took the lead. His proposals included a far more expansive role for his own department, all in the name of efficiency. Understandably irked, other cabinet officers fiercely resisted. Nothing came of it.

Hoover was more successful in retirement, when President Harry Truman asked him to chair what would become the Hoover Commission. "Red Tape himself dwells in the civil service," Hoover declared in 1949. "The result is an accumulation of waste and dead wood."

What's interesting about the Hoover Commissions (there were two) was that they did succeed in increasing the efficiency of government with Congress turning proposals into legislation. This was due in no small part to the unusual bipartisan consensus forged between Hoover and Truman, along with Hoover's public-relations mastery in getting the public behind him.

But contrary to Hoover's hopes, his Commission did not shrink the federal government; nor did it curb its regulatory powers. If anything, the recommendations of the Commission led to more government, including the creation of the General Services Administration, an agency that now has a \$20 billion budget and employs nearly 12,000 people.

By the 1970s, disillusionment with what became derisively known as "big government" fed a series of campaigns and commissions to curtail the regulatory powers of the federal government. The popular energy behind them even helped deliver Ronald Reagan to the White House in 1980. If there was ever a moment where the stars aligned to help put an end to big government and runaway regulation, this was most certainly it.

So how did Reagan do? One crude measure comes from the number of pages published in the Code of Federal Regulations, or CFR. After Reagan had been in office for close to a year, that number stood at 107,109. A year later, Reagan had managed to shave that down to 104,983. Then it resumed its upward march, hitting 111,830 in 1984. Reagan managed to drive it back down to 105,935 the following year. By the end of his second term, the number stood in defiance of his crusade at 117,480.

A similar fate befell a more successful effort launched by President Clinton and implemented by Vice President Al Gore. Known as the National Partnership for Reinventing Government, or NPR, Gore sought to empower civil servants as "change agents."

Obsolete bureaucratic fiefdoms were abolished, departments consolidated, internal rules and regulations slashed. Likewise, the size of the federal workforce declined by over 400,000, though private contractors -- proxies of government power -- likely picked up much of the slack. Still, it wasn't a total failure, even though Congress did little to implement the NPR's legislative recommendations.

Moreover, little of this translated into a significant reduction in the regulatory state. As with Reagan, there was a rather modest decline in the size of the Code of Federal Regulations under Clinton, from 132,228 in 1993 to 131,060 in 1997 -- before creeping upward to 138,049 by 2000. As Clinton's presidency wound, the dream of much smaller federal footprint came to naught, mocking the NPR's claim that same year that it had put an end to the "era of big government."

As for actually shrinking government and slashing regulatory burdens -- that's more difficult. No administration has enjoyed sustained success in this regard. But Trump's current approach -- the "twofer" rule -- is almost certainly doomed to fail. History suggests that federal bureaucracies are quite capable of undermining such a simplistic directive. After all, regulations vary in size and scope; it's quite possible to eliminate two redundant, meaningless, or otherwise obsolete regulations and replace them with one that has real teeth.

Two-for-one gimmicks are a public relations stunt. But if Trump really wants to reduce the federal footprint, he's going to have to do considerably more than sign a flashy executive order.

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Washington Has Lots Riding on NAFTA

By Don C. Brunell

In 1993, President Bill Clinton was pictured holding a Washington State apple while promoting the virtues of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). That photo only underscored the importance of the agreement and our trade with Mexico and Canada.

Washington is the most trade dependent state in the nation. The Puget Sound Business Journal (PSBJ) reported last November, Washington State exported at least \$134.5 billion worth of goods to Canada and Mexico since the agreement was signed.

The dust up over NAFTA focuses on Mexico from which we import more than we export. PSBJ figures Washington has 150,000 jobs depend directly on trade with Mexico which happens to be the world's sixth largest exporter of aerospace parts to companies like Boeing.

NAFTA, negotiated under President George H.W. Bush and implemented by Clinton, eliminated most tariffs on traded goods between Canada, the United States and Mexico. It was designed to encourage economic integration among the three countries and thereby, boost the economic prosperity of all three.

In large part it has accomplished that goal. The Council on Foreign Relations reports trade between the three countries increased from \$290 billion in 1993 to over \$1 trillion in 2016.

States like Washington and Texas, the nation's largest exporter, have benefited. Texas, has more than a million jobs relying on exports, and Mexico accounts for roughly 37 percent of that total. Whereas, Washington's exports to Mexico are heavy to agriculture, Texas sends mostly electronics, oil, gas and chemicals, and machinery south of the border.

The Business Insider recently reported NAFTA has been credited with helping the U.S. auto sector become globally competitive due to cross-border supply chains.

Midwestern auto workers don't see it that way. They blame carmakers for abandoning plants and workers in states like Michigan and moving those factories and jobs to Mexico and China.

The frustration over trade agreements hit the boiling point during last year's presidential campaign. Both

socialist-leaning Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders (D) and now President Donald Trump lambasted trade deals for killing American jobs and allowing companies to move to nations with lower wages and benefits; and, weaker worker protections and environmental regulations.

Trump called NAFTA "the worst trade deal in the history of the country" and confirmed his intent to renegotiate it since becoming president. That's where the new president needs to exercise caution.

Trade agreements take years to negotiate and are carefully balanced. Scrapping NAFTA and imposing tariffs on Mexican and Canadian goods would likely trigger counter-tariffs imposed on U.S. products. The same goes for other international trade agreements.

While critics blame NAFTA for the loss of U.S. manufacturing jobs, decline in manufacturing employment started over 40 years ago as robots and automation replaced assembly line workers. However, it took a nose dive between 2000 and 2009, according to U.S. Labor Dept. statistics, and has rebounded slowly since. Roughly, six million U.S. factory workers lost their jobs in that nine year period.

NAFTA has benefitted agriculture, which is particularly good news for Washington farmers, ranchers and tree-fruit growers. According to the U.S. Trade Representative's office, agriculture exports to Mexico have doubled and increased by 44 percent to Canada since 1993.

It is always good to take a look at existing trade agreements, especially in our rapidly changing world. Modifications to those treaties should be carefully planned and negotiated with our trading partners, not hastily imposed by administration fiat.

Trade is a two-way street and no country gets all it wants. Hopefully, there is a better deal for American workers by opening up NAFTA. President Trump just needs to be more measured in his rhetoric and methodical in our national approach.

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Courtesy Images

Top: A series of ceramic leaf dishes by Jane Holly Estrada sits atop a granite Lazy Susan by Terry Hoon
Above right: A Mandala Stone by Jane Holly Estrada
Above left: Ceramic and gold bead necklaces in rich variants of blue and green, by Jane Holly Estrada

Radiochemist Captures Moments in Time Through Art

CERAMACIST JANE HOLLY ESTRADA IS FEATURED WENAHA GALLERY ARTIST

DAYTON - When radiochemist, Jane Holly Estrada, hangs up her lab jacket for the day, she enjoys relaxing by capturing moments in nature and transforming them into a state of permanence. The Richland, Wash. artist creates jewelry and shaped dishes inspired by freshly fallen leaves.

Estrada presses a real leaf into the clay, shapes it into a unique dish, and paints them with a watercolor style underglaze, before firing multiple times and adding her signature gold accents.

Estrada also paints mandala stones and one-of-a-kind pieces of jewelry. All of her works

imbue the familiar colors of forest, sky, and water with gold and silver sparkle, resulting in an alchemy of Mother Nature with human skill and ingenuity.

"The final product is a mirror image of the now long-gone leaf, but embellished with swirls of color, texture, and metallic gilding," Estrada said.

"My goal is to create small pieces of beautiful art that people can have in their daily lives. My jewelry is meant to be worn and the dishes to be used," she added.

Estrada is the featured Pacific Northwest Art Event artist at the Wenaha Gallery (219 E. Main) through Sat., Feb. 25.

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CFYF Won't Re-Up Drug Free Communities Grant

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—After weighing the pros and cons of reapplying for an additional five years of the Drug Free Communities Grant, the Coalition for Youth and Families decided not to do so at this time.

“Basically, the extra requirements of the grant are so huge, and we don't have enough people who have the time to dedicate to the application,” said Peggy Guterrez, the grant coordinator, about the decision not to apply. “We also don't have the technical assistance we had when we wrote the original five years ago.

“The instructions to write the document are 117 pages long, and the applications require 13 additional attachments and several other assurances. None of this includes the actual application narrative, action plan or budget narrative, which is 35 to 40 pages of written document,” Guterrez added.

Guterrez pointed out that there are 400 applications for the grant, and only 71 are funded.

“We don't have the resources or manpower to get the work done. They opened the application on January 15, and it is due on March 15,” said Guterrez. “This doesn't mean we won't reapply; just not this year.”

The Drug Free Communities Grant has supported training for community groups, such as SHEO (Students Helping Each Other), with the focus on preventing underage drinking, marijuana use and substance abuse. That work has taken place through leadership retreats and conferences, media campaigns, billboards and newspaper communications, and weekly ads, Guterrez said.

Guterrez said the CFYF will look at developing a plan to move forward when the group meets again on Feb. 16.



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Through the month of February, patrons are invited to stop in at the Dayton Memorial library and choose a “blind date” book to read. Books are wrapped in brown paper, but labeled with clues to what is inside.

February Happenings at Dayton Memorial Library

Go on a blind date (with a book) or take a sign language class in February

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON - February is National Library Lovers Month, and the Dayton Memorial Library is celebrating that, as well as Valentine's Day, with “Blind Date with a Book.”

New books for men, women, young adults and children are

wrapped in plain brown paper, with brief descriptions, or clues, as to what is inside, and are available for check-out. Many of the Blind Date with a Book picks are suggestions by well-known Seattle librarian and author, Nancy Pearl.

Family story time is on Feb. 7, and begins at 6 p.m. with a story, followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m., catered by Melissa Weatherford, of Grassroots Gourmet at the Blue Mountain Station. Attendees may also bring their own food. This is a free event.

A grant from Umpqua Bank makes it possible to provide a book, a book bag and a fun read-

ing item to each who joins family story time each month.

Beginning Sign Language continues on Tuesday, Feb. 21 from 6 to 7 p.m. in the Delany Room.

Book Chat is on Feb. 16 at 6 p.m. There is always homemade pie and great literary conversation.

Workshops for adults are scheduled on the fourth Thursday of each month.

For more information, contact Vicki Zoller at the Dayton Memorial Library at 382-4131, or online at: vicki@daytonmemoriallibrary.org.

Public Input on Trails at Dayton Workshop

NON-MOTORIZED TRAILS PLAN COVERING THREE COUNTIES IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN MAY 2018

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—Last week, the conference room at the Best Western Hotel in Dayton was packed, for the first of a series of public workshops hosted by the Blue Mountain Regional Trails – Ridges, Towns, and Rivers organization.

Work is underway to establish a non-motorized trails plan for walking, biking, hiking, and horseback riding, that would include all of Columbia and Walla Walla counties, and northeast Umatilla County.

Representatives from the City of Dayton and Columbia County Planning Departments, the Port of Columbia, Washington State Parks, Columbia County Health System, Columbia County Health Department, and many other stakeholders in the local area were on hand to help facilitate the meeting.

Tables were set up with large region-wide maps for members of the public to identify places where they would like to see trails developed, improved, added on to or connected, and for them to leave general comments.

Dan Miller, project leader from the National Park Service, Rivers Trails and Conservation Assistance program, said his agency is providing technical planning expertise and support for the project.

“It's a fairly big deal. Not only the scale, but because of all the partners in the room, talking

and working together,” Miller said. “All the groundwork is laid out for a successful planning effort. The one thing that is missing is not the technical tools. What's missing is your input. It is essential that you all spend the time looking at the maps, and giving us your input.”

The BMRT-RTR recently received the non-monetary award from the National Park Service for its support. Miller said the plan needs to be in place before going out for funding.

The goal for creating a trail plan is not only to establish better connections within communities and regionally, but to offer enhanced outdoor recreation for health and economic benefits, according to the project's organizers.

Dayton residents Duane and Suzi Tasker agreed that establishing a trails plan for the region is a good idea.

“We've been thinking about this a long time,” said Duane Tasker. “We were exposed to the Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes, from the border of Montana to Coeur d'Alene.”

The Taskers have lived in Dayton for five years, but feel they are clueless about where to go hiking, so a trail system appeals to them. They would like to see more outdoor activities for families. In particular, they would like a paved trail from Dayton to Bluewood Ski area, for hiking, or bike camping.

Suzi Tasker said that she is hearing from her clients at New Thought Nutrition about the lack of recreational activity locally, and that people are choosing to recreate in Walla Walla, instead of in Dayton.

Duane Tasker's vision of a network of trails also includes connecting to places with historic significance, like the Oregon Trail, and around Tollgate.

“We're here to support the long-term vision of the area,” said Suzi Tasker. “That's exciting.”

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Photo by Michele Smith

Around 100 people attended the Blue Mountain Regional Trails – Ridges, Towns, and Rivers meeting at the Best Western Hotel in Dayton last week. The purpose of the meeting was to seek public input into identifying region-wide, non-motorized trails, and to help create a plan for a transportation network going from Dayton, to Burbank.



DAYTON SCHOOL BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

February 1, 2017

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON— In her report to the Dayton School Board, Elementary Principal Pam Lindsley said the students have been hard at work making posters to advertise the Candy Gram Sale, which will take place between Feb. 6 and 13. The students will sell the candy grams before school, during lunch, and after school.

The curriculum committee will meet on Feb. 6 to look at several different curricula. The committee has found an online site with a tool to evaluate and score them, Lindsley said.

Lindsley said that elementary school enrollment stands at 195, with an additional 18 ECEAP preschoolers. Several students have enrolled in the past month from the Moses Lake area, she said.

School staff has been exploring the psychological study of Mindset, with regard to fixed versus growth mindsets, Lindsley said.

A fixed mindset is an assumption that character, creative ability and intelligence are static givens, while a growth mindset thrives on challenge, and sees failure as a springboard for growth, and stretching existing abilities.

“I need to get parents on board, too,” she told the directors.

In his report to the Board middle and high school principal Paul Shaber said the staff has recently completed a vision and mission statement, which is a part of the national accreditation process, and which will likely be adopted by the board at their next regular meeting.

Brad Henning, a nationally known speaker, will talk to the students about creating healthy relationships, and topics such as fun dating ideas, at a student assembly on Feb. 19 at 9:45 a.m., Shaber said.

Shaber also said the recent blood drive surpassed the goal by two units.

Superintendent Doug Johnson reported on the Community Visioning Meeting that was held Jan. 25 to determine priorities for the school district over the next ten years. “It was a fantastic evening. We had 85 or more people,” he said. Johnson said the next step is to determine how to allocate resources to implement the prioritized goals.

It has been an ongoing challenge for the district to find qualified candidates for employment, Johnson said. A long-term substitute with the health and fitness credential is being sought for the rest of the school year, but there have not been any applicants so far, he said.

The district has purchased an online service for advertising job openings and collecting resumes of potential candidates, and district officials will attend two job fairs in March.

One of the positions to be advertised is for a K-12 school counselor, and the other is for the MS/HS health and fitness teacher, Johnson said.

A Request for Proposal draft has been written for the upcoming asphalt project, and Johnson said he will have it reviewed before bid openings begin. Johnson hopes the asphalt project will be completed by Aug. 1.

The 2017-2018 school calendar that was approved by the board at the end of the meeting is similar to ones from past years, according to Johnson.

Kendra Smith is New Rainbow Worthy Advisor

WAITSBURG'S 80-YEAR-OLD RAINBOW CHAPTER IS SEEKING TO INCREASE MEMBERSHIP

By Dena Wood | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG – For 80 years, the International Order of Rainbow, Waitsburg Chapter #68, has been installing a new slate of officers every six months. On Sat., Feb. 4, community members were invited to attend as the newest slate of officers took their pledges.

The position of Worthy Advisor, similar to that of a club president, was assumed by Kendra Smith. The 17 year-old junior attends Wa-Hi, but joined Rainbow in Waitsburg as a sixth grader. She has remained a member of the Waitsburg chapter even after moving to Walla Walla in eighth grade.

During her acceptance speech, Smith became emotional as she recalled learning about Rainbow through a chance encounter with former Mother Advisor Karen Mohnney, who passed away two years ago.

"I went into Blue Crystal (Screen Printing) to order P.E. clothes and Karen asked me if I knew about Rainbow. That turned into a 30 minute conversation that really caught my attention. Without her, I wouldn't be the person I am today," Smith said.

"I don't know where I would be without Rainbow. I wouldn't know most of the people that I know now and call family," she added.

In a conversation with The Times, Smith said that she used to be very shy, didn't want to go out, and spent years being bullied.

"Rainbow helped me get out of my comfort zone, taught me to speak in public, and helped me make friends – that's a big one!" Smith said.

Each Worthy Advisor-elect plans their own installation ceremony, and Smith chose "The Galaxy" as her theme.

"Rainbow is a lot like the galaxy because, like space, it is so big and there are so many possibilities and opportunities. Rainbow will take you to the moon and back and help you do anything you want to do," Smith said.

Smith said she has plenty of plans for the coming year. She hopes to hold at least two membership events to help get numbers back up. She wants to help out the Waitsburg Resource Center, and plans on doing fundraisers to help pay for Rainbow events like Dream Camp and Grand Assembly.

During Saturday's installation, Haylee Crow was installed as Faith and Katelynn Martin was installed as Confidential Observer. Associate Worthy Advisor Anna Nerf and Chaplain Stephenie Nerf were out of town and unable to attend the ceremony. Amy Bly attended as a pledge.

Several girls attended from Tri-Cities Chapter #66, and several district officials were in attendance.

Patricia Wilson has served as Mother Advisor for the Waitsburg chapter since Mohnney's passing. The two grew up in Rainbow together, and Wilson had been helping Mohnney as an unofficial assistant for several years.

"I joined Rainbow in January of 1975. It was very important to me. I walk into the lodge room and I feel at home every time. Even after I had been gone for 25 years, I walked in and it was as if I never left," Wilson said.

Wilson said membership is currently down, but she hopes to see a renewed interest in the chapter. She said many of the members have turned 20 and aged out.

"Rainbow is a good opportunity to learn service to



Photos Courtesy of Steve Martin

Top row: Kendra Smith (l) is welcomed as Worthy Advisor by Installing Officer, Kendra Roberts (center), as Mother Advisor Patricia Wilson looks on. Smith is escorted in with her mother, Tanya. Center Row: Confidential Observer Katelynn Martin was escorted in by Marshal Jordan Pratt. Haylee Crow receives her jewel of office as Faith. Wilson receives her jewel as Mother Advisor.

Left: Some members of the Rainbow Advisory Board posed for a photo (l to r): Meredith Huwe, Lois Winchester, Anita Baker, Nancy Otterson.

others, to learn how to run a meeting, responsibility, leadership, communication skills and public speaking," Wilson said.

Wilson cited her niece, Holly Menino, as an example. Menino went through Rainbow to become Grand Worthy Advisor in 2001 and now has a career as a television reporter in Utah.

"A lot of that has to do with public speaking and gaining confidence in front of people, which she learned in Rainbow. Along with going to college!" Wilson said, laughing.

Locally, the Rainbow girls help at or participate in community events such as the Pioneer Fall Festival, Turkey Bingo, and putting up a Christmas tree on Main Street. In September 2016, the jurisdiction raised approximately \$17,000 for the Hilarity for

Charity Foundation for Alzheimer's at a color run in Monroe, Wash., Wilson said.

During the installation ceremony, Rainbow Board Chair Nancy Otterson spoke about how important the assembly and the girls were to the board.

"We truly love the assembly and many of us have been Rainbow girls. Lois (Winchester) and I were Mother Advisor together and we were Mother Advisor to Patricia," Otterson said.

"Rainbow is a great way to make friends that become family. I would encourage any girls interested to check it out," Smith said.

Rainbow is open to girls ages 11-20. Those interested in joining Rainbow or learning more about the chapter can contact Patricia Wilson at (509) 240-0683 or email her at pjwilson79@charter.net.

TREES - FROM PAGE 1

Committee or persons authorized by it may cut, trim, prune, spray, plant, move, remove or replace any tree located on public property or which encroaches on public property." Removal of the trees was temporarily put on hold.

City Manager Randy Hinchliffe told the council that the tree committee became the street committee when the development code was revamped several years ago. That committee was made up of council members Karl Newell and KC Kuykendall, and former Mayor Walt Gobel.

The council voted unanimously to move forward with removal of the trees after weighing community input and reviewing a report from an arborist stating that all five trees were sickly and should be removed.

A decision on what to do about the city's missing tree committee was not so quickly resolved. The topic came before the council multiple times as the city worked throughout 2016 to review and update its municipal codes.

Hinchliffe expressed concern that the city's public works department should not be forced to gather a committee and gain permission each time they had to deal with broken branches or dying trees. He suggested doing away with the committee.

Community member Allison Bond, told the council she would like to see Waitsburg pursue designation as a Tree City USA through the Arbor Day Foundation. She said the program would make the city eligible for support such as educational tools and grants. Having a community tree ordinance is one of the requirements to be designated as a Tree City USA. She also said tree committee members would have more time for research than council members who already have a full plate.

Council member Kate Hockersmith also spoke in favor of retaining the committee as an aid to the council.

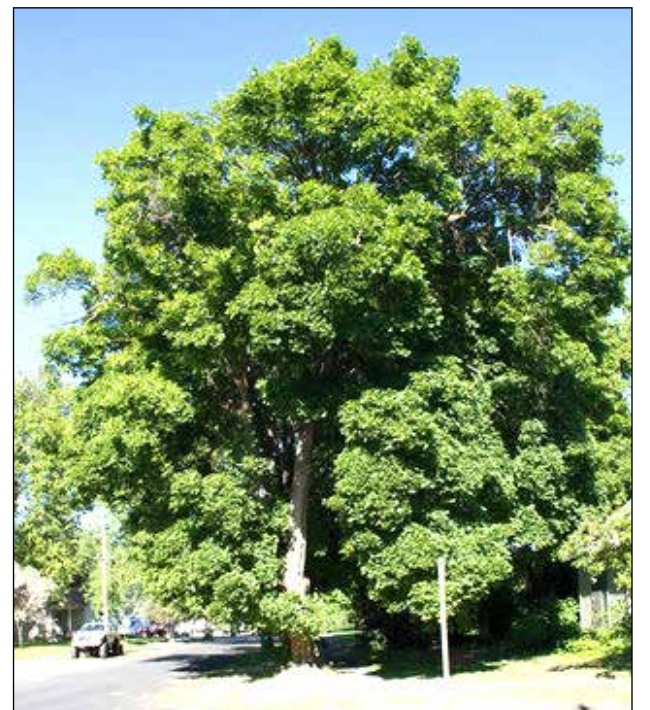
"I see the committee pursuing things like Tree City USA designation and possibly developing a map of the oldest trees in town as the types of projects a tree com-

mittee could initiate and oversee," Hockersmith told The Times.

In the end, the council agreed to create a new committee that will function in an advisory-only capacity, reporting to the council. The tree committee will provide input, but will not prevent the city from addressing situations that are a safety hazard, such as removal of trees or branches that are damaged during a storm.

Some of the duties of the committee will include: working with the city to formulate a tree maintenance program, supplying information on tree selection, planting, and maintenance, determining which species are best-suited for various locations, establishing a program of tree inspection, offering input on potentially hazardous trees, and developing a tree inventory with an emphasis of old-growth trees.

Interested parties should contact Hinchliffe at Waitsburg City Hall or call (509) 337-6371. Applications/letters of interest are due by 4 p.m. on March 10, and the council will make their selections on Wed., March 15.



Times File Photo

Some citizens objected to the removal of old growth trees like this one that was removed on West 6th street last year because of the extensive damage it was causing to the sidewalk. The city's formerly inactive tree committee is being revived to serve in an advisory capacity to the city council.

Joe Adams is District Champion

WAITSBURG SENDS FIVE WRESTLERS TO REGIONAL TOURNAMENT SATURDAY

By Ken Graham | THE TIMES

COLFAX – Waitsburg's Joe Adams will represent his team as district champion this weekend, as Waitsburg will send five wrestlers to the regional tournament in Colbert Saturday.

After two bye rounds, Adams, wrestling in the 182 pound class, pinned his opponent in the championship match, Mayson Payne, of Reardan, at 4:15.

"Joe dominated this match," said Waitsburg coach Lanny Adams. "He had Mayson on his back for most of the entire first round."

Joe Adams will go into regionals as number one seed, with a strong chance to move on to the state tournament in the Tacoma Dome, beginning Feb. 16.

In the 285 pound class, Tyler Hoffman advanced to the championship match after beating Lind-Ritzville's Tucker Guiles by a 9-6 decision. However, against Hunter Dawley, of Reardan, Hoffman was pinned at 3:48. He moves on to regionals as second seed.

"Tyler tried a throw and almost got Hunter over, but got caught," said coach Adams.

At 160 pounds, Ky Adams also won his first-round match, pinning Reardan's Ozius Harden in 3:27. In the championship match, Adams lost a decision to Glenn Johnson, of Liberty, 4-2. He advances to regionals as second seed.

In the 152-pound class, Devin Newman won his first match, pinning Reardan's Riley Nikkola at 1:47. Newman then was pinned by Reardan's Justis Anderson at 0:51.

In his third match, Newman wrestled teammate DeJay Meyer, and won by technical fall, 16-0. Newman then took on Garrett Spurell, of Liberty, and was



Photo by Andie Holmberg

Waitsburg's Joe Adams pins an opponent during a match in Pomeroy earlier this season.

pinned at 1:28. He moves on to regionals as fourth seed.

In his first match, Meyer lost to Liberty's Spurell by technical fall at 2:10. After his loss to Newman, Meyer wrestled Reardan's Nikkola, and was pinned at 1:23.

"This match ended DeJay's high school wrestling career," Coach Adams said. "Having the opportunity to Coach DeJay from the first time he stepped on the mat his freshman year to now, I have seen many hur-

dles overcome by this young man."

At 138 pounds, David Just took on Lind-Ritzville's Dylan Lane, and won by pin at 1:38. Next, against Caleb Cole, of Reardan, Just was pinned at 1:44.

In his next match, Just pinned Nate Barney, of Colfax, at 1:59.

Wrestling for third place Just was awarded the match against Reardan's Nate Kieffer, by injury default. He advances to regionals as third seed.

Dayton Girls Cruise Past DeSales, 52-34

LADY BULLDOGS REMAIN UNBEATEN IN LEAGUE WITH TWO GAMES REMAINING

By Ken Graham | THE TIMES

DAYTON – The Dayton girls' basketball team hosted DeSales a day later than scheduled, due to weather, and the Lady Bulldogs easily overcame the Irish on Wednesday, 52-34, for their 12th straight league win. Dayton Remained undefeated in Eastern Washington Athletic Conference play this year, with two games to go.

The Lady 'Dogs jumped out to an early lead, outscoring the Irish 10-3 in the first quarter, and led 27-17 at the half.

Dayton was led in scoring by Sidney Andrews, who scored 22 points, including a three-pointer. Jenna Phillips added 14. Andrews also had nine rebounds. Josilyn Fullerton had three assists.

The win gave Dayton a 17-1 overall record, and a 12-0 league record. They were scheduled to play make-up games against Liberty Christian and Mabton this week.

DeSales	3	14	11	6	—	34
Dayton	10	17	16	9	—	52

DeSales — Arceo 0-2 0-1 0, K. Buratto 4-8 0-1 8, Kjeldgaard 0-0 0-0 0, Ness 0-0 1-2 1, H. Buratto 1-8 0-0 2, Cortez 1-5 1-1 3, Jones 2-4 0-2 5, Lyons 2-10 2-4 6, Haider 1-8 2-2 5, Olson 0-4 4-4 4, Nelson 0-0 0-0 0; Team 11-49 10-19 34

Dayton — Phillips 5-14 4-8 14, Andrews 8-16 5-6 22, Laughery 0-0 0-0 0, Boggs 0-0 0-0 0, Wanlarbkam 0-2 0-0 0, Brincken 0-2 0-0 0, Fullerton 3-3 0-0 7, Currin 3-7 1-4 7, Patton 0-0 0-0 0, Bryan 0-1 2-2 2, Griffen 0-0 0-0 0, Steinhoff 0-0 0-0 0; Team 19-45 12-20 52

3-point goals — DeSales 2 (Jones, Haider), Dayton 2 (Andrews, Fullerton); Total fouls — DeSales 15, Dayton 8; Rebounds — DeSales 21, Dayton 25 (Andrews 9); Assists — DeSales n/a, Dayton 8 (Fullerton 3)



Photo by Ken Graham

Dayton's Sidney Andrews controlled the ball after a rebound during a game against Tri-Cities Prep last month.

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SPORTS



Photos by Nick Page

Above left: Waitsburg's Landon Callas is challenged by a Pomeroy defender on Friday as he goes up for a layup. Above right: Kyle Gradwohl drives the lane for an easy bucket in the Pomeroy game.

LADY CARDS FALL TO POMEROY, 52-33

Araya gets 20 points, 12 boards in loss to Pirates Friday

THE TIMES

WAITSBURG – The Waitsburg girls' basketball team hosted Pomeroy Friday night, and took a loss, 52-33.

The Pirate girls came out strong, building leads of 14-6 after the first quarter and 29-13 at the half over the Lady Cardinals. Turnovers killed the Waitsburg girls, as they committed 28, compared to seven for Pomeroy.

For Waitsburg, Analisea Araya scored 20 points and pulled down 12 rebounds. Devon Harshman also had 12 rebounds.

Pomeroy 14 15 13 10 — 52
Waitsburg 6 7 8 12 — 33

Pomeroy — Halbert 0-4 0-0 0, Gingerich 0-2 0-0 0, Heytvelt 0-1 0-0 0, Watko 2-10 0-0 4, Halverson 3-6 0-0 6, Smith 8-23 8-10 27, Dixon 4-11 2-2 11, Caruso 2-5 0-2 4, Davis 0-0 0-0 0, Wolf 0-1 0-0 0

Waitsburg — Brannock 1-4 0-0 2, Harshman 1-12 1-1 3, Jones 2-9 0-0 5, 0-1 0-3 0, Hays 1-4 0-0 3, Pearson 0-1 0-0 0, Araya 10-23 0-1 20

3-point goals — Pomeroy 4 (Smith 3, Dixon), Waitsburg 2 (Jones, Hays); Total fouls — Pomeroy 13, Waitsburg 13; Rebounds — Pomeroy 32 (Halbert 8), Waitsburg 33 (Harshman 12, Araya 12); Turnovers — Pomeroy 7, Waitsburg 28; Assists — Pomeroy 15 (Halbert 4, Gingerich 4), Waitsburg 7 (Brannock 2, Jones 2)

Cardinals Take Weekend Wins Over Pomeroy, St. John-Endicott

WAITSBURG BOYS ON TO PLAYOFFS AFTER BEATING POMEROY, 59-55, AND SJE, 63-43

By Ken Graham | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG – The Waitsburg boys' basketball team racked up two more wins over the weekend, against Pomeroy and St. John-Endicott, to end their regular season schedule. The Cardinals move on to the playoffs, facing the winner of Thursday's Oakesdale vs. Colton game on Saturday at home.

Waitsburg 59, Pomeroy 55

Playing first-place Pomeroy at home on Friday, the Cardinals played even with the Pirates in the first half, but trailed at intermission, 29-25. Waitsburg had a big offensive third quarter and led by six going into the fourth, before hanging on for the win.

For the game, Kyle Gradwohl led the Cardinal scoring with 18 points. Jacob Dunn added 14. Dunn also pulled down nine rebounds and had three assists.

Pomeroy 14 15 11 15 — 55
Waitsburg 14 11 21 13 — 59

Pomeroy — Wolf 4 1-2 10, Gwinn 2 4-4 9, Slaybaugh 1 0-0 3, LaMunyan 2 0-0 4, Caruso 0 0-0 0, Morfin 4 2-4 10, Tewalt 7 2-2 17, Heytvelt 1 0-0 2; Team: 21 9-12 55

Waitsburg — Callas 3 1-3 9, Garrity 4 2-5 10,

French 3 0-0 8, Miller 0 0-0 0, Philbrook 0 0-0 0, Dunn 6 1-4 14, Gradwohl 7 3-6 18; Team: 23 7-18 59

3-point goals — Pomeroy 4 (Wolf, Gwinn, Slaybaugh, Tewalt), Waitsburg 6 (Callas 2, French 2); Total fouls — Pomeroy 16, Waitsburg 13; Rebounds — Pomeroy N/A, Waitsburg 33 (Dunn 9); Assists — Pomeroy N/A, Waitsburg 9 (Dunn 3)

Waitsburg 63, St. John-Endicott 43

The Cardinals traveled to St. John on Saturday and cruised to an easy win, 63-43, to complete their regular season. Waitsburg ran up an early first-quarter lead, 15-5, and was up 29-12 at the half.

Kyle Gradwohl racked up 23 points to lead his team, while Jacob Dunn added 13. Landon Callas and Jordan French each had 11. Dunn also had 11 rebounds and four assists.

Waitsburg 15 14 17 17 — 63
St. John-Endicott 5 7 14 17 — 43

Waitsburg — Boudrieau 0 0-0 0, Callas 4 3-5 11, Garrity 1 1-2 3, French 4 2-2 11, Miller 1 0-0 2, Philbrook 0 0-0 0, Kitselman 00-0 0, Dunn 6 1-2 13, Gradwohl 10 2-2 23, Branson 0 0-0 0; Totals 26 9-13 63

St. John-Endicott — Blakely 5 1-2 13, Webb 1 1-2 3, Miller 0 0-0 0, Lundberg 5 6-6 16, Fox 1 0-0 3, Parrish 4 0-0 8, Williams 0 0-0 0; Totals 16 8-10 43

3-point goals — Waitsburg 2 (Gradwohl, French), SJE 3 (Blakely 2, Fox); Total fouls — Waitsburg 13, SJE 20; Rebounds — Waitsburg 36 (Dunn 11), SJE N/A; Assists — Waitsburg 11 (Dunn 4), SJE N/A



Photo by Nick Page

Waitsburg's Tayler Jones puts up a three-point attempt during Friday night's game against Pomeroy.

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LEGALS

No. X16 79740 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA

PONTI & WERNETTE, P.S.,
A Washington Corporation,
Plaintiff,

vs.

JOHN MEDINA, Defendant.

The State of Washington to the said Defendant, John Medina:

You are hereby summoned to appear within sixty days after the date of the first publication of this summons, to wit, within sixty days after the 12th day of January, 2017, and defend the above entitled action in the above entitled court, and answer the complaint of the plaintiff, Ponti & Wernette, P.S., and serve a copy of the answer upon the undersigned attorney for plaintiff, Richard G. Wernette, at his office below stated; and in case of your failure so to do, judgment will be rendered against you according to the demand of the complaint, which has been filed with the clerk of said court.

The object of the action against you is a request for judgment for attorney fees incurred on your behalf.

Richard G. Wernette
Ponti & Wernette, P.S.
103 East Poplar Street
Walla Walla, Washington
99362
Walla Walla County

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16, 2017
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No. (16-3-00173-9)

In the Superior Court of the State of Washington for the County of Walla Walla
Alma Esperanza Vasquez Pina, Petitioner,
Salvador Pina Hernandez, Respondent.

The State of Washington to the Salvador Pina Hernandez:

You are hereby summoned to appear within 90 days after the date of the first publication of this dissolution of marriage summons, after the 26th day of January, 2017, and defend the above entitled action in the above entitled court, and answer the complaint of the petitioner, Alma Esperanza Vasquez Pina, and serve a copy of your answer upon the petitioner at the address below stated; and in case of your failure so to do, judgment will be rendered against you according to the demand of the dissolution petition, which has been filed with the clerk of said court. If you do not serve your written response within 90 days after the date this summons was served on you, exclusive of the day of service, the court may enter an order of default against you, and the court may, without further notice to you, enter a final order and approve or provide for the relief requested in the petition.

The court will not enter the final order until at least 90 days after filing and service. Serve a copy of your response on Alma Esperanza Vasquez Pina at 224 NE Birch Ave Apt M College Place, WA 99324.

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No. 07-3-00264-7 Summons Served by Publication

(SMPB)
Superior Court of Washington, County of Walla Walla

In re the Marriage of:
Petitioner/s (person/s who started this case):
MARISOL NAVARRETE
And Respondent/s (other party/parties):
ERIK NAVARRETE

Summons Served by Publication
To (name): Marisol Navarrete – The other party has asked the court to (check all the requests included in the Petition):

Parenting Plan and Relocation

[X] Approve or change a Parenting Plan or Residential Schedule.

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

Deadline! Your Response must be filed and served within 60 days of the date this summons is published. If you do not file and serve your Response or a Notice of Appearance by the deadline:

No one has to notify you about other hearings in this case, and

The court may approve the requests in the Petition without hearing your side (called a default judgment).

Follow these steps:

1. Read the Petition and any other documents that were filed at court with this Summons. Those documents explain what the other party is asking for.

2. Fill out a Response on this form (check the Response that matches the Petition):

[X] FL Modify 602, Response to Petition to Change Parenting Plan, Residential Schedule or Custody Order
You can get the Response form and other forms you need at:

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

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

Washington LawHelp: www.washingtonlawhelp.org, or

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

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

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

Superior Court Clerk, Walla Walla County
315 W. Main St., Walla Walla, Washington 99362

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

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

/s / John C. Julian 1/23/17

John C. Julian, WSBA #43214

I agree to accept legal papers for this case at (check one):

[X] Lawyer's address:
5 W. Alder St., Ste. 238,
Walla Walla, Washington
99362

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

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WALLA WALLA COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT SMALL WORKS ROSTER NOTICE

IF YOU WISH TO BE PLACED ON THE SMALL WORKS ROSTER OF THE WALLA WALLA COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT, THE APPLICATION MUST BE COMPLETED IN ALL PARTICULARS. INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. THE APPLICATION CAN BE PICKED UP AT THE CONSERVATION DISTRICT OFFICE AT 325 N. 13TH AVE., WALLA WALLA, WA 99362.

BUSINESSES THAT ARE CURRENTLY ON THE CONSERVATION DISTRICT SMALL WORKS ROSTER WILL STAY ON THE ROSTER UNLESS THE CONSERVATION DISTRICT IS NOTIFIED THAT THEY DO NOT WANT TO BE ON THE ROSTER.

YOU ARE NOTIFIED THAT THE WALLA WALLA COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT COMPLIES WITH THE PREVAILING WAGE LAW OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON (RCW 39.12) AND REQUIRES ALL CONTRACTORS TO COMPLY.

FURTHER QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE SMALL WORKS ROSTER APPLICATION MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE CONSERVATION DISTRICT OFFICE (509) 522-6340 EXT.5.

Roster effective dates: January 1 - December 31, 2017.

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CALL FOR BIDS MAIN STREET BRIDGE

City of Waitsburg
147 Main Street
Waitsburg, Washington
99361

The City of Waitsburg, Washington (herein called the "Owner"), invites bids for the Main Street Bridge project. The work includes the replacement of the Main Street Bridge over the Touchet River in the City of Waitsburg, Washington. The project includes removing the existing concrete bridge, constructing a single-span bridge with 125-foot precast concrete girders, approach roadway, and related work.

Sealed bids for the described project will be received by the office of the City Administrator at City Hall, 147 Main Street, Waitsburg, Washington, until 10:00 a.m., local time, February 23, 2017, and then publicly opened and read aloud.

The Contractor is subject to all requirements related to State Prevailing Wage Rates, EEO, and Washington State Contracting Laws, etc.

The Contract time for all work shall be 85 working days.

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is: Anderson Perry & Associates, Inc., 214 East Birch Street, Walla Walla, Washington 99362, (509) 529-9260, Eric Zitterkopf, PE, ezitterkopf@andersonperry.com. Prospective Bidders may examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office on Mondays through Fridays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., or at the other locations listed below.

City of Waitsburg, 147 Main Street, Waitsburg, WA

Anderson Perry & Associates, Inc., Walla Walla, WA
Anderson Perry & Associates, Inc., La Grande, OR

Bidding Documents are available at <http://www.andersonperry.com> under the Bid Docs link. The digital Bidding Documents may be downloaded for a non-refundable payment of \$25.00 by inputting QuestCDN eBidDoc Number 4822667 on the website. Assistance with free QuestCDN membership registration, document downloading, and working with the digital Project information may be obtained at www.QuestCDN.com, at (952) 233-1632, or via e-mail at info@questcdn.com. The Bidding Documents will be available for download after February 2, 2017. No paper sets will be provided for bidding purposes.

All bid proposals shall be accompanied by a bid deposit in cash, certified check, or surety bond in the amount of 5 percent of the amount of the bid. The City Council may reject any bid not in compliance with all prescribed requirements, and may reject for good cause any and all bids upon finding that it is in the public interest to do so.

The City of Waitsburg is an equal opportunity employer. Minority and women-owned businesses are encouraged to bid.

A pre-bid conference will not be held.

Randy Hinchliffe, City Administrator

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2-2-c

Public Notice

In Accordance with Waitsburg Municipal Code section 10.4A; the City Council is taking applications/letters of interest from interested Citizens who wish to serve on the City of Waitsburg's Tree Committee.

The Committee shall be considered a City Advisory Committee, governed by WMC 1.02.180, and shall include five members made up of two

interested council members, the public works director, and two citizens at large that are all appointed by the City Council.

In addition to other duties of the committee, the duties of the Committee with regard to trees shall be as follows:

A. To work with City Staff to formulate a tree maintenance program for the City.

B. To provide to the City information regarding the selection, planting, and maintenance of trees within the City, whether on public property.

C. To determine the types and species suitable and desirable for planting and the areas and conditions under which such trees should be planted on public property. The Committee shall make such determinations after consulting persons familiar with the subject of such plantings, such as landscape architects, arborist, nurserymen, extension service and others who may have pertinent information.

D. To establish a program for inspecting all trees which are upon public property or which overhang any public property to determine the condition of the same. After such periodic inspections the Committee shall make recommendations to the City Council for the abatement of nuisances, planting trees, maintenance of existing trees, control of disease or pest or other such action as may be reasonably necessary.

E. Provide input and recommendations to the City regarding potential issues related to trees in the Public Right of Way that are potentially hazardous or are negatively impacting the surround sidewalk(s) and or utilities.

F. Develop a City tree inventory with an emphasis on old growth trees

Applications/Letters of interest must be received at City Hall by 4 pm on March 10, 2017 with official appointment by the City Council taking place on Wednesday, March, 15 2017. For questions or more information, contact City Hall at 147 Main Street or at 509 337-6371 during normal business hours.

Waitsburg City Clerk
Randy Hinchliffe

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NOTICE OF HEARING Public Use and Necessity Authorization of Condemnation Proceedings

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a hearing will be held to consider that the acquisition of portions of the following property required for the construction of the Mill Creek Road Project, CRP 10-04, is for public use and necessity and that the Prosecuting Attorney be authorized to begin condemnation proceedings in accordance with RCW 8.08.

Owner: David and Teresa Larson
Assessor Parcel:
37-06-02-14-0010

Said hearing will be held in the Walla Walla County Commissioner Chambers, Walla Walla County Health and Legislative Building, 314 West Main, Walla Walla, Washington 99362 at 10:30 A.M., on Tuesday, February 21, 2017 or as soon thereafter as possible. For more information please contact the Walla Walla County Public Works Dept., 990 Navion Lane, P.O. Box 813, Walla Walla, WA 99362. Telephone: 509-524-2710.

DATED at Walla Walla, Washington this 6th day of February, 2017

By: Connie R. Vinti
Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners

Advertised: Walla Walla Union Bulletin February 9th & 16th, 2017

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NO: 17-4-00013-1

PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS
RCW 11.40.030

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

In re the Estate of:

MARIAN R. PLUCKER,

Deceased.

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

DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: February 9, 2017.

Robert G. Plucker
Personal Representative
Attorney for Personal Representative:
Jeff Burkhart, WSBA #39454
Burkhart & Burkhart, PLLC
6½ N. Second Avenue,
Suite 200
Walla Walla, WA 99362
509-529-0630

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SEPA17-001

DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Description of Proposal: Proposed development regulations amendments to Walla Walla County Code Title 17 related to value-added agriculture processing and agritourism uses. ZCA17-001, SEPA17-001

Proponent(s): Walla Walla County
c/o Community Development Department
310 W. Poplar Street, Suite 200

Location of Proposal:

Not site-specific; this non-project proposal would affect lands in unincorporated Walla Walla County in rural, resource, and industrial agriculture zones.

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW

43.21C.030 (2) (c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

The Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) is based on the proposal and reflected in the following environmental documents:
SEPA Environmental Checklist dated 01/31/17
Memorandum by Lauren Prentice dated 01/30/17 to the Planning Commission

This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340 (2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for fourteen (14) days from the date below. Comments must be submitted by February 16, 2017.

The lead agency has determined that the requirements for environmental analysis, protection, and mitigation measures have been adequately addressed in the development regulations and comprehensive plan adopted under chapter 36.70A RCW, and in other applicable local, state or federal laws or rules, as provided by RCW 43.21C.240 and WAC 197-11-158. Our agency will not require any additional mitigation measures under SEPA.

This DNS may be withdrawn at any time if the proposal is modified so that it is likely to have significant adverse environmental impacts (unless a non-exempt license has been issued if the proposal is a private project); if there is significant new information indicating, or on, a proposal's probable significant adverse environmental impacts; or if the DNS was procured by misrepresentation or lack of material disclosure.

Lead Agency: Walla Walla Community Development Department (CDD)

Responsible official: Thomas Glover, AICP; Director

Address: 310 W Poplar St., Suite 200
Walla Walla, WA 99362
Phone: 509-524-2610
Email: commdev@co.walla-walla.wa.us

Issue Date: 02/02/2017

Staff Contact: Lauren Prentice, Principal Planner, 509-524-2620

You may appeal this determination, in writing, to the CDD no later than fourteen days from the date of issue. You should be prepared to make specific factual objections. Contact the CDD to read or ask about the procedures for SEPA appeals and obtain details regarding submittals for appeals (including application forms and fees). Walla Walla County Code (WWCC) Chapter 14.11 outlines the County's appeal procedure.

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TOUCHET VALLEY NEWS

NEWS BRIEFS

VALENTINE'S DAY PLAY AT THE LIBERTY

DAYTON – The Liberty Theater and TVAC Productions have planned a night of fun, whether for romantic partners or good friends, on Feb. 14. The evening kicks off at 7 p.m. with a reception of wine, coffee, tea, and chocolate desserts. At 7:30 Matt Nyssa Zanger will perform a play by American humorist, Mark Twain.

Liberty stage veterans Genie Crowe and Roslyn Edwards will direct The Diaries of Adam & Eve, an adaptation of two separate texts, both inspired by Twain's beloved wife Livy. The play is set in a Victorian garden, and is structured as a series of diary entries from both the male and female perspective.

Tickets are \$12 per person or \$20 for two people. For more information or to purchase tickets call (509) 382-1380 or visit www.libertytheater.org.

BLUE MOUNTAIN STATION CO-OP KIDS HEART HEALTH POSTER DESIGN CONTEST

DAYTON - The Blue Mountain Station Co-op is hosting a Children's Poster Design Contest during Heart Health Awareness Month for children ages 5 through 15. Each participant will receive \$2 in Co-Op Cash to use on a future visit and three grand prize winners in different age groups will be chosen.

Contestants can pick up a sheet of 11X14 poster paper and the complete rules at the co-op (700 Artisan Way, Dayton) on Tuesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Finished posters are due Feb. 18, and will hang in the co-op market until the end of March.

LOVE YOUR HEART LUNCHEON

WALLA WALLA – Providence St. Mary Medical Center will host a free Love Your Heart Luncheon on Thurs., Feb. 23 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Courtyard by Marriott, located at 550 W. Rose St. in Walla Walla.

Guests will learn about heart health, early signs of heart problems, treatment, and recovery from a heart attack from a panel of cardiac experts. The last half hour will be devoted to a question and answer sessions.

The event is co-sponsored by Cardio Solution. Speakers include cardiologists Dr. Suwong Wongsuwan and Dr. Steven Maxood, interventional cardiologist Dr. Lisa Abrahams, cardiac nurse practitioner Evelyn Rhynard, and cardiac rehabilitation nurse Jane Casey.

The luncheon is free and drawings will be held for heart healthy prizes. Space is limited. Register call (509) 942-2286 or visit <http://bit.ly/StMaryHeartLunch>.

TRAILS - FROM PAGE 1

The trails plan will help with the adoption of sidewalk, bike route and trail recommendations into local comprehensive plans for transportation and recreation elements, and will help tap into federal and state grants.

The City of Dayton, Columbia County, and the Port of Columbia County have developed a Cooperative Master Plan and will be able to tap into funds through the state Recreation and Conservation Office, according to City of Dayton Planning Director Karen Scherer.

The timeline to develop a trails plan is very aggressive, with a targeted completion date of May, 2018, said Andrea Weckmueller-Behringer Executive Director of the Walla Walla Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization, a state and federally designated transportation planning agency.

After this series of public workshops the "alignments that rise to the top" will be noted, and land use restrictions and environmental constraints will be considered. A conceptual design will then be created and unveiled to the public, in May of this year, Weckmueller-Behringer said.

The public will be asked for input into the design at the end of August, or in early September, and work will begin on documentation for local jurisdictions. The plan will be finalized in May, 2018.

For more information about the BMRT-RTR contact Port of Columbia County Economic Development Coordinator Brad McMasters at 382-2577, or by email at brad@portofcolumbia.org. Or visit the BMRT-RTR online at bluezone-trails.org.

THANK YOU FOR READING

The Times

TEENY MCMUNN: MY RECIPE BOX

Red Velvet Cake

As promised, here is a recipe for Red Velvet Cake. I didn't make it, as I didn't want to have a whole cake around to eat. But I did make one many years ago, when they were the rage. While reading this recipe, I noticed it calls for white vinegar and soda. That combination usually makes a recipe light. And the frosting calls for cooking the flour and milk first. Interesting.

So if you make it, please let me know. If you don't want to have to eat a whole cake, think about how nice it would be to share a slice or two with someone who could use a hug; maybe give a Valentine with it.

Sort of on the subject, remember those Valentine's shoe boxes we used to decorate and take to school? Do they still do that?



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| ½ c. shortening | 2 ½ c. sifted all-purpose flour |
| 1 ½ c. white sugar | 1 ½ tsp. baking soda |
| 2 eggs | 1 tbsp. distilled white vinegar |
| 2 tbsp. cocoa | Icing: |
| 4 Tbsp. red food coloring | 5 tbsp. flour |
| 1 tsp. salt | 1 c. milk |
| 1 ts.p vanilla extract | 1 c. butter, room temperature |
| 1 c. buttermilk | 1 tsp. vanilla extract |
| | 1 c. white sugar |

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease two nine-inch round pans. Beat shortening and 1 ½ c. sugar until very light and fluffy. Add eggs and beat well.

Make a paste of cocoa and red food coloring, add to creamed mixture. Mix salt, one teaspoon vanilla, and buttermilk together. Add the flour to the batter, alternating with the buttermilk mixture, mixing just until incorporated. Mix soda and vinegar and gently fold into cake batter. Don't beat or stir the batter after this point.

Pour batter into prepared pans. Bake in preheated oven until tester inserted into the cake comes out clean, about 30 minutes. Cool cakes completely on wire racks.

To make icing, cook five tablespoons flour and milk over low heat until thick, stirring constantly. Let cool completely. While mixture is cooling, beat 1 cup sugar, butter, and one teaspoon vanilla until light and fluffy. Add cooled flour mixture and beat until frosting is a good spreading consistency. Frost cake layers when completely cool.

My notes: It goes without saying, that once you frost the layers, put one on top of another, and continue frosting the sides. This frosting intrigues me! Has anyone made this? If you are taking this for a get together, you could embellish with HersheyKisses or shaved chocolate©

Enjoy, and Happy Valentine's Day!

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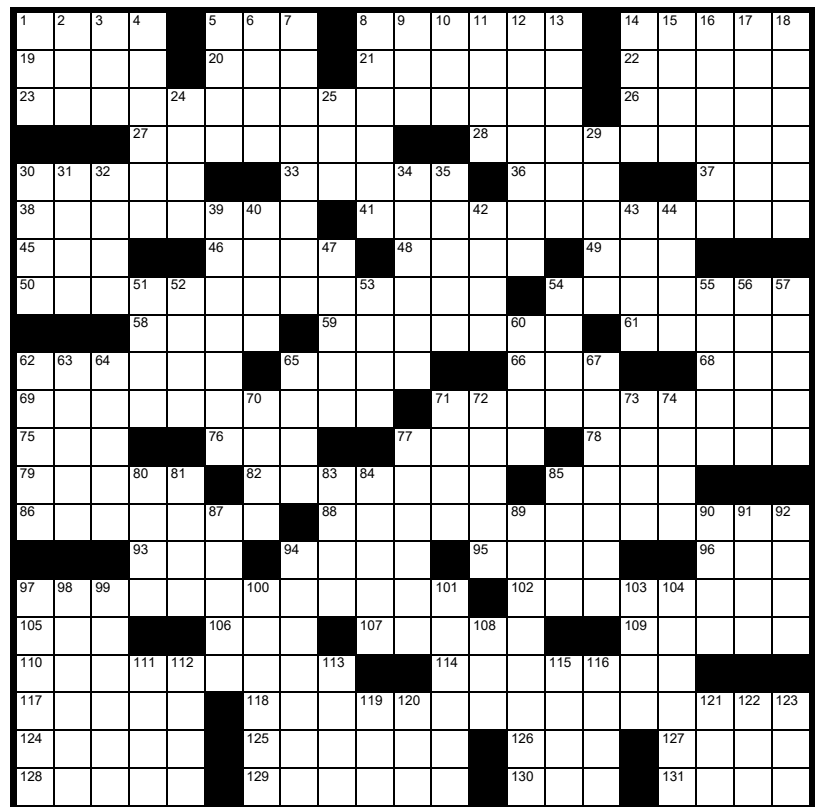
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Be against
 - 5 Sierra developer
 - 8 Trolley sounds
 - 14 Bakery basketful
 - 19 Bring down
 - 20 "That feels ni-i-ice"
 - 21 Author de Balzac
 - 22 Look forward to
 - 23 Football play for Mr. Freeze?
 - 26 Instrument featured in Saint-Saëns's "The Swan"
 - 27 "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying" composer Frank
 - 28 Cocktail consisting of Scotch and Drambuie
 - 30 "Independence Day" villain
 - 33 Customer at Cheers or Moe's Tavern, perhaps
 - 36 "The Matrix" hero
 - 37 Rocker DeWyze
 - 38 Discharges, as fluids
 - 41 ... for a train rider?
 - 45 "Lord knows ____ tried"
 - 46 Father of Phobos
 - 48 Word on a game box
 - 49 "Hey, ____!"
 - 50 ... for an angler?
 - 54 Series of bad takes
 - 58 Synagogue chests
 - 59 Entranced by, as a screen
 - 61 Very, in modern slang
 - 62 Like northern Siberia
 - 65 Use a scythe
 - 66 "Big Blue" of tech
 - 68 With 43 Down, "The Night Cafe" painter
 - 69 ... for a pyromaniac?
 - 71 ... for a reporter?
 - 75 "Well done, torero!"
 - 76 Emulate a masseuse
 - 77 Titillating
 - 78 Cruise passenger's symptom
 - 79 Has a Wilde time?
 - 82 Einstein's portrayer in the 1994 film "I.Q."
 - 85 Marx who had several brothers
 - 86 William French Smith's successor as attorney general
 - 88 ... for an architect?
 - 93 Dadaist Jean
 - 94 See 96 Across
 - 95 Lake by Ontario
 - 96 With 94 Across, obstetric estimation
 - 97 ... for Mr. Chaucer?
 - 102 Abomination
 - 105 Bruins great Bobby
 - 106 Modern missives, briefly
 - 107 Attacked by a scorpion
 - 109 Hamlet and others
 - 110 Import-export deficits
 - 114 Marshmallow ingredient
 - 117 Buddy on a boat
 - 118 ... for an IRS agent?
 - 124 Redress a wrong
 - 125 Not just destructive
 - 126 Major expanse
 - 127 Bridge expert Sharif
 - 128 Dive diversion
 - 129 Lip-smacking
 - 130 Sneaky
 - 131 Sitarist's tune

- DOWN**
- 1 Literary development
 - 2 Dickensian shout
 - 3 Weapon in the game "Battlefield Hardline"
 - 4 Check checker
 - 5 Singer nicknamed the Prince of Soul
 - 6 Planet explored by Calvin and Hobbes in "Weirdos From Another Planet!"
 - 7 Mating game need?
 - 8 Winged being depicted in Raphael's "Sistine Madonna"
 - 9 Hack off
 - 10 Army ____
 - 11 Genre for the film "Out of the Past"
 - 12 Estate's surroundings
 - 13 One teaching people all the right moves
 - 14 Like burlesque shows
 - 15 Wilson on the screen
 - 16 "I'm not li-i-istening!"
 - 17 Easter blooms
 - 18 Inedible wraps
 - 24 ____ wolf
 - 25 Cook of Apple, e.g.
 - 29 Notorious Harding
 - 30 "Clueless" comeback
 - 31 Denim pioneer Strauss
 - 32 Finishes, as a cake
 - 34 Absorb
 - 35 Quarter bird
 - 39 Freight train unit that carries chemicals
 - 40 Joule fractions
 - 42 Clarinet insert
 - 43 See 68 Across
 - 44 Immaculate
 - 47 Bob with many dirty jokes in his routine
 - 51 Act the misanthrope
 - 52 Purple blossom
 - 53 ____ court
 - 54 Cold desert
 - 55 Musician whom Leonard Bernstein called "the greatest cultural force in the 20th century"
 - 56 Bring up?
 - 57 Opera star Mario
 - 60 Orderly
 - 62 Previously, poetically
 - 63 Provoked
 - 64 Scone topping
 - 65 "Fancy" singer McEntire
 - 67 Red head?
 - 70 See red
 - 71 "Square" thing
 - 72 Give off
 - 73 Nancy's best friend in "Stranger Things"
 - 74 Respite
 - 77 Maximally reserved
 - 80 Like the Who's Tommy, in part
 - 81 Feudal figure
 - 83 Lift up a mountain
 - 84 "Black Swan" costumes
 - 85 Make a cardigan, say
 - 87 Bit of parsley
 - 89 NPR host inducted into the National Radio Hall of Fame in 2014
 - 90 Norse pantheon bigwig
 - 91 Like kitties
 - 92 Lockers
 - 94 Medical term for "shortness of breath"
 - 97 Hit the roof
 - 98 Editorial blunders
 - 99 Speaker of the House, e.g.
 - 100 Modern missives
 - 101 In a major way
 - 103 Funnies canine
 - 104 Liturgical singer
 - 108 ____ worth
 - 111 Auto owner's woe
 - 112 They hold rods and cones
 - 113 Late '70s skit show
 - 115 Skating maneuver
 - 116 Buffet patron's aid
 - 119 "Look what I found!"
 - 120 Ruin
 - 121 "Kill Bill" cast name
 - 122 Household cleaner
 - 123 Anti-Brady Bill org.



SOLUTION TO: AUTO WRECK (JAN. 29)

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DAYTON RALLIES TO CLOSE EIGHT-POINT FOURTH-QUARTER DEFICIT TO TIE GAME AT 46

By Ken Graham | THE TIMES

DAYTON – The Dayton boys launched a rally in the fourth quarter against DeSales on Wednesday, outscoring the Irish 16-8 in the final frame to tie the game and send it to overtime.

But DeSales recovered and outscored the Bulldogs 11-8 in the extra period to pull out a 57-54 win.

Dayton played even with the Irish in the first half, and the game was tied at 25 at intermission. The Irish outscored the Bulldogs 13-5 in the third, before Dayton came back to tie the game at 46 apiece at the end of regulation.

For the game, Ben Kleck had 15 points, including three three-point shots. Tanner Bren added 13, and Junior Helm had 10. Bren also pulled down nine rebounds.

The Bulldogs were set to play makeup games against Liberty Christian at home on Tuesday, and at Mabton on Thursday.

DeSales 14 11 13 8 11 — 57
Dayton 9 16 5 16 8 — 54

DeSales — Montero 3-3 5-8 12, C. Lelahy 0-1 0-0 0, Buckley 0-0 0-0 0, Z. Leahy 8-17 3-6 19, J. Rodriguez 2-3 3-4 7, Baumgart 3-12 1-2 10, Wuylie 1-6 0-0 3, Miedema 2-5 2-7 6; Totals 19-47 14-27 57

Dayton — Helm 5-7 0-2 10, Dieu 1-1 1-2 3, Martin 1-4 2-3 4, Willis 3-7 0-0 8, Kleck 6-13 0-0

15, Bryaon 0-0 1-4 1, Bren 5-12 2-3 13; Totals 21-45 6-14 54

3-point goals — DeSales (Montero, Baumgart 3, Wylie), Dayton (Willis 2, Kleck 3, Bren); Total fouls — Dayton 21, DeSales 13; Fouled out — Dayton (Martin, Kleck, Bren); Rebounds — DeSales 27 (Z. Leahy 8), Dayton 27 (Bren 9); Turnovers — DeSales 16, Dayton 16



Photo by Andie Holmberg

Dayton's Ben Kleck prepares to drive against a Tri-Cities Prep defender during a game last month.

LEVY - FROM PAGE 1

"Our hope is the state either passes 1059 or develops a budget that provides an amount equal to what we are scheduled to lose," Johnson said. "We are working on budget planning now, and will know more as the (legislative) session unfolds."

Johnson said flexibility is essential in preparing the budget for 2018.

HB 1059 passed the House chamber on January 23, with 62 yes votes. It has now moved to the Senate, and a public hearing was scheduled for Jan. 30 in the Senate Ways and Means Committee.

Speaking from Olympia, State Legislative District Representative Terry Nealy said, "I voted for HB 1509. Unless we pass some big comprehensive plan for the McCleary issue that would supplant this, the levies can be expanded throughout the rest of the year."

Sixteenth District Rep. Bill Jenkin, R-Prosser, also voted in favor of the bill.

VALENTINES - FROM PAGE 1

The Weinhard Hotel is offering Cupid a helping hand with their Sweetheart Special. Guests who reserve a room and mention the Sweetheart Special will receive a bottle of champagne and chocolate dipped strawberries complimentary with the room rate.

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Guests who book a room with Best Western Plus in Dayton between Feb. 10 and Feb. 14 will receive a 14% discount and a gift of candy when they request the Valentine's Special.

For those who really want to "get away from it all," The Last Resort KOA on the Tucannon River is offering a special where guests who spend February 14th in a cabin get a second night, either before or after, for free. Not only that, but they will receive a free bottle of champagne or sparkling cider as well. Make reservations by calling 1-800-562-3417 (leave a message if no answer and your call will be returned) or reserve online at www.thelastresortrv.com by clicking the dropdown menu in the upper right corner of the web page.

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