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WAITSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT'S WINTER PROGRAM



Beka Compton

Ms. Parr's second grade class sang and danced last Thursday at the Winter Program. The kids had quite the crowd to perform for this year. The WHS auditorium was standing room only, even up on the balcony. This was the first year that the preschool students performed. See more photos on the back!

Waitsburg Year in Review

Big year for a small town

By Tracy Thompson | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—News making events for 2019 began very close to home, the Waitsburg Times', home, that is. The 141-year-old newspaper welcomed its first female owner when Lane Gwinn purchased the paper on January 1, becoming the paper's ninth publisher.

News in the valley took a turn for the tragic when Waitsburg resident Leslie Moreno was arrested in the stabbing death of her boyfriend Marcus J. Allesio. She is currently in jail and awaits trial for second-degree murder.

Also in January, Columbia Pulp announced its new plant in Lyon's Ferry expected to open in March, with plans to hire over 100 people. In September, news that the mill had cleared its last construction hurdle and was fully operational was a front page story.

Phoenix Pulp & Polymer, which licensed its cutting-edge process to Columbia Pulp, and was located in the Columbia Cutstock Building, was totally destroyed by fire on Jan. 29.

Another fire in June, at the Columbia Straw Supply stackyard on Lyons Ferry Road destroyed or damaged about a thousand tons of wheat straw. The straw was being stored in preparation for the launch of Columbia Pulp's mill. Despite these losses, the pulp industry resulted in an addition of an estimated 120 jobs and \$10 million in payroll in Columbia County.

The owner-operated Whoopemup Hollow Café opened its doors in Waitsburg in 2005 with a menu that featured "a northwest take on foods of the American South." Sadly, the cafe announced that it was closing its doors for good on its Facebook page on February 15.

Waitsburg's City Council approved Resolution 2019-692 awarding the Taggart Road Extension Project to Moreno & Nelson Construction. The project will straighten Taggart Road, and move the Highway 12 intersection. City Manager Randy Hinchliffe stated the added infrastructure would incentivize future development. The road-straightening project has been listed on the City's Transportation Plan for at least 10 years.

Main Street gained a new business when Ju's Trav-

eling Pages, now known as Words N Print, first opened its doors on Main Street, finally settling in at the end of the street at 131 Main, offering gifts and books and custom screen-printing services.

Record water flows in the Touchet River in April claimed the barn and garage of Les and Laurie Richardson near the junction of Hogege Road and Highway 12. The Richardsons reported they had spent close to \$10,000 on rock and equipment which ultimately saved their home from flooding and erosion.

Supreme Court Judge Scott Gallina of Asotin County was formally charged with second-degree rape, fourth-degree assault with sexual motivation and indecent liberties in April. He plead not guilty to the charges in May and is currently on administrative leave, and free on bond. His trial has been set for March 9, 2020.



Bill Rodgers

This image captures the fire damage that threatened Jake and Angela Adams' home.

Waitsburg School District hired Mark Pickel as Superintendent in early May, replacing the outgoing Superintendent Dr. Jon Mishra, who accepted a position as the Director of Title I and Learning Assistance Program with Washington State's Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction. Pickel had been Assistant Superintendent at Garrison Middle School in Walla Walla.

Hiring difficulties temporarily set back the start of the outdoor swimming pool season as Waitsburg City employees struggled to staff the pool with qualified lifeguards. Residents were in the swim as of June 24, with shortened daytime hours Mon. - Fri., and evening hours offered on Mon., Wed. and Fri.

In August, a fire began in freshly cut wheat stubble, surrounding the Smith family homestead near Miller Road, and the residence of Jake and Angela Adams and their two small children. First to arrive to fight

Waitsburg man charged with alleged murder in 2017 death of Alaska woman

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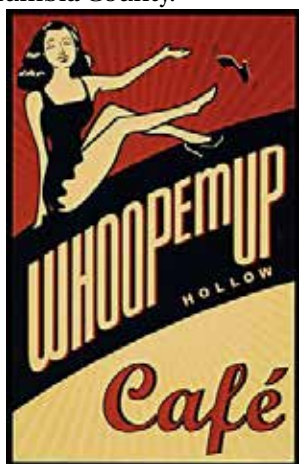
On December 20, 2019, at approximately 1 p.m., the Walla Walla Sheriff's Office was contacted by the Alaska State Police, with a nationwide extraditable homicide warrant for Isaac David Friday. The Alaska authorities advised that they had information indicating Friday was residing in Waitsburg, WA.

Due to the nature of the warrant and the criminal history of Friday, a tactical operation plan was developed by the Walla Walla Sheriff's Office. Several members of the Walla Walla Regional SWAT team were activated in an attempt to safely take Friday into custody. Search warrants for the residence and for the cellular location data from Friday's phone were obtained but neither were ultimately executed.

At approximately 2:16 p.m., a Columbia County deputy located the suspect's vehicle and Friday was detained at the Dayton Mercantile at 516 West Main Street in Dayton, WA. Walla Walla Sheriff's Office Deputies subsequently took custody of the suspect on the confirmed warrant. Friday was transported to Walla Walla County Jail, where he was booked without incident and held on a \$500,000 bond.

Alaska State Troopers received a report on August 15, 2017, that Jade Williams 19, was found not breathing at her residence in Kake, AK. Local EMS responded and transported Ms. Williams to the Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium Clinic where she was pronounced dead. It was reported the death was suspicious. Due to weather, Troopers were unable to respond from Juneau until late afternoon on August 16, 2017.

The town of Kake, AK is on the northwest side of Kupreanof Island, on the Alexander Archipelago in southeastern Alaska. Census figures list the population as 557, with 70 percent of the residents identifying as Tlingit Native American. Responding State troopers traveled over 100 miles to reach the crime scene from Juneau.



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TOUCHET VALLEY LIFE

Reader photo



Raejean Crewse

Photographer Raejean Crewse took this photo at the top of Bennington Lake in Walla Walla, looking northeast. A beautiful day filled with light clouds and sunshine to the southwest, and the depth of storm clouds to the northeast. Find more of her work at @inspiringmomentsphotos.

DEATH NOTICE

TRACEY BROOKS RYAN

Tracey Brooks Ryan, 67, passed away November 26, 2019 surrounded by family in Seattle, WA. She lived Waitsburg from 1960-1971. She is survived by her stepmother Judy Harper, son James N. Ryan, Jr. (Lisa), sister Judy Deines, brother Rick Harper (Monica), brother Jeff Harper (Kathy), and 2 grandchildren. Tracey was preceded in death by her father Richard Harper and Beverly Hampson. A memorial for Tracey will be held at The Living Room Church in Kennewick, WA, on January 11, 2020, at 3:00 P.M.

PIONEER PORTRAITS

Ten Years Ago December 31, 2009

Couple loses home to fire: Longtime Waitsburg residents John and Kate Reeve did not have insurance. Fire crews from several districts battled for nine hours Tuesday in an attempt to save John and Kate Reeve's home on DeWitt Road just outside Waitsburg.

Photo caption: Bulldog Dain Henderson lays one up on the basket.

The high-pitched radio tones went off at 3 a.m. The dispatcher's voice followed. A serious rollover accident. Gabe Kiefel knew this would be his big test on the Waitsburg Ambulance crew.

Twenty-Five Years Ago December 22, 1994

Photo caption: The Lindsey Family of Waitsburg lights traditional Advent wreath in sanctuary of First Presbyterian Church of Waitsburg. On Page 3, Presbyterian Pastor Skip Baker-Smith explains in a special essay the tradition and meaning of the Christmas Advent Wreath.

Army pilot killed in Korea has local ties. An army helicopter pilot killed Dec. 16 in North Korea, David Hilemon-whose wife graduated from Waitsburg High School-was a good-hearted man who worked tirelessly to become a helicopter pilot and had recently decided to become a father.

Waitsburg school bands perform winter concert. There was a modest turnout last week, Dec. 14, at the winter band concert in the auditorium at the high school in Waitsburg.

Fifty Years Ago December 25, 1969

Photo caption: The Christmas-card view of the Touchet Valley Grain Growers buildings and elevators, a glimpse of Preston park, and the Gentry orchard was taken shortly after Christmas, 1968. It was taken from the Preston Avenue bridge over the Touchet River and is one of the more pleasant views of last winter.

Jeff Peterson goes up to block a shot being made by a Pilot Rock player while another teammate behind shows only a pair of hands and a pair of feet in a defensive posture. The Rockets downed the Cards in a third-quarter scoring flurry by a 64-47 margin.

Walla Walla District Engineers today announced Feb. 16 as the date to begin raising the pool behind the Little Goose Lock and Dam on the lower Snake River.

Seventy-Five Years Ago December 29, 1944

Ration points will be required for six canned vegetables-peas, corn, green and wax beans, asparagus and spinach- in addition to tomatoes, under new office of price administration regulations effective Tuesday.

Touchet now has several street lights, thanks to the Grange, and others who donated.

Bert O. Webb, superintendent of the state penitentiary, resigned his position and asked to be relieved of his duties there January 10.

The progress of the war has changed the waste paper picture materially. We thought the situation was well in hand but since the last report, the waste paper situation has grown so much worse that an urgent appeal for a renewed all-out campaign for vital war material has been issued.

One Hundred Years Ago January 2, 1920

The ladies of the Progressive Club kept open house on New Year's Day from 3 to 5 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Zuger.

Mr. and Mrs. James Stonecipher are the parents of a daughter born Dec. 27 while Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Lloyd welcomed a daughter on Dec. 31st.

Owing to the damage being done by the large number of jackrabbits in the western end of Walla Walla County, it is planned to hold two rabbit drives. The first one at Attalia beginning at 9:30 Jan. 4 and the second at Burbank on the following Sunday.

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago December 28, 1894

Mrs. C. S. Vincent and daughter Edith entertained in a charming manner a number of guests at their pleasant home on Main Street on Wednesday evening. There was no formality, the evening being spent in a purely social way, interspersed with music and recitations, and last but by no means least, the serving of an exceptionally fine lunch.

A cobweb social will be held at the residence of A. L. Storie next Thursday evening, Jan. 3. Admission 20 cents. All who attend are entitled to a string and a souvenir. Come and have a good time.

They had a fine time at a dance at George Phelps' on Christmas night. Our informant says they sold near 50 numbers and danced all night-four "sets" at a time-two upstairs and two down. A fine midnight supper was served.

Touchet Valley Weather

Dec. 25, 2019

Waitsburg's Seven Day Forecast

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy Areas of Fog	Mostly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy
High: 37 Low: 26	High: 36 Low: 27	High: 39 Low: 29	High: 40 Low: 28	High: 38 Low: 30	High: 43 Low: 31	High: 45 Low: 33

Weather Trivia

Is there a difference between a frost and a hard freeze?

Answer: A hard freeze is when the temperature is 26 degrees or less for four hours. It does not need to be this cold for frost to form.

Weather History

Dec. 25, 1987 - Residents of Tucson, Ariz. awoke to a white Christmas for the first time in 47 years of records as a winter storm blanketed the area with up to four inches of snow. Unseasonably mild weather prevailed in the southeastern part of the nation.

Local Almanac Last Week

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Precipitation
Monday	32	20	38/28	0.00"	0.27"
Tuesday	28	24	38/28	0.00"	0.55"
Wednesday	28	26	38/28	0.00"	-0.28"
Thursday	57	27	38/28	0.27"	38.9°
Friday	60	56	38/28	Trace	33.0°
Saturday	63	44	38/28	0.00"	+5.9°
Sunday	44	35	38/28	0.00"	

Data as reported from Walla Walla

Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Wednesday	7:34 a.m.	4:12 p.m.	7:03 a.m.	3:57 p.m.
Thursday	7:34 a.m.	4:13 p.m.	8:04 a.m.	4:50 p.m.
Friday	7:34 a.m.	4:13 p.m.	8:55 a.m.	5:49 p.m.
Saturday	7:34 a.m.	4:14 p.m.	9:38 a.m.	6:51 p.m.
Sunday	7:35 a.m.	4:15 p.m.	10:13 a.m.	7:55 p.m.
Monday	7:35 a.m.	4:16 p.m.	10:42 a.m.	8:59 p.m.
Tuesday	7:35 a.m.	4:17 p.m.	11:07 a.m.	10:01 p.m.

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TOUCHET VALLEY LIFE

Events Calendar

FRIDAY
DECEMBER 27

Mythical / Movable Blue Mountain Bluegrass Jam
Free jam for all players.
Rey's Roast
242 E Main St.
Dayton, WA
6:30 p.m.

SUNDAY
DECEMBER 29

Sensory-Friendly Frozen II
Sensory-friendly screening of *Frozen II*. Enjoy the film in a relaxed atmosphere with lights up and sound down and freedom to move around.
Liberty Theater
344 E Main St.
Dayton, WA
12:30 p.m.

TUESDAY
DECEMBER 31

New Year's at Noon
Create New Year's decorations, make a resolution, hear a story and countdown to noon! Stay for a pizza lunch.
Walla Walla Public Library
238 E Alder St.
Walla Walla, WA
11:30 a.m.

Family Fun at the Pavilion
Bounce houses, face painting, carnival games, mini-golf and more! Ball drop at 9 p.m. for the little ones!
Walla Walla County Fairgrounds Pavilion
363 Orchard St.
Walla Walla, WA
2 and under, free
\$5 ages 3 - 11
\$10 - 12 and over
5 - 9 p.m.

Spaghetti Feed, Dessert & Silent Auction
To support a student spring break trip to Washington D.C.
Columbia County Fair Grounds
Community Center
N. Pine St.
Dayton, WA
Tickets \$10 (509) 386-4169, or purchase at the door.
5 - 8 p.m.

New Year's Eve Buck'n Bash Rodeo
Walla Walla County Fairgrounds Exposition Building
363 Orchard St.
Walla Walla, WA
7 p.m.



After Party immediately following the rodeo
Come out and do some dancing with The FrogHollow Band in the Community Center 21 & Over event. Beer, wine and spirits. Ball drop at midnight!
Walla Walla County Fairgrounds, Community Center
363 Orchard St.
Walla Walla, WA
Tickets \$10 before event, \$12 at the door

Teen Dance in the Pavilion Rotunda featuring DJ Roger Esparza
DJ, no alcohol, ball drop at midnight
Walla Walla County Fairgrounds Pavilion
363 Orchard St.
Walla Walla, WA
2 and under, free
\$5 ages 3 - 11
\$10 - 12 and over
9 p.m. - 12:30 a.m.

Feedback New Year's Eve at Dayton Eagles
Come celebrate New Year's Eve with us at the Dayton Eagles!
Win prizes in the "Ugly Sweater" contest
Dayton Eagles
222 E Main St.
Dayton, WA
8 p.m. - 12:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY,
JANUARY 1



THURSDAY,
JANUARY 2

Story Train
For toddlers and their parents, story-telling, singing, and games.
Dayton Memorial Library & Delaney Bldg.
111 S 3rd St.
Dayton, WA
10 a.m.

DAYTON SENIOR ROUND TABLE LUNCH MENU

Dayton Senior Center
403 E. Patit St.
12 p.m.

Thurs., Dec. 26

Spaghetti
Mixed Veggie
Salad
Garlic Bread

Tues., Dec. 31

Turkey, gravy & stuffing
Sweet potatoes
Cranberry sauce
Pumpkin pie

WAITSBURG SENIOR LUNCH MENU

Waitsburg Senior Center
504 Main Street

Tues., Dec. 31

Turkey & Gravy
Stuffing
Mashed potatoes
Green beans
Bread

Don't see your event listed?
Send us current press releases and we will be glad to list you in the Events Calendar for the week of your event!

Email information to Editor@Waitsburgtimes.com

Meetings & Gatherings

Alcoholics Anonymous - Dayton:
Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7 p.m., Dayton First Congregational Church-UCC dining room, 214 S. 3rd St.

Alcoholics Anonymous - Waitsburg:
Saturday, Monday and Friday, 8 p.m., Presbyterian Church basement, 504 Main St.

American Legion Post #35: First Monday, 6 p.m., Waitsburg Town Hall, 121 Main Street.

American Legion Post #42:
Second and fourth Wednesdays, 7 p.m., American Legion Building, 211 E. Clay St., Dayton.

Bingo: Every Friday, doors open at 4 p.m. Bingo at 6 p.m. Dayton Eagles, 222 E. Main

Blue Mountain Heritage Society:
Second Thursday, 9 a.m. Delany Building, 111 S. 3rd St., Dayton.

Blue Mountain Station: Tues - Sat. 10 a.m.-6 p.m., 700 Artisan Way, Dayton.

Book Chat: Third Saturday, 6ish-8ish, Delany Room, 111 S. 3rd St., Dayton.

Celebrate Recovery-Dayton:
Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m., Catalyst Church, 311 S. 4th, Dayton.

Celebrate Recovery-Waitsburg:
Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m., Waitsburg Christian Church, 604 Main St.

Columbia County Commissioners:
First and third Mondays, 9 a.m., Commissioner's Chambers, 311 E. Main, Dayton. (Work sessions are the first and third Wednesday of each month.)

Columbia County Commissioners:
Third Mondays, 6-7 p.m. public listening sessions. Commissioner's Chambers, 311 E. Main, Dayton.

Columbia County Health System:
Fourth Wednesday, 1:30 p.m., Dayton General Hospital board room, 1012 S. 3rd St., Dayton. (May and Sept. meetings will be held at Waitsburg Town Hall.)

Columbia County Planning Commission: Second Monday, 5:30 p.m., 114 S. 2nd St., Dayton.

Columbia-Walla Walla No. 2 Fire Commissioners' Meeting:
7:30 p.m., Waitsburg Fire Department, 234 Main Street.

Columbia County Rural Library Board: Third Monday, 7 p.m., Delany Building, 111 S. 3rd St., Dayton.

Dayton City Council: Second Wednesday, 7 p.m., Dayton City Hall, 111 S. 1st St.

Dayton Friends of the Fairgrounds:
Second and fourth Thursdays, 7 p.m., American Legion Building, 211 E. Clay St., Dayton.

Dayton Friends of the Library:
Second Friday, 10 a.m. Dayton Memorial Library, 111 S. 3rd St.

Dayton Kiwanis: Second and fourth Thursdays, Noon, Delany Building, 111 S. 3rd St.

Dayton Parent-Teacher School Association: Second Tuesdays, 7 p.m. Dayton Elementary Multipurpose Room, 614 S. 3rd St.

Dayton Planning Commission: Third Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., Dayton City Hall, 111 S. 1st St.

Dayton Senior Round Table:
Tuesdays and Thursdays, 12 p.m., Dayton Senior Center, 403 E. Patit St.

Dayton School Board: Third Wednesday, 6 p.m., School Administration Building, 609 S. 2nd St.

Discovery Kids: Wednesdays, 10 a.m., Dayton Memorial Library, 111 S. 3rd St.

Friends of the Dayton Community Center: Last Tuesday, 5:30, Delany Building, 111 S. 3rd St., Dayton.

Friends of the Dayton Dog Park:
First Monday, 6 p.m., Chief Springs, 148 E. Main, Dayton.

Prescott City Council: Second Monday, 7:30 p.m., Prescott City Hall, 108 S. "D" St.

Port of Columbia meetings second Wednesday at 3:30 p.m.

Prescott School Board: Fourth Thursday, 6 p.m., District Boardroom, 207 S. "A" St.

Soup for the Soul: Last Friday, 5:30 p.m., Dayton First Christian Church, 410 S. 3rd St., Dayton.

TOPS (Take off Pounds Sensibly):
8:30 a.m., United Methodist Church, 110 S. 3rd St., Dayton.

Waitsburg Christian Church Youth Group: First and third Mondays, 6:30 p.m., Waitsburg Christian Church, 604 Main Street.

Waitsburg City Council: Third Wednesday, 7 p.m., Don Thomas Building, Fairgrounds.
Waitsburg Commercial Club: Fourth Thursday, Noon, Waitsburg Town Hall, 121 Main St.

Waitsburg Commercial Club: Last Thursday, Town Hall, Noon RSVP for lunch waitsburgcc@icloud.com or (509)316-1488

Waitsburg Parks & Rec. District Board: First and Third Thursdays, 6:30 p.m., WHS band room, 421 Coppei Ave.

Waitsburg Resource Center:
Thursdays, 2-4 p.m., 106 Preston Ave. (side of Banner Bank).

Waitsburg School Board: Third Thursday, 6 p.m., Preston Hall Board Room, 605 Main.

Waitsburg Story Time: Mondays, 10:30 a.m., Weller Public Library, 212 Main St.

Waitsburg Senior Round Table:
Tuesday, 11:30 a.m., Waitsburg Presbyterian Church, 504 Main St.

Weller Public Library Board Meeting:
First Tuesday, 7 p.m. Weller Public Library, 212 Main St., Waitsburg.

Waitsburg School Menus

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Waitsburg Presbyterian Church

504 Main
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m.
337-6589
Pastor Stan Hughes

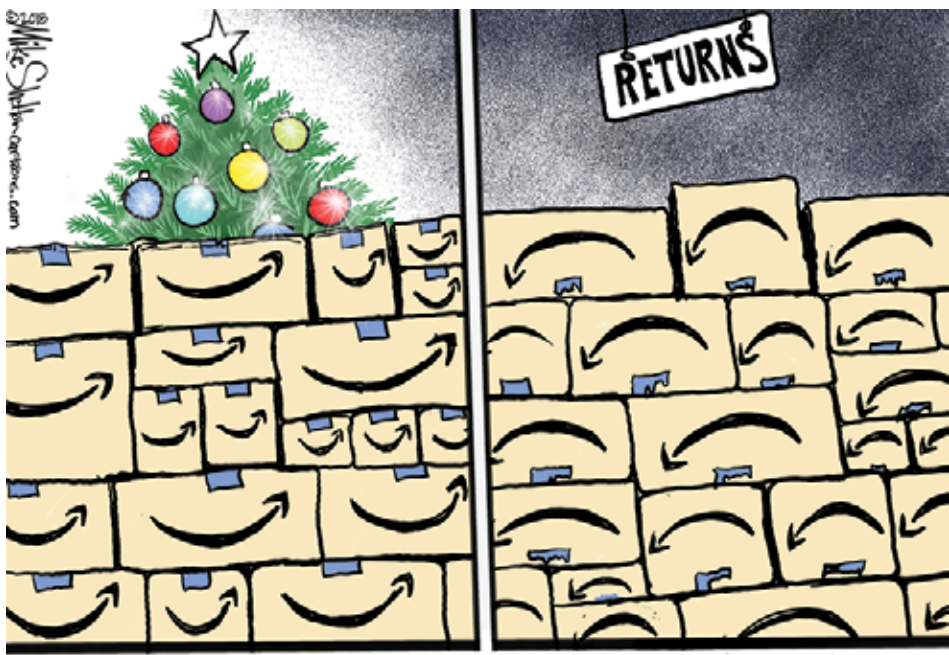
Waitsburg Chapel

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

Waitsburg Christian Church

604 Main St
Worship 10:00 a.m.
Each Sunday
337-8898
Rev. Matthew Wyatt

COMMENTARY & NEWS



The night before Christmas...

and the day after.



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WALLA WALLA FRIENDS PROVIDE GLASS RECYCLING UPDATE

Dear Editor:

Walla Walla's struggle to retain its curbside recycling program has rightfully overshadowed our efforts to resuscitate glass recycling in our community. In many ways, this new struggle is repeating the one that resulted in the abandonment of glass recycling in 2012. In both cases, the problem is lack of cost-effective markets for the waste product.

While wholeheartedly supporting the efforts of the Sustainability Advisory Committee to retain the curbside recycling program, Ted and I and friend Philippe Michel are persisting in our glass recycling efforts. Because the demise of the glass recycling program hinged on the cost of transporting heavy glass hundreds of miles to reusers in large urban centers, we are focused on finding local ways to reuse our waste glass. With the help of Philippe, Ted and I bought our small glass crusher from a distributor in San Francisco, not because we saw it as a final solution but because we wanted to know exactly what kind of product we needed to find a home for.

In the crusher, a one-pound glass bottle is reduced in volume by 80 percent to one pound of crushed glass sand. The sand varies in color from white (clear glass) to shades of lime green (green glass) to light brown (brown glass, mostly beer bottles). With this small crusher, we have no choice about the grain size of the glass sand produced. (Large machines that can produce and sort varying sizes are in prototype.) Thanks to Chris Lueck and his contacts at WWU, we know that 0.02 percent of a random sample of our glass sand is large paper scraps from labels (+1/4" screen); 0.3 percent is above the size of normal quartz sand and is angular and sharp (+#4 screen); 71.7 percent is the size of quartz sand (+#60 screen); 12.9 percent is smaller than quartz sand (+#60 screen); and 15.1 percent is smaller still and might have been produced by the sifting process rather than the crusher itself. The sand is safe to handle because it is amorphous silica, not the crystalline silica that the glass was originally made from, and it does not cause the respiratory problems that can lead to silicosis. Having said that, you wouldn't want to breathe much of it, any more than you would want to breathe a lot of woodfire smoke or farm dust.

Since September, we have conducted more than 20 demonstrations of the crusher to over 100 people. We have crushed about 1,000 bottles and jars and distributed many glass sand samples to officials, companies, and individuals. The crusher lives in an unheated garage, so demonstrations are on hold for the winter. However, our work continues, because this hiatus is a good time to catch up on much needed research. Some of the uses we are investigating are:

Soil amendment/replacement: I am testing glass sand as a hydroponic medium for seed sprouting. I also incorporated glass sand into one of our raised vegetable beds to increase soil friability and will amend berry beds in the spring. Does anyone else want to test the use of glass sand in a bed or two?

Greens management: While researching the effect

of glass sand on worms, I found articles from greenskeepers who were testing glass sand on golf, lawn bowling, and cricket greens as a non-chemical way of controlling worm castings. Multiple applications showed no effect on worm casting levels and no degradation of the greens themselves. Philippe found a resort in California (The Ranch at Laguna Beach) that uses a crusher like ours to recycle all its waste glass in its golf course bunkers and pool filtration system, and to do pavement repairs (see Glassphalt below). Brad Rice offered to take a bucket of sand to the Country Club to share this information and explore potential uses there. Does anyone else want to help research this use further?

Viticulture: Other than one study from Lincoln University in New Zealand, no research in this area has been reported. Inquiries to WSU viticulture department have produced some suggestions but no interest in even modest studies. We naively expected grants to be available for plot trials into glass sand as a row mulch/weed control, as a deterrent to root eating critters, as a soil heat retainer, etc. Are there any adventurous vigneron in the Valley who are willing to run informal tests on a small block, especially if that block was left with unusable hanging fruit after October's early frost?

Landscaping: A local hotel is testing glass sand in its new xeriscaped landscaping. At our house, Whitman students, who came to crush the glass they had accumulated in Environment House's basement, created a large abstract design with glass sand on our Petanque terrain. Together with glass sand spread around an ornamental fountain, these touches brighten the yard while our plants hibernate for the winter. Would anyone else like to try sand painting a small area of their yard?

Foundation/additive for gravel driveways, parking areas, etc.: Valdemar Estates has ordered a crusher to produce glass sand for preparing an expansion parking lot. We would like to know whether glass sand is reflective enough at night to provide fog lines along the sides of gravel driveways, thereby increasing safety in dark or foggy conditions. Is anyone interested in experimenting for us?

Concrete additive: Philippe is talking with Concrete Industries about the potential of mixing glass sand instead of or in combination with normal quartz sand in concrete. This conversation has been on hold during the construction season but will resume soon. We do not have the expertise to evaluate the engineering reports available about this use of glass sand, so we hope Concrete will be able to help. In the meantime, Jodi Handley wants to experiment with glass sand in concrete planters she plans to build. Does anyone else have any small non-structural concrete projects that are test candidates?

Glassphalt: Using crushed glass as an asphalt additive works in major urban centers, principally New York. Realistically, Walla Walla can't produce enough waste glass to make this use viable. However, a new use being tested in New Zealand involves tumbling

glass sand and water with an "emulsion" product in a small concrete mixer to produce a slurry to fix potholes. The slurry can reportedly be driven across almost immediately and can be held in airtight buckets for up to a year. This product is worth checking out when it becomes available.

Anti-slip surfaces: New city council member Ted Kohler is interested in testing glass sand as a paint additive on steps in BMAC-managed properties. Fred Miller, Whitman College's Environmental Health and Safety Manager, is interested in testing glass sand to prevent slipping on pathways around campus. We will test this use around our house this winter, but we don't want anyone else to run tests until we have an idea of its effectiveness.

Sand blasting: A couple of companies elsewhere are using glass sand for sand blasting. Philippe has asked Key Technology for their opinion about this potential use and given them a bucket of glass sand for analysis. Is anyone in this line of business willing to test a sample?

Sandbags: Columbia County commissioner Check Amerien has taken a bucket of glass sand to his county engineer to assess possible use in sandbags for flood control. (Last year, two high-schoolers in Chelan used a GoFundMe account to raise the money to buy a crusher like ours, and current high schoolers are crushing wine bottles and filling sandbags for county use - go kids!) Patty Gardner and Jean Trenary offered to test sandbags on their property if we find an inexpensive source of bags. Any other offers or ideas?

Glass casting: One of our best attended demonstrations was for artists and art enthusiasts, with lively discussions about the potential of glass sand as an art medium. Unfortunately, although tests with fused glass and ceramic applications have shown some success, this use would consume only small amounts of glass sand. So, in response to a suggestion from Marilyn Hawkins, we bought a paperweight mold and plan to do test casts in our kiln. The idea is that cast glass objects could be sold as souvenirs in tasting rooms and home goods stores - "Made In Walla Walla From Recycled Walla Walla Wine Bottles!". If tests are successful, we will approach new Port commissioner Kip Kelley, who has attended a crusher demonstration, about attracting a cast-glass manufacturer to Walla Walla to produce these items. We have already talked to Ron Williams of Visit Walla Walla about possibly incorporating such products into "The Walla Walla Story" that he presents to national and international travel organizations.

During our demonstrations, we had the opportunity to talk with a few people who were involved in past attempts to solve Walla Walla's glass recycling problem. We know that we need to build on their hard work and knowledge, not ignore it or duplicate it. But things have changed in the past decade. Like recycling in general, glass recycling is every community's problem, large and small, nationally and globally. And the ingenuity and technology to deal with the problem in our community is evolving faster than our team of three people can keep up with on our own. We invite those of you who are as concerned as we are to help us in any way you can.

Joyce Cox
Walla Walla

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WAITSBURG RESOURCE CENTER APPRECIATES FOOD DONATIONS AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Dear Times Editor,

We at the Waitsburg Resource Center thank you (*the Times*) and the community for your support, especially this December. Community members donated 311 pounds of items for the 12 Days of Christmas. The Leos Club (Waitsburg High School students) / Waitsburg Lions Club collected over 700 pounds of food items, and Mrs. Hinchliffe's first grade students over 176 items (145 pounds). Thanks also to those who faithfully contribute to the center throughout the year with food and hygiene products and monetary donations. In addition, we appreciate all the volunteers who work at the Center, unload the BMAC trucks each month, and to Banner Bank for the use of the building.

Waitsburg is truly "One of a Kind."

Sincerely,
Pam Conover
Waitsburg Resource Center
Board Member

TOUCHET VALLEY LIFE

NEWS BRIEFS

ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS

WALLA WALLA—Walla Walla County Department of Community Health (DCH) is pleased to announce that in collaboration with the Community Health Advisory Board and Walla Walla County Commissioners, Walla Walla County has created a special fund to provide financial assistance for families and individuals with children or youth with special health care needs or disabilities.

In addition to nurse care coordination, DCH has made available funding of up to \$9000 per calendar year to offer financial assistance to families for services related to their child's health care needs. This funding was allocated by the County Commissioners from the local Ad Valorem property tax funds, which are to be used for mental health and developmental disabilities (RCW 71.20.110).

Eligible families are those with children and youth up to age 18 years who have developmental conditions and require health and related services of a type, or amount, beyond what is generally needed. Eligible Supports include, but are not limited to adaptive equipment, assistive technology, sensory tools, and assistance with lodging for approved out of area medical procedures.

For information on referrals or eligible services/supports, please contact Amanda Hinrichs RN CYSHCN Coordinator at 509-524-2658.

BLUE MARKET STATION OFFERS PRODUCE DELIVERY

DAYTON—Blue Market Station is offering a produce delivery service with fresh organic fruits and vegetables from Spokane Produce and organically grown, but uncertified produce from Hayshaker Farm. Order by Monday, December 30 by 10 p.m. for Wednesday, Jan. 1 delivery. Items available include avocados, mangoes, pineapples, herbs, kale, swiss chard and more. Visit: <https://tinyurl.com/uvoge8r> to place your order.



BIRTHDAYS

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

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

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

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

December 30: Bob Collins, Megan McKinney, Henry Hubbard, Krista Houle.

December 31: Janice Ford, Beth Tietjen, Gail Leid, Eva Leroue, Nancy Engels, Gannon Grende, Barry Hulce.

January 1: Jerry Baker, James Estes, January Pietila, Kyle Perry, Caitlin Bales, Sonia Crawford, Jeana DeWitt, Josh Largent, Jerry Wood, Bill Bloor, Teeny McMunn.

January 2: Joy Hill.

WWCSO

December 8
Illegal dumping was reported on Powerline Rd. and Stalene Road, a junk vehicle was found, Walla Walla, WA.

December 11
Malicious mischief at 205 E. Third Street, Prescott, WA.

December 17
A warrant service arrest was made on W. Alder Street, Walla Walla, WA.

December 18
Vehicle prowl, malicious mischief and theft reported on the 200 block of E. Beech Ave., Walla Walla, WA.

December 19
A man reported his vehicle was damaged on Fishook Park Road, Prescott, WA.

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MILL CREEK BRIDGES CLOSED

WALLA WALLA—Work to repair the bridges in the area around the Mill Creek dam project will require intermittent bridge closures Dec. 18 through the beginning of January, according to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers operations officials.

The Washington Conservation Corps will begin replacing boards on the walkways of the Mill Creek foot bridge near Rooks Park and the bridge over the return canal near Reservoir Road starting Wednesday, Dec. 18.

"The current boards have become worn and it was identified in a bridge inspection that they need replaced," Jeremy Nguyen, Natural Resource Specialist with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers said.

Signs will be posted, informing pedestrian/bike traffic of bridge closures. For safety, visitors should respect all closed areas, and be aware of construction during this period.

For more information about this project or for general information about Mill Creek Dam and Bennington Lake, call the Mill Creek office at 509-527-7160. Rangers encourage visitors to "like" and "follow" Mill Creek Dam and Bennington Lake on Facebook for breaking-news and public-access announcements at www.facebook.com/millcreekdam.



WAITSBURG GUN CLUB REOPENS WITH ADDED FEATURES

WAITSBURG—Gun Club president Cindy Daves announced the reopening of the club after a number of upgrades. The gong system was updated thanks to Pacific Steel, and a Dayton High School student who used his welding class skills to help create a gong stand that is 8 feet across and hosts 45 gongs.

The down range uprights have been changed to a portable system. Members simply choose their spot and place the stand accordingly. One can place a stand on the 25, 50, or 100 yard line. The dirt at the 25 will be hand raked out by the youth crew.

Corrugated plastic election sign boards have been repurposed as target hangers instead of cardboard. They will withstand the weather better, as well.

A station for prone and kneeling shooting has been added on the left end of the range house, allowing shooters to shoot 25, 50 and 100 yards.

The pistol bench area now has a mat holder for the mats that Home Grown Go Wild 4-H'ers donated to the club.

The outside bathroom is now larger, and a first-aid kit and fire extinguisher have also been added.

Members are advised, if ever a need arises, to not use the words, "There has been a shooting at the gun club." This event will cause the Sheriff's office to clear the scene first before medical help can arrive. Instead, state: "We need medical assistance at the gun club." If you need help, call 9-1-1!

There is a box of donated locks, members are encouraged to take what a free lock if needed.



Courtesy photo

USDA OFFERS FARM LOANS FOR UNDERSERVED AND BEGINNING FARMERS

SPOKANE—The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) reminds producers that FSA offers farm ownership and farm operating loans to underserved applicants as well as beginning farmers and ranchers. Underserved or beginning farmers and ranchers who cannot obtain commercial credit from a bank can apply for FSA direct or guaranteed loans.

"FSA loans are designed to make sure that everyone has access to credit including underserved and beginning farmers and ranchers. Last year, FSA in Washington obligated \$41.7 million in loans to underserved borrowers and beginning farmers and ranchers," said Jon Wyss, FSA State Executive Director in Washington State

USDA defines underserved applicants as a group whose members have been subjected to racial, ethnic or gender prejudice because of their identity as members of the group without regard to their individual qualities. For farm loan program purposes, underserved groups are American Indians or Alaskan Natives, Asians, Blacks or African Americans, Native Hawaiians or other Pacific Islanders, Hispanics, and women.

In order to qualify as a beginning farmer, the individual or entity must meet the eligibility requirements outlined for direct or guaranteed loans. Additionally, individuals and all entity members must have operated a farm for less than 10 years.

For more information on FSA's farm loan programs and underserved and beginning farmer guidelines, please contact your local FSA office or visit farmers.gov.



STATE BOARD AWARDS NEARLY \$2 MILLION FOR COLLEGES TO HELP FINANCIALLY STRUGGLING STUDENTS

OLYMPIA, WA—The Washington State Board for Community and Technical Colleges has awarded nearly \$2 million for colleges to help financially struggling students stay in school and complete their degrees. The awards were made possible by two grant programs established by the state Legislature during the 2019 legislative session.

The Student Emergency Assistance Grant Program, established under HB 1893, provides community and technical colleges funding to help students pay for unexpected bills and basic living expenses, like emergency car repairs, medical bills, food, childcare, transportation, rent and utilities. Sixteen community and technical colleges will receive awards over a two-year period, including \$90,000 to Walla Walla Community College

The Supporting Students Experiencing Homelessness Pilot Program, established under SB 5800, creates six pilot projects for students who are homeless or were in foster care – four at community and technical colleges and two at universities. Colleges can use the funds to help students with short-term housing or housing assistance; laundry facilities, storage and showers; reduced-price meals; technology; and case-management services. Last year, seven in 10 community college students nationwide experienced food or housing insecurity, according to a 2019 national survey by the Hope Center. "So many of our students are living on the edge. An unexpected car repair or medical bill can force them to drop out of college," said Jan Yoshiwara, executive director of the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges. "These grants recognize that living expenses are a type of educational expense; they go hand-in-hand. These grants will help students stay in school and achieve their dreams."

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Dayton December School Board Report

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—At their regular Board meeting last week, Superintendent Doug Johnson discussed the progress of facilities improvements, gave a short Capital Project update, discussed the Athletic Combine and talked about the District's search for a Teacher on Special Assignment.

Johnson said he was asked to speak at last week's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy meeting, because supporting the District in upgrading and maintaining school facilities has been a goal for community stakeholders.

"I reported to them on the projects we have completed using the levy funds that we have collected thanks to the 2015-16 Capital Projects Levy," he said.

He said a couple of the projects need to be done sooner rather than later.

The elementary covered playground roof is only halfway finished, and the exterior doors and wall needs to be upgraded at the high school gym.

Those projects are not budgeted for. The District would have to use existing dollars, or take out a loan, in order to complete the roofing next spring or summer.

He said the roof in the playground area was inspected by a roofing company and information from that was used to write a state grant application which was denied.

The cost for replacing the roof is \$45,000, including taxes, and the work comes with a ten-year warranty.

The District might have to take out a loan in order to complete the roofing next spring or summer, he said.

Also, the locking mechanisms that are part of the crash bar on eight entry doors at the high school gym are wearing out faster than anticipated.

It would cost about \$2,000 to replace the crash bar unit and the lock mechanism.

There is a strong consideration for replacing the entire front glass entry way with a solid wall and only four or six entry doors. The framing around the doors and glass are in bad shape. Johnson said.

When there are events in the gym, the door is left in the unlocked position, but when there are no people in the gym, the door is chained to its partner door.

February levy

In February, the District will ask voters to approve the Educational Programs and Operations levy to help pay for a study of the Elementary building electrical system and AC/ventilation and controls infrastructure.

"It's likely that change is going to have to be made in how that electricity will be distributed in the building," Johnson said.

The capacity exists to bring more power from the poles into the building, but the boxes need to be upgraded and wires pulled to the classrooms. The power panel in the building is about 60 years old.

Finding a workable solution for improving air conditioning and ventilation will be part of the study, he said.

Many of the Capital Projects have already been completed, including the replacement of the asphalt on the playground and at the bus loading zone, replacement of the three heating system boilers, a control system upgrade, completion of the telephone

system, speakers and strobes, and completion of roofing repair on the flat and sloped portion of the high school building.

Projects still on the table include; roof replacements at the shops and bus garage, continued upgrade of the surveillance cameras, replacement of the irrigation system at the athletic complex and main campus and completion of the exterior doors.

Teacher on special assignment

The District has decided to add a new person to the administrative team and hopes to "grow" its own principal.

By hiring a Teacher on Special Assignment, the District hopes to encourage a teacher to obtain their administrative credentials, and keep him or her employed as a principal in the Dayton School District, rather than hiring a principal from outside and losing that person to another school district in a few years.

Johnson encouraged the Board of Directors to wait until the new school superintendent is hired, so that person can have input into the selection of a Teacher on Special Assignment.

Principal reports

Superintendent Johnson is the elementary principal for this school year.

He said the elementary students have been busy with Christmas Candygrams, and a Sing-A-Long. They also had fun with painting in the library.

"There is some decent artistic talent among those students," he said. "So that was fun."

MS/HS Principal Kristina Brown said one of the goals she has had is for the ASB to find a way to involve all students in extracurricular activities, and some of them are now attending Teen Night at the Club.

Students are also making ornaments for Christmas. They will have a lip sync contest with school staff at an assembly, and the staff are planning to lip sync to the "Twelve Days of Christmas".

Brown said the ASB is thinking about having a Kindness Month, or Kindness Week, in January.

Action items

At last week's meeting, the Board of Directors approved the Athletic Combine Committee recommendation to continue the combine with Waitsburg, in its present form, indefinitely.

They approved a job posting for the position of Teacher on Special Assignment.

They also approved policies regarding; the regulation of dangerous weapons on school premises, the use of tobacco, nicotine products and delivery devices, rental or lease of real property, and a policy concerning family, medical and maternity leave.



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Grant Griffen has been chosen by the Board of Directors to fill the remainder of Dan Butler's term, for Position 3, on the Dayton School Board. He was interviewed by the Board of Directors at their work session on Dec. 11 and sworn in at their regular Board meeting on Dec. 18.

Dayton School board approves combine indefinitely

By Dave Schreindl | THE TIMES

The Dayton School Board gave a big thumbs up Wednesday night at their monthly meeting to approving the indefinite union of the Dayton-Waitsburg grades 7-12 combined athletic endeavors in all sports.

By a vote of 5-1, the board agreed to approve the recommendation of the DW Athletic Combine Committee to continue the current partnership between Dayton and Waitsburg regarding their athletic programs. The committee had met the prior Monday and had come to a decision based on the results of a survey sent out to Dayton parents and participants. Committee members revealed the results were overwhelmingly in favor of a continued athletic combine between the two communities.

The one negative vote came from at-large board member Fred White. He made it clear he was not outright against the combination of the athletic programs, rather he was strongly in favor of it at the high school level 9-12. His concerns revolved around grades 7-8 at the middle school level in hopes of making sure there is plenty of opportunity for playing for all participants. He felt at that level it is very important that students have an opportunity to play. And in order to do that it might mean a separation at the middle school level and combine later at the high school level.

The board took his concerns into consideration prior to the vote and following the favorable vote all members agreed there is more work to be done and that the issue of middle school play can be reevaluated later.

Also prior to the vote during the public comment portion of the meeting, two members of the Waitsburg board explained their position and made a plea for the Combine to continue. They revealed that earlier the Waitsburg School Board after their own evaluation process had come to the conclusion that they were all in and voted unanimously to continue the combine for all sports and all grades (7-12).

Additionally, the board said several issues still need to be discussed over the coming months. One of the key issues is choosing a mascot both communities can agree on as Alumni of Dayton hold the Bulldog dear to their hearts as does Waitsburg its Cardinal. Superintendent Doug Johnson said the plan going forward is to have the committee come up with several possible names and create a survey instrument to have the active parties involved come to an agreement upon a name for the combined athletic program.

Other issues that will need to be addressed include the shade of the agreed upon colors of black, red, and gold. There are also issues of transportation costs and scheduling games. Every four years the Washington Interscholastic Athletic Association evaluates the school sizes and makes sure each school is placed in the proper athletic conferences with schools of similar sizes. The Dayton-Waitsburg combined program will be impacted based on several schools switching WIAA classifications as next year is the start of a new four-year cycle.

Governor Inslee releases Lower Snake River Dams Stakeholder Engagement Report

Public invited to comment, attend information workshops

THE TIMES

OLYMPIA—On Friday, December 20, Governor Jay Inslee's office released the Lower Snake River Dams Stakeholder Engagement Report. At stake is the potential breaching and/or removal of the four dams and locks on the lower Snake River.

Currently, The US Army Corps of Engineers operates the four run-of-river dams and locks on the lower Snake River in Washington: Ice Harbor, Lower Monumental, Little Goose and Lower Granite. Together, the LSRD produce 1,000 average megawatts of electricity annually, which is roughly the amount of electricity Seattle City Light consumes annually. They help meet peak power loads and contribute to the reliability of the power transmission grid. They also provide river navigation and transportation between Lewiston, Idaho, and the Tri-Cities, Washington — more than 100 miles — and access to ports on the lower Columbia River.

The report concluded that "There are significantly different views of the impacts from breaching the dams on salmon, orca, agriculture, transportation and economics. More information is needed to create opportunities for greater understanding. Energy, transportation, agriculture, salmon and orca are complex issues and decisions about the lower Snake River dams need to consider the broader systems and context for each. Each issue is dynamic, future changes may provide more options as well as more challenges. People across the diversity of interests expressed the desire to have more informed and respectful conversations."

Three workshops will be held in Clarkston, the Tri-Cities, and Vancouver, where the public can listen to a presentation and panel discussion to better understand the issues. Public comment will not be heard at the workshop, but attendees can submit written questions at the meeting that could be addressed, if time allows. Residents in the state of Washington have until Jan. 24 at 5 p.m. to submit written comments by email to: infor@lsrdstakeholderprocess.org with 'Draft LSRD Report' in the subject line, or by writing to LSRD Stakeholder Engagement Draft Report, c/o Tess Wendel, 325 Fourth Ave., Suite 1600 Seattle WA 98101.

The public workshops will be held at the following locations and times:

- January 7th from 6:00pm – 9:00 pm: Clarkston Quality Inn & Suites and Quay Convention Center 700 Port Drive, Clarkston, WA 99403
- January 9th from 6:00pm – 9:00 pm: Vancouver Washington State University Vancouver – Dengerink Administration Building (VDEN) 14204 NE Salmon Creek Ave, Vancouver, WA 98686-9600
- January 13th from 6:00pm – 9:00 pm: Tri Cities

Red Lion Hotel & Conference Center
2525 North 20th Avenue, Pasco, WA 99301

All species of salmon that use the Snake River are currently listed as threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act. The LSRD, along with four other federal dams on the lower Columbia River, are the biggest human-constructed obstacles Snake River fish and other aquatic species encounter on their migration to and from the Pacific Ocean



Five tribal nations are primarily impacted by the LSRD: the Nez Perce Tribe, the Yakama Indian Nation, the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon and the Shoshone-Bannock Tribe. The LSRD are part of a broader set of impacts of European settlement on tribal nations, which include the loss of tribal lands and suppression of tribal cultures. At a practical scale, the dams affect tribal people in two main ways: (1) They affect the abundance and distribution of salmon and reduce salmon fishing opportunities and harvest available to tribal people and (2) They cut off access to tribal fishing, hunting and harvesting of roots, plants and berries and prevent tribal people from holding religious and cultural ceremonies at their usual places

Opponents to breaching the dams argue that it would lead to increased shipping costs and a downturn in the overall grain economy due to the loss of barging. Another argument asserts that water levels would not be stable enough to provide reliable irrigation if the dams are breached, which would lead to increased costs, uncertain infrastructure upgrades, uncertainty of water supply and shifts in the type of agriculture that is viable.

The full report can be accessed here: <https://tinyurl.com/yx2z7kj>

City of Dayton seeks interested stakeholders to join the Affordable Housing Commission

THE TIMES

The Affordable Housing Commission (AHC) was established via Ordinance 1952 on August 14th, 2019, codified in the Dayton Municipal Code (DMC) as Chapter 1-14. The City of Dayton established the AHC to enable the City Council to make well-founded decisions driven by community stakeholders regarding affordable housing. Housing is considered "affordable" if the household is paying no more than 30% of total income on monthly housing expenditures, including utilities. In the City of Dayton, 40% of owner-occupied households and 46% of renter-occupied households are "cost-burdened" – meaning the household spends more than 30% of income on housing costs. Efforts to reduce the number of cost-burdened households will directly benefit the entire community by offering support to achieving resiliency and creating an economically strong, vibrant, and healthy community.

The AHC is tasked with conducting research regarding the concerns and issues surrounding affordable housing within the community. Additionally, the AHC is responsible for completing research on policy and procedural changes and for making recommendations on said policy and procedure that may further enable new developments. AHC members will meet on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 5:00 p.m. at Dayton City Hall, following the appointment of at least two additional members to establish a quorum.

AHC members are unpaid volunteer positions. Qualifications for appointments to the AHC include: residency of the City of Dayton; no additional servitude on other Council-appointed commissions; be a registered voter of Columbia County; and, have a passion and/or interest in new development and enhancing affordable housing developments in the city limits of Dayton.

Appointments are made by the mayor with confirmation of the City Council. Initial appointments will be staggered as outlined in DMC 1-14.020(B), up to a three-year term. Reappointments are for three-year terms.

For consideration, please submit a letter of interest to Meagan Bailey, Director of Planning and Community Development at mbailey@daytonwa.com or 111 S. 1st St., Dayton, WA 99328. Letters should be addressed to Mayor Zac Weatherford. Questions may be directed to Meagan Bailey at the above contact information. Visit daytonwa.com for additional information on affordable housing.



Port of Walla Walla in process of negotiating sale of two lots at Waitsburg Business Park

Valley Septic and Himark make plans for purchase

THE TIMES

The Port of Walla Walla staff has been working with the representatives of Valley Septic and Portable Restroom Service and Himark Custom Fab, LLC regarding purchasing real property at the Waitsburg Business Park. The light industrial park is adjacent to U.S. Highway 12 and the Port of Columbia's railroad line.

Valley Septic and Portable Restroom Services, Inc. is a locally owned and operated business offering portable restroom services as well as septic pumping and septic related services. Owners Mark and Carol Johnson, also own Harry Johnson Plumbing and Excavating, the long-time Waitsburg business that is also located at the Waitsburg Business Park. The Johnson's are interested in purchasing Lot 2, via a real estate contract with the Port, and plan to construct a metal building for their business operation similar to their metal building located on Lot 1 (Harry John-

son Plumbing and Excavating). The purchase cost of \$1.25 per square foot would price the lot at \$88,699.

Himark Custom Fab LLC, a custom fabricator of bumpers, sled decks, sled beds, and agricultural equipment repairs, is interested in purchasing Lot 6, via a real estate contract with the Port, and also intends to construct a metal building that is suitable for large agriculture equipment repairs and metal fabrication. In addition, Himark would like to have a "First Right of Refusal" on Lot 5 for future business expansion opportunities. For Lot 6 the rate of \$1.25 per square foot prices out at \$78,516.

Owner Tyson Stowers states that the purchase "isn't a for sure thing, we hope to work things out within the next couple of months." His hope is to build a bigger shop, approximately 80' x 120'.

The properties would be purchased over time with monthly lease payments applied towards the acquisitions, with a 5 percent down payment and the remaining cost amortized over a 10-year time period.

Waitsburg Commercial Club President Joy Smith commented, "It's great news for Waitsburg."

YEAR IN REVIEW - FROM PAGE 1

the fire was District 8 Fire Chief Bob Clendaniel, out of Dixie with a grass engine. Jake Adams credited the time he had spent over the last couple of years making a defensive space around his home, cutting out dead and dried poplars and overgrown dried grass as one of the reasons the home was saved. Responders from Fire Districts No. 2, 4, 7, and 8 out of Walla Walla and No. 3 out of Columbia County, all responded to the fire. Farmers Glen Smith, Ed Stonecipher and Jesse McCaw showed up with discs to make fire lines and McGregor's sent a water truck.



Courtesy photo

The Don Thomas family was honored at this year's Pioneer Fall Festival.

The Waitsburg Pioneer Fall Festival honored the Don Thomas family as 2019 Pioneers of the year. Thomas settled near Prescott on Smith Springs Road in 1920, and married Walla Walla resident Wilma Jean Waggoner in 1941. Together they raised four children; Donna, Gary, Dwight and Jay. Jay Thomas still operates the farm on Middle Waitsburg Road.

Open Houses for the Touchet Valley Trail generated a lot of community engagement as representatives from Port of Columbia, the Walla Walla Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization, Community Council and more shared plans and ideas for the roughly seven-mile long trail proposed between Waitsburg and Dayton. Over 90 community members attended the Dayton Open house, with approximately 40 people attending the Waitsburg meeting. Attendees had the opportunity to ask questions and raise concerns in five different subject areas.

In October, students from Washington State University's Landscape Architecture program, architects from the Washington Chapter of the American Society of Landscape and community members gathered for a weekend-long design charrette for the proposed trail. The design event concluded with a presentation and dinner at the Columbia County Fairgrounds Pavilion.

The November election was a fairly low-key affair, with a few school board positions being contested and a levy vote for the Parks and Recreation District initially on the winning side. Pam Chapman defeat-

ed Randy Hinchliffe for Position #5 on the Waitsburg School Board, and Wayne Chabre defeated incumbent Karen Tonne for the Prescott School Board District #3 seat. After the final vote tally, the Parks & Rec levy ultimately failed in Waitsburg.



Courtesy photo

Waitsburger Daryl Hopson at Leith Tower on the trip of a lifetime.

Local man Daryl Hopson made a big splash on the cover of the Times in November, when reporter Beka Compton covered his once-in-a-lifetime trip to London to appear in the Lord Mayor's Parade.

The Dayton-Waitsburg boys basketball team gained their first victory in three years with a non-league victory over Prescott in December.

The results of a series of community surveys about the fate of the Dayton-Waitsburg athletic combine were released in December, surprising committee members with the resoundingly positive opinions about the shared athletic endeavors. Ultimately, both the Dayton School Board, and the Waitsburg School Board opted to continue with the sports combine at their December meetings.

The Waitsburg Hometown Christmas festival honored Walla Walla County Sheriff John King, who passed away in September, by naming the annual parade in his honor.

Changes are afoot at Waitsburg City Hall with the news that Deputy Clerk Kelly Steinhoff is leaving her position to begin work at Columbia County in January. Her position has been posted in *the Times* and elsewhere. *The Times* wishes Ms. Steinhoff all the best in her new endeavors and thanks her for her years of dedicated service.

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Brianna Wray

Growing and saving seeds from zinnias was another popular story in 2019.

Cantwell, McMorris Rodgers Secure Historic Win for Spokane Tribe

Spokane Tribe Equitable Compensation Act passes House of Representatives, heads to president's desk for signature into law

THE TIMES

WASHINGTON, D.C.—On Monday, Dec. 16, the U.S. House of Representatives passed bipartisan legislation introduced by U.S. Senator Maria Cantwell (D-WA), a senior member of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, and U.S. Representative Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R, WA-05) to provide the Spokane Tribe of Indians equitable and just compensation for the lands taken by the United States as part of the Grand Coulee Dam development project in the 1930s and 1940s. Having previously passed through the Senate, the bill now heads to the president's desk to be signed into law.

"The Spokane Tribe of Indians has waited for almost 80 years to receive just and equitable compensation for the land, life, and culture they lost when the Grand Coulee Dam was constructed. This corrects a flawed adjudication process that left the Spokane out," Cantwell said. "Today, the Department of Interior, Republicans, and Democrats stand together to right this historic wrong, which will allow the Tribe to invest in regional economic development opportunities."

"The construction of the Grand Coulee Dam positively transformed our region in countless ways, but it also fundamentally changed the Spokane Tribe's way of life," said McMorris Rodgers. "This is long overdue, and I'm happy we are finally moving forward to get the Spokane Tribe the compensation they deserve and right this historical wrong."

The Spokane Tribe of Indians of the Spokane Reservation Equitable Compensation Act would authorize annual payments to be made by the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) to the Spokane Tribe for past and continuing use of Tribal lands for the construction and operation of the Grand Coulee Dam. The compensation does not increase taxpayer obligation and is based on compensation received by the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation through the 1994 Colville Reservation Grand Coulee Dam Settlement Act.

As the largest hydroelectric facility in the United States, Grand Coulee Dam has produced electricity for towns and cities across the western United States for more than 75 years. However, since the construction of the multipurpose project, the Spokane Tribe has yet to be compensated for the significant damages to its Tribal lands and livelihoods.



The redband trout is native to Spokane and historically comprised a significant part of the Spokane tribe's diet. Though not threatened, the redband population concerns conservationists because it has struggled to return to historic levels due to invasive predatory species and the impact of the Grand Coulee Dam. In 2017, The Spokane Indians Minor League Baseball team designed this rally mascot for alternate uniforms.

Board of County Commissioners Report

City will look into bond options for repair or replacement of the city's pool and a Fireworks ordinance has been adopted

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—At last week's city council meeting the Friends of the Community Center President Vicki Zoller spoke about the importance of getting a community center/pool or pool feasibility study done.

She said there is much that is beyond the scope of the community's understanding and knowledge that a feasibility study can help with.

"There's just a lot that we need to know that will come from the professionals," Zoller said.

A feasibility study can provide information about how programs and events can bring dollars in to offset costs, along with providing information about maintaining and operating the facility.

Zoller's organization has reached out to Schemata Workshop, in Seattle, for a feasibility study cost estimate. The cost for them to do it is \$60,000.00, and they are willing to do it in a piecemeal fashion, as soon as funds are available, she said.

She said the community will be surveyed about what is wanted, and how they want funds to be allocated.

"We all want different things. This will help narrow the focus and establish what is really needed," she said.

"Our goal is to keep the community stakeholder costs down to as low dollar amount as possible and have the pool and the community center be more self-funding," Zoller said.

She said her organization has \$8,000 in the bank and will begin fundraising efforts this spring with a raffle in May, and fundraising events for youth to participate in, throughout the summer.

The Friends of the Community Center is currently seeking a \$20,000 Wildhorse Foundation grant, and they are looking into some USDA grants.

Zoller said grants are harder to obtain without first having a feasibility study in place.

Grant raising efforts for summer swimming at the Prescott Pool have been successful, allowing summer program youth and youth enrolled at the Club, along with people living in Dayton, to swim, free of charge, and to use a Columbia County Transportation van to travel to Prescott, free of charge.

Left over funds from last year's swim programs will help with swimming at the Prescott pool next summer, she said.

The City's Finance Committee discussed going out for a bond to pay for the pool and City of Dayton Mayor Zac Weatherford was authorized last week to sign an engagement letter with D.A. Davidson, to look into several options for their consideration.

City Administrator Trina Cole said, "No costs are associated with it, unless we move forward with a plan to put a bond out to the people, and then there would be."

Also, at last week's council meeting, the council authorized an ordinance setting limitations on when, and where, fireworks can be set off, within city limits. The ordinance will go into effect by New Year's Eve, 2020.

Fireworks can only be set off on June 28, from noon to 11 p.m., and on June 29, through July 3, from 9-11 p.m. and on July 4 from 9 a.m. until 12 a.m. on July 5.

On Dec. 31, 2020 fireworks can only be set off from 6 p.m. until 1 a.m. on Jan 1. "We're not allowing fireworks on any of the streets in the City of Dayton," Nysoe said.

In other words, fireworks will not be allowed in the lane of traffic, and people will need to clean up afterwards because of the city's ordinance regarding litter.

Nysoe said the Affordable Housing Commission is seeking members and those interested in serving on the commission can contact Meagan Bailey at the City Hall.

The City's Public Works Committee discussed cleaning the culverts and replacing the rip rap on the river dyke, and having A/P & Associates prepare an engineering document at a cost of \$38,000.00

A vacant lot on E. Patit St. has been donated to the city and possible uses are a pocket park with raised beds for gardening.

Before they adjourned, the council authorized a municipal services contract for lodging and tax funded activities and events with the Dayton Chamber.

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Coping with Holiday Travels

Travels with chef

By Vicki Sternfeld-Rossi | THE TIMES

I just returned from a quick trip to Southern California, which started with a visit to my sister in Laguna Hills. Conveniently, I scheduled my flight to arrive at dinner time because Laguna Hills has a very dynamic Asian community, and I was ready for some good sushi or Chinese food. We settled on a wonderful Chinese restaurant, where the special that night was Peking Duck. Needless to say, we enjoyed it!

Two days later, I headed up to Los Angeles for work and to visit friends, where I happily ate sushi every day, lunch and dinner. Subconsciously I think I was trying to grow fins, to swim back to Washington instead of facing the Friday before Christmas holiday travel insanity at Los Angeles International Airport (LAX). However, I stuck with convention and flew home, along with Daniel, (the chef). Traveling at the holidays is never fun, but adding Daniel to the mix, may be karma for many of my past sins. He, like my sister, does not handle glitches in travel well. A flight delay or change of gate can throw them a curveball. I finally found a solution!

I promise this is not a paid advertisement but, thank you Alaska Airlines. As an Alaska Air credit card holder, I can purchase a day pass to the Alaska Lounge for \$25. In fact, there is even a “2 for 1,” so I can purchase one for me and it includes a guest. Considering there is decent food, comfortable chairs, lots of outlets and charging stations, along with giant TVs and an open bar, it’s well worth the \$25.00.



Undeniably, it made our wait time at LAX more palatable. It almost makes holiday travel tolerable.

We arrived back in Waitsburg late Friday night, after another delay in Seattle, (which we spent relaxing in the lounge, compliments of our \$25-day pass), to unusually warm weather. I’d like to take credit and say I brought the warm weather with me from Los Angeles, but I’m sure mother nature would not appreciate my conceit.

My personal chef, Daniel, is here, and in three days, I’ve already eaten better than I did for the past month. We went to shop in Walla Walla and discovered a new butcher shop (Butcher, Butcher), where we stocked up. On Saturday, he made light-as-a-feather meatballs; he ground the beef, pork, mortadella and beef bacon himself. To my surprise, he gave the stamp of approval to my homemade tomato sauce. I, like most *Waitsburgundians*, had a bumper crop of tomatoes, which have been made into a number of iterations of sauce and stashed in the freezer.

Last night, he made sous vide collar steaks; up next are braised short ribs, potato sausage cooked in a local craft beer, and ham hocks that will be made into split pea soup. Then we’ll head back to the butcher shop for round two.

And, there is another bonus to having Daniel here. He is using his carpentry skills to build shelves, redo kitchen shelving and cabinetry, and he’s reorganizing the laundry-room/pantry, and adding shelves in the upstairs bedroom nook.

I went running yesterday, I will run again today and the day after, and the day after that. It’s worth it to eat as well as I will be through the holidays, and along with his home improvement undertakings, I’m enjoying this holiday season.

Of course, first we had to purchase a microscale for measuring his tea leaves. Because, Daniel’s morning tea is a major culinary endeavor, a science project and a ritual. And I have learned, you don’t mess with chefs and their rituals.



Gold Leaf, Steve Henderson

Courtesy photo

Talk about art

By Carolyn Henderson

It’s not until you spend time in the city that you realize how much space there is in the country.

As a lifelong small town girl, I consider “city” to mean Spokane, Portland, or anything on the west side of Washington State nestled next to Puget Sound. I can’t even imagine Hong Kong.

And while I enjoy the sights and sounds and lights and activity of the city, what I love about the country is its landscapes—those winding gravel roads that leisurely wend their way past meadows and fields, “empty” spaces that invite both mind and feet to wander.

Understandably, there are areas in which those feet can’t wander—fences and No Trespassing signs are the country’s version of gated communities and guarded corporate buildings—but on the whole, one can get out and away without having to purchase a state or federal or county or municipal park pass.

At Wenaha Gallery, we showcase a number of Pacific Northwest artists who love the country, live in or around it, and celebrate its beauty through painting



Clouds Over South Fork, Jordan Henderson

Courtesy photo



Foggy Drive, Nancy Richter

Courtesy photo

or photography.

One of these artists is Walla Walla painter Todd Telander, who says about his rural-based paintings:

“I promote peace, contemplation, beauty, and solidity, and I suppose I like to share my vision of these things with others.”

In this way of thinking, he is joined by his colleagues, including Boise, ID, based painter Bonnie Griffith:

“My goal is to create paintings that draw the viewer into the painting, to experience the time of day, the temperature, the sound, the smells,” Griffith, explains.

Calm. Peace. Tranquility. Beauty. Serenity.

These are elements of life well worth seeking, experiencing, celebrating – and these are what we find in the country landscape.



Blacksnake Road, Jim McNamara

Courtesy photo

Through January 11, Wenaha Gallery (219 E. Main, Dayton) is focusing on Country Landscapes, featuring artwork by eight Wenaha Gallery artists. These artists are Nancy Richter (Kennewick); Steve Henderson (Dayton); Bonnie Griffith (Boise, ID); LuAnn Ostergaard (Kennewick); Jim McNamara (Walla Walla); Gordy Edberg (Whidbey Island); Jordan Henderson (Dayton); and Todd Telander (Walla Walla).

The gallery is open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

SPORTS

Prescott Girls JV basketball team beat College Place, but lose to Touchet

By Eric Umphrey | THE TIMES

PRESCOTT—The Prescott girls JV basketball team improved to 3-1 on the year with a split this week. On Wednesday December 18th, they hosted College Place and won 39-37. Angeles Ayala had 12 points and Jena Rowlette led the team with 15.

COLLEGE PLACE 37 – PRESCOTT 39

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
College Place	8	10	8	11	37
Prescott	12	10	5	12	39

Prescott Scoring

Vianey Granados 4, Hedra Morales 3, Natalie Reyes 5, Angeles Ayala 12, Jena Rowlette 15

3FG: Hedra Morales, Natalie Reyes

On Friday, December 20th they traveled to Touchet. This game did not go as well, as Prescott fell behind early with Touchet starting the game with a 17-0 run before Prescott's first basket of the game. Prescott tried to mount a comeback in the 2nd half, but were out rebounded and had trouble getting off good shots. They lost 50-17 making this their only loss of the year. Their next game after the holiday break is on January 4th in Prescott against Oakesdale.



Eric Umphrey

#10 Iris Martinez starts the play for Prescott.

PRESCOTT 17 – TOUCHET 50

	Total
Prescott	17
Touchet	50

Prescott Scoring

Vianey Granados 10, Hedra Morales 3, Natalie Reyes 1, Angeles Ayala 1, Jena Rowlette 2

3FG: Hedra Morales, Vianey Granados



Eric Umphrey

#11 Antonio Hernandez passes to #23 Miguel Ayala for the layup.

Prescott Boys win over Touchet, 66-50

By Eric Umphrey | THE TIMES

TOUCHET—The Prescott boys basketball team traveled to Touchet Friday December 21st for their 2nd conference game of the year. Prescott quickly established an early lead in this one, starting the game on an 11-0 run in the first quarter. They ended the 1st quarter with a 16-4 lead. The Touchet Indians started off the 2nd quarter by hitting an open 3-pointer to cut the score to 16-7, but Prescott would answer with another run, this time a 9-0 run that opened the lead to 25-7. From here both teams would trade baskets and at the half Prescott was up 37-19.

In the 2nd half, Prescott would continue to increase the lead with a 15-2 run to end the 3rd quarter with the score 64-31 Prescott. Prescott would win 66-49. Highlights —#12 Jonathan Cardenas with a breakaway layup in the first quarter. #23 Miguel Ayala scores in heavy traffic. #3 Victor Garcia with the finger roll layup in the lane. #1 Omar Velazco splits two defenders and scores.

As a team, Prescott shot 50 percent from the field making 27 of 54 shots. They were led by Jonathan Cardenas who went 9-10 from floor including 3-3 from three-point range. All five of Prescott's starters scored in the balanced attack.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Prescott	16	21	27	2	66
Touchet	4	15	12	19	49

Prescott Scoring

Omar Velazco 8, Victor Garcia 14, Antonio Hernandez 6, Jonathan Cardenas 22, Miguel Ayala 16.

3FG: Victor Garcia 2, Antonio Hernandez 1, Jonathan Cardenas 3.

NFL WEEK SEVENTEEN GAMES AND PICKS

Day	Time	Station	Away	Home	Pick
Sun	10:00AM		Atlanta	Tampa Bay	Tampa Bay
	10:00AM		Chicago	Minnesota	Minnesota
	10:00AM		Cleveland	Cincinnati	Cleveland
	10:00AM		Green Bay	Detroit	Green Bay
	10:00AM		LA Chargers	Kansas City	Kansas City
	10:00AM		Miami	New England	New England
	10:00AM		New Orleans	Carolina	Carolina
	10:00AM		NY Jets	Buffalo	Buffalo
	1:25PM		Arizona	LA Rams	LA Rams
	1:25PM		Indianapolis	Jacksonville	Indianapolis
	1:25PM		Oakland	Denver	Denver
	1:25PM		Philadelphia	NY Giants	Philadelphia
	1:25PM		Pittsburgh	Baltimore	Baltimore
	1:25PM		Tennessee	Houston	Houston
	1:25PM		Washington	Dallas	Dallas
	5:20PM		San Francisco	Seattle	San Francisco


*Last week 10-5. *Overall 159-78-1. *Doesn't include Monday night game.

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SPORTS

Inside the matchup: Seattle Seahawks vs. San Francisco 49ers

By Eric Umphrey | THE TIMES

With the loss against the Arizona Cardinals, the Seattle Seahawks need to beat the San Francisco 49ers next week in order to win the division. Unfortunately, the injuries suffered at running back this week will make that very difficult. Losing Rashaad Penny (torn ACL) against the Rams was bad enough but to lose both Chris Carson (hip) and C.J. Prosise (broken arm) against the Cardinals could be too much to overcome. Since all three of the injuries are reported to be season ending, the Seahawks will need to find replacements between now and next week's game. Alfred Blue and former Seahawk Robert Turbin worked out for the team last week in an effort to find a replacement for Rashaad Penny. It will be interesting to see who the Seahawks can find on short notice to play. Win or lose, they are still in the playoffs so their season will continue past next week regardless of the outcome.

The Seahawks still have the advantage at quarterback. #10 Jimmy Garoppolo has played better of late and has 27 touchdowns to go with 13 interceptions on the season. Russell Wilson will have to both run and pass well in this game for Seattle to have a chance. He will also need a better performance from his offensive line than he received this past week.



The Seahawks look to have the advantage at receiving this game. The 49ers have the better depth at the position, as thirteen different players have a receiving touchdown. #17 Emmanuel Sanders and tight end #85 George Kittle continue to lead the team in yards per game. Seattle's receiving core is healthy with Tyler Lockett and D.K. Metcalf leading the way for the Seahawks.

San Francisco's running game has changed since the last time they played Seattle. #31 Raheem Mostert has emerged and surpassed both Matt Breida and Tevin Coleman in total rushing yards. He also has a rushing touchdown in each of his last five games. Advantage 49ers.

At defense, San Francisco continues to have the best pass defense in the NFL. They are second to only the New England Patriots in fewest yards allowed per game. With Seattle's running game a huge question mark going into next week the 49ers have to be considered the favorite.

Three keys to the game for Seattle:

- Find three free agent running backs.
- Sign three free agent running backs.
- Hope Jadeveon Clowney is healthy enough to play.

D-W Boys Basketball loses first league game to Kittitas

By Dave Schreindl | THE TIMES

If they gave out points for hustle and hard work Dayton-Waitsburg would have won by a blowout Saturday night. Instead, the Dayton-Watsburg team dropped their first league contest of the year 56-46 to visiting Kittitas.

Due to the fact that D-W was struggling with illness all week, they knew coming into the contest that they would have to outwork the other team because of an incomplete varsity roster.

"I think that because we had those illnesses, we had to out hustle them because we didn't have the depth we normally have," Junior 6'1" forward Mason Finney, who finished with 10 points, said.

Due to illness, Senior 6'3" forward Braden Kitselman didn't even dress for the game, and Sophomore 5'10" shooting guard Dylan Bledsoe only put on a uniform and sat on the bench in case he was needed as a last resort.

Dayton-Waitsburg's one lead came in the opening minute with an electrifying 3-point shot by Junior forward Shawn Evans. His shot was followed by Senior forward Tayven Seney's 3-point play in which he rebounded a Finney miss and was fouled on the put back bucket. At that point D-W trailed by one, 7-6.

Seney, who finished with a team-high 12 points, put up four more points on shots in the paint near the basket to keep it close 12-10. At that point, the Kittitas Coyotes went on a 10-0 run to go up 22-10. From that point Kittitas never really pulled away as D-W outscored the visitor in the second half 27-23, but Dayton-Waitsburg couldn't close the gap either.

Sophomore guard Blake Caitlin led Kittitas with 20 points, and Senior guard Justin Hudson added 13. Seney's strong defense under the basket kept Coyote's 6'4" giant Cody Van Dorn to nine points.

Dayton-Waitsburg (1-5, 0-1) will next travel to the Mac-Hi holiday tournament in Milton-Freewater, OR, Friday and Saturday. Friday, the boys play at 1:30 p.m., and on Saturday they play at noon.

Friday's league game against Liberty Christian will be made up at a later date in Waitsburg.

Kittitas	22	11	11	12	56
D-W	12	7	13	14	46

Kittitas (56): Caitlin 20, Hudson 13, Van Dorn 9, Rosbach 3, Byers 3, Bryant 3, Walters 3. 3-pts: 6-19, Hudson, Rosbach, Byers, Bryant, Caitlin 2. Fouls: 18. Turnovers: 13. Free Throws: 12-20

Dayton-Waitsburg (46): Seney 12, Finney 10, VanBlaricom 7, Evans 5, White 5, Pettichord 4, House 2, Castello 1. 3-pts: 3-9, VanBlaricom, Evans, Pettichord. Fouls: 15. Turnovers: 16. Free Throws: 11-20.

Dayton-Waitsburg girls basketball play well, but lose to Kittitas

By Dave Schreindl | THE TIMES

One day after their first league game was cancelled because of illness, the Dayton-Waitsburg girls basketball team opened league play with a 57-35 home loss to Kittitas Saturday night.

In the last game of the season at the Dayton gym, the girls pushed themselves to the limit and played well in the loss. The rest of D-W's home games will be played at the Waitsburg gym.

"I thought this was one of our best games yet," Senior Captain Kira Boggs said. "No more setbacks, we're only going up from here."

D-W Head Coach Tamira Cully also recognized the effort given by her team being down two key Juniors, Cassidy Laughery and Mackena Culley, for this game.

"The girls played hard tonight, but we had some breakdowns that allowed Kittitas to stay on top," she said. "(Senior Kyra) Rupp for Kittitas was a hard force to stop, with 26 points."

The key stretch to the game started with 2:30 left in the first quarter and the entire second quarter. With the game tied 8-8, 8th grader Brooke Ravet hit one of her two 3-point shots to start the Coyotes on a 20-6 run that D-W never recovered from.

During that space of time, D-W had numerous opportunities but missed six shots, turned the ball over 10 times and missed seven free throws, including the

first shot of two one-and-ones. This proved to be the difference in this contest.

Despite the deficit, Dayton-Waitsburg came out hustling in the second half in the face of a full-court press. Freshman Claudia Benavides, playing in her first full varsity game, was the leading scorer for D-W with 14. She also had five steals.

Senior Sadie Seney finished with a double-double with 10 points and 10 rebounds. Seney also had D-W's shot of the night, scoring in the fourth quarter with a minute left. In traffic, she missed a shot, but fought hard for the rebound and put the ball back up into the basket.

Dayton-Waitsburg (0-5, 0-1) will next travel to the Mac-Hi holiday tournament in Milton-Freewater, OR on Friday and Saturday. Friday, the girls play at noon, and on Saturday they play at 10:30 a.m.

Friday's league game against Liberty Christian will be made up at a later date in Waitsburg.

Kittitas	15	14	19	9	57
D-W	8	6	13	8	35

Kittitas (57): Rupp 26, Moore 10, Allphin 6, Ravet 6, Adam 4, Graham 3, Phillips 3. 3-pts: Ravet 2, Moore, Adam, Graham.

Dayton-Waitsburg (35): Benavides 14, Seney 10, Boggs 4, Foreny 3, Miller 2, Larsen 2. 3-pts: Boggs, Seney.

Prescott Boys lose to Walla Walla Valley Academy, 63-49

By Eric Umphrey | THE TIMES

PRESCOTT—Prescott boys basketball hosted Walla Walla Valley Academy Saturday December 21st for a non conference game. The teams would trade leads several times in the first quarter before ending the quarter in a 17-17 tie. In the 2nd quarter, WWVA would slowly build up a six point lead to end the half at 35-29. With the score 40-33 in the 3rd quarter, Prescott hit a three pointer to cut the lead to 40-36 but WWVA would go on a 13-5 run to close out the quarter 53-41. WWVA would go on to win the game 63-49.

Omar Velazco had a great shooting night, making 7-11 shots including three three pointers. Victor Garcia shot 46 percent on the night with four three pointers of his own. The boys are off on winter break until January 4th when they face conference opponent Oakesdale in Prescott. Oakesdale is currently undefeated on the season with a 7-0 record.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
WWVA	17	18	18	10	63
Prescott	17	12	12	8	49

Prescott Scoring

Omar Velazco 21, Victor Garcia 14, Jonathan Cardenas 7, Miguel Ayala 7.

3FG: Omar Velazco 4, Victor Garcia 2, Jonathan Cardenas 1.

Winter Sports Schedules

DW Girls & Boys Basketball

Friday, December 27

Mac-High Tournament
JV Girls/JV Boys 12/1:30
Varsity Girls/Varsity Boys 3/4:30

Saturday, December 28
Mac-High Tournament
TBD/TBD

Saturday, January 4
DeSales @ Waitsburg
JV Girls/JV Boys 2/3:30
Varsity Girls/Varsity Boys 5/6:30

Tuesday January 7
WWVA @ WWVA
JV Boys 3/4:30
Varsity Girls/Varsity Boys 6/7:30

Saturday, January 11
White Swan @ Waitsburg
JV Girls/JV Boys 2/3:30
Varsity Girls/Varsity Boys 5/6:30

Tuesday, January 14

Columbia Burbank @
Columbia Burbank
JV Girls/JV Boys 4:30/4:30
Varsity Girls/Varsity Boys 6/7:30

Thursday, January 16
WWVA @ Waitsburg
JV Girls/JV Boys 3/4:30
Varsity Girls/Varsity Boys 6/7:30

Saturday, January 18
Mabton @ Mabton
JV Girls/JV Boys 4:30/4:30
Varsity Girls/Varsity Boys 6/7:30

Tuesday, January 21
Pomeroy @ Pomeroy
JV Girls/JV Boys 3/4
Varsity Girls/Varsity Boys 5:30/7:00

Wednesday, January 22

Touchet @ Touchet
Varsity Girls/Varsity Boys
6/7:30

Friday, January 24
Liberty Christian @ Liberty
Christian
JV Girls/JV Boys 3/4:30
Varsity Girls/Varsity Boys 6/7:30

Friday, January 31
Columbia Burbank @
Waitsburg
JV Girls/JV Boys 3/4:30
Varsity Girls/Varsity Boys 6/7:30

Saturday, February 1
Tri-Cities Prep @ Tri-Cities
Prep
JV Girls/JV Boys 2/3:30
Varsity Girls/Varsity Boys 5/6:30

Tuesday, February 4

DeSales @ DeSales
JV Girls/JV Boys 3/4:30
Varsity Girls/Varsity Boys 6/7:30

Prescott Girls & Boys Basketball

Saturday, January 4
Oakesdale @ Prescott
JV Girls/ JV Boys 3:30/5 V Boys 5:30

Tuesday, January 7
Wilson Creek @ Lacrosse
JV Girls/V Boys 5/6:30

Friday, January 10
Pomeroy @ Prescott
JV Girls 4/ JV Boys 4/5 V Boys at 6

Saturday, January 11
SJEL @ St John
JV Girls/ V Boys 4/5:30

Friday, January 17
Colton @ Prescott
JV Boys/V Boys 6:30/7:30

Saturday, January 18

GP @ GP Palouse
JV Boys/V Boys 4/5pm

Friday, January 24
Touchet @ Prescott
JV Girls 6/ V Boys 6/7:30

Saturday, January 25
Oakesdale @ Oakesdale
JV Girls/ JV Boys 3:30/5 V Boys 5:30

Friday, January 31
Pomeroy @ Pomeroy
JV Girls/ JV Boys 4/5 V boys at 6

Saturday, February 1
SJEL @ Prescott
JV Girls/V Boys 4/5:30 & Senior Night

Wednesday, February 5
Springdale @ Lacrosse
JV Girls/V Boys 5/6:30

Saturday, February 8
Colton @ Colton
JV Boys/V Boys 4/5:30

LEGALS & NEWS

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

In the Matter of the Estate of

ROBERT W. SMITH, Deceased.
NO. 19 4 00224 36
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
RCW 11.40.030

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. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(3); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim

is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.

Date of Filing Notice to Creditors with Clerk of the Court:

December 16, 2019

Date of First Publication: December 19, 2019

Personal Representative: Donald Orin Schmidt

Attorney for the Personal Representative:

Michael V. Hubbard, WSBA #8823

Address for Mailing or Service:

Hubbard Law Office, P.C.

PO Box 67 Waitsburg, WA 99361 509) 337-6643

The Times

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

LA WALLA

In Re the Estate of DONALD E. KLICKER Deceased.

No. 19-4-00229-36.

FILED December 19, 2019

PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The Personal Represent-

tative named below has been appointed as Personal

Representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must,

before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving

on or mailing to the Personal Representative or the Personal Representative's attorney

stated below a copy of the claim and filing 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

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If the claim is not presented within this time frame,

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Personal Representative: RONALD W. KLICKER

Date of First Publication: December 26, 2019

RONALD W. KLICKER

Personal Representative of the Estate of DONALD E. KLICKER

Attorney for the Personal Representative and address for mailing and service:

Steven C. Frol, Minnick-Hayner, P.S. P.O. Box 1757, 249 West Alder, Walla Walla, WA 99362

Publish: December 26, 2019, January 2, 9 2020

Court of Probate Proceedings and Cause Number: Walla Walla County Superior Court Cause No.: 19-4-00229-36.

The Times

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Notice of public meetings 2020

Columbia Walla Walla Fire District #2 hereby gives notice that the Columbia Walla Walla Fire District #2 Board of Commissioners will meet on

the first Wednesday of every month at 7:00 PM at the Main Fire Station, located at 234 Main Street, Waitsburg, Washington, 99361. Should the first Wednesday land on a holiday, the meeting will be held the subsequent Wednesday.

Without a formal agenda and/or a quorum, the fire commission may cancel any meeting until the following scheduled meeting. For more information, please call the Columbia Walla Walla Fire Station at (509) 337-8351.

The Times

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SMALL WORKS ROSTER

In accordance with RCW 39.04.155, by order of the Board of Commissioners

Columbia-Walla Walla Fire District #2, PO Box 925, Waitsburg, WA 99361, the fire district is establishing their 2020 Small Works Roster of qualified contractors wishing to be considered for performing work on Public Works Projects. Interested contractors may email the District at clerkfire2@hotmail.com or mail their Statement of Qualifications to the above address.

The Times

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New climate research shows need for deep cuts in Washington's greenhouse gas emissions

Ecology report calls for state emissions to reach "net zero" by 2050

THE TIMES

OLYMPIA—With new research predicting that climate change will cause serious damage to Washington's environment and economy, the Washington Department of Ecology is recommending the state make deep cuts in greenhouse gas emissions by 2030, and eliminate nearly all sources of carbon pollution by 2050.

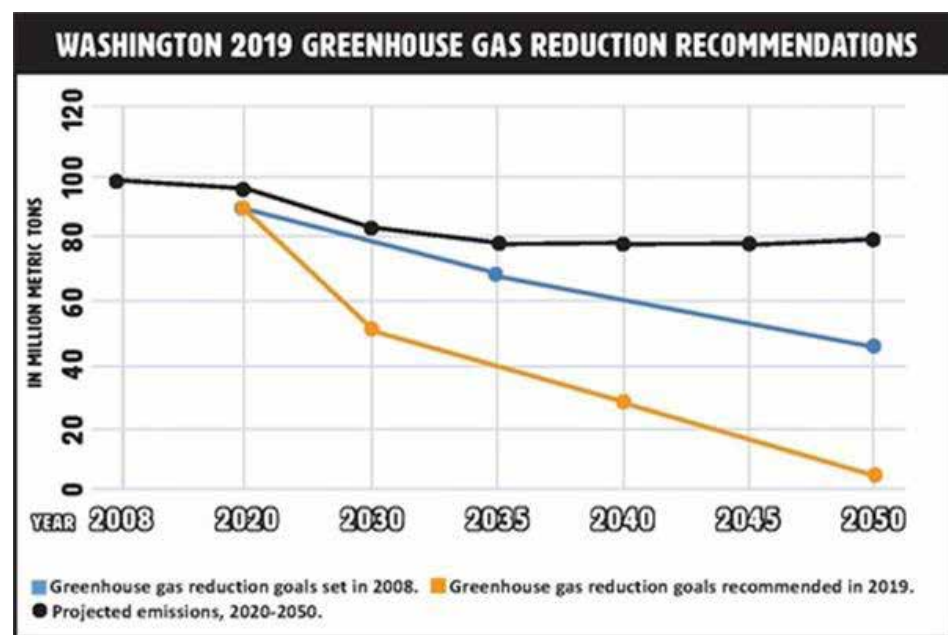
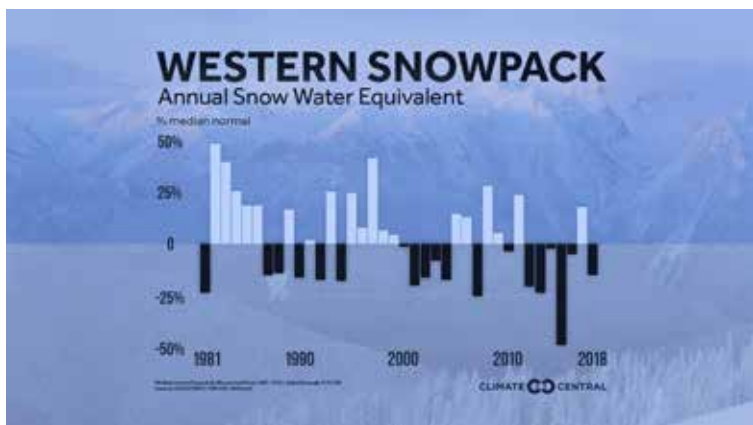
Ecology based its new recommendations on the steps identified by international scientists and researchers at the University of Washington as necessary to limit the impacts of climate change. That research says that warming by just 1.5 degrees Celsius, or 2.7 degrees Fahrenheit, will mean a 38% decline in Washington's snowpack, a 23% drop in summer stream flows, and a 1.4-foot rise in sea level. Those changes will mean major challenges to our state's water supplies, hydroelectric power generation, and coastal communities.

"These won't be easy targets to reach," said Maia Bellon, Ecology's director. "However, our state faces dire threats from climate change, so we need to roll up our sleeves and do what is necessary to protect our communities, our environment and our economy."

The new recommendations would update the greenhouse gas emissions targets set by the Legislature in 2008. Under state law, Ecology is required to recommend updated targets as new science on the effects of greenhouse gases becomes available.

Ecology last issued recommendations in 2016. Those recommendations were not adopted by the Legislature. Since then, new research has shown that faster, sharper cuts are needed to prevent rising temperatures from shriveling Washington's water supplies, and increasing the threats from wildfires, rising sea levels, and acidifying oceans.

Emissions in Washington peaked in 2000 at 108.6 million metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent, before falling sharply. In recent years, emissions have been edging up, reaching 97.5 million metric tons in 2017 as the state's population and economy have grown.



Washington is making strides in reducing future greenhouse gas emissions. In 2019, Gov. Jay Inslee signed a law requiring all electricity in the state to come from non-emitting sources by 2045. The law also requires utilities in Washington to stop using coal power by 2025. Other laws adopted in 2019 will increase building efficiency, cut the use of climate change "super pollutants" used in refrigeration, and provide more incentives for electric cars and charging stations.

"The steps Washington took in the past year will pay off with major reductions in future carbon pollution," Bellon said. "The next challenge will be for the Legislature and our state's leaders to build on that success and make broader and deeper cuts in emissions. This new report shows that there is no time to waste."



Photo by Gary King

Left: The Northwest's snowpack in this February 2019 photo isn't as robust as water managers would like. At high-elevation near Mt. Adams, creases in the snowpack reveal where rain has run downhill.

Here's how the new recommendations compare to the 2008 targets:

2008 greenhouse gas targets	2019 greenhouse gas recommendations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> By 2020, reduce emissions to 1990 levels. By 2035, reduce emissions to 25% 1990 levels. By 2050, reduce emissions to 50% below 1990 levels. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> By 2020, reduce emissions to 1990 levels. By 2030, reduce emissions to 45% below 1990 levels. By 2040, reduce emissions to 70% below 1990 levels. By 2050, reduce emissions to 95% below 1990 levels – and achieve net zero greenhouse gas emissions.

Bluewood ski area now open

THE TIMES

DAYTON—Bluewood’s 40th anniversary ski season began on Friday, December 20, as the winter sports area welcomes skiers and snowboarders to the mountain.

“We look forward to having our guests enjoy the slopes again,” says Kim Clark, General Manager. “Thinking back, we’d also like to thank the hundreds of people who’ve invested and worked hard over the last four decades to make Bluewood a reality and bring this mountain to life. This season is about celebrating all of those people and all of our guests.”

New to Bluewood this season: a large fleet of skis, snowboards and helmets; a deck around the Yurt at Sun Spot; digital menu screens and a new grill in food services; remodeled pub; and two webcams (one at the base and one at the summit).

Bluewood will be open daily from December 20 through January 5. Daily hours will be 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

In January, Bluewood will be open Wednesday through Sunday every week and on Martin Luther King Jr. Day (Monday, January 20). The operating schedule for the rest of the season will be available on bluewood.com.

For recorded updates on conditions and other information, call (509) 240-8991. Information is typically updated by 5:30 a.m. and is available 24/7. There are also two webcams available at <https://bluewood.com/webcams> which provide views from the lodge and at the summit with images updating every minute.



Courtesy photos



Find some freshly fallen snow and get your ski on at Bluewood.



Columbia REA Director honored with Agriculture Advisor of the Year award by the Mid-Columbia Agriculture Hall of Fame

THE TIMES

Columbia REA announced that Board Director Dennis Munden has been named Agriculture Advisor of the Year by the Mid-Columbia Agriculture Hall of Fame.

The Agriculture Advisor Award is given to an individual who has had a significant impact in ag-advancement and educational programs and similar organizations influencing the industry through leadership, guidance and community involvement. This year the honor goes to Dennis Munden.

Dennis is retired as an agriculture education teach-

er at many local schools, including Kamiakin, Columbia, Pasco, Warden and Riverview High Schools. He has been recognized as the WA Association of Agriculture Educators Teacher of the Year in 1994 and 1997, National Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association State Winner for Ideas Unlimited and Outstanding Agriculture Program, Crystal Apple Award Winner as well as numerous other recognitions for his commitment and effort into agriculture education.

Dennis Munden has been a Columbia REA Board Member since 2004, and has held all three officer positions, Secretary/Treasurer, Vice President and President, during his tenure.

Munden and three others will be honored at the 2020 Mid-Columbia Agriculture Hall of Fame Installation Gala at the Pasco Red Lion on Thursday, January 16, 2020, presented by the Pasco Chamber of Commerce and the Port of Pasco. Tickets are available online at the link below.

This is the 20th year Hall of Fame honors have been awarded to Mid-Columbia farmers, families and agribusiness leaders in Franklin County and neighboring Mid-Columbia counties.

For more information, please go to www.pascochamber.org/ag-hall-of-fame.html



Courtesy photo

Patsy Cline’s rise as a popular musician is featured in Episode 4 of *Country Music a Film* By Ken Burns, now available for streaming on YouTube TV.

KSPS PBS now live on YouTube TV

SPOKANE—On Dec. 17 KSPS PBS announced that it is now streaming live on YouTube TV. Dedicated live channels for KSPS PBS and PBS KIDS, as well as on-demand programming, are now available to YouTube TV subscribers, expanding PBS’s digital footprint and offering viewers additional ways to stream PBS content.

“Every year, more and more households are seeking alternative ways to view their favorite PBS programs,” said PBS Chief Digital and Marketing Officer Ira Rubenstein. “We are pleased that YouTube TV recognizes public television’s unique structure and worked with us to provide our viewers with more ways to watch the programs that they love through their local PBS station.”

“PBS and PBS KIDS are highly requested channels by

our users, and we’re thrilled to be able to add these to the YouTube TV lineup starting today.”

Viewers can access YouTube TV on their Smart TV platforms, or online on their computers.

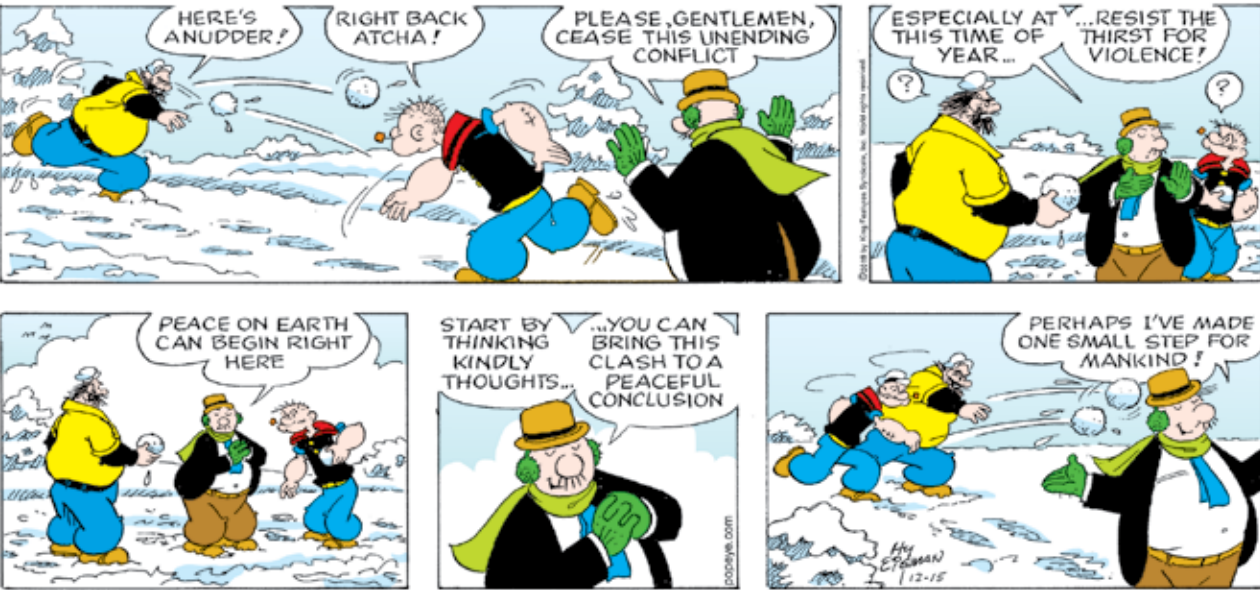
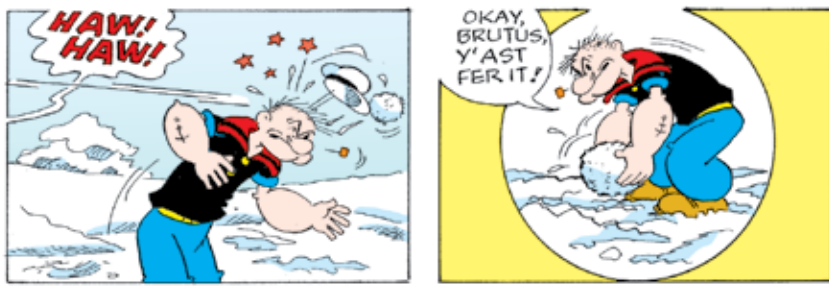
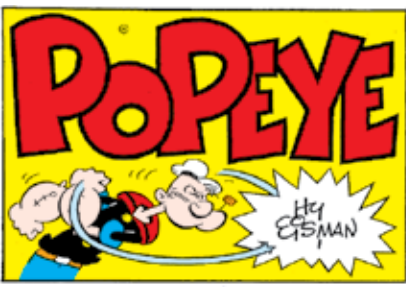
To access the full line-up available in the Inland Northwest, you can visit the YouTube TV live guide or the <https://www.kspbs.org/schedule>.



FUN & GAMES

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



CRIN and BEAR IT



"If this diet works on you, I'm going to try it!"

LAFF-A-DAY



"I love this time of year when our lawn looks as good as the Tuttle's."

Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

CODED RIDDLE

Change each letter to the one that comes immediately BEFORE it in the alphabet to find a riddle and its answer.

Here's a copy of the alphabet to guide you:

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ
 XIZ TIPVME ZPV QVU B KBOVBSZ
 DBMFOEBS JO B SFGSJHFSBUPS?
 UP TUBSU UIF ZFBS PGG JO
 B DPPM XBZ.

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Even Exchange

by Donna Pettman

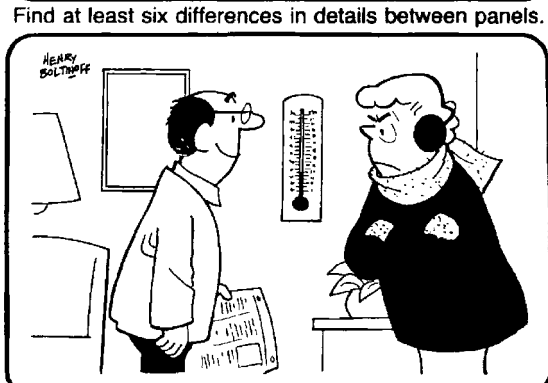
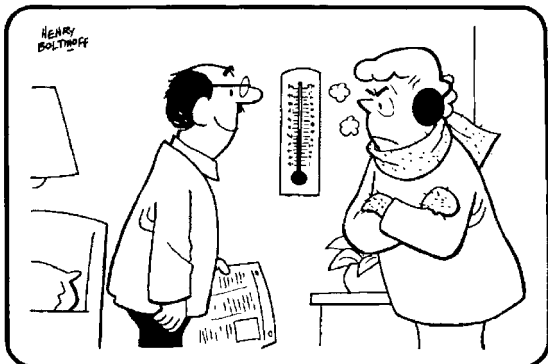
Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

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| 1. Edit | _____ S _____ | Bring back to life | _____ V _____ |
| 2. Deluge | _____ D _____ | Elevator stop | _____ R _____ |
| 3. Tiny tabby | K _____ | Fingerless glove | M _____ |
| 4. Detect an aroma | _____ E _____ | Diminutive | _____ A _____ |
| 5. Monkey with | T _____ | Popup trailer, e.g. | C _____ |
| 6. Compassion | _____ C _____ | Cheerful | _____ R _____ |
| 7. Breakfast meat | _____ C _____ | Twirler's wand | _____ T _____ |
| 8. Trickery | _____ I _____ | Well-mannered | _____ N _____ |
| 9. Betty or Vanna | _____ T _____ | Whimper | _____ N _____ |
| 10. Trophy or ribbon | _____ D _____ | Is alert to | _____ E _____ |

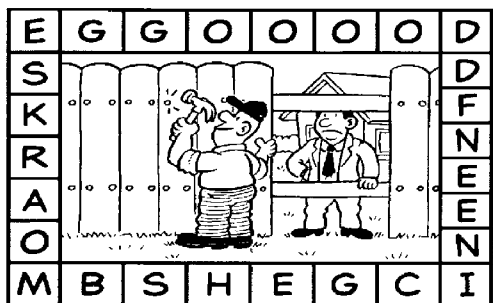
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Differences: 1. Blouse is black. 2. Breath "puffs" are gone. 3. Picture has been added. 4. Pillow is missing. 5. Temperature is lower. 6. Moustache is gone.



NOT NECESSARILY SO! Hidden in the above frame is a famous old saying. You can find it by reading every other letter as you go around it clockwise. The trick is finding the right first letter.

Answer: Starting with the first "G" in the top rail: "Good fences make good neighbors."

A "POP" QUIZ! Students, you have one minute to find out why these four words are like bad computer programs. The clock is running.

Answer: They're like bad computer programs because they all contain "BUGS." 1. Louse. 2. Tric. 3. Ant. 4. Gnat.

DON'T GET "WILD" TRYING TO SOLVE THIS ONE! At right is a word square. Can you find the four five-letter words that match the definitions below? All words used must read the same both across and down.

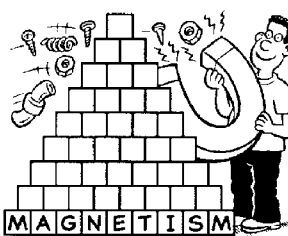
- To be confined (in place).
- A dwelling place.
- To stuff with food.
- A finished lawn.
- Sealed documents.

Answers: 1. Caged. 2. Abode. 3. Gorge. 4. Edged. 5. Deeds.

Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend

THE PYRAMID OF WORD POWER!



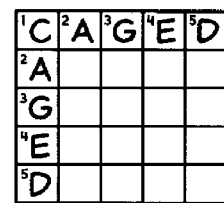
Starting with **MAGNETISM**, the given word at the bottom of our word pyramid, try dropping one letter at a time as you work your way up, so that the remaining letters at each level spell out a new word. The following helpful hints are in ascending order, beginning with **MAGNETISM**.

- The power to attract (given).
- To become very angry.
- The act of making fun of.
- Found in fairy tales.
- Small, biting insects.
- A pull or tear in fabric.
- The Tower of Pisa, for example.
- To the same extent or degree.
- Highest quality.

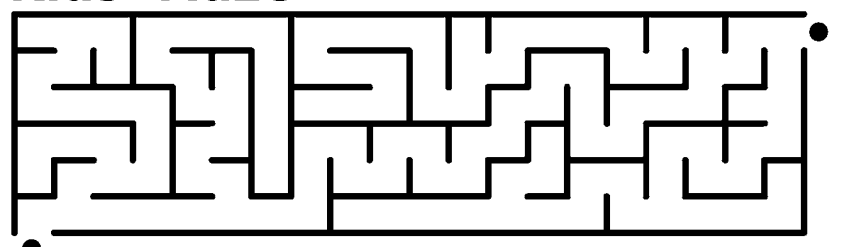
Answers: (from the bottom up) Magnetism, steaming, teasing, giants, gnats, snag, sag, as, a.



Illustrated by David Coulson



Kids' Maze



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Puzzles4Kids

Answer
 Why should you put a January calendar in a refrigerator?
 To start the year off in a cool way.

Even Exchange

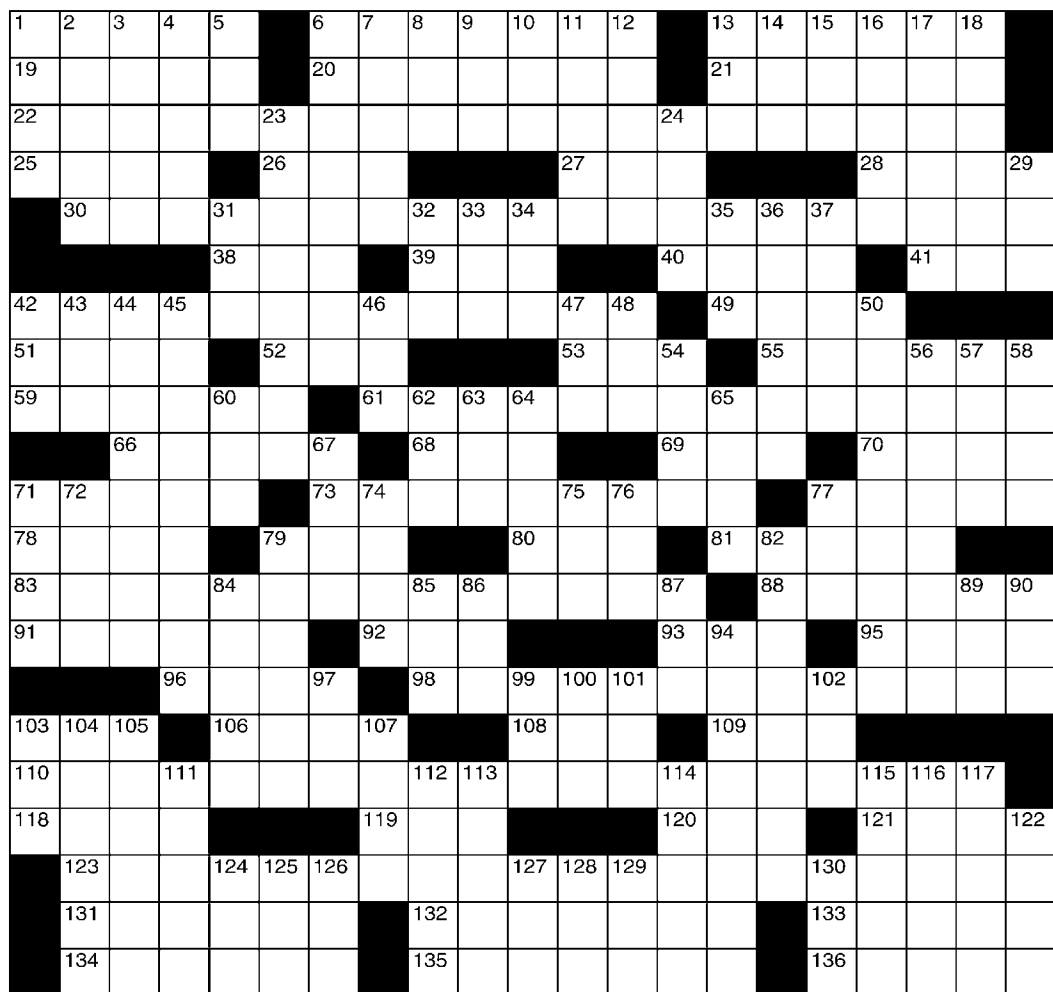
- Answers
- Revise, Revive
 - Mercy, Merry
 - Food, Floor
 - Bacon, Baton
 - Deceit, Decent
 - White, Whine
 - Smell, Small
 - Tamper, Camper
 - Award, Aware

FUN & GAMES

Super Crossword

ON THE EVE

- ACROSS**
- 1 Will, in the Bible
6 Sang like a bird
13 Modify
19 Pages, e.g.
20 Stone Age tool
21 Simple shack
22 "Well ... hop to it!"
25 Pa's ma
26 Mega-years
27 Big record label, once
28 Angers
30 "Hamlet" monologue exhortation
38 Singer DiFranco
39 Skeletal bit
40 Told fibs
41 Fancy resort
42 "Very sorry to hear that!"
49 Skidded
51 Penn of film
52 Compass pt.
53 Divested (of)
55 Intl. cultural gp.
59 Like lambs
- 61 Voicing a question of curiosity
66 Bush barb
68 Misery
69 Battery size
70 Suffix with convert
71 Army sites
73 "Look ahead," to a drill instructor
77 Wicked acts
78 Regarding
79 Downed
80 Charged bit
81 — Lauder
83 Was the right thing, but didn't happen
88 Steeds
91 Set of seven
92 That dude's
93 Ad about DUI, maybe
95 Just makes, with "out"
96 Prune a bit
98 Be published
103 — Moines
106 "Back in Black" band
108 Actress Poehler
109 Many a charity gp.
- 110 Poem that's the source of the phrase comprising the first words of 22-, 30-, 42-, 61-, 73-, 83- and 98-Across
118 Viral GIF, e.g.
119 Sci-fi saucer
120 — Party
121 Cookie giant
123 Alternate title of 110-Across, with "The"
131 Director May
132 Shady giant
133 Island ring
134 Expunge
135 More diluted
136 Body of art?
- DOWN**
- 1 Like cut wood
2 Pair of drum-kit cymbals
3 "A Bell for —"
4 Unleash on
5 Airport org. flagging bags
6 Parody-filled newspaper
7 Gretzky of hockey
8 Brian of rock
9 School URL ender
10 "... — a puddy tat!"
11 Orals, e.g.
12 Clear, as a windshield
13 Boxing great
14 Bear's home
15 Bender
16 Not suited
17 Town that's home to the University of Connecticut
18 Shredded
23 Blitzed, e.g.
24 6'6", say
29 Brine source
31 Solo in films
32 Mine find
33 Game aim
34 It aired "ER"
35 Hi- — (stereos)
36 Caviar fish
37 Suburb of Minneapolis
42 "Umami" taste source
43 "— -haw!"
44 Simply must keep going
45 At variance
46 Dr. Kildare player Ayres
47 "I heard him exclaim, — he drove out of sight ..."
48 "Fine fellow"
50 Paperboy, for one
54 Gorilla guru Fossey
56 Actress Leelee
57 Pick out from others
58 Some poems
60 Plural of "el"
62 Be in debt
63 Some votes
64 Zapping ER treatment
65 Silver of statistics
67 Neighbor of Belg.
71 Party
72 Netman Arthur
74 "Uh-huh"
75 Caviar base
76 Inseparable
77 DDE's WWII sphere
79 Chocoholic, e.g.
82 Chinese port
84 Oahu patio
85 Road, in Italy
86 Seer's "gift"
87 "Fresh Air" network
89 Dusk, to a bard
90 Old Brit. Airways jet
94 More heartfelt
97 PC file that's shareable
99 Fathers
100 First-aid pro
101 Writer Rand
102 Nanki- — ("The Mikado" son)
103 Block up
104 Made level
105 "Good as gold," e.g.
107 Mötley —
111 "Love Story" author Erich
112 "He's a man — words"
113 Dinero
114 "With this ring — wed"
115 Keno's kin
116 Knight's mail
117 Some pups
122 Norway port
124 Make haste
125 Blast stuff
126 Flying stinger
127 Apartment divs.
128 Archaic verb ending
129 Dernier —
130 Used a pew



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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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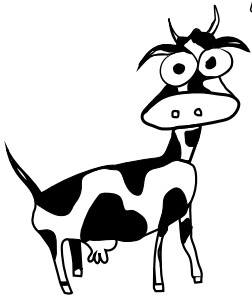
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LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS:

Super Crossword

Answers

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Go Figure!

answers

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GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

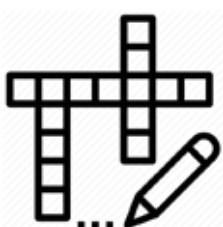
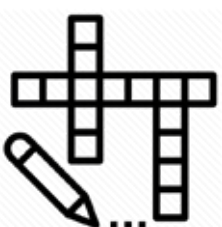
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Photos by Beka Compton

Top: Griffin Hinchliffe rocked the guitar for the fifth grade's version of *Run Run Rudolph* last week. The students all worked hard to perfect their dances, and they got to perform for a very full house.

Above left: The fourth grade class had an important message for the concert attendees: *Don't eat a poinsettia, or you might regret a bad day when you get a tummy quake*. The students just wanted to make sure everyone knew what would happen if those pretty red leaves were tempting this holiday season.

Above right: Waitsburg's fifth grade class put on quite a show with a festive twist on the *Cha Cha Slide*. The well-choreographed performance had the crowd dancing along with them, and the kids' joy was absolutely infectious.

Left: As part of the STEM program, students from Waitsburg Elementary had the chance to design and build their own instruments. The instruments ranged from repurposed coffee cans to plastic eggs filled with beans and paper bowls decorated with bells. Before the concert was over, the whole school came together to play a song with their handmade instruments.



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