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## THIS WEEK

### DAYTON



#### PUBLIC DEFENSE

Rachel Cortez has been awarded a Columbia County contract to provide public defense.

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## WAITSBURG



#### HOME & SCHOOL

Association raises funds and increases involvement through social media.

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## SPORTS



#### SOFTBALL

Dayton girls softball team split a double-header with Colton Saturday, 12-11, 10-15.

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Photo by Nick Page

Dayton photographer Nick Page admires the heavens as he stands on a hilltop outside of Dayton near a wind turbine while shooting photos of the Northern Lights on March 18. This photo was picked up by KEPR TV, out of Pasco.

## Dayton Selects Shaber as Principal

SCHOOL BOARD APPROVED CHOICE AFTER COMMUNITY MET WITH FOUR CANDIDATES

THE TIMES

DAYTON – The Dayton School Board last week approved the hiring of Paul Shaber as middle school/high school principal beginning in the 2015-2016 school year. The vote was unanimous, with board member Joe Heuther not in attendance.

The vote was taken during the board's regular meeting, last Wednesday evening, after an executive session lasting approximately 90 minutes.

Shaber, an Idaho math and science teacher, was

one of four finalists for the position, all of whom met with the community, teachers, staff and students in a series of public interviews earlier this month. The finalists also included Kate Wenzl, who currently serves as interim middle school/high school principal.

After the board meeting, Dayton School Superintendent Doug Johnson issued a press release in which he described the qualities that led him to recommend Shaber for the position:

“Shaber has been teaching and leading in the Fruitland, Idaho, School District since the fall of 2003, completing



Paul Shaber

his administrative internship in June of 2014. Shaber held building and district leadership positions in the areas of technology and math curriculum and is currently a member of a district-wide leadership team which meets to discuss and propose solutions to problems faced by the district.

“Although Mr. Shaber is currently in Idaho, he is familiar with the instructional framework used by Dayton and which is part of Washington's evaluation system for teachers and principals. Shaber is eager to learn more about how he can support and encourage teachers through the implementation of the evaluation system.”

Johnson also said that he “visited the current districts of candidates outside of Dayton for opportunity to meet candidate's supervisors, colleagues, and students.”

The Dayton Middle School and High School have operated with an interim principal since last July, when Andy Maheras resigned to take a position in Sunnydale. Wenzl is under contract to remain with the district until the end of the school year, on June 30, according to Johnson.

## Schools Will Co-Op for Several Sports

Waitsburg and Prescott districts make adjustments following WP combine dissolution

By Dena Wood  
THE TIMES

WAITSBURG – At their regular meeting last week, the Waitsburg School District approved an agreement to combine high school baseball and softball programs with Prescott High School for the 2016 spring season.

Both Waitsburg and Prescott school districts are nailing down their plans for sports offerings, now that the WP sports combine has been dissolved for the 2015-16 school year. Waitsburg Superintendent Carol Clarke, filling in for Athletic Advisor Stephanie Wooderchak, provided the board with a sports update last week, and asked if they would like to combine with Prescott for softball and baseball next year. The board agreed.

As it stands, Waitsburg High School will offer football, volleyball and cross-country in the fall, basketball in the winter and track & field in the spring. Prescott School District Superintendent Brett Cox confirmed that Prescott High plans to offer volleyball and soc-

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## Local Groups Collaborate on Prescott Plaza

VENUE TO BE MANAGED BY PARK DISTRICT; MAY NOW BE RESERVED FOR PARTIES AND EVENTS

By Dena Wood | THE TIMES

PRESCOTT – The Walla Walla Rural Library District (WWRLD), the Prescott Joint Park and Recreation District (PJPRD) and the Prescott Lions Club recently signed agreements detailing responsibilities for the maintenance of the Prescott Plaza. The three groups joined together in building the Plaza last June and will now ensure that it is well maintained for the public's enjoyment.

The Prescott Plaza was built during a four-day community build through what was formerly referred to as the Vacant Lot Project. A \$25,000 grant, awarded by the Pomegranate Center and administered by the Blue Mountain Action Council, provided funds to transform a burned out, empty

lot between the Tuxedo Bar & Grill and the Prescott Library into a usable space for residents to enjoy. Pomegranate Center Executive Director and renowned artist Milenko Mantanovic oversaw the project, involving the community from design through completion.

The Plaza lot is owned by the WWRLD. The Prescott Lions Club provided land for the restroom that was built adjoining the Plaza. The Lions also provided space for meetings, meal preparation and dining during the project.

Recently signed agreements state that WWRLD will pay a monthly fee to PJPRD to act as the library district's agent in managing and maintaining the plaza and scheduling events. The existing insurance policies of both the library and the parks district cover the Plaza's contents and use. Prescott's city council has agreed that the city will provide the water.

In addition to daily use by residents, the Prescott Community Library, a branch of the WWRLD, plans to use the Plaza for upcoming Summer Reading Program activities. PJPRD is planning a variety of summer events for adults and families.

The Plaza, which includes a stage and small dance floor/seating area is available

for reunions, birthday parties or other gatherings. There is no charge to use the venue, but a registration form must be completed, and donations to offset maintenance are always welcome. To reserve the Prescott Plaza call the PJPRD office at (509) 849-2214.

Though the majority of the project is complete, there is still work to be done. The Prescott Plaza Steering Committee and PJPRD will host a Spring Work Day, Saturday, May 23 at 8 a.m.



Times File Photo

The Prescott Plaza following last June's community build.

# TOUCHET VALLEY LIFE

## OBITUARY

### Karen Lynn (Huwe) Mohney

September 5, 1961 – March 15, 2015

Karen Lynn Mohney, age 53, died March 15, 2015 at the Harborview Medical Center in Seattle.



She was flown there from Hep- pner, Ore. on Saturday where she suffered an apparent stroke. She and her family were hosting a St. Patrick's Day dog trial in Hep- pner. While having dinner that evening she became stricken with a headache.

Memorial services were Saturday, March 21, 2015 at the First Christian Church in Waitsburg with Pastor Bret Moser officiating. Those who wish may contribute to Rainbow Girls or charity of the donor's choice.

Karen was born September 5, 1961 in Walla Walla. Her parents are Pete and Meredith Hulce Huwe.

She attended Waitsburg Schools, graduating from High School with the class of 1980. She attended WSU and airline attendant school and worked for Horizon Airlines for 15 years. She married Kelly Mohney on April 26, 1986 in a ceremony held in Waitsburg. After her father's death she came back to Waitsburg to help her mother in the EZ Aerial Marker business. In 2010 she purchased Blue Crystal screen printing. She always had something else going, like auctioneering, catering, raising trial dogs and organizing events. She was current President of the "Ole Towne Hall," Mother Advisor of Rainbow, past 4-H leader, board member of the Days or Real Sport and Waitsburg Celebration Days and a member of the American Legion Auxillary. She was past Commerical Club Citizen of the Year and recipient of Community Service Award in 2010. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church.

She is survived by her husband Kelly, her border collies; Grit, Indy, and Poppy at the home. Her mother Meredith Huwe of Waitsburg. Numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her father, Pete Huwe.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### County Appoints Fire Marshal

DAYTON – Columbia County Commissioners last week appointed Kim Lyonnais, the county planning director, as fire marshal and building official. Jeremy Phinney, who previously held that title, resigned from the planning office earlier this month to become a full-time assistant fire chief with Columbia County Fire District 3.

Lyonnais, who has been operating his department solo for a few weeks, has hired a planner, Greg Abramson, and a building inspector, local contractor Jake Davis.

### Commercial Club Honors Business of the Year

WAITSBURG – At last week's Commercial Club annual meeting, members decided to broaden their recognition base and honor a Business of the Year. "Traditionally, we have given a Citizen of the Year Award, which was recently renamed the Community Service Award. In keeping with our mission of nurturing and representing Waitsburg businesses it was decided that we need an additional venue to honor the Waitsburg community businesses," said Commercial Club President Joy Smith.

Submit nominations for the Business of the Year Award by March 27. Nominations may be sent to ikbakeve@charter.net or by letter to Waitsburg Commercial club, PO Box 451, Waitsburg, WA 99361.

### Blue Mountain Station Summer Market Meeting

DAYTON – The Blue Mountain Station (700 Artisan Way, Dayton) is seeking vendors to increase the offerings of their Artisan Market for the 2015 summer season. An informational meeting will be held at the Station on March 31 at 5:30 p.m.

The market is in search of farmers, gardeners, and handcrafted food, art and craft artisans. Attend the meeting to learn more about the market or call Market Manager Melissa Weatherford at (509) 200-2678.

### Easter Pancake Breakfast

WAITSBURG – The Waitsburg Presbyterian Church (504 Main Street) welcomes the community to a free Easter Sunday Pancake Breakfast on Easter Sunday, April 5. Breakfast will include pancakes, assorted toppings, sausage links, breakfast casseroles, coffee and juice. Come just for breakfast or stay for the 11 a.m. Easter church service to follow.

## PIONEER PORTRAITS

Ten Years Ago  
March 31, 2005

Michael Luce M.D. of Dayton was recognized as Washington State's Outstanding Rural Health Physician of the Year for 2005 last week. The presentation and award was presented to a very surprised Luce by Washington State Secretary of Health, Mary Selecky and Columbia County Health System Board Chair Roland Schirman.

An Easter theme was enjoyed by 19 members of 55 Plus at Ye Towne Hall, Friday, March 25. Netta Mohney designed festive place mats and Sarah Wilson furnished molded chocolate bunny favors. Pat Largent along with a variety of helpers served as hostesses.

Twenty-Five Years Ago  
March 29, 1990

The Waitsburg Rainbow Assembly welcomed five new members initiated on March 21: Carissa Langford, Heather Stephenson, Missy Samson, Jessica Smith and Jackie Ryckman.

Neil Henze was elected to serve as president of the Waitsburg Lions Club at the annual election held Tuesday night. Since there were only two contests on the ballot, Glynn Davis moved that a unanimous ballot be cast to elect all on the proposed slate except the officers that were contested.

Students of Pam Conover, sixth grade teacher in Waitsburg, recently competed in an essay contest to promote the importance of agriculture in the Walla Walla area. Essays were based on originality and expression of theme, neatness, grammar, spelling and mechanics. Jonathon Abbey, son of Bruce and Barb Abbey was the local school winner, receiving \$25 and a T-shirt. T-shirts were awarded to Heather Ferguson, Toni Jones and John McCaw.

Fifty Years Ago  
March 25, 1965

The Waitsburg Junior Livestock Show will be held Saturday and Sunday, April 10 and 11 at the Community Building, as announced this week by Don Thomas, president of the group and director of the show. Francis Wood and Carl Peck will act as co-superintendents of the show; Ellsworth Conover and Howard Smith will have charge of the beef; Fred Harris and Jim Hnasen, sheep; Carl Nordheim and Jerry Gordon, swine; Mr. and Mrs. Kermit Jones and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Harper, horses; Jill Wood, clerk; Betty Jo Donnelly and Beverly Harper, publicity; Jerry Gordon and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Nordheim, special exhibits; Jim Burres and Jim Hansen, parking; office chairman, Betty Jo Donnelly assisted by Mabel Wood and Rose Harris.

The City of Waitsburg has lost a valued citizen and a wonderful, warm person in the passing of Howard Packer. His buoyant philosophy of life and his interest in other people will be sadly missed along main street.

Seventy-Five Years Ago  
March 29, 1940

Donald Harris and Fred Harris, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Will Harris, have just concluded the purchase of 665 acres of choice wheat land in Spring Valley, from the Sam Breeze estate.

The fire siren was moved this week from the former location atop the old City Hall, recently sold to W. T. Hamilton, to the roof of the two story brick building known as the Exchange Bank building, and located on the opposite side of the street.

Fred Bachmann and family have moved from the farm home in Wilson Hollow, where they have lived for so many years and which was sold last year to W. W. Baker. They have moved temporarily at least, to the Keve place on Jasper Mountain.

H. P. Peterson, deputy County Auditor, has just presented to the Waitsburg Lodge No. 16, F&A.M. a number of ceiling light fixtures which were formerly used in the County Court House and which he recently purchased from the Commissioners.

One Hundred Years Ago  
March 26, 1915

Jack Cushin went to sleep the other day while riding on a gang plow and fell off and the plow ran over him. If it had not been for assistance at hand, he might have been badly hurt.

Mrs. Ed Cobb and Mrs. Robt. Pollard gave a party in honor of Mrs. Orlan Phipps last Friday afternoon. The ladies assembled at the home of Mrs. Pollard with their needlework. About 20 were present.

Clarence Eaton has purchased a new Ford touring car during the past week and now drives to and from the Coppe ranch in double quick time.

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago  
March 28, 1890

A. Mickelsen has appealed to the Superior Court from the award of damages made him by the County Commissioners, caused by the opening of Whiskey Creek road.

Rufus Clapp, a prosperous farmer in the Fields Gulch country, spent last Friday night in the city. He honored this office with a call, and from him we learn that grass is starting nicely, that farmers are plowing and that there is a little land-jumping occasionally attempted in his locality.

Born in Columbia County, March 10, 1890 to John Woods and wife, a son.

## Touchet Valley Weather

March 25, 2015

### Waitsburg's Seven Day Forecast

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny	Mostly Sunny	Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy
High: 58 Low: 44	High: 67 Low: 46	High: 71 Low: 49	High: 70 Low: 47	High: 69 Low: 41	High: 64 Low: 40	High: 59 Low: 38

### Weather Trivia

At what time of day are noctilucent clouds visible?  
Answer: At night.

### Local Almanac Last Week

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Precipitation
Monday	61	43	56/37	0.00"	0.23"
Tuesday	54	45	56/37	0.15"	0.49"
Wednesday	62	43	57/37	0.05"	-0.26"
Thursday	67	43	57/37	0.00"	52.6°
Friday	69	43	57/37	0.00"	47.1°
Saturday	66	45	58/38	0.01"	+5.5°
Sunday	57	39	58/38	0.02"	

Data as reported from Walla Walla

### Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
First 3/27	6:44 a.m.	7:12 p.m.	10:23 a.m.	12:36 a.m.
Thursday	6:42 a.m.	7:13 p.m.	11:14 a.m.	1:34 a.m.
Friday	6:40 a.m.	7:15 p.m.	12:07 p.m.	2:24 a.m.
Saturday	6:38 a.m.	7:16 p.m.	1:03 p.m.	3:07 a.m.
Sunday	6:36 a.m.	7:17 p.m.	2:01 p.m.	3:45 a.m.
Monday	6:34 a.m.	7:19 p.m.	2:59 p.m.	4:18 a.m.
Full 4/4	6:32 a.m.	7:20 p.m.	3:57 p.m.	4:48 a.m.

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# TOUCHET VALLEY NEWS

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

## POLICE NOTES

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### Waitsburg Resource Center

106 Preston Avenue  
2-4 p.m.  
The Center provides food and resources to families in the Waitsburg and Prescott School Districts.

### 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.

### Prescott School Board

Prescott High School Library  
6 p.m.

### Waitsburg City Council

Lions Memorial Building (Fairgrounds)  
7 p.m.

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### Easter Bake Sale

Dayton General Hospital Lobby  
9 a.m. - noon  
Dayton General Hospital Auxiliary's Easter fundraiser bake sale. Donations of baked goods are welcome and should be delivered between 8:30-9 a.m.

### Soup for the Soul

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

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

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### The Last Resort's 8th Annual Youth Turkey Event

The Last Resort/Blue Mtns KOA (2005 Tucannon Rd, Pomeroy)  
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
Bring youth hunters for education, fun and food. Call (509) 843-1556 to sign up.

### American Legion Spring Bingo

Dayton Elementary Multipurpose Room  
2-6 p.m. (Doors open at 1 p.m.)

### Waitsburg & Dayton Proms

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### Praise Singing

Waitsburg Christian

Church  
7 p.m.

### Depression and Bipolar Support Group

Dayton Public Library Delaney Room  
7-8:30 p.m.

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### Dayton Library Story Time

Dayton Memorial Library  
Baby & Toddler storytime at 10 a.m. and Preschool storytime at 10:45.

### Prescott Library Story Time

Prescott Library  
10:30 a.m.  
Crafts and stories geared to preschool children, but all ages are welcome.

### Waitsburg Senior Round Table

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

### Dayton Senior Round Table

Senior Center (403 E. Patit St.)  
12 p.m.

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

### Weight Loss Support

Waitsburg Clinic  
5:30 p.m.  
Optional weigh-in at 5:15 and an optional 30 minute group walk following the meeting at 6 p.m.

### Summer Market Informational Meeting

Blue Mountain Station (700 Artisan Way, Dayton)  
5:30 p.m.  
The market is seeking vendors for the 2015 summer Artisan Market season. Please attend this meeting to learn more.

APRIL

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### APRIL FOOL'S DAY

### 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.

## BIRTHDAYS

**March 27:** Bill Laughery, Rachel Halley, Emory Flathers, Tammy Brown, Samuel Donnelly and John Mason.

**March 28:** Natalie Faye Teal, Bill Hopwood, Gary Thomas, Jeff Broom, Terri Conover-Stroud, Collette Waltermire and Bret McKinney.

**March 29:** Robin Hogan, Austin Beasley, Carroll Smith, Edna Pearson, Jan DeCoria, Bob Stokes, Vanessa Lafer and Karen Peters.

**March 30:** Hubert Kinder Jr., Rosemary Brinkman and Elizabeth Mercer.

**March 31:** Bob Baim, Eileen Huffman, Steve Ruley, Christopher Hansen, Brandon Watson, John Hansen, Ed Lambert, Jack McCaw, Olena Newbury and Robert Hinchliffe.

**April 1:** Nicole Baker, Mark Clifton, Lawrence Fullerton, Joe Cyr, John DuPree, Lynn Mantz-Powers, Caleb Leisure, Dan Henze, Corinne Kenney Hartley, Angela Rohde and Eric Rohlfing.

**April 2:** Dan Butler, Bill Butler, Kay Hawks, Sandra Nogle, Dawn Hinchliffe, Cassandra Leid, Jacob Smith and Bonnie Jones.

### CHURCH DIRECTORY

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

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

### School Lunch Menu

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

27: Pancake Bar; PB&J Uncrustable, Sun-chips

30: Breakfast Sandwich; Chicken Patty on a Bun, JoJos

31: Biscuit & Gravy; Macaroni & Cheese

1: Muffin, Yogurt, Boiled Egg; Tater Tot Casserole, Roll

2: Cook's Choice

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### Waitsburg

**Mar. 17**  
Traffic stop on Harmon Street. Deputy stopped subject riding an ATV on the streets. Rider was issued a citation for driving while license suspended 3<sup>rd</sup> degree, an infraction for negligent driving, 2<sup>nd</sup> degree, and riding an ATV on the roadway. The ATV was towed and subject was released. The Sheriff's Office had received complaints the day prior about this person riding the ATV in the area.

**Mar. 18**  
Assault, 4<sup>th</sup> degree domestic violence warrant service. A female suspect on Willard Street was arrested for assaulting her adult son and on a felony warrant.

### Prescott

**Mar. 19**  
Malicious mischief on South "D" Street. Unknown person broke the sink in the public bathroom behind the library.

**Mar. 20**  
Female contacted for violation of anti-harassment order on W. 1<sup>st</sup> St. Subject was told to stop violating order or she would be arrested. Report sent to Prosecuting Attorney's office for charges.

**Mar. 21**  
Violation of anti-harassment order on W. 1<sup>st</sup> St. Female arrested for continuing to violate order.

### Dayton

**Mar. 15**  
Radio reportedly stolen from the riding arena at the Columbia County Fairgrounds. Caller observed a suspicious male pull a gun from a red bag he was carrying while walking westbound on Highway 12 near milepost 363 about 25 minutes prior to calling the sheriff's office; deputies searched the area but were unable to locate and so passed the information on to Washington State Patrol.

**Mar. 16**  
Black bicycle with passport and tools in a bike bag taken from a garage on S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. Vehicle prowled on E. Commercial Street during the night; sunglasses and DVD player taken. A deputy assisted a citizen who came to the Sheriff's Office upset about not getting a refund on prepaid cellphone minutes; customer service was contacted and the matter was resolved.

**Mar. 17**  
Assault with no injuries reported on S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street; one client allegedly hit another client in the arm with a doll on the previous day. Non-injury collision on E. Patit Avenue; caller reported backing into another vehicle with no damage sustained.

**Mar. 18**  
Fraudulent phone call reported on S. 6<sup>th</sup> Street; someone called claiming to be the homeowner's grandson in jail needing bail money. Caller on Harlem Road requesting contact to discuss increased traffic on the caller's street and people trespassing on private property. Threats reported on W. Main Street. Suspicious person looking at houses on E. Dayton Avenue and writing on a pad of paper.

**Mar. 19**  
Large electrical panel found in garage on S. Willow Street; doesn't belong to homeowners and caller thought it might be stolen. Possible violation of no-contact order on S. 5<sup>th</sup> Street. Deputies assisted Fire District 3 on a medical call on E. Washington Avenue. Suspicious light on in residence that is supposed to be vacant on S. Willow Street; deputies checked the residence, which was secure.

**Mar. 20**  
Starbuck resident Cole Mings, 45, was surrendered to the sheriff's office by a bail agent on local warrants for failure to appear in court on original charges of criminal trespass, DUI, assault and violation of a no-contact order. Fraudulent phone call received on Fields Gulch Road; caller reported receiving an automated call telling the homeowner to turn himself or herself in to the nearest police department immediately. Caller reported finding a tent on private property on W. Commercial Street that someone appeared to be living in; deputies checked the tent, but nobody was home so they stated they would continue to try and make contact. John Stearns, a 58-year-old Dayton resident, was arrested on E. Richmond Avenue on suspicion of 4<sup>th</sup> degree assault, domestic violence. A 13-year-old son allegedly pulled a knife on the caller on Rose Gulch Road and was later arrested on suspicion of 2<sup>nd</sup> degree assault. Caller on S. 5<sup>th</sup> Street reporting harassing phone calls from his ex's mother. Fraudulent call reported by citizen on E. Tremont Avenue; someone was claiming to be the citizen's grandson who had gotten in a wreck in Georgia and needed bail money. Hit and run without damage reported on E. Main Street; a light brown Dodge 4x4 failed to yield at the stop light and then drove on after striking the caller's vehicle. Theft of a backpack from the Dayton Elementary School lunchroom.

**Mar. 21**  
Deputies assisted Fire District 3 on Rose Gulch Road with a possible structure fire. Assault reported on S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street; report that one resident threw a TV remote at another resident. Theft of sunglasses reported on W. Main Street.

**Mar. 22**  
Deputies arrested Patrick McManamon, a 35-year-old Dayton resident, on a Benton County warrant for failure to appear in court on an original charge of possession of stolen property.

## LETTER

### Letter of Thanks In Time of Loss

Dear Editor,

The family of Karen Huwe Mohny wish to express our appreciation for the kindness, support, and messages of sympathy concerning the loss of our beloved wife and daughter, Karen.

To all those who joined in the celebration of her life, we thank you. We especially want to thank Sandy Baker for the poignant and informative eulogy, The Reverend Bret Moser for leading the service and for his comfort and prayers, pianist Randy Pearson and soloist Bethany Moser for providing the special music, and all who shared either thoughts or memories about Karen, including The Rainbow girls - both past and present - and the Waitsburg High School Class of 1980.

The heartfelt outpouring of community support from our friends, Karen's friends and our extended family was truly a testament to her kind and giving nature.

We sincerely thank you all for your cards, flowers, generous contributions to the Karen Mohny memorial scholarship fund and to the charities of your choice made in her name. Also the tremendous amount of food, planning, and effort given for the reception following the service would have made her proud.

Most importantly, we thank everyone who remembered Karen in kindness and in prayer!

Our hearts are broken. We are not sure what we're going to do without her. We are thankful for the time we were able to spend with her. Karen Will always be our hero, our inspiration. Thank you to all who helped us honor her memory.

Kelly Mohny, Meredith Huwe and family,  
Waitsburg

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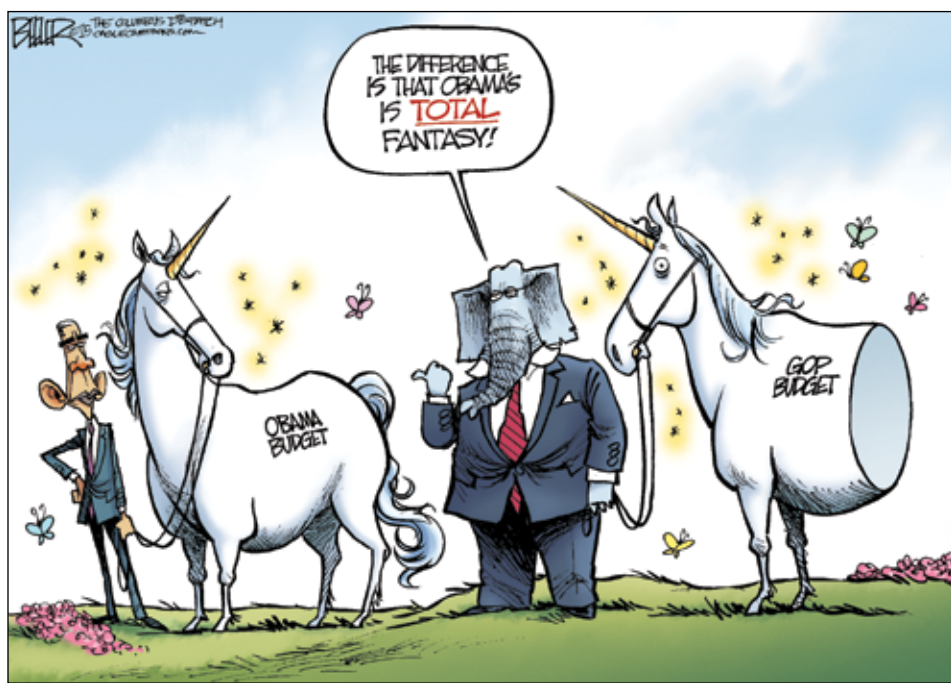
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### Fire Victims' Ire

#### STATE'S LARGEST WILDFIRE CAPTURES LAWMAKERS' ATTENTION; NEW BILL PASSES HOUSE UNANIMOUSLY

By Cooper Inveen  
WNPA Olympia News Bureau

OLYMPIA—It's been almost eight months since the largest wildfire in Washington's history scorched the Methow Valley, and criticism over the official firefighting response by the state's Department of Natural Resources continues to rage.

What began with four individual fires quickly expanded into the 268,764-acre Carlton Complex fire. Over the course of a month, the fire engulfed more than 300 homes and caused more than \$65 million in damages, according to the DNR. Many victims have filed lawsuits against the state for damages, charging that the department was negligent in its handling of the disaster.

Along with uncharacteristically dry weather patterns, the DNR blames shortfalls in personnel and equipment for the fire's exponential growth. Now lawmakers here are working to secure those resources locally so that no future wildfires have the chance to become behemoths like the Carlton Complex.

Rep. Joel Kretz, R-Wauconda, partnered with Reps. Shelly Short, R-Addy, Brian Blake, D-Aberdeen, Vincent Buys, R-Lynden, and Cary Condotta, R-East Wenatchee, to sponsor HB 2093, which would alter the department's wildfire-fighting policy in a number of ways. The measure passed unanimously out of the House, giving it a strong sendoff to the Senate.

The bill would allow private citizens to enter onto private or public land to fight wildfires if they believe the fire poses an immediate danger and their efforts would stop or slow its spread. As long as the person obeys instructions given to them by firefighters at the scene or notifies the department of their actions, they would not be liable for any damage to the property.

Mary Verner, the DNR's deputy supervisor for resource protection, said this kind of help could range from someone pulling their car over to put out a small fire with a blanket to a farmer using heavy equipment to block the path of a much larger blaze.

The department is currently authorized to enter into agreements with local residents who have equipment that could be used for fire suppression, like bulldozers, tractors and water sprayers. HB 2093 would require the department to compile and annually update a list of those resources and send it out to all local emergency-response officials.

Verner said the provision "requires a level of proactivity on DNR's part" to seek out individuals who may not already have agreements with the department and then send the list to local officials.

The bill also requires state Land Commissioner Peter Goldmark to appoint a statewide wildfire liaison, who would represent the interests of local residents while firefighting is going on. The liaison would be responsible for knowing weather patterns in fire-prone areas, local opinions of the de-

partment's actions, and where local fire-fighting resources are located. A statewide wildfire advisory committee, headed by the liaison, would also be created to advise the commissioner on the department's statewide firefighting activities.

"What we're looking for is a local component," Kretz said. "We need someone right there who understands the local terrain, the weather conditions on the ground, knows where local resources are to assist DNR, and makes sure we're getting the quickest response."

The department has been repeatedly criticized for its initial response to the Carlton Complex fire. Some critics, including Kretz, say that bureaucracy made it difficult for some firefighters to get permission to do anything at all.

"I think we've gotten to the point where the firefighting system has gotten to be so much of a bureaucracy—going through channels and all sorts of things—that it slows down that initial response, which has got to be lightning fast," Kretz said.

Firefighters responsible for subduing one of the initial fires near the Cougar Flat campground north of Twisp were pulled out to fight another fire after requests for help were unsuccessful. After two days of being deemed the lowest priority fire by the department, the Cougar Flat fire merged with two others and reached the town of Pateros just eight minutes after residents were warned of its approach.

Verner said the four initial fires expanded the way they did in part because all available resources were already spread around the state fighting other fires.

"In the Carlton Complex you had an extremely challenging situation on a number of different fronts with cell towers going out, electricity going out, and a lot of resources out of the area," she said. "The Carlton Complex does not yield itself to easy analysis, but certainly we're always trying to do better, and we've heard from folks loud and clear that they want us to do our best to not let bureaucracy get in the way."

More than 170 homeowners are suing the state for damages after 65 original claims were denied by the Department of Natural Resources. The agency says that because they made attempts to put the fire out, they could not be held liable for the damages.

Alex Thomason, the Brewster attorney behind the lawsuit, believes differently.

"The department negligently responded to fires, failed to allocate resources, hampered their own response times, refused access to other fire crews and turned the Forest Service away when a smokejumper wanted to get involved," he said. "This shouldn't have happened and we have more than 30 firefighters who are going to testify to that fact. We have literally hundreds of witnesses that are going to testify on DNR's negligence."

Jessica McCarthy, Kretz's legislative aid and a Methow Valley resident, lost her home in the Carlton Complex fire. Her husband, Charlie, a professional smokejumper for the U.S. Forest Service, watched one of the original four fires approach Twisp as he flew out to help fight a smaller fire in Idaho.

When he called the fire in on Monday, July 14, he was told to fly on be-

## EMMA PHILBROOK: STUDENT LIFE

### Co-Valid-Ick-Tori-An

I was recently informed that I am something called a "co-valedictorian." This confuses me on multiple levels.



Take the word itself. That's seven syllables, my friends. SEVEN. It's like one of those Knowledge Bowl questions where they give you a complicated Latin word and you're supposed to decipher it based on your knowledge of smaller Latin words.

So here goes nothing:

Co = Company.

Valid = Authentic and useable, as with a coupon or passport.

Ick = An interjection expressing disgust

Tori = A Colonist who supported the British during the Revolutionary War.

An = An indefinite article.

So that makes me an Anglophilic company with all its papers in order which produces an unsavory product while using indefinite articles on a frequent basis.

Yeah, that's not helping much.

Whatever a "co-valedictorian" is, it is apparently supposed to write a speech for the graduation ceremony on June 5. So far, I've been pretty short on ideas. I did write a rather eloquent five-page toast to the virtues of the single-bar Knowledge Bowl buzzer, but the short-sighted commencement committee vetoed it, as it has "nothing to do with graduation, Waitsburg High School, or the Class of 2015." As far as I'm concerned, that's a matter of opinion.

Maybe I could shake things up a bit. Speeches are passé - why, people have been speaking for as long as they've been talking! How about a nice co-valedictorian tap dance? A few card tricks? Chainsaw juggling?

No, no, and no. The committee deemed that tap dancing was dangerous - "The podium isn't very sturdy, and you would probably fall off." Card tricks are apparently illegal - "When you pick a card, it could be construed as gambling, and we'd need a license for that." And the juggling? "Chainsaws are orange and silver, and those aren't our school colors."

I should probably mention that this commencement committee exists only inside my head. It's nice to have a self-censor, especially for those ideas like reciting the Gettysburg Address in a bad Italian accent and trying to pass it off as motivational.

Being an Anglophilic company with all its papers in order which produces an unsavory product while using indefinite articles on a frequent basis is no simple feat. It takes blood, sweat, tears, sacrifice, and tons of column space. It isn't always fun.

But I think we can all learn a terrific lesson from my difficulties here, folks:

Four-a score-a and-a seven-a years a-go-a, our-a fore-a fathers-a brought-a forth-a ponna thisa continenta (dramatic deep breath) A NEW-A-NAY-A-SHUN! A-conceived-a-in-a-lib-a-r-a-tee-a! (hand clapped to heart) And-a-ded-a-i-a-cay-a-ted-a-to-a-the-a PRO-A-PO-A-SI-TI-O-NI that-a ALL-A MEN-A (thrusting arms out) ARE-A CREATED-A-E-A-QUALL-A-RO-NI-A!

And also, double-barred buzzers are against the spirit of the game.

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## Bridwell Sentenced on Sex Offense

THE TIMES

DAYTON – Robert E. Bridwell, 65, of Dayton, was sentenced to 41 months in prison last week in Columbia County Superior Court after pleading guilty to sexual exploitation of a minor, a Class B felony.

Bridwell was arrested on Sept. 16, 2013, at his home in Country Village Courts after a lengthy investigation led the Columbia County Sheriff's Office to suspect he was guilty of misconduct

with at least one underage female.

He was charged with 35 felonies upon his arrest, including sexual exploitation of a minor, dealing in depictions of a minor engaged in sexually explicit conduct and possessing depictions of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct. Bridwell's plea agreement, entered approx-



imately six weeks ago, included the dismissal of 34 of these charges.

The sentence of nearly three and a half years is at the top of the sentencing range, according to Columbia County Prosecutor Rea Culwell. "We do believe the crimes all involved the same victim," Culwell said. "She was under 18 years of age. He photographed her engaged in sexually explicit acts, but we found no evidence that he put these photos on the Internet or gave them

to anyone else."

Sex offenders are evaluated upon release from prison to determine their registration level. In addition to the legal requirement to register as a sex offender, Bridwell will be released from incarceration into community custody. The terms of his release will include that he agree to submit to a lie detector test when requested by DOC, that he not consume any alcohol, and that he have no contact with children age 17 or younger.

## COURT NEWS

Columbia County Superior Court

### First Appearance:

Desiree D. Klein, 36; entered not guilty plea on charges of possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) and three counts of endangerment with a controlled substance. Klein was living with Monty N. Dunn at 721 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street in February where deputies served a search warrant and allegedly recovered drugs. Klein's three children were also living in the home.

### Sentencing:

Michael A. Cameron, 30; sentenced to 90 days following guilty plea on charge of possession of a controlled substance (meth).

### Trials Set:

William H. Richards, 45; charged in May with possession of a stolen vehicle and obstructing a law enforcement officer. Trial: April 23.

Kari D. Hecker, 37; charged in September with possession of a controlled substance (meth) and two counts of endangerment with a controlled substance. Trial: April 23.

Monty N. Dunn, 50; charged in February with five counts of delivery of meth (and selling within 1,000 feet of school grounds), possession of meth, possession of legend (prescription) drugs without a prescription and endangerment with a controlled substance. Trial: April 22.

Marshall Hernandez, 54; charged in January with arson, reckless burning, and possession of stolen property. Trial: April 22

Anthony J. Nieto Sr., 55; charged in November with 1<sup>st</sup> degree assault. Trial: May 27.

Delores L. Elder, 50; charged in June with possession of methamphetamine with intent to manufacture or deliver, possession of a controlled substance (meth), and use of drug paraphernalia. Trial: June 10.

Nicholas A. Beard, 25; charged in October with attempting to allude, reckless driving, and DUI. Trial: June 10.

Levi W. Helgeson, 25; charged in February 2014 with 1<sup>st</sup> degree assault of a child. Trial: Aug. 24.

James F. Hauff, 39; charged in February with assault 2<sup>nd</sup> strangulation – domestic violence, unlawful imprisonment – DV, and assault 2<sup>nd</sup> for reckless infliction of substantial bodily harm – DV. Trial: Sept. 8.

## Klingenstein Will Serve Six Months for Drugs

THE TIMES

DAYTON – Sixty-eight-year-old Robert G. Klingenstein, of Dayton, will serve six months in the Columbia County Jail after pleading guilty in January to possession of marijuana with intent to manufacture or deliver, a Class C felony.

His sentence, which was within the standard range of zero to six

months for this type of offense, was handed down by Columbia County Superior Court Judge Scott Gallina last week.

Sentencing was delayed for several weeks while Klingenstein attempted to find inpatient



treatment for his drug addiction rather than serving time in jail, according to Columbia County Prosecutor Rea Culwell. Klingenstein told the judge last Wednesday, however, that he was unable to find treatment; his age precluded him from the Salvation Army program in which he had hoped to participate.

Klingenstein was arrested Oct. 7 after Co-

lumbia County Sheriff's deputies found 117 marijuana plants growing in a garden outside and in two grow rooms inside the home as well as more than 30 pounds of packaged marijuana, well over the amount allowed for the three medical marijuana cards Klingenstein showed deputies at the time of the search.

## Waltermire Pleads Not Guilty in Burglary

THE TIMES

DAYTON – John Garrett Waltermire, 24, pleaded not guilty last week to all charges associated with the March 2 break-in at Inland Cellular in downtown Dayton. He was arrested March 7 after a short foot pursuit by Columbia County Sheriff's deputies and Washington State Patrol troopers.

The Dayton man was arraigned last Wednesday in Columbia County Superior Court on the charges of second-degree burglary, a Class B felony; second-degree

theft, a Class C felony; malicious mischief, a gross misdemeanor; and resisting arrest, a misdemeanor. He is accused of forcibly entering the Inland Cellular store before dawn on March 2 and taking several electronic items.

Also while in court last week, Waltermire entered a guilty plea on two unrelated charges from last year including possession of a controlled



substance (methamphetamine), a Class C felony, and second-degree burglary, a Class B felony. The drug charge was filed after Waltermire was arrested on Dec. 25, 2014; the burglary charge was for breaking in to the Dayton city dog pound and removing a dog earlier in 2014.

He will serve a total of five months in the Columbia County Jail for these two crimes; three months for the drug offense and two months for the burglary offense. A trial date has not yet been set for the new charges.

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The Times

## FIRE - FROM PAGE 4

cause others were already responding. Evacuations began the next day, and by Thursday the 45,000-acre fire had engulfed nearly 168,000 acres, plus parts of the town of Pateros.

Jessica left for work that morning and due to highway closures couldn't make it back until it was too late, although she said she probably wouldn't have wanted to be there anyway.

"When I came home there was nothing but foundation left of our place," she said.

Art Nordang is one of those charging the department with negligence.

As a Methow Valley resident with a bulldozer and experience fighting wildfires in the area, Nordang was one of the Carlton Complex's first responders. On his way home after working through the first night of the fire, he noticed a small fire on the opposite side of the Methow River and called it in to DNR.

After watching other fires grow throughout the day and hearing no word about the fire he called in, Nordang decided to go investigate the small blaze on his own. By the time he got there, however, it was anything but small.

"What had been barely more than a bonfire at 8 that morning had grown completely out of control, coming down river at a rapid rate," he said. "I was absolutely furious. In my estimation, there was absolutely no reason in the world for that to have happened. You and I could have put that fire out when I first saw it."

By Thursday, Nordang was defending his own property from what was now being called the Carlton Complex fire. But the Department of Natural Resources, he says, was no help at all in stopping it from reaching them.

"DNR showed up for 15 minutes scared out of their britches," he said. "They wouldn't talk about anything but when we were going to evacuate."

Nordang says he sent the department workers further along the road to cut down a hazardous tree. They agreed to the task. But when he came

to check their progress a few minutes later, they were nowhere to be found and the tree was still standing.

"That kind of negligence is near criminal, if you ask me," Nordang said. The fire ended up burning down his cabin and wellhouse, as well as approximately 6,000 feet of fencing.

Verner said she couldn't comment on the actions of specific responders due to the pending litigation.

HB 2093 passed out of the House on March 10 with a 97-0 vote. It is scheduled for a public hearing March 18 in the Senate Natural Resources and Parks Committee.

It would cost the department \$538,000 per year to implement the policy changes. The department is also requesting an additional \$4.5 million from the Legislature for five new fire crews and other firefighting resources.

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## Cortez Awarded Public Defense Contract

YOUNG ATTORNEY WAS AN ASSOCIATE IN SLACK'S DAYTON OFFICE, NOW STRIKING OUT ON HER OWN

By Dian Ver Valen | THE TIMES

DAYTON – Rachel Cortez may be new to Columbia County and her profession in public defense, but she's determined, she loves her new home, and she's known for nearly 20 years that she wants to dedicate her life to just such a job.

Effective April 1, former public defender Dale Slack will join the Columbia County Prosecutor's office as deputy prosecutor. And although Cortez, who is 29, just arrived in Dayton as Slack's associate in January of last year – she will take Slack's place as the county's second public defense attorney.

"We are glad to have you on board because you're here and already working, which makes it easier on us," Columbia County Commissioner Dwight Robanske told Cortez last Wednesday, when the commissioners agreed to allow Cortez to pick up Slack's old contract with the county for indigent defense. "And we want you to stay. We want good attorneys in Columbia County."

Cortez has handled half of all the misdemeanor, or district court, cases in Columbia County for a little over a year. The job in Slack's law office was her first as an attorney and recent graduate of the Thomas M. Cooley Law School in Michigan. She worked previously, as an intern, handling misdemeanor cases for a firm in King County.

Now she will also take a half-share of the felony, or superior court, cases. Julie Karl, the local defense attorney who worked for many years in the county prosecutor's office, handles the other half of the county's district and superior court indigent defense cases.

"I really like it here, and I really want to stay," Cortez said. She had a moment of fear when Slack said he was leaving his own firm to join the prosecutor's office. "I've never, in all of my dreams, in everything I've wanted to be, I've never, ever, ever wanted to run my own office. But the opportunity came around... It's a challenge, but I'm good at rolling with the changes and going with the challenges, so I'm confident I can make it happen."

Cortez is not experienced enough to legally take felony cases to trial, although she is just about qualified to handle Class C felonies. Irving Rosenberg, a veteran Walla Walla attorney, has promised to co-chair any felony trials with her, however, until she has enough under her belt to work them on her own. She can do everything involved in a felony case – paperwork, filings, court appearances, and any plea agreements – just not defend them in court on her own yet.

"I feel like I've been well prepared," Cortez said. "And the great thing is that I'm getting wonderful support from all the attorneys around me. They've all told me that I can ask them questions. They're



Photo by Dian Ver Valen

Columbia County's newest public defender, Rachel Cortez, has been awarded the county contract recently held by Dale Slack, who has now joined the prosecutor's office.

not going to let me drown. They're not going to let me fail. So that is great."

The young attorney has other contracts aside from the one just approved in Columbia County. She handles court-appointed defense in nearly all the district court cases in College Place and has a portion of the district court cases in Walla Walla County.

Cortez, a Spokane native, comes from a long line of Washington State Patrol troopers and employees. Her father was a trooper, and both her parents have supported her fully in her pursuit of a law degree, despite her life-long dream of being a criminal defense attorney.

"I think they've remained hopeful that they'll convert me," she quipped. "But I want to be the rebel. I tell them it's job security. They arrest them, I release them; they arrest them, I release them. I don't understand their problem."

She has known she wanted to be an attorney since she was six and decided as a 7<sup>th</sup> grader to pursue criminal defense as a career, after watching an inspirational documentary about a female defense lawyer.

"I just always wanted to do public defense," she said. "I really never looked in any other area of law. This is what I've wanted to do. And I don't know what 6 year old knows they want to major in criminal justice, and I don't know what 7<sup>th</sup> grader knows they're going to be public defender, but that's what I did. And I stuck with that path."

Cortez took over the office at 303 E. Main Street in Dayton – now called the Law Office of Rachel Cortez – at the end of March. Slack's legal assistant, Marilyn Putney, has stayed on to work with Cortez.

## Loss Leaves Many Local Museums Short-handed

Volunteers interested in becoming docents are encouraged to apply

By Dian Ver Valen | THE TIMES

DAYTON – The March-December museum season is underway for Dayton's Smith Hollow School and the Palus Museum, but both are suffering the loss of local advocate Elizabeth Thorn, who passed away in February. Thorn helped make both local museums possible.

"Elizabeth is missed, but we carry on," said friend and fellow history lover Diane Longanecker. However, with Thorn gone the museums now lack a cadre of docents to fill all the shifts. Longanecker said the Blue Mountain Heritage Society is having to cut back on the hours that the Smith Hollow School and the Palus Museum will be open.

"Elizabeth had a passion for teaching folks about our area's past," Longanecker said. "As a docent, she herself filled 50 percent of the shifts at the museums. She served as a great ambassador, welcoming visitors to our community and sharing with them facts about our area's history."

The society is working now to find people who will serve as local museum docents. Rose Engelbrite, who worked closely with Elizabeth managing the museums, is searching for people who might be interested in being trained to become museum docents themselves.

Local resident Dallas Dickinson, who became a docent shortly after the Smith Hollow School opened, shared that being a docent is an interesting and rewarding experience. "It's an opportunity to learn more about our area's history," she said, "and then share that knowledge and welcome folks from all over who come to visit Dayton."

To find out more or to put your name in for this opportunity, contact Engelbrite at (509) 337-8875 or the Palus Museum at (509) 382-4820.



Times file photo

The Smith Hollow School, moved to its location on East Commercial and North Front streets in Dayton in 2010, last served as a school in 1933. Now the Blue Mountain Heritage Society operates it as a museum.

## Founding Family Continues Support

Dayton schools, hospital benefit

By Dian Ver Valen  
THE TIMES

DAYTON – Dayton School District and the Columbia County Health District each received \$77,000 this month from the William W. and Jessie B. Day Charitable Trust. Representatives from the U.S. Trust Bank of America presented the checks, along with an update on the status of the Day Estate farming operation and the trust's investment portfolio, to school and hospital directors at an annual luncheon on March 10.

"It's a little higher than we budgeted for," Dayton Superintendent Doug Johnson said at the district board meeting last week. He also expressed appreciation for the funding and the foresight of the Day family. "Not very many school districts or hospitals receive money from one

of the founding families of their community. We have talked about it, and in the next few years we hope to make an effort to connect the students more with the Day family and the history of the community."

The trust is valued at approximately \$3.2 million, including \$1.96 million in real estate. The Day Trust Farm, which is located off Upper Whetstone Road, had a net income of \$127,849 this past year with its harvest of wheat, peas and barley. And the farm itself is appreciating in value, up from \$1.3 million in 2006 to \$1.9 million in 2013. It was previously managed by Steve and Phyllis Schreck, who have recently retired; the new tenants are Clay and Rachel Hutchens.

Johnson said the board has spoken with Clay Hutchens, who is a Dayton High alumnus, about also connecting the students more with the estate by having him speak in science classes about agriculture and managing a farm.

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# Home and School Assoc. Defines Mission

HASA raises funds for supplies, increases involvement through social media

By Dena Wood | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG – Waitsburg's Home and School Association (HASA) has increased its efforts to support Waitsburg's schools and build community this school year. Last week's annual school carnival is just one example of how HASA is working to ease parents' burdens. Proceeds from the event will be used to purchase school supplies for students for the 2015-16 school year.

HASA secretary and second-grade teacher Deanna Coulston is pleased with the changes HASA has made this year. She said the group has a new slate of officers and has made a point of holding regular monthly meetings.

"We are using social media to get more people involved and I think it's working," said Coulston. "I personally feel it is so important to nurture a closer relationship between parents and the school. I want parents to feel more connected to the school and what is going on in their child's educational career."

This year's HASA officers are: Jamie Gleason, president; Danika Hankins, vice president; Lisa Morrow, treasurer; Coulston, secretary. The group spent the last few meetings nailing down the mission statement which is posted on the Waitsburg Home and School Association Facebook page.

The mission reads: *The Waitsburg Home and School Association exists so parents and faculty can work together on behalf and in support of the school. The Waitsburg Home and School Association also seeks to create and enrich a sense of community and school family.*

Coulston said that, in past years, the group would meet only a few times a year to plan fundraising events. By meeting more regularly, they hope to garner more input and create a stronger sense of community.

HASA meets the first Tuesday of each month and everyone – not just parents and teachers -- is welcome. "Everyone in our community touches the lives of our children in some way or another. We encourage parents of children of any age, school staff in any role, and community members of all ages to come and be a part of our group. Each of us has unique talents that we can use to benefit the education of the children in our district," said Coulston.

Coulston said Morrow was instrumental in helping the group decide on the goal of purchasing next year's school supplies and has been working to create a master list of supplies. "From now through summer, we will be purchasing all the supplies our students will need. There will be no burden on families!" said Coulston. Gleason said the carnival – the group's largest fundraising effort – netted approximately \$1,300 to go toward purchasing supplies.

With the carnival over, HASA is already looking toward their next event – coordinating with Dayton for a Father/Daughter dance. Dayton PTSA members were invited to the February HASA meeting to discuss ideas for the joint event. "We are excited to join with Dayton and expand our community," said Coulston. "We have heard input from many community members wanting something for mothers and sons so we are already brainstorming ideas for a Mother/Son event next year," she added.

Coulston said she would love to see even more parents involved both in the group and in the school. HASA's next meeting will take place on April 7 at 6:30 p.m. in the Waitsburg Elementary School library. You can receive updates online by following the group's Waitsburg Home and School Association page on Facebook.



Photos by Dena Wood

Waitsburg's Home and School Association held its annual school carnival on March 20 and raised approximately \$1,300 to go toward purchasing school supplies for Waitsburg Elementary students for the 2015-16 school year. Top: You're never too old for face paint! Troy Anderson (l) paints a lovely flower on Dylan Knowles' cheek.

Above left: Little Kaitlyn Paul is all dressed up and ready to enjoy the fun! Above right: Gabe Kiefel offers some helpful advice on spinning to win. (l to r) Josh Reser, Julio Mercado, Liam Kiefel and Gabe Kiefel.

## Waitsburg Welcomes Wyatt "Home"

MATTHEW WYATT SHARES TESTIMONY WITH HOMETOWN FRIENDS AND FAMILY

By Dena Wood | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG – Former Waitsburg resident Matthew Wyatt shared his heartfelt testimony before a full house of friends and family at the Christian Church in Waitsburg on March 22. Wyatt, joined by wife Krystal and daughter Mikaila, traveled from Lincoln, Calif. where he now pastors part-time at The Ridge Church, specifically to share his story of struggle and redemption.

Wyatt, a '98 Waitsburg High School graduate, grew up in a devoted Mormon family and said his childhood was "the best anyone could ask for." He said he and his brother, Eric, were "famous in our own minds" and would check the Marshal's Memos weekly to see if any of their shenanigans had made the paper.

The family lived on West 3rd Street, across from the fire station, and Wyatt recalled that he and his brother would hit golf balls from their yard onto the metal roof of the fire station during monthly fire meetings, then run and hide as they watched the firemen run out to see what was going on. "I apologize to anyone here that may have affected," he said, laughing.

Wyatt asked if any of his former teachers were in the audience and several hands were raised. "I just want to let you know that the bell doesn't dismiss you – I do. I've waited 17 years to say that!" he said.

Levity aside, Wyatt shared that he struggled deeply with his faith when it came time for him to go on the two-year mission trip expected of males in the Mormon Church. He chose to forgo the mission and married his wife Krystal in 2000. Wyatt described the birth of his daughter and the struggle both he and Krystal went through to find their Christian faith. The couple lived in Walla Walla and, for a brief time, life was good.

An on-the-job injury resulted in Wyatt's addiction to pain medications; a habit that started at eight pills



Photo by Dena Wood

Matthew Wyatt (r) was joined by daughter, Mikaila (l) and wife Krystal (center) following an emotional testimony at the Waitsburg Christian Church on Sunday night.

a day and progressed to 80 to 100 pills a day. That addiction resulted in six overdoses, multiple arrests, "thousands and thousands" of dollars lost and the devastation of his immediate and extended family. Wyatt shared story after story of his desperation and the effect it had on those he loved. "Addiction becomes larger than yourself. It's a full time job," he said.

At age 28, Wyatt was preparing to take his life when he was interrupted by his wife who was supposed to be gone overnight. That event finally led him to rehab and set him on the path to restoration. Wyatt credits God with saving him and credits his wife for her years of unflinching commitment and forgiveness. He says the message that saved him is the same one that can save our communities.

"I am not giving up on you' needs to be the battle cry of the community. A community can be changed by forgiveness and people refusing to give up on one another," he said. Wyatt urged the audience to reach out to those around them. "People are starving for the greatness of God," he said.

## SHERIFF TALKS GANGS, DRUGS, TRAFFIC AND BURGLARY

DURING ROUND TABLE, WW CO. SHERIFF JOHN TURNER SAYS BEING PROACTIVE IS KEY

By Dena Wood | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG – A half-dozen community members showed up to ask questions and hear updates from Walla Walla County Sheriff John Turner and Deputy Gerrod Martin at the March 19 Sheriff's Round Table, in the Waitsburg Elementary School library. Turner presented updates on contract hours and crime rates and touched on the topics of drugs, gangs, burglary tips and traffic safety.

Turner said the city of Waitsburg has contracted with the Walla Walla County Sheriff's Department for a minimum of 4.2 hours of patrol service per day. A chart tracked patrol hours at 573 hours above the hours contracted for 2014.

"We don't stop patrolling Waitsburg just because we reach our contracted amount," said Turner. As of Jan. 31, 2015 the chart showed 63.5 hours above the contracted rate for 2015.

Turner said the Walla Walla Valley Strategic Gang Initiative, with local enforcement agencies working together on zero tolerance for gangs, is still ongoing. A \$23,000 grant has allowed for the hire of a consultant and architecture firm to design the Clearinghouse for Hope to be located at the Health Center right next to Lincoln High School. The two-story building will provide walk-in services for tutoring, health and social services on the first floor with a youth hostel on the second floor.

"No more couch surfing and homelessness. That will be a game changer. My experience is that there is not a lack of social services but it's getting people who need the services hooked up with the right people," said Turner.

Turner said he has regular conversations indicating that people don't realize how serious the drug problem is in our communities. Walla Walla County 2014 statistics show 22 cases where drugs were directly related to the cause of death and five cases where

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Dayton pitcher Savannah McFarland delivers to the plate during Saturday's first game against Colton.

## Lady Bulldogs Split with Colton

**BIG COMEBACK IN FIRST GAME LEADS TO WALK-OFF WIN, 12-11; DAYTON FALLS 15-10 IN SECOND GAME**

By Ken Graham | THE TIMES

DAYTON – The Dayton softball team scored four runs in the bottom of the seventh and final inning to cap a big comeback and beat Colton in the first game of a Saturday double-header, 12-11.

After giving up nine runs in the first two innings, the Dayton girls chipped away at the Colton lead, scoring two runs in each of the first three innings

and one run each in the fourth and sixth. Trailing 11-8 going into the bottom of the seventh, Dayton got the runs they needed.

Taylor Frame hit a two-run single to tie the game. Then, Madison Mings singled and Hanna Becker was hit by a pitch, to load the bases. A hard grounder to short by Savannah McFarland was mishandled, and Frame scored the winning run.

“We had some jitters going into Saturday’s games, committing seven errors in the first two innings,” said Dayton assistant coach Desirae Jones. “Colton jumped out to a five-run lead in the first inning and we had to play catch-up for the rest of the game.”

In the second game, Colton again took an early lead, and again the Lady

## TIGERS CRUISE PAST LC, 12-5

**Good pitching allows WP to come back in late innings after early plate struggles**

By Ken Graham | THE TIMES

RICHLAND - After falling behind 4-0 in the third inning, the Waitsburg-Prescott baseball team got their bats going and came back to defeat Liberty Christian, 12-5, in a game here Friday.

Pitchers Talen Larsen, Kyle Gradwohl and Jacob Dunn combined to give up five runs on seven hits. Gradwohl got the win. The three pitchers got a total of ten strikeouts.

The Tigers struggled at the plate all game, stranding eight runners. But they took advantage of late-inning pitching struggles by the Patriots and scored nine runs in the final two frames.

“Our pitching today was outstanding,” said WP Coach Dustin Snedigar. “A great effort by all three (Larsen, Gradwohl and Dunn).”

“Timing with our hitters at the plate today was out of synch,” he added. “We left too many runners stranded.”

The Tigers were scheduled to host Mac-Hi Tuesday, but the game was postponed due to wet conditions. It is rescheduled for Thursday at 4 p.m.

**WP 12, Liberty Christian 5**

WP 0 0 0 1 2 7 2 12 6 3  
LC 1 0 3 0 1 0 0 5 7 0

Pitching- WP – Talen Larsen, Kyle Gradwohl 4, Jacob Dunn 6, and Jacob Dunn, Kyle Gradwohl 6

Win – Kyle Gradwohl (1-0)  
Liberty Christian – Godwin, Davis 3, Daniels 6 and Hansen

Hits- WP – Talen Larsen 1-2 2BB, 2 runs, Kyle Gradwohl 1-3 RBI, Jacob Dunn 1-3, Mike Grant 1-5

Liberty Christian – Eder 2-4, Godwin 2-4



WP's Kyle Gradwohl takes a mighty swing during a game last year.

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# Lanning Wins TJ at Pendleton Meet

**WP SENIOR TAKES SECOND IN LJ, 300M HURDLES; ADAMS FINISHES HIGH IN FOUR EVENTS**

By Ken Graham | THE TIMES

PENDLETON – WP senior Owen Lanning had a stellar day at the Buck Track Classic meet in Pendleton last week, taking first place in the triple jump and second in the long jump and 300 meter hurdles. Lanning was also fourth in the 110 meter hurdles.

The large meet here included teams from fifteen northeast Oregon schools, from 1A to 5A, as well as three 2B schools (WP, College Place and Walla Walla Valley Academy), and one 1A school (Columbia-Burbank) from Washington.

Lanning's winning triple jump of 41 feet, 6.5 inches, was nearly three feet longer than the second-place finisher, and about six inches shy of his personal record. In the long jump, Lanning's leap of 19'5", was a personal best, and was eight inches short of the winning jump by Tyler McCabe, of Hermiston.

In the 300 meter hurdles, Lanning's time of 44.77 seconds was bested only by a stellar performance by Tristin Warne, of Mac-Hi, of 41.94 seconds. Lanning's 110 meter time was 18.11 seconds in a race also won by Warne in 15.43 seconds. WP's TJ Morrison finished sixth in that event, with a time of 19.83 seconds.

On the girls' side, sophomore Emily Adams finished in the top eight in all four of her events, including fourth in the triple jump and fifth in the 1500 meter run. She was also eighth in the 200 meters and the long jump.

“Owen and Emily will be forces in our league,” said WP coach Jeff Bartlow. “[Lanning] is in fine form and worked in the offseason very hard. And, so did Emily.”

The Cardinal boys also got strong performances from sophomore sprinter Travis Crockett, who finished fifth in both the 100 meter and 200 meter sprints. Crockett also finished fifth in the high jump, with a leap of 5 feet, six inches.

Also in the high jump, WP's Landon Callas and Andre Potts also put in strong performances, tying for seventh with jumps of 5'4".

In throwing events, juniors Mark Montgomery and Zion Branson got

top-ten finishes in both the shot put and discus. Junior Brandon Penner was tenth in the javelin, and Tyler Shafer was 12<sup>th</sup>.

Bartlow said he is optimistic about Adams' prospects for the year. “Emily has the endurance and the speed to

mix a lot of events together in a meet. She got a school record in the 1500 and will end up with some other school records here this year. Right now she has her sights set on the 800 and trying to qualify for the Pasco Invite.”

## Buck Track Classic

March 19, 2015

WP Girls' Results				Place	Grade	Name	Time/Dist.
110m Hurdles - 39" - Varsity - Finals				4.	12	Owen Lanning	18.11a
100 Meters - Varsity - Finals				6.	10	TJ Morrison	19.83a
17.				11	Perla Xolio	14.26a	
12.				10	Cameron Terry	22.21a	
200 Meters - Varsity - Finals				8.	10	Emily Adams	29.82a
23.				11	Perla Xolio	31.63a	
1500 Meters - Varsity - Finals				5.	10	Emily Adams	5:27.5
Shot Put - 4kg - Varsity - Finals				47.	11	Caitlyn Jones	19-01
Discus - 1kg - Varsity - Finals				46.	11	Caitlyn Jones	48-10
Long Jump - Varsity - Finals				8.	10	Emily Adams	14-05
Triple Jump - Varsity - Finals				4.	10	Emily Adams	30-04
WP Boys' Results							
100 Meters - Varsity - Finals				5.	10	Travis Crockett	11.85a
31.				10	Joe Leamy	12.72a	
200 Meters - Varsity - Finals				5.	10	Travis Crockett	25.10a
29.				10	Joe Leamy	26.76a	
44.				11	Alex Pietrzyk	27.75a	
400 Meters - Varsity - Finals				14.	12	Tyler Shafer	58.22a
24.				11	Alex Pietrzyk		
1:01.43a							
37.				11	Kenny Miles		
1:04.99a							
800 Meters - Varsity - Finals				12.	11	Tewedros McDowell	
2:14.86							
27.				12	Paulo Martinez		
2:33.59							
1500 Meters - Varsity - Finals				23.	10	Randol Marquez	
5:05.33							
25.				10	Skylar Wood		
5:14.42							
35.				9	Tom House		
5:55.80							
3000 Meters - Varsity - Finals				21.	9	Tom House	
12:48.85							
110m Hurdles - 39" - Varsity - Finals				4.	12	Owen Lanning	18.11a
6.				10	TJ Morrison	19.83a	
12.				10	Cameron Terry	22.21a	
300m Hurdles - 36" - Varsity - Finals				2.	12	Owen Lanning	44.77a
15.				10	Nicolas Kitselman	52.12a	
18.				10	TJ Morrison	53.59a	
19.				10	Cameron Terry	55.20a	
21.				10	Devin Newman	57.32a	
4x100 Relay - Varsity - Finals				9.		Joe Leamy Tyler Shafer Travis Crockett Kenny Miles	48.04a
4x400 Relay - Varsity - Finals				9.		Paulo Martinez Landon Callis Randol Marquez Tewedros McDowell	4:07.9
13.						Joe Leamy Nicolas Kitselman Devin Newman TJ Morrison	4:22.6
Shot Put - 12lb - Varsity - Finals				8.	11	Mark Montgomery	38-02.5
10.				11	Zion Branson	37-01	
25.				10	Laramie Mathews	31-04	
Discus - 1.6kg - Varsity - Finals				9.	11	Zion Branson	106-02
10.				11	Mark Montgomery	103-04	
31.				10	Dylan Knowles	75-10	
Javelin - 800g - Varsity - Finals				10.	11	Brandon Penner	124-11
12.				12	Tyler Shafer	122-00	
20.				10	David Just	109-11	
High Jump - Varsity - Finals				5.	10	Travis Crockett	5-06
7.				10	Landon Callis	5-04	
7.				10	Andre Potts	5-04	
Long Jump - Varsity - Finals				2.	12	Owen Lanning	19-05.
22.				10	Landon Callis	17-04.	
31.				11	Alex Pietrzyk	16-06.	
45.				10	David Just	15-01.	
Triple Jump - Varsity - Finals				1.	12	Owen Lanning	41-06.5
17.				10	Nicolas Kitselman	34-00.	
24.				10	David Just	32-03.	
10					Andre Potts	ND	



WP hurdler Owen Lanning shows great form at the Buck Track Classic in Pendleton last week. To his left is teammate TJ Morrison.



# SPORTS

## Andrews Wins Three of Four at Hanford

DAYTON SENIOR GETS NEW PR IN JAVELIN BY MORE THAN THREE FEET

By Ken Graham | THE TIMES

RICHLAND – Dayton senior Kaitlyn Andrews won three of the four events she entered at the Hanford High School Invite held here last week. She missed a sweep by one-half inch in the triple jump.

The Hanford meet featured teams from six southeast Washington schools, including four A-level schools. The only B schools were Dayton and DeSales.

In her specialty, the javelin, Andrews set a new personal record with a throw of 126 feet, 3 inches. Her previous PR was 122'10", which she achieved in her sophomore year. The second-best javelin throw last week's meet was 99'5".

At Hanford, Andrews also won the 100-meter dash, with a time of 13.3 seconds, edging out Lele Williams of Hanford, who recorded the same time. In the long jump, Andrews won easily, with a jump of 16 feet even. Cara Gilmore, from Chiawana, was second with a jump of 15'8.5".

Andrews was second in the triple jump with a 32'7" jump. She was beaten by Richland freshman McCall Redden,

who recorded a distance of 32'7.5".

Several other Dayton girls gave strong performances at Hanford, including junior Carissa Price, who was tenth in the 100 meters, with a time of 13.9 seconds, and also tenth in the long jump, with a leap of 13'4". Sophomore Kianna Price was ninth in the 800 meter run, with a time of 2 minutes, 55.5 seconds. Sophomore Angela Mascall was tenth in the 200 meters, with a time 29.4 seconds.

In the 4x100 relay, Dayton's girls placed fourth out of six teams, with a time of 58.5 seconds. The team included Angie Dedloff, Mascall, Price and Alexis Wanlarbkam.

On the boys' side, senior Tyler Cooper had strong performances in the 100 and 200 meter sprints and the shot put. Freshman Hayden Wooldridge led his team in the 400 meter run, 110 meter hurdles, high jump and long jump.

"I didn't have any big expectations, especially for the new folks, but rather emphasizing learning how a meet works, and how to be prepared for events," said Dayton Coach Dan Nechodom. "Even my veterans were instructed to focus more on relaxing and proper technique than on going for some huge PR."

Nechodom said that that a few team members didn't make the trip to Hanford, for various reasons, including a robotics competition on the same day.



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Dayton's Kaitlyn Andrews launches the javelin during a meet last year.

### Hanford Invite

March 19, 2015

#### Dayton Girls' Results

Place	Grade	Name	Time/Dist.
Triple Jump - Varsity - Finals			
2.	12	Kaitlyn Andrews	32'07"
14.	11	Angie Dedloff	25'04.25"
Dayton Boys' Results			
100 Meters - Varsity - Finals			
52.	12	Tyler Cooper	13.2
200 Meters - Varsity - Finals			
34.	12	Tyler Cooper	27.4
45.	9	Colton Johnson	30.6
400 Meters - Varsity - Finals			
18.	9	Hayden Wooldridge	1:08
20.	9	Cole John	1:10
1600 Meters - Varsity - Finals			
20.	10	Zech Bryan	5:22
3200 Meters - Varsity - Finals			
12.	10	Wyatt Johnson	13:34
110m Hurdles - 39" - Varsity - Finals			
11.	9	Hayden Wooldridge	23.4
Shot Put - 12lb - Varsity - Finals			
25.	12	Tyler Cooper	32'10.5"
26.	10	Cal Martin	32'7.25"
45.	10	Zech Bryan	27'7"
Javelin - 800g - Varsity - Finals			
28.	9	Colton Johnson	86'1"
38.	10	Zech Bryan	77'9"
High Jump - Varsity - Finals			
11.	9	Hayden Wooldridge	5'0"
Long Jump - Varsity - Finals			
23.	9	Hayden Wooldridge	14'10.5"
26.	9	Cole John	14'6"
32.	9	Colton Johnson	12'7.5"
36.	10	Cal Martin	12'0.5"

## WP Girls Fall to Mac-Hi JV

LADY CARDS CAN'T RECOVER FROM EARLY DEFICIT IN 6-4 LOSS

By Ken Graham THE TIMES

MILTON-FREEWATER – The WP girls' softball team hit the road Friday for their first game, and fell to a strong Mac-Hi JV team, 6-4.

The Lady Cards fell behind early, giving up two runs each in the first and third innings. They responded with four runs of their own in the next three frames, but it wasn't enough.

"For our first full game out I'm pretty pleased with how we did," said WP Coach Angie Potts. "Since we have some players missing, we started some younger girls and after the first couple of innings they responded really well to different situations on defense and started covering where they needed to be."

Paige Wood pitched the first six innings for WP. "Paige hasn't pitched that many innings in over two years and did an outstanding job by only walking 3 batters," said Potts. "She got some good support from her

defense. "

The WP girls will host the same Mac-Hi JV team Thursday, and then will start league play next week.

#### Mac-Hi JV 6, WP 4

WP	0	0	0	2	1	1
	0	4	6	2		
Mac	2	0	2	0	2	0
	x	6	13	1		

Pitching: Wood, Brannock (7) and Brannock, Wood (7); Tabitha and Becca

Hits: WP Salazar, Brannock, Grant, Wood, Frohreich, Pearson Mac-Hi JV Rachel 2, Alexis 4, Tabitha, Becca, Chelsey 2, Tara, Maria, Emily

## Alexenko Receives EWU Scholarship

CHENEY – WHS senior Luke Gales-Alexenko recently received a \$3,000 Presidential Scholarship to Eastern Washington University for the 2015-16 academic year. Alexenko is the son of Larry and Pam Alexenko and plans to major in education. To qualify for the Presidential Scholarship, students must have a cumulative high school GPA of 3.8 or higher or receive 1250 or higher on the SAT or 28 or higher on the ACT.

## Mud Tourney at TVGC

DAYTON – Dayton's Touchet Valley Golf Course will hold its annual Mud Tournament on April 4 at 9 a.m. The tournament will feature two-member teams playing 27 holes, with a different format for each nine holes. For more information, contact Columbia County Parks and Recreation at (509) 382-4321.

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## 'IRREPLACEABLE' PLANNING VOLUNTEER RESIGNS



Photo by Dian Ver Valen

Columbia County Commissioner Dwight Robanske (l) presents longtime Dayton resident Ron Groom with a plaque on March 18 commemorating 25 years as a volunteer on the county planning commission. "We'll find someone to sit in your chair, but they won't replace you," said Planning Director Kim Lyonnais, who also commented this may be the longest term any volunteer has held the position. Groom said he has really enjoyed his time in the seat and thanked the county for the opportunity.

## CO-OP - FROM PAGE 1

cer in the fall, basketball in the winter and softball and baseball in the spring. Prescott plans to co-op with Waitsburg for football and track & field. Besides baseball and softball, Waitsburg has also been invited to co-op for soccer. Cox said Prescott has not determined spring sport offerings for middle school at this time.

Clarke shared that spring sports are underway, and both WP baseball and softball teams were fielded easily with a good representation of students from both school districts. She said track participants number in the 40's with some representation from Prescott and Jubilee, but the majority from Waitsburg.

Clarke said Prescott asked for a response regarding baseball and softball now so they can determine whether or not to bring up their eighth grade next year. She said that, with the

number of athletes interested, Prescott believes it would be a fair exchange of resources between combining for football hosted by Waitsburg and baseball/softball hosted in Prescott.

"We know that football is a way more expensive sport, but they would be sending way fewer people over than we, presumably, would be sending for baseball and softball," Clarke said. Fall football and volleyball schedules for Waitsburg are complete.

Clarke said Prescott suggests no cost-sharing, with each school responsible for their own program. She also said that Prescott had indicated they would not transport football athletes (due to low numbers) but if they had five track & field athletes, they would transport them to Waitsburg.

"I support [combining baseball and softball] just based on our numbers. If we don't, I don't believe we'll have enough participation to have this program," said

school board chairman and advisory committee member Ross Hamann. Hamann said that 15 students had turned out for middle school baseball; eight from Prescott and seven from Waitsburg. Twelve turned out for middle school softball, split evenly between both districts. "Together they have a team. Apart they don't. I, for one, want to try to keep these programs alive," said Hamann.

School and advisory board member Greg Zuger commented that Waitsburg would not have a junior high baseball team because Prescott plans to offer middle school soccer in the spring instead. Christy House suggested that Waitsburg entertain the idea of working with Dayton for middle school baseball and noted that several sixth grade boys played with Dayton last year.

"We're going to have to get creative," said Hamann.

## DAYTON - FROM PAGE 8

Bulldogs came back to regain the lead. But this time they couldn't hold it. Six big Colton runs in the top of the sixth erased a 9-7 Dayton lead, and Colton hang on to win, 15-10.

The Lady Bulldogs will host River View on Friday.

### Game 1: Dayton 12, Colton 11

Colton	5	4	0	0	0	2	0	11	8	3
Dayton	2	2	2	1	0	1	4	12	8	9

Colton hits: Druffel, W. Schultheis 2, R. Meyer 2, E. Shultheis 2, G. Meyer.

Dayton hits: Phillips 2, Frame, Mings, H. Becker, McFarland, Dobbs,

Bledsoe.

Pitching/Catching:  
Moser, G. Meyer and E. Schultheis (6)  
McFarland, Frame and Mings(6)

### Game 2: Colton 15, Dayton 10

Colton	3	1	1	0	2	6	2	15	14	4
Dayton	0	1	5	0	3	1	0	10	4	0

Colton hits: Moser, Druffel 2, Jacobs 2, W. Schultheis 3, R. Meyer 2, G. Meyer, Smith 3,

Dayton hits: Phillips, M. Becker, Dobbs, Johnson.

Pitching/Catching:

Colton: W. Schultheis, E. Schultheis  
Dayton: Robins, Frame and Mings(6)

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