



Corben Ketelsen

A row of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) at the Waitsburg fire station. The safety of the volunteers depend on the effectiveness of their gear. The future of local volunteer fire services needs adequate funding and support by the community. CWWFD#2, and rural fire departments across the country, fight rising costs to update and maintain infrastructure.

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CWWFD#2 ask community for "Lid Lift" on fire levy

The fire district invites the public to The Plaza on July 17 for a discussion and Q&A on the August 1 ballot proposition.

By Lane Gwinn | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—Tuesday afternoon, Waitsburg residents saw a familiar sight at harvest—three wildland engines and a tender heading towards a fire, with sirens blaring. The trucks left in quick succession from the Columbia Walla Walla Fire District #2 (CWWFD2) fire station, carrying eight volunteers who turned out for the call.

The call was for a standing wheat field fire on the west side of Lower Waitsburg Road in Fire District #7. The Waitsburg crew joined fire districts #7, 9, 4, City of Walla Walla, and College Place personnel.

The fire threatened structures, including Kristen Darrow's home, who described her experience in a letter to the editor on page 2. The firefighters were able to get the blaze under control in under three hours, returning safely to the station by 5 p.m.

These types of calls are a big part of the work volunteer firefighters provide to our community and adjacent districts.

The plume of smoke seen west of town was a reminder that it is up to taxpayers to do their part in supporting the CWWFD2 volunteers and their families.

Walla Walla County voters who live in the Columbia Walla Walla Fire District #2 service area will vote on a lid lift to its regular fire levy. The district, based in Waitsburg, provides EMS and fire service to residents in portions of Columbia and Walla Walla Counties. There are four regular levies that fund the district, two in each county, one for EMS, and one for fire services.

The district collects around \$240,000 from the combined levies annually. The total dollar amount collected from the levies can only be increased by 1% an-



Kristin Darrow

A Walla Walla County resident watched the firefighters from local fire districts protect her home from a wheat field fire on July 11.

nually on assessed value, excluding new construction. As the assessed property values rise, the levy rates are reduced to keep any increase to the dollar amount collected limited to 1%.

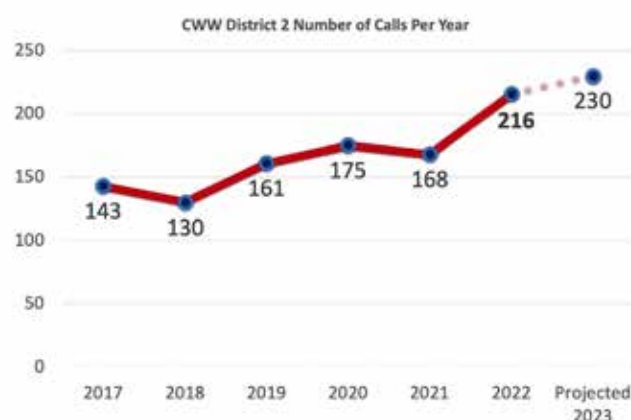
The CWWFD #2 is asking Walla Walla County voters to approve a "lid lift" to raise the levy rate in that county from \$ 0.47 to \$1.00 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The one-dollar rate would become the basis for subsequent years.

According to CWWFD #2 Commissioner Matt Spring, the annual 1% increases have not been enough to keep up with inflation. Costs to effectively run the fire district, including maintaining and purchasing equipment, attracting and training volunteers, and handling increased call volume, have risen signifi-

cantly.

The CWWFD#2 board and volunteers are hosting a public meeting at The Plaza in Waitsburg on July 17 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss and answer questions about the "lid lift" and the need for increased funding to keep the fire services up to date and effective. The ballots, including the levy proposition, were mailed out by the county on July 12 and must be mailed or dropped off by 8 p.m. on election day, August 1, 2023

**FIRE LEVY LID LIFT
PRESENTATION
AND Q&A
6:30 P.M., JULY 17
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(left) The call response for the fire district continues to grow, outpacing funding increases.

NEWS BRIEFS

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LETTERS

AT THE LIBERTY:

"Asteroid City"

THE TIMES

DAYTON—"Asteroid City" is a poetic meditation on the meaning of life. It tells the story of a fictional American desert town circa 1955 and its Junior Stargazer convention, which brings together students and parents from across the country for scholarly competition, rest/recreation, comedy, drama, romance, and more. It has a cast of very well-known stars including Tom Hanks, Scarlet Johansson, Bryan Cranston, Matt Dillon, Steve Carrell, and many others.

This movie has received some mixed ratings. The IMDb website rates this movie as 7.1 out of 10, and Rotten Tomatoes critics gave this a 73% favorable rating, but 62% of the audience on that website liked it. It is rated PG-13 for brief graphic nudity, some suggestive material, and smoking. The IMDb parent's guide has identified this movie as moderate for sex and nudity (including brief full frontal female nudity), and mild for all other rated categories. It has a runtime of 105 minutes.

We will continue to run closed-captioning on Sundays and Tuesdays. Our free kids' movies continue for several more weeks on Tuesdays and Fridays. Please see the Liberty Theater website for details and the schedule for upcoming movies. A special discounted price of \$2 for a small drink and small popcorn is available.

The balcony remains closed because we are waiting for handrails to be constructed. We hope to reopen the balcony as soon as possible; probably in late July. Thank you for your patience.



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CCHS RECOGNIZED FOR PALLIATIVE CARE PROGRAM

THE TIMES

DAYTON—The Columbia County Health System (CCHS) and Ocean Beach Hospital & Medical Clinics were awarded the Rural Quality Everyday Extraordinary Award from the Washington State Hospital Association (WSHA). The association recognized the hospitals at its Rural Hospital Leadership Conference on June 28 in Chelan, Wash.

Columbia County Health System was chosen for its innovative approach to improving patient care through its Palliative Care Program. Program leaders set goals and succeeded in reducing emergency room visits and facilitating care goals, including end-of-life planning and spiritual care. Patients and their families have praised the program.

"Both award recipients demonstrated a proactive approach to meet the needs of their patients," said Darcy Jaffe, WSHA senior vice president for safety and quality. "They recognized challenges in their communities and created programs that reached outside the walls of the hospital to improve the health of their patients."

"This team is dedicated to providing holistic care to the whole person and their family dealing with the stressors of advancing disease states. Palliative Care's goal is to assist patients with symptoms, medications, and coordination with Primary Care, hospitals, and Specialty Care," said program director Dawn Meicher, ARNP. "Our RNs, Community Health Worker, Home Care Aid, and Physical therapist all work together and coordinate care with the goal to keep folks living independently, seek other living situations, or provide a seamless transition to end-of-life care when appropriate."

JULY IS PARKS & RECREATION MONTH AT CCRLD

THE TIMES

DAYTON—July is Parks and Recreation Month at the Dayton Rural Library. The staff invites you to check out a state park pass, hiking or birdwatching kits, or other library resources to enjoy our region's many natural wonders.

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SAVED BY THE CAVALRY- FIREFIGHTERS FROM THREE COUNTIES

To the Editor

As we stood in the front yard looking at a fleet of fire trucks and water trucks from three counties this afternoon, I was filled with deep gratitude and admiration for the crews that showed up to stamp out the wheat fire that had, just minutes before, come within 50 yards of my house. Jake Adams - Captain of the volunteer Columbia Walla Walla Fire District #2 stationed in Waitsburg, was first on the scene, along with my neighbor farmer and friend, Bill Frazier.

The wheat fire that started by my house this afternoon looked small as I drove by it on my way home from Walla Walla. I texted my neighbor, Bill Frazier, to be sure he knew about the fire. He called me right back, and we chatted briefly about it. The fire seemed adjacent to our properties but closer to Hart Road than our backyards. I failed to factor in the strong southwesterly wind this afternoon.

After Bill drove to check things out, he returned a few minutes later, banging urgently on my front door.

"It's right on your doorstep. Do you have any sprinklers?" I was shocked to see how close the fire had moved as smoke poured down the hill behind my house. I turned on all the sprinklers I could find, wishing I had more and was better prepared (notes to self were taken).

When Jake Adams arrived, he watched the fire from the back property line as it came rolling down the hill, eating the wheat as it roared toward Bill's machine shed and my house. After tracking the fire, wind direction, and speed, Jake said, "Take your animals and get out of here." A sentence that seemed more from a movie than my actual life.

I ran inside and alternated between frantically loading bags full of clothes, shoes, musical instruments, laptops, and important papers; and running outside to see what was happening. How powerless it felt at that moment. Gus, my yellow Labrador, kept following me inside and out. Molly, my black Labrador, was on her bed in the living room, confident we would figure it all out. I was not.

Joining Bill on the property line, having gathered the dogs and important stuff, the smoke was so thick it looked like a thunderstorm was passing over. Bill said he wished he could plow a fire break, but his tractor was harvesting other fields. We both stood silent for a minute, watching the distance close between the fire and our property lines. Suddenly, as if from a movie, a tractor came barreling over the hill through the smoke faster than I have ever seen a tractor move. It fishtailed around the curves, cutting a fire break in the wheat a few yards from where we stood. Cavalry! Howard Smith Jr. and/or his crew sure can drive a mean tractor. The tractor disappeared into the smoke, emerging on the other side, cutting a widening fire break between the burning field and my house. It then circled Bill's machine shed. Seriously. Amazing.

I noticed that my driveway had filled with fire and water trucks. Second cavalry! Crews came from everywhere—Waitsburg, Prescott, Walla Walla, College Place, Columbia County, and even Franklin County. There could have been other crews, but those stand in my memory.

There were close to twenty firefighters who answered the call. Focused and professional. They got the fire under control within the hour. At one point, I looked towards the hilltop across Lower Waitsburg Road to see a fire truck standing vigil, surveying the scene. Calm competence was evident at every turn from everyone I observed.

I don't know how many acres burned. Lots of dust still to settle. Chuck and I were thinking of grilling this evening. Instead, we are heading out for a beer. We left the sprinklers running.

Kristen Darrow
Waitsburg, Wash.

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OBITUARY

Ronnie Mings

August 15, 1941 – June 24, 2023

Ronnie Mings was born on August 15, 1941. He was the son of Henry and Ruth Mings. Ronnie passed away peacefully and very well cared for at Park Manor in Walla Walla, Washington, on June 24, 2023. Ronnie attended and completed school in Dayton, Washington. After completing high school, Ronnie was off to serve in the United States Army. Ronnie married the love of his life, Ruth Angell, on July 25, 1964. Ronnie and Ruth went on to have two children. Ronnie worked construction around the area and owned his company, QC Construction.

Ronnie loved life; he had lots of interests and a love for the outdoors. He was an avid sturgeon fisherman. He loved to go to Elk camp every year with his son-in-law and the younger guys. Ronnie spent many weekends and evenings following his granddaughters', nieces', and nephews' sports and activities.

He is survived by his daughter, Rita Brown, and her husband, John, of Waitsburg; his son Rod Mings and wife, Lorie, of Goodyear, Arizona; five grandchildren Felicia Brown of Walla Walla, Rebecca Brown of Waitsburg, Lexus Benson of Waitsburg, Tristan Mings of Goodyear Arizona, Miranda Mings of Goodyear Arizona, five great-grandsons, and his brother Ray Dean Mings of Prescott.

Ronnie was preceded in death by the love of his life Ruth Mings; his parents, Ruth and Henry Mings; his brothers, Cecil, Glen, and Melvin Mings; and his sister Janet Pomroy.

We will have a Celebration of Life on August 19, 2023, at 2:00 PM at Bryan's Landing at the Little Goose Dam.



Ronnie Mings
August 15, 1941 – June 24, 2023

FOODSTOCK IS BACK AT BMS ON JULY 15

THE TIMES

DAYTON—Blue Mountain Station is hosting Foodstock 2023 on Saturday, July 15, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

This year's event features a variety of internationally influenced foods, including Mexican, Italian, American, and Asian—sample different tastes from food trucks and Blue Mountain Station vendors.

There will also be a selection of wines, cider, and premium liqueurs to enjoy on the day and to take home for later.

Talented musicians will provide entertainment throughout the day. Other activities include bead stringing, making tie-dye shirts, yard games, and shopping from various arts and crafts vendors.

The idea for Foodstock came from Regina Weldert, owner of Reys Roast, who suggested holding an event on the 45th anniversary of the iconic music festival Woodstock. The other BMS vendors were excited to pair food and music, which became an annual event. Since its start in 2014, the event has moved to the third Saturday of July to coincide with Dayton's Alumni Weekend.

This is a family-friendly event that is free to the public.



Lane Gwinn
Fun at last year's event

TERRITORIAL PRISON ESCAPE GAME IS RETURNING JULY 15 & 16 TO FT WW.

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—Time to test your pre-CSI-era fugitive hunting skills at Fort Walla Walla on July 15 and 16. Join the search for the escaped criminal Orvy Whipstitch Horvath, known to keep company with lowlifes and horse thieves. He escaped from Walla Walla's territorial prison and took an escape route through Fort Walla Walla, leaving behind careless clues.

Over this two-day family-friendly event, visitors are invited to form search teams and help track down this desperado. Successful teams will be rewarded with prizes from the museum store.

The game is an interactive puzzle, where clues throughout the museum include a wanted poster that might lead to a newspaper clipping detailing Horvath's escape, which might lead to the horse he stole, and onward. Participants will need their wits and observation skills to trace the fugitive's trail through the grounds to discover the criminal in his hiding spot.

This is a weekend-long event; searchers can join anytime from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

On Sunday, July 16, at 2 p.m., the



museum will present Living History: Lettice Millican Clark Reynolds, pioneer settler and community leader.

Lettice Millican, portrayed by Pam Myers, was born in 1830, the oldest of 12 children. In 1843, her family headed west with a wagon train carrying 1,000 settlers. After her family settled in the Willamette Valley, she married Ransom Clark, who, in 1855, obtained a 640-acre donation claim along Yellowhawk Creek. Lettice and her husband came to Walla Walla to "prove up" their claim in 1855 but were driven out by the Indian War of that year. Ransom Clark died in Portland in 1859, and Lettice returned to Walla Walla the same year to complete their cabin, which is now located in the Museum's Pioneer Village. She was the first white woman to reside in the Walla Walla Valley after the Whitman tragedy, later marrying mill owner Almos Reynolds and becoming a public benefactor who made substantial gifts to Whitman College

Wine of the Week



Dowsett Family 2018
Celilo Vineyard Gewurztraminer



By Paul Gregutt | THE TIMES

Chris Dowsett's winemaking resumé would occupy this entire page. Suffice it to say that the family brand is his most personal, and this often-overlooked grape his particular passion. This is a dry, full-bodied wine sourced from an old vine site in the Columbia Gorge. Such richness as you'll find here is exceptional, and this is supported by tangy citrus and underlying wet stone minerality, while keeping the aggressive perfume character of Gewurz in check. A substantial, evocative wine, this all but begs for experimentation with food—black cod or halibut would be a good start. Produced right here in Walla Walla, it should be easily found locally. 14.2%; \$30 (Columbia Gorge) 94/100.

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Times Travelers



Randy and Antoinette Charles brought The Times on a Scottish adventure.

Lunches

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Tuesday, July 18
Lasagna
Vegetable (Chef's Choice)
Coleslaw
Garlic Bread
Fruit

WAITSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT

Summer Food Service Program
Free summer meal program for any child 18 and under at Waitsburg Elementary School.
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And, back to Los Angeles....

By Vicki Sternfeld-Rossi | THE TIMES



I recently returned to L.A. for the sole purpose of renewing my California driver's license. I hope this will be my final foray into the famous (or infamous) California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). Under California law, drivers of a certain age no longer qualify for an automatic renewal. It is now required to take both the written and vision tests, which I last took five years ago. I am still having nightmares over that day.

First, I was traveling and had to wait until two days before my birthday for an appointment at the DMV. When I checked in, I was turned away immediately because the name on my driver's license didn't match the name on my Social Security card.

I hadn't changed my name at Social Security when I married Daniel, as I used my maiden name for work, paychecks, and IRS filings. However, I did change my last name on my driver's license (a BIG mistake). My license was automatically renewed three times, each with five-year terms. After fifteen years of automatic renewals, the world of identification tracking had changed. As a result, I had one day to go to Social Security to have my name updated to match my driver's

license. Remarkably, it was easy, quick, and painless; I was ecstatic.

With my updated Social Security card, I zipped back to the DMV early the following day. I took the test and had my license with less than twelve hours to spare before the old one expired. It felt like a success.

Unfortunately, I should have proofread my temporary license. The last name was misspelled, which I didn't realize until I completed the paperwork for a mini-split I bought for my house. Luckily, it wasn't an issue for Pacific Power, but I knew there would be a day of reckoning at the DMV, and that day is here.

I was not concerned with passing the written or driving tests on this trip. I was worried about dealing with DMV, which never admits it made a typo. I will have to accept the DMV's spelling of my last name until I finally make the official move to Washington.

The trip was quick, but I had time to show off some of my garden bounty. My carry-on luggage had a large zip-lock bag filled with sugar snap peas from my garden. I came very close to picking my one large yellow zucchini, but I was sure it would be a squashed mess by the time I landed, so it was giant when I returned.

Somehow, a slew of bright yellow California poppies is growing in every corner of my yard, including the raised bed vegetable planters. I can't tell the poppies from the cucumbers; all their leaves and stems are entwined. Now I see a field of yellow flowers and hope there's no cross-pollination, and I end up with very peculiar cucumbers.

While Daniel is working in Europe, he expects me to mow the lawn with our heavy, stinky, noisy gas mower. I haven't told him that shortly after he left, I bought an electric mower (he had threatened to throw it away if I bought one). I was never great at obedience. The good news is when he asks if I am using our mower, I can honestly respond, yes, I am. If he ever asks if it's the gas mower, I'm sunk, but right now, I'm a mowing hero!

Cardinal's Nest brings art & science for summer

By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—Program Coordinator Kathy Schirm and her assistants have provided activities for Waitsburg's first through eighth-grade kids at the Cardinal's Nest summer program.

"It has been good for the kids and the families," said Schirm.

A group of 26 first, second, and third-graders enjoyed making pizza box solar ovens on Monday, June 26. They cooked smores, little smokies, and Ritz cracker pizza and enjoyed every bite.

On Tuesday, they made gooey slime and tie-dyed shirts before finishing the day by making delicious banana splits.

The kids kept busy on Wednesday with marbled milk painting, making bottle rockets, and elephant toothpaste. The toothpaste is a classic science project that uses a few ingredients, including Hydrogen peroxide, to create a bubbling, expanding foam. The

"toothpaste" squeezed from a tube is so big that it is fit for an elephant.

Over 30 fourth through eighth-grade students participated in activities on July 10 through 12.

"What is fishy about our environment?" is the theme for this week's summer program, where science and art will be used to teach kids about the environment, according to the Cardinal's Nest President Nancy Bickelhaupt.

On Monday, July 10, the students learned to paint fish with Tom Schirm. He gave the kids fish shaped from wood and drew pictures on the whiteboard to demonstrate how to paint their fish realistically.

Tuesday, the students played a habitat game and visited the Walla Walla Community College's Water and Environmental Center on Wednesday.

This summer, Schirm has been supported by her husband Tom, Cardinal's Nest President Bickelhaupt, and board member Katie Knighton. Carol White, Tabita Jadin, Sarabeth McGowen, Aubri Araya, Natalie Knudson, and Tyler Coulston also assist Schirm.

The art and science activities have been provided at no cost to the families through the generous support from Sunny Day Foundation, Waitsburg Lions Club, Wildhorse Foundation, Waitsburg School District, Northwest Grain Growers, WHS Alumni Association, Blue Mt. Community Foundation, McGregor Company, and local individual donors.



Ryden Huxoll (second from left) and friends taste their snacks cooked in their pizza-box solar ovens.



photos by Karen Huwe

Tom Schirm (top left) led the kids through the steps to create realistically painted fish plaques. It was an opportunity to learn about fish and painting. A perfect Cardinal's Nest project.

LEGAL NOTICES (Cont.)

Request for Bid-Station #1 Metal Storage Building
Columbia County Fire District #1 is soliciting sealed bids from qualified contractors licensed to do business in the State of Washington for the construction of a 4970 SqFt pre-engineered metal storage building with concrete slabs and other miscellaneous work in accordance with the contract documents. The location for the building is at Front Street, Starbuck, WA 99359. We hope your company is interested in this project. Important Dates & Times Bids are DUE: Thursday, July 20th, 2023 at 7:30 PM PST DISTRICT #1: Metal Building PART A Bidders Packet (Part A-1 to A-8) PART B Engineer Construction Drawings Please call or text the Columbia County Fire District at 509-520-7381 or email at Krubensers2688@gmail.com and a hard copy (only) will be

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FUN & GAMES

The Friendly Forest

By Jimmye L. Turner



Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

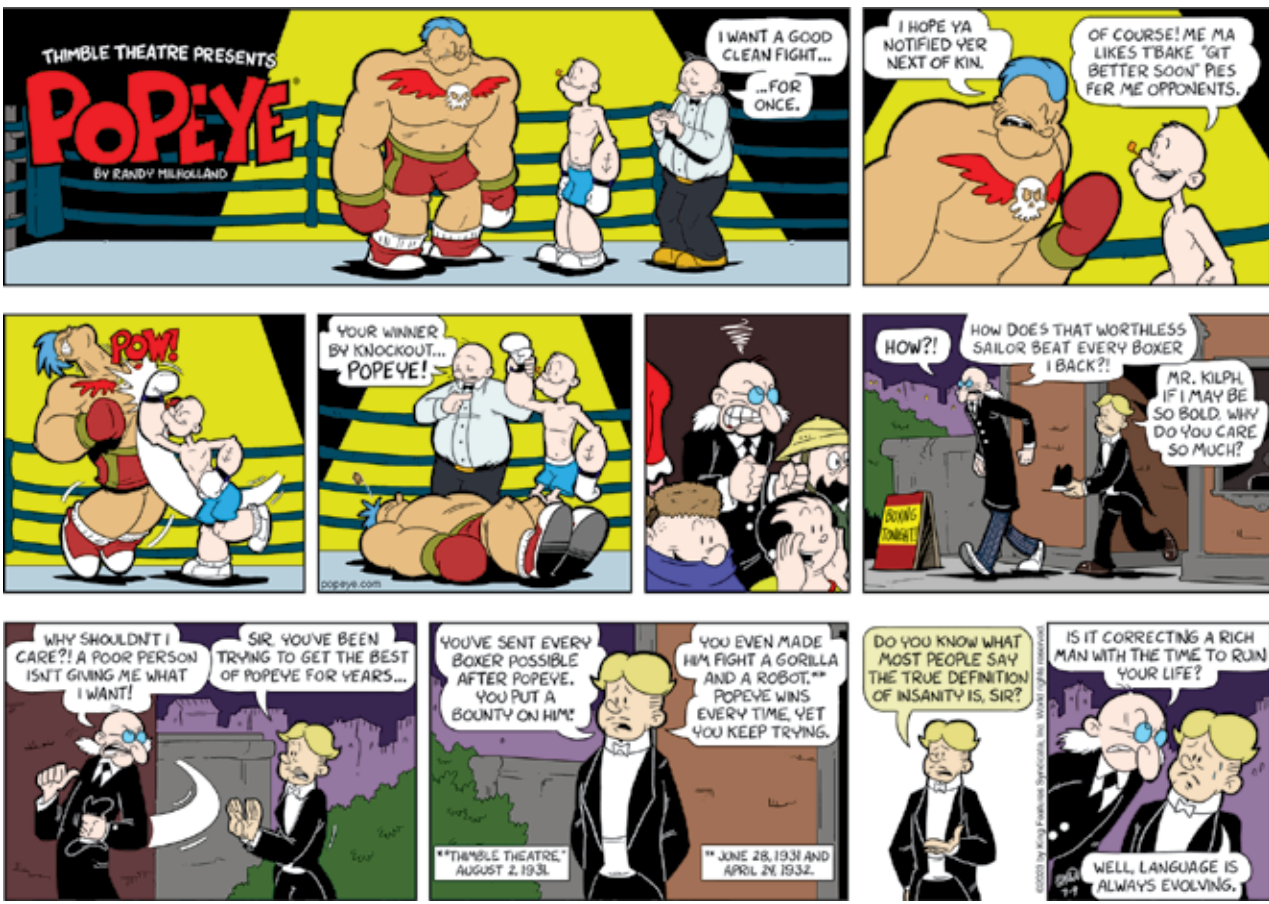


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PIONEER PORTRAITS

Ten Years Ago

July 11, 2013

At five minutes 'til noon here this July 4, a small cadre of servicemen advanced with Old Glory and service flags to an agreed upon rendezvous point – the intersection of Main Street and Third. Once assembled, the eight men spread the width of the street – six hoisting the colors, the other two bookending the group as rifle bearers. At the sounding of the noon siren, the unit advanced in patriotic reverence two blocks toward the hardware store to the sound of the applause of a few dozen or more appreciative onlookers. The group consisted of John Lieberman, Dorn Hall, Bruce Abbey, Jim Harting, John Stellwagen, Jack McCaw, Rod Baker, and Bret Moser, with Ike Keve and Tom Baker bringing up the rear guard a few steps behind them. Once in front of the hardware store, Moser, a retired Army captain, read from the Declaration of Independence and said a prayer. McCaw, an enlisted navy man during World War II, concluded the downtown proceedings by leading the crowd in a rendition of "God Bless America".

Twenty-Five Years Ago

July 16, 1998

Robert Hinchliffe, son of Jill Hinchliffe, Waitsburg, and George Hinchliffe of Prescott, has been honored for academic achievement during the spring semester at the University of Idaho. He is a 1995 graduate of Waitsburg High School.

Jason Payne, son of John and Kathy Payne, is being published in the Journal of Bacteriology, August 1998, Volume 180, No. 15. The title is "Purification and Characterization of EDTA Monoxygenase from the EDTA-Degrading Bacterium BNCI". Jason is working on his Ph.D. in Microbiology at WSU. He is in his third year. He received his undergraduate degree in Microbiology in May 1995 from WSU. He is working under Dr. Luying Xun. He also recently attended the National Microbiology Conference in Atlanta, Georgia. Along with taking in many seminars and new ideas, Jason presented a poster on his work. Jason is married to Micki McCoy Payne, daughter of Terry McCoy, Waitsburg.

Fifty Years Ago

July 12, 1973



[Photo Caption] Sidney Conner, owner of the Waitsburg Pharmacy, has purchased the Allen Building in Waitsburg from J. V. Glover. Sid has drawn up plans to move the pharmacy across the street as "soon as possible." Albert Land, contractor, will work on remodeling the new store space. The Allen Building contains the Walla Walla County Justice Court rooms, and it housed, for many years, Allen's Grocery and Markey, and most recently was the site of Craig's Variety Store. Sid says that the new location will give him lots more room, and the location will be very convenient to the post office location.

Seventy-Five Years Ago

July 16, 1948

Jacqueline Archer, Marilyn Collingwood, Jean Gibson, Margaret McBride, Sharon White and Sereta Patton were among the busload of singing Camp Fire girls who left for Camp Kiwanis at Kooskooskie on July 11th.

New owners of Waitsburg Welding Works, Inc. are David Barer and I. J. Barer of Walla Walla.

Gardening prizes were awarded this week to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Atkins, Dr. and Mrs. E. J. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Neace, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Dyar, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Butler and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Dilts.

One Hundred Years Ago

July 20, 1923

George Reid and Willie Bowles, and Wesley Lloyd of Waitsburg, this week received their respective "Humming Bird" threshers manufactured by Wood Brothers Thresher Co. of Iowa.

Mrs. W. O. McCaw started the season this year with nine birds; one gobbler and eight hens. To date her hens have hatched and raised to be good-sized birds, 160 turkeys.

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago

July 22, 1898

A fight between two drunken hobos occurred on Monday morning on 2nd Street near Neace-Hanger Co. store in which both parties received some pretty ugly cuts. Marshal Prescott separated them and after partly sobering them up in the city "cooler" escorted them to the city limits and bade them goodbye.

Isaac Neace, a son of Lewis Neace arrived in this city on last Friday with his bride, on a visit to friends and relatives.

Mrs. Jennie Marvin and daughter Lucile spent several days in Walla Walla.

LAST PAGE

Community Calendar

Waitsburg Monthly Meetings



Waitsburg City Council
Third Wednesday of each month @ 7 p.m. at City Hall. April meeting was canceled, next meeting July 19.

Planning Commission

Second Friday of the month @ 10 a.m. @ City Hall and on Zoom. Next meeting on July 13

Waitsburg School Board

July 20 - Third Thursday of every month @ 6 p.m. Zoom meeting information is available at <https://www.waitsburgsd.org/o/wardsburg-school-district/page/school-board--272>
Zoom info available by emailing waitsburgcc@icloud.com

Waitsburg Historical Society

Third Tuesday of the month @ 6:00 p.m. @ Weller Public Library

Waitsburg Booster Club

First Tues. of the month, 6:30 p.m. @ High School Home Ec. room
Next meeting on Tuesday, August 7, 2023 @ 6:30 p.m.

Waitsburg Parks and Recreation Public Meeting

Next meeting Thursday, August 3. Any questions, call Bart Baxter at (509) 730-0781.
Regular meetings are held the first Thursday of the month, 6 p.m. @ Ten Ton Coffee
For more information email: info@waitsburgparks.org

Weller Public Library Board of Trustees

Second Tuesday of the month, next meeting on August 8

Friends of the Weller Public Library

4th Monday of the month @ 7 p.m.

Weller Public Library, 212 Main Street, Waitsburg
Next meeting on July 24



Waitsburg Commercial Club

July 27 @ Ten Ton Coffee @noon. Last Thursdays of each month,
Zoom info available by emailing waitsburgcc@icloud.com

Waitsburg Resource Center Community Food Bank

106 1/2 Preston Ave
Thursdays, 2 - 4 pm

Dayton & Columbia County Meetings

Board of Columbia County Commissioners

Regular meetings - First and second Monday of each month @ 9 a.m.

Work sessions - Second and fourth Monday of each month @ 9 a.m.

Call-in information available at <https://www.columbiaco.com/114/County-Commissioners>

Dayton City Council

August 8- Second Tuesday of every month @ 6 p.m.

Call-in information available at <https://www.daytonwa.com/54-inside-city-hall/city-council>

Dayton School Board

July 5 & 19 - First and Third Wednesday of every month @ 6 p.m. @ Dayton High School auditorium

Columbia County Public Hospital District Board of Commissioners

Fourth Wednesday of every month @ 1:30 p.m. Call (509) 382-2531 for information.

Dayton Memorial Library Board of Trustees Meeting

July 17 @ 7 p.m. Delaney room and Zoom Meeting ID: 852 3836 3787

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85238363787> Dayton

Kiwanis Club Meeting

Second and Fourth Thursday @ Noon
Hybrid in-person meetings at the Delaney Library with online Zoom available.
Zoom Meeting ID: 559 815 3650

Starbuck Meetings

Starbuck City Council

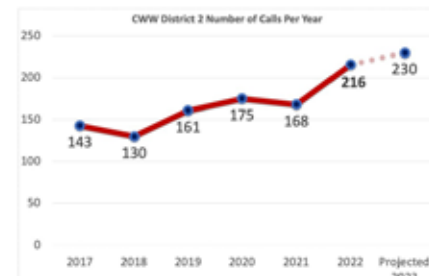
Second Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. at Starbuck City Hall

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BIRTHDAYS

July 13: Tom and Gracie Lyman, Terri Schuler, Ron Kessler, Tom John, Janis Austin, Steve Low, Gary Vaughn, Kimberly Williams, Tucker Gleason.

July 14: Karen Gregutt, Brett Tuttle, Pat Davis, Megan Price, Lauren Rohde.

July 15: Howard Hays, Steve Witt, Mary Duncan, Ray Clayton, W.L. Clayton.

July 16: Margaret Fitzekam, Judy Bauerlie, Karlee Young.

July 17: Mack Garrett, Bill Hamann, Emily Hubbard.

July 18: Andrew Estes, Jean Krause, Mike Hinchliffe, James Hamilton, Connie Maiden, Judy Groom, Courtney Gritman, Stephanie Thomas, and Thomas (Josh) Pennington.

July 19: Ray Johnson, Jessica Hofer, Jacob Johnson, Adam Mellish, Zachariah Beasley, Marilyn Stellwagen, Porter Larsen.



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