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SAFER CROSSING WITH FLASHING BEACONS IN SCHOOL ZONE

THE TIMES

 $\label{eq:WAITSBURG-Pedestrians} WAITSBURG - Pedestrians, including Waitsburg School District students,$ using the crosswalk on Coppei Avenue and Academy Street, are safer after the installation of rapid rectangular flashing beacons (RRFBs).

Since the district's schools share fa-

cilities, including the gymnasium, music room, auditorium, and classrooms, the students, faculty, and staff cross the busy road throughout the school day. The new beacons will add necessary safety measures to the crossings on Coppei Avenue.

The school district's Facilities Supervisor, Brian Segraves, contacted the Washington Department of Transportation in April 2023 regarding crosswalk safety. WADOT provided the district with an estimated cost for installing solar beacons.

Segraves continued communicating with WADOT to stress the need for student safety at the schools. WADOT eventually obtained funding from a legislative provision for bicycle and pedestrian improvements for the entire cost with no out-of-pocket to the district.

"The beacons are up and running, and there has been positive feedback from both the staff and students," said Segraves.

(above) New flashing beacons add much needed visability to pedestrians crossing between the Waitsburg Elementary and High School buildings. Coppei Ave is the south entrance into town as E. Highway

new FFA officer

By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — Waitsburg senior Cedar Stegall loves being part of Future Farmers of American, FFA. Recently, she filled out the application, sent her resume, and was interviewed before being selected to be a Sentinel – an FFA District Officer.

Stegall looks forward to the program's opportunities to trav-

el and meet new people. She completed her district officer training in Sequim, Washington, where she went on industry tours and learned more about her role as an officer. Stegall attended a

meeting with the district's advisors and was given the opportunity to plan a workshop for chapter officers. Her goal this year is to help her community as much as possible and meet as many new people as possible.

Every year, district officers meet to plan service projects for their communities. Stegall represents a large district stretching from Waitsburg to Touchet and north to Tekoa and Rosalia. The officers planned to hold projects in three locations within the district: Waitsburg, Oaksdale, and

FFA District Sentinel Cedar Stegall cooks pancakes for the community

Colton. The project in Waitsburg had a good community turnout for pancakes and bingo!

"The purpose of these projects is to give the team a chance to give back to the community while also getting the rest of the district involved," said Stegall.

Waitsburg's FFA advisor, Nicole Abel, enjoyed watching Stegall plan the event and cook pancakes with the other Waitsburg FFA officers. Bingo added a fun, competitive activity to the event.

"It was very serious business trying to win a delicious pie!" said Abel.

Stegall is Waitsburg's | Dayton approves utility tax increase to cover incounty contract

By Justin Jaech | THE TIMES

DAYTON — Mayor Roger Trump called the Dayton City Council to order at 6:00 PM, November 19, 2024. Mayor Roger Trump and council members Teeny McMunn, Michael Smith, James Su'euga, Laura Aukerman, and Shannon McMillen were at Dayton City Hall. Joann Patras and Kyle Anderson were not

Duane Goff rose to speak as the only member of the public to speak during the first public comment period concerning the Fourth Street sidewalk project. He spoke on the same topic at a recent city council meeting. He began by asking, "Who is the city?" He concluded that the people are the city. The gist of his lengthy remarks concerned how the sidewalk project impacted his auto shop business on the corner of Main Street and Fourth Street. He said the city had not given him sufficient notice of the project, and no project managers were available to speak with him when the project began. He had expected more transparency in city government and hoped they will improve in the

Sheriff Helm and County Commissioner Ryan Rundell were unavailable to give reports.

The council approved the mayor's appointment of Mike Smith to the Historic Preservation Commission. Smith abstained from the vote.

The council held a public hearing concerning a one percent tax levy increase, but there were no comments. With Aukerman dissenting, the council voted 4 to 1 to approve Resolution No. 1554 authorizing the one percent tax levy increase.

Next, the council considered Ordinance 2014 to increase the city's utility tax by nineteen percent, from fifteen percent to thirty-four percent. Funds from the utility tax are used to pay the county for services, including law enforcement and munic-

The 2025 interlocal agreement with the county will cost the city over \$758,000, and the nineteen percent increase is the lowest to cover the cost for county services. During council discussion, most members expressed concern over the necessity for such a significant increase, however, they agreed that "kicking the can down the road" would saddle taxpayers even more later. The city expects the new tax schedule will take effect in March 2025. Ordinance 2014 was passed unanimously.

There were no reports from the mayor, council members, or

The council meeting adjourned at about 7:24 p.m.. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 3, 2024, at 6 p.m.

NEWS BRIEFS

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AT THE LIBERTY:

"The Grinch" Friday November 29 at 3 p.m.

THE TIMES

DAYTON—The Grinch tells the story of a cynical grump who goes on a mission to steal Christmas, only to have his heart changed by a young girl's generous holiday spirit. Funny, heartwarming and visually stunning, it's a universal story about the spirit of Christmas and the indomitable power of optimism. Academy Award® nominee Benedict Cumberbatch lends his voice to the infamous Grinch, who lives a solitary life inside a cave on Mt. Crumpet with only his loyal dog, Max, for company. With a cave rigged with inventions and contraptions for his day-to-day needs, the Grinch only sees his neighbors in Whoville when he runs out of food. Each year at Christmas they disrupt his tranquil solitude with their increasingly bigger, brighter and louder celebrations. When the Whos declare they are going to make Christmas three times bigger this year, the Grinch realizes there is only one way for him to gain some peace and quiet: he must steal Christmas. Rated PG: for brief rude humor. Runtime: 89 min.

Fiddler on the Roof continues through December 7. For tickets go to libertytheater.org or Box Office Hours Tues. & Fri. 2-5 in person or by phone (509)

Movies starting on December 13 with "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever," "Red One" on December 20, and "Moana 2" on December 27.



Dayton Kiwanis Club

Thank You to all our loyal bingo players, volunteers, and sponsors for another great community event!

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WASHINGTON STATE RELEASES PLAN TO ELIMINATE TRAFFIC DEATHS AND **SERIOUS INJURIES BY 2030**

THE TIMES

OLYMPIA— The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) and the Washington Traffic Safety Commission (WTSC) announced the publication of the 2024 Target Zero Plan. Target Zero is Washington's goal to eliminate traffic deaths and serious injuries on Washington's roads by 2030. The updated plan reflects the state's ongoing commitment to traffic safety and outlines a comprehensive approach to addressing the critical factors contributing to fatal and serious collisions.

Since its inception in 2000, Target Zero has provided a strategic roadmap for eliminating traffic fatalities and serious injuries across Washington State. The 2024 plan is based on three foundational elements to help reach the goal: Prosocial Traffic Safety Culture, the Safe System Approach, and an Equity Framework.

"We simply cannot continue to see crashes, deaths, and injuries increase on our roadways," said Secretary of Transportation Roger Millar of WSDOT. "We know several ways to keep everyone safer while expanding access to all, and this plan and recommendations include important steps to inform state funding decisions and achieve our 2030 safety goals. We want everyone - travelers and roadway workers to make it home safe to their loved ones at the end of the day."

Some of the key highlights of the plan include:

The Safe System Approach – a fundamental shift in traffic safety strategy that acknowledges human error and the physical vulnerability of road users. It prioritizes creating a transportation system that accommodates human mistakes without leading to severe or fatal outcomes. It focuses on six key elements: safer land use, safer people, safer roads, safer vehicles, safer speeds, and post-crash care, ensuring a holistic strategy for reducing traffic-related harm.

Shared Responsibility - An approach where we make decisions and take actions that create a system with adequate defenses to prevent harm.

Policy Recommendations - Recommendations include lowering the legal blood alcohol content (BAC) limit to .05 to combat impaired driving, increasing strategies to encourage safer driver speeds, providing financial assistance to make driver education more affordable and accessible, and prioritizing active transportation infrastructure to make travel safer for vulnerable road users.

"Traffic fatalities have devastating impacts on families and communities, and we must use every tool available to eliminate these tragic losses," said Shelly Baldwin, WTSC Director. "The 2024 Target Zero Plan outlines a clear path to achieve safer roads for everyone in Washington. Through collaboration, innovation, and unwavering commitment, we can reach our goal of zero traffic deaths by 2030."

The release of the 2024 Target Zero Plan comes at a critical time, as Washington has experienced an increase in traffic-related fatalities in recent years. The WTSC encourages all stakeholders, including policymakers, transportation planners, and the public, to engage with the plan and support its life-saving initiatives.

For more information about the 2024 Target Zero Plan and the complete document, visit https://targetzero.com.



PACIFIC POWER ADDRESSES HOLIDAY SCAM AWARENESS FOR CUSTOMERS

THE TIMES

PORTLAND, Ore — Heading into the holiday season, Pacific Power reminds customers to be vigilant about fraudulent communications from scammers posing as utility representatives. This activity tends to increase during this time of year.

Customers can protect themselves from these types of schemes by being aware of the following facts:

Scammers will often tell you that your service is scheduled to be interrupted in the next 30-60 minutes. Fact: Pacific Power will not contact any customer

demanding immediate payment to avoid sameday service disconnection. Fraudsters may ask you to purchase a prepaid

card and tell them the card information over the phone. Fact: Pacific Power does not ask customers to make payments by purchasing prepaid cards.

Customers can always choose how they would like to make their payments. Be suspicious of anyone approaching you by phone, email, text, or in-person to demand

on-the-spot payment. Fact: Pacific Power will not contact customers to demand immediate payment for damaged or broken electrical equipment or any other service.

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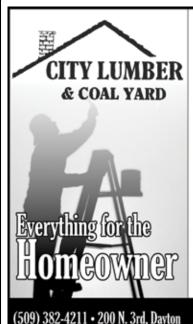
Fact: Pacific Power customer service employees will always have your correct account number.

Scammers increasingly have used text messages as a means of targeting victims.

Fact: Pacific Power will not demand payments from customers via text message. Pacific Power encourages customers to set up their online billing profile on the Pay My Bill page at www. pacificpower.net. Customers can pay bills and review statements on their account at https:// csapps.pacificpower.net/idm/my-account/payments.

Scammers may use a sophisticated deceptive tactic that makes it appear to caller ID systems that the call is coming from Pacific Power when it is not. Hang up and call Customer Service directly.

Remember, if you still have concerns about the legitimacy of a call, you can always call our published customer service number, 1-888-221-7070. Pacific Power is asking customers to report information about any scam calls received, including the phone number the person is calling from and any information that may help to track down the fraudsters.



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NEWS

OBITUARIES

Kathryn Powers

May 13, 1947 – November 15, 2024

Tathryn (North) Powers, a.k.a. Kate or Katie, passed away on November 15, 2024, in Dayton, Washington. Kate was born in Lakeview, Oregon, on May 13, 1947, to Dean and Thelma North, where she grew up with her three siblings. After high school, she attended Oregon State University in Corvallis, Oregon. She married Ray Powers in 1976, and they owned a successful office supply business in Albany until retiring to Sisters, Oregon. During their time in Albany and Sisters, they enjoyed participating in local car clubs where they showed Ray's restored 1932 Ford Coupe. Following Ray's passing, Kate relocated to Dayton, Washington, in 2017 to be near her brother and sister-in-law. She was active in the communities where she lived, providing foster homes for dogs and cats awaiting adoption and volunteering with the Sisters Kiwanis Club, the Food Banks in Sisters and Dayton, and the St. Vincent thrift store in Dayton. She attended and was active in the Dayton First Congregational Church-UCC.

Kate is survived by sisters Ellen



Submitted photo

Kathryn (North) Powers May 13, 1947 - November 15, 2024

Barton of La Grande, Oregon and Mary Church (Roger) of Lakewood, Washington, and sister-in-law Brenda North (Ron) of Dayton, Washington, as well as several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Ray, brother Ron North, and brother-in-law Ed Barton. A celebration of Kate's life will be planned in the coming months. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to your local animal shelter or an organization assisting veterans. Corbeill Funeral Homes in Dayton, Wash., is caring for the family. Online condolences may be made at www.corbeillfuneralhomes.com

MaryKay Hartley January 11,1953 – Octo-

ber 3, 2024

aryKay Hartley, age 71, passed away October 3, 2024 Lin Springfield, MO. MaryKay was born January 11, 1953 to Magdeline and Albert McFarley in Ft. Belvoir, Virginia. She joined three older brothers, Jack, Kelley, and Kevin.

The military family moved frequently, living on the East Coast, California, and Japan before settling in Walla Walla, Washington. MaryKay graduated from Walla Walla High School in 1971 and WSU in 1975 with a degree in Anthropology.

She moved to California after college, working as a paralegal. MaryKay married Michael Hartley; they later divorced. She moved to Missouri, where she experienced multiple health problems over the past 20 years.



MaryKay Hartley January 11, 1953 - October 3, 2024

MaryKay was preceded in death by her father in 1979 and her mother in 1993. MaryKay is survived by her brothers - Jack and Kelley of Walla Walla and Kevin of Bogota, Columbia. A memorial will be announced at a lat-

NEWS



You can always count on Dane Henze to help get Waitsburg ready for Hometown Christmas. On Saturday, he was busy hanging banners on Main Street with the help of his two boys, Pierce and Lowden.

Dayton School Board hires MS assistant basketball coach

By Justin Jaech | THE TIMES

DAYTON - The Dayton School Board met in the high school library at 6:30 p.m. on November 20, 2024.

The board passed the consent agenda, including approval to hire Jonathan Sanchez as an assistant coach for Middle School Boys Basketball, to accept Michael Field as a volunteer HS Boys Basketball coach, and accept the resignation of Carly Benavides from the position of Title I Paraprofessional. Also within the consent agenda was approval to hold practice for winter sports on Sundays when necessary.

The Associated Student Body (ASB) report, including an overview of planned and recently completed activities, was given. The year's goals include adding more fun activities and developing leadership skills.

The school board's student representative covered much of the same material as the ASB report, adding October's Students of the Month, which focused on responsibility. Representing the 9th grade was Karmian Pollan, for the 10th grade was Jaelynn Chapman, 11th grade, Carson Potter, and 12th grade, Lila Hutchens.

John Delp gave the Maintenance, Operations, and Grounds department report. He said the bugs in the new HVAC system in the Elementary Building were being worked out, and they are already seeing a two-gallon per hour boiler fuel savings. The next project is to install a new boiler and new temperature controls in the High School.

The Athletic Director report gave registration numbers for winter sports:

- HS Boys Basketball: 15 HS Girls Basketball: 13
- HS Wrestling: 1
- HS Winter Cheer: 5
- MS Boys Basketball: 20
- MS Girls Basketball: 12

MS Wrestling: 2

Superintendent Wheatley reported that with the assistance of a contractor, the district was preparing a bid request for a gym roof renovation, which they anticipated would cost about \$500K.

During the meeting, the board reviewed several policies and voted to approve resolution 2024-01, a Certification of 2024 Excess Property Taxes.

Reader's Photo



It's the season to be thankful for Waitsburg's generous spirit. First-grade teacher Stephanie Hinchliffe visits the Waitsburg's Resource Center with her class annually. This year, her students donated 123 pieces, weighing in at 110 pounds, to the local food bank.



I am honored and grateful to represent Benton, Franklin, Grant, and Walla Walla counties and remain committed to working tirelessly for our community. Thank you for letting me be your voice in Olympia. Let's build a stronger 16th District together!

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LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT **OF WASHINGTON** IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA No. 24-4-00271-36 PROBATE NOTICE OF **CREDITORS** In Re the Estate of GREGORY J. BUCKLEY,

Deceased. The Personal Representative named below has been apnointed 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 of the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the Personal Representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1) (c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the

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.

Personal Representative: CYNTHIA K. BUCKLEY Date of First Publication: November 21, 2024 /s/: CYNTHIA K. BUCKLEY, Personal Representative of the Estate of GREGORY J.

BUCKLEY. 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: November 21, 28, December 5, 2024 Court of Probate Proceedings and Cause Number: Walla Walla County Superior Court Cause No.: 24-4-00271-36

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THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA No. 24-4-00258-36 PROBATE NOTICE OF **CREDITORS** In Re the Estate of DAVID B. ERONEMO.

Deceased.

The Administrator named below has been appointed as Administrator 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 Administrator or the Administrator's attorney stated below a copy of the claim and filing of 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 Administrator served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate

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Cardinal Basketball winning games and gaining confidence

By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — Waitsburg Middle School boys basketball A team beat Desales and Liberty Christian before losing its first game of the season to Touchet. The B team lost to Desales and Liberty Christian and then won against Touchet. The C team won its first season game against Touchet on November 20 in Waitsburg.

At Desales on November 14, the Cardinals A team won 33-25. Liam Kiefel scored 11 points, Alex Zuniga scored 10, Alex Watson scored seven, Carter Barron with three, and Jake Lynch scored two

Wiley Gagnon scored 11 points for the B team, and Arrow Groom scored six.

"Although the B team lost, they figured out how to get the ball in the paint," said Coach Gabe

The Cardinal A team won a competitive game at Liberty Christian on November 18. Waitsburg boys did not let the noise from the hostile crowd deter them, and they came away with a 33-32 win. Lynch led the team in scoring with 11 points and rebounded 11. Zuniga scored nine, and Watson and Kiefel scored five. Barron had two points, and Cody Coulston added one.

The B team played well defensively at LC but struggled to get the ball in the hoop.

In Waitsburg on November 20 against Touchet, the C team won 31-22. Leading the scoring was

Watson, who scored 15 points in the game. Kacen Hubbard added seven, and Emerson Kiefel scored five points for their team.

Arrow Groom led the B team in the win against Touchet with eight points. Gagnon added six, Ollivyr Dahlby and Damian Brown added four points each, Ethan Watson had three points, Hubbard two, and Flynn Richardson scored one point.

In the A game, Waitsburg lost 66-26. Kiefel led with 10 points, Barron scored on two-three-point shots, Zuniga added four, and A. Watson, Lynch, and Carsyn Pennington each scored two points.

"Playing three games against Touchet was great for our program," said Kiefel. "Every player received a lot of playing time."



Karen Huwe

(above) Emerson Kiefel, with an eye on the ball, goes for the steal against Touchet's C team (below) Ollivyr Dahlby shoots for two against Touchet's B team

CLASSIFIEDS HELP WANTED The Waitsburg Town Hall is looking to fill a board member vacancy. This is a two-year term volunteer position. Inter-

Waitsburg Presbyterian Church is looking for a pianist! Must be available for Wednesday evening choir practices (6-7pm), and Sunday morning worship services (9:40-11:10am). Paid position. Please call 509-337-6589 or email heidi@waitsburgpres.

ested persons should email waitsburgth@gmail.com or call (509) 337-5033 for more information.

BIRTHDAYS

November 28: Norma Jean Green, Shawn White, Michael Lafer, Cara Rea.

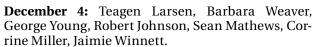
November 29: Lewis Neace, Sherrie Morris, Pat Huwe, Scott Lambert.

November 30: Betty Prock, David McKenzie, and Cameron McConnell.

December 1: Debbie Hunter, Linda Rohde, Martin Sauer, Michelle Saranovich.

December 2: James Liebermann.

December 3: Veronica Deal, Angela Smith, Chuck Riddle, Kim Ary, and Adam Rich.











Frustration, thy name is knitting

By Vicki Sternfeld-Rossi | THE TIMES

I thought tennis was frustrating, but I think knitting is beginning to frustrate me more. Last week, I dug through bags within bags looking for my knitting needles. I opened the storage ottoman and unleashed a tangled mess of yarn skeins. It was a cacophony of colors and textures. I gave up all the overly ambitious patterns and dumped random knitting tools that have no function from what I can

The guest room bed is covered with yarn organized by color, needles, crochet hooks, and a variety of bags I collected to hold all my projects. The bags are now empty, because the projects have never been (or will be) started.

I recently started work on what I thought was an easy scarf pattern. Before cooking, you should read through the entire recipe before starting. Similarly, in knitting one should read the entire pattern before beginning. When cooking, I often skip the initial read-through and later find I am missing an ingredient or two. Then I have to figure out how to compensate, or it's trash.

Like cooking, I didn't read the scarf pattern through before beginning. After making the same mistake seven times, ripping, and restarting, I finally got past the first twenty rows without a mistake. twenty-first row, however

had instructions that I reread at least fifty times, and tried unsuccessfully to follow about twenty times.

After a few hours of that frustrating knitting venture, I ripped it all out, trashed the pattern, and found something new to knit. After a few false starts, I may be on my way to a completed scarf. However, it's been four hours, and I have about three inches completed; not brag-worthy, for sure.

My sister, Phyllis, also knits, and like me, she hasn't been working on her projects lately. She had been on a hat-knitting binge but got bored and took a break. When I told her that the cold, wet weather is settling in and I have pulled out my knitting, she

was inspired and called to tell me that she too, had pulled out some projects and was back at it.

I was the one who taught her the basic knitting stitches, and with that she morphed into a knitting machine. She has made exquisite sweaters, baby blankets, shawls, scarves and even a beaded bag that my niece used at her wedding.

She is a perfectionist about knitting and sewing. An accomplished seamstress, she loves to sew and has made some beautiful things. I am by no means a perfectionist, especially when it comes to knitting or sewing. I am a good knitter, but stress over putting together sleeves, attaching back and front pieces, or any other fine detail work. I usually try once or twice to put the sleeves in and match up the back and front, but after a while, if it doesn't look right, I give up and go to Plan B. That's the plan where I pack it all up with extra yarn, a picture of what the finished item should look like, and send it off to my sister.

Lucky for me, she is usually willing to finish my projects. I think she likes the challenge; a challenge I can live without. This time of year, the challenge of driving in the fog and ice for a tennis game, making dinners when Daniel works a long day, and trying to keep muddy floors clean is enough frustration for me, so happy knitting Phyllis and thank you.

Saturday art for young and old in Waitsburg

By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — It was another successful Saturday of art projects for children and adults in Waitsburg on November 23.

At 10 a.m., children and adults were entertained at the Weller Public Library as they dug for fossils and made salt-dough impressions of their finds. Digging was messy work but very rewarding. The library showed off its Burke Museum fossil exhibit.

Gloria and Kim at Simply Sawdust hosted an assisted Cassie Brown of Daisy Twist Studio at noon. Brown assisted participants as they painted her handcrafted laser-cut Christmas ornaments. The finished ornaments were impressive.

Weller Public Library will offer two Saturday art project events in December: creating holiday ornaments on December 14 and snow globe photo frames on December 21.



(above) Children and adults enjoyed digging for fossils at Weller Library (left) Ornament painting at Simply Sawdust

Events, Film, Performace, Live Music

AMERICAN 35

Trivia Night on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. **J**oin Rich Lather, join a team, join the fun.

Live music every Friday: on 11/29 its music by Quin Wise.

Sundays are Craft Corner: each week, a different craft project with all materials provided.

Mythical / Movable **Blue Mountain Bluegrass Jam**



Friday, Dec 29 TVAMP @ 7 pm 141 Main St. Waitsburg, Wash.

Veterans Turkey Bingo Waitsburg Town Hall on Sunday Dec. 1. Doors open at 3 p.m., Games start at 4 p.m.. Sponsored by American Legion Aux #35



Festival of Trees and Santa! 245 E. Main 10:00 am - 5:30 pm

Ugly Christmas Sweater 5K Dash (Dayton \$\$ prizes) Starts at Courthouse 11:00 am

> Live Reindeer 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

BELIEVE! Craft Bazaar & Holiday Market Dayton Elementary School Multi-Purpose Room 614 S. 3rd Street 10 - 4:00 pm

Mule Drawn Hayrides (Free) 222 E. Commercial St. 10:00 am - 3:00 pm (weather permitting)

A Boldman House Christmas 410 N. 1st Street 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Christmas Market at the Historic Dayton Depot 10:00 am - 6:00 pm 222 E. Commercial Street

Live Nativity 4:00 pm & 5:00 pm Behind Dingle's

Lighted Parade 6:00 pm

Tree Lighting: Elk Drug Directly after parade 176 E. Main

Fireworks: Courthouse 341 E. Main

"The Grinch" Liberty Theatre 3:00 pm

Christmas Market at Historic Depot

Historic Dayton Depot

222 E. Commercial St

10:00am - 4:00pm

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH

Festival of Trees 219 E. Main St (Wenaha Gallery) 10:00am - 2:00pm

Selfies with Santa 219 E. Main St 10:00am - 1:00pm

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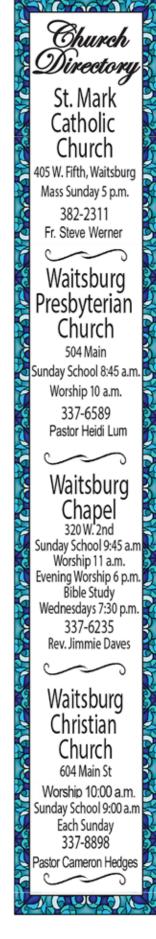
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Tuesday, Dec. 3

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WAITSBURG SENIOR WAITSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT

Monday, Dec. 2

Breakfast Bagels & yogurt Lunch

Pulled Pork Sandwiches French Fries Celery & Carrots Oranges

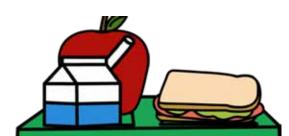
Tuesday, Dec. 3Breakfast Biscuits and Gravy Lunch

Beef Nachos Fresh Toppings Refried beans Apples

Wednesday, Dec. 4

Breakfast Muffin and scrambled eggs Lunch

Pepperoni or cheese pizza Caesar salad Carrots, Pineapple





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PIONEER PORTRAITS

Ten Years Ago November 27, 2014



Paul Hendrickson began working at Elk Drug in downtown Dayton in 1968. He and his wife, Marcene, purchased the business in 1979 when the pharmacy was 90 years old. Now, nearly 47 years later, Hendrickson has concluded his career as a pharmacist and has retired - for the second time. He is followed by long-time employees Sherry Groom and Kathy Berg. "I feel blessed to have had such loyal employees and customers- from both Dayton and Waitsburg - over the years," Hendrickson said. The Hendricksons sold Elk Drug to Sean and Andee Thurston in April 2011, and Paul retired from full-time work but remained part-time to help as a pharmacist until his official retirement on August 31. "I had a nice transition period," Hendrickson said. "Now it's time for the newer generation to take over. I've been greatly blessed with good mental and physical health and want to spend time with family and enjoy some freedom we haven't had in a long time." Both Groom and Berg worked at Elk Drug for over three decades, starting when the now-125-yearold establishment was still located on the corner of 2nd and E. Main streets (where Columbia County Public Health is now).

Twenty-Five Years Ago

November 25, 1999

Operation Christmas Child, a program to reach out to needy children in desperate situations around the world and share the love and Good News of Jesus Christ, was again a success in Waitsburg. In November 1998, 26-30 shoeboxes for children in Romania were shipped from folks in Waitsburg and around the country. This year, 30 boxes from Waitsburg were filled with a practical outpouring of love. Operation Christmas Child is an extension of Samaritan's Purse, a nonprofit Christian relief and evangelism organization. Samaritan's Purse decides each year where boxes are needed, which are delivered in time for Christmas giving.

Fifty Years Ago

November 28, 1974

Nine members braved the icy temperatures of the Bruce House Monday evening for the last Historical Board meeting until January. Orin Walker completed the planting of tulip bulbs around the front of the house on Monday. The Camp Fire Girls have planted a small evergreen in the front yard. Mrs. Lloyd Michels of San Jose, Ca. has given to the Society a very lovely piano which belonged to her aunt the late Mrs. Oscar Porter. The piano was purchased by her mother in 1902. According to the sales receipt, a set of quilting frames and stands was also received from the Porter estate. Mrs. Frank Danielson has donated the grinding burr from the old Loundagin castor mill, and it has been moved to the Bruce House.

Seventy-Five Years Ago

December 2, 1949

Grace Nees, Wait-Hi junior, sang with Norm Bannister's western band over KUJ Wednesday evening on their regular Trailblazer program. C.F. Donley is purchasing the Carroll Duff property (former Price home) west of the city limits and plans to move in the near future. Students will be served hot lunches in the new grade school cafeteria on Monday, according to Supt. Leslie Taylor.

One Hundred Years Ago

December 5, 1924

Ernest Mikkelsen is going into the hog-raising business along with his farming operations. The Commercial Club went on record as unanimously endorsing the building of a public swimming pool at Preston Park at their meeting Tuesday night.

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago

December 1, 1899

Married- Walter Price and Miss Ella Minnick were married at the Christian Church in this city at 8 o'clock Wednesday evening, Rev. L. C. Martin officiating. T.M. McKinney has opened his law office in the building occupied by Houtchens and Holloway just across from the Merchants Bank for the present, where he will be pleased to see friends. Mr. Wesley Starr of Huntsville recently sold a team of horses to George Clark of Spokane, who owns a full sister to the team just bought. Wesley thinks that \$600 is a very fair price for a team he had been offering at \$225.

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Luke Chavez

Apple Pecan Sweet Potatoes

Recipes for holiday side dishes can vary greatly across the country, and opinions on proper preparations can be a source of debate, even within families. My Aunt Gail learned this the hard way while helping prepare a feast at a family reunion. She hoped to impress her Texas relatives with an alternative to classic sweet potato casserole, the kind made extra sweet with the addition of a molten marshmallow topping.



She lovingly prepared sweet potatoes roasted with apples, spiced with cinnamon, and lightly sweetened with brown sugar, a reflection of the healthy cooking style she picked up living on the west coast. When they were perfectly browned and aromatic, she pulled them out and looked away for a minute to tend to something else. To her horror, she turned around just in time to see her cousin dump an entire bag of miniature marshmallows on top and set it back in the oven to melt. Oh well, to each their own. Over the years, I have continued to make her version of this dish for my holiday table. Here, the apples and sweet potatoes are enhanced with the bright addition of fresh orange juice. Just sweet enough, the flavors of the individual ingredients are allowed to shine.

Ingredients:

3 - 3 ½ pounds sweet potatoes or yams

2 tart apples, peeled, cored, and sliced in 1/4 -inch rings

Juice and zest of one large orange

1 tablespoon apple cider vinegar 1/4 packed brown sugar

½ teaspoon cinnamon

1/4 teaspoon ground ginger

1/4 teaspoon ground clove 1/8 teaspoon ground mace

Pinch of salt

1/4 cup chopped pecans 1/4 cup currants or raisins

3 tablespoons butter, divided



Directions:

Place whole sweet potatoes in a large saucepan, cover with water and bring to a boil. Cook for 20 to 30 min-

utes, depending on thickness, until just fork tender. Drain and allow to cool. Peel and slice into 1/4 -inch rounds.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease a 9-inch by 13-inch baking dish with 1 tablespoon of the butter. In a small bowl mix brown sugar, spices, and salt. In a measuring cup combine the orange juice, zest, and cider vinegar.

To assemble, start by arranging half the sweet potato rounds in bottom of the dish. Next arrange half the apple slices over the sweet potatoes, then evenly sprinkle half the sugar spice mix, half the pecans and half the currants. Repeat with layers of the remaining sweet potatoes and apples. Pour the orange juice mixture over the top, then sprinkle top with remaining sugar spice mix, pecans, and nuts. Finally, cut remaining butter into little pieces and dot the top of the casserole.

Bake for 35 to 45 minutes, until the apples are tender, top is browned, and sides are bubbly.

Notes:

In the United States "sweet potato" is used to describe both the creamy white sweet potatoes and brightly colored yams. Either will work beautifully for this recipe or try a combination of both.

This dish will be a welcomed addition to any autumnal or winter holiday table, as good with turkey as it is with roast beef or wild game.

However you plan on spending this Thanksgiving, I hope it finds you happy, healthy, and surrounded by cherished loved ones. This year I am very thankful for the opportunity I have had to share a little part of my kitchen with you. It continues to be a joy. Bon appétit!

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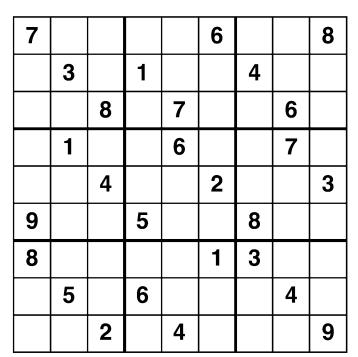
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by Linda Thistle



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Community Calendar

WAITSBURG MONTHLY MEETINGS

Waitsburg City Council

Third Wednesday of each month @ 7 p.m. at City Hall. Next meeting

Planning Commission

Second Friday of the month @ 10 a.m. @ City Hall and on Zoom.



Waitsburg School

Third Thursday of every month @ 6 p.m. Zoom info is available by emailing waitsburgcc@

Waitsburg Home and School Association - First Wednesday of each month, 6:30 p.m. at the Waitsburg Elementary School Library. All parents, school district staff, or community members are welcome.

Waitsburg Historical Society

Third Thursday of the month @ 6:00 p.m. @ Weller

Public Library

Waitsburg Booster Club

First Tuesday of the month, 6:30 p.m. @ High School Home Ec. room

Waitsburg Parks and Recreation Public Meeting

First Thursday of the month, 6 p.m. @ Ten Ton Coffee Info email: info@waitsburgparks.org



Community Food Bank 106 1/2 Preston Ave Thursdays, 2 - 4 p.m.

Waitsburg Resource Center

DAYTON & COLUMBIA COUNTY MEETINGS

Board of Columbia County Commissioners

Regular meetings - First and third Monday of the 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

Second Tuesday of the month @ 6 p.m.

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



Dayton School Board

First and third Wednesday of the month @ 6 p.m. @ Dayton High School auditorium

Columbia County Public Hospital District Board of Commissioners

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

Dayton Memorial Library Board of Trustees Meeting

Third Monday of the month @ 7 p.m. Delany room and Zoom Meeting ID: 852

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Columbia County Parks and Recreation Pool District

Regular Board Meetings are held the last Thursday of each month, 5 p.m. at the Columbia County Fire District Conference Room.

Dayton Kiwanis Club Meeting

Second and fourth Thursday @ Noon Hybrid in-person meetings at the Delany Library with online Zoom available.



PRESCOTT MEETINGS

Prescott Joint Park & Rec District (PJPRD) Monthly meetings for 2024 are 2nd Thursday of each month, @ 6pm



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

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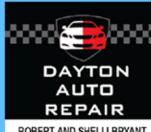
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