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Dayton 's Christmas Kickoff as it was in 2019. The event is back on for this year and will include the mule rides as long as the weather permits.

## Resource Center preparing for 12 Days of Christmas

*Jesse Elva-May Brown is the newest and youngest, volunteer at the Waitsburg Resource Center*

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—Tucked away just before the intersection of Preston and Main, the volunteer-run Waitsburg Resource Center has been quietly and compassionately helping families in need.

While her mother and grandmother have been volunteering for a while now, Jesse May Brown decided to offer her assistance about one month ago, when she recognized the need for social media pages.

“My mom was talking about some of the events coming up, and I was like, ‘you guys really need a Facebook page,’ Brown said. “I offered to get it set up, so someone could take it over, and my mom said, ‘you know no one will take that over.’”

She said she attended a meeting, offered to set up and run a Facebook page, hoping to target younger generations that may not receive the newspaper.

“I had this whole spiel planned, explaining why this was a good idea. I had statistics because I’m a statistics kind of person,” Brown explained, holding back a laugh. “They just said, ‘so you’re going to run it, right?’ and that was it!”

Facebook wasn’t the only need that she recognized and acted on. Brown said that, in the past, Resource Center volunteers have handed out goodie bags during holiday parades, but COVID-19 restrictions have not allowed that kind of interaction. Instead, volunteers packed bags and took them to the schools, but interest was low, and Brown didn’t want to see that go away, either.

“I looked at my mom and asked if she would help me because I think this is great for the community, for the kids,” Brown explained. She said they had received the donations they needed for the bags but would appreciate help passing them out. Details regarding the goodie bags will be announced later.

A full-time college student studying Human and Social Services with a previous interest in psychology, Brown said that this volunteer opportunity perfectly fits her career goals.

Currently, the Waitsburg Resource Center, otherwise known as the Food Bank, is gearing up for the 12 Days of Christmas food drive and is looking for holiday-ingredient donations, including cereal, canned pumpkin and fruit, stuffing mixes, boxes of macaroni and cheese, crackers, olives, meals in a box, canned carrots, apple sauce, salad dressing, and spaghetti sauce. Donations may be dropped off at the Resource Center, 106 Preston Ave, between 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. on Thursdays, or at the Christian and Presbyterian churches in Waitsburg. Items may also be dropped off at Ten Ton Coffee between 7:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. daily.

As always, all shelf-stable food donations are welcome. The Resource Center also gladly accepts grocery bags and egg cartons.

Christmas food baskets will be available again this year. Sign-up sheets for those wishing to receive a basket and those wanting to give a basket are available at the Resource Center and both churches. The deadline to sign up is December 2.

The Resource Center is always open on Thursdays, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.



Jesse Elva-May Brown

## Port discusses budget report

By Justin Jaech | THE TIMES

Port of Columbia Commissioners met at 3:30 p.m. on November 10, 2021, for their monthly meeting on Zoom.

All the current commissioners were in attendance, Shawn Brown, Genie Crowe, Sean Milligan, and the executive director, Jennie Dickinson. At various times, about eight members of the public were in attendance.

The commissioners accepted the minutes of the last meeting without comment.

During the budget report, Dickinson said tenants of the Port’s properties are up to date on rent. The Port has received its tax revenue for October and additional tax revenue is expected in December.

The Port received reimbursement from DOT for the bike trail design. Also included in income was an ADO (Associate Development Organization) grant payment, money distributed to economic development contracting agencies within the State.

In general, there was nothing unusual in the Port’s income information. Nothing out of the ordinary for spending outside of a magazine advertisement placed for BMS, and two start-up business grants, which are budget neutral. The budget report was accepted.

The commissioners reviewed the 2022 budget. The Port will end the 2021 year with a beginning cash balance of \$225,000 and a reserve of \$100,000. Some of the balance is due from the savings from the Port temporarily operating without an economic development coordinator.

The Port projects a total income of \$817,865, including \$470,00 in tax income for 2022. A large portion of the revenue consists of money received from the Port’s broadband grant.

Dickinson reported that with normal expenses and the broadband infrastructure, the total expenses of the Port should be about \$3,368,328. This includes the \$2 million for broadband infrastructure to be paid with funds from a previously approved grant, not reflected in the 2022 budget’s projected income totals. The Port should end the year with about a quarter of a million dollars plus cash on hand.

To approve next year’s budget, the Port had first to approve a levy resolution, 2021-02, which increases the Port levy by 1% to be collected, from property taxes, for the year 2022. Milligan moved to accept Resolution 2021-02, seconded by Crowe. The commissioners passed the resolution unanimously. Milligan also moved to accept the proposed 2022 budget, seconded by Crowe, a motion that was passed unanimously.

The Port approved Columbia Pulp for a temporary, three-month lease at 521 Cameron Street for research and development. Steve Martin is spearheading their effort to expand available products from straw pulp and is developing pelletizing soil amendments and animal bedding (such as for a horse barn) as possible Columbia Pulp products. Should the research prove successful, Columbia Pulp would move the new production to a permanent facility.

During COVID, in early 2020, late fees were waived for Port tenants. Currently, the Port has no delinquent tenants, and the commissioners voted to re-impose late fees, as delineated by the tenant leases, starting December 10, 2021.

The Port commissioners took no action to change from holding monthly meetings on Zoom to in-person meetings, primarily due to COVID concerns. Dickinson checked with the Port attorney and learned that the port commissioners could be held personally liable should someone trace their COVID-19 infection to a public meeting where elected officials ignored public safety mandates.

Dickinson reported that the state lease-hold tax audit was completed and found only two discrepancies

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### AT THE LIBERTY:

#### Dune

Dune is a mythic and emotionally charged hero's journey. It tells the story of Paul Atreides, a brilliant and gifted young man born into a great destiny beyond his understanding, who must travel to the most dangerous planet in the universe to ensure the future of his family and his people. As malevolent forces explode into conflict over the planet's exclusive supply of the most precious resource in existence—a commodity capable of unlocking humanity's greatest potential—only those who can conquer their fear will survive.

This is another major movie release that should appeal to Sci-Fi movie fans, and a film that MUST be seen on the big screen. Rotten Tomatoes critics rate this as 83% "fresh" or favorable, and the audience score is 90%. Some comments from Rotten Tomatoes critics or audience describe this movie is "visually thrilling" and that it "looks and sounds amazing", and that the movie clearly sets up a sequel.

This movie is rated PG-13 for sequences of strong violence, some disturbing images and suggestive material. Runtime is 2 hrs and 35 minutes.

Dune shows at the Liberty Theater Friday Nov. 19, and Saturday Nov. 20 at 7:30 pm. It also shows at 3 pm on Sunday Nov. 21, and then again on Tues. Nov. 23 at 6:30 pm.

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### CHRISTMAS LIGHT CONTEST COMING TO WAITSBURG

THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—The first Waitsburg Christmas Light contest is right around the corner.

Organizer Cindy Daves is excited to bring back a little bit of Christmas cheer this holiday season. The winner's will receive a cash prize. Decorated houses will be judged under three categories:

- Capturing the Christmas Spirit
- Best of Show - highlighting your yard space
- Kids at Heart

Bring out the Christmas lights and start decorating! Waitsburg is waiting for a little bit of extra Christmas cheer this year. Judging will take place on December 7, 2021.

Sponsorships are still being accepted. For further information, contact Daves at [ironwoodsolutions@yahoo.com](mailto:ironwoodsolutions@yahoo.com).



### FLOOD SIREN TEST ON FRIDAY, NOV. 19

THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—The City of Waitsburg will conduct a flood siren test on Friday, November 19, at 9:00 a.m. The test will likely be no longer than 15 minutes. If you hear the flood siren during that time, there is no need for concern.

### CHRISTMAS TREE PERMITS AVAILABLE THROUGH UMATILLA NATIONAL FOREST

*Permits available hardcopy and online through Recreation.gov*

THE TIMES

PENDLETON, Ore.—Christmas tree permits for the Umatilla National Forest are available to purchase at Forest offices, several local businesses, and online through [Recreation.gov](http://Recreation.gov).

For the second year, all National Forests are selling Christmas tree permits online via [Recreation.gov](http://Recreation.gov) as an added convenience for the public and alternative to in-person interactions. Christmas tree permits purchased online must be printed to be valid and can only be used on Umatilla National Forest lands, as specified on the permit.

Christmas tree permits cost \$5 each and are limited to one per household. An additional \$2.50 fee will be charged for permits purchased through [Recreation.gov](http://Recreation.gov).

Traditional Christmas tree permits are still available through Umatilla National Forest offices and several local businesses. All Umatilla National Forest offices are still offering virtual services to the public. Individuals interested in purchasing a Christmas tree permit from the Forest directly may call any National Forest office or send an email to [r6\\_umatilla\\_public\\_inquiries@fs.fed.us](mailto:r6_umatilla_public_inquiries@fs.fed.us). A Forest employee will assist individuals with procedures to receive the Christmas tree permit in the mail upon receipt of payment.

Participating vendors are conveniently open evenings and weekend hours. A list of vendors is available online or at the end of this news release. Traditional permits are valid on National Forest System lands only and do not authorize tree cutting on private, state, or other federally managed lands.

As part of the national Every Kid Outdoors initiative, all fourth graders are eligible for a free Christmas tree permit from their local National Forest. For students to receive a free tree permit, they must present a valid paper voucher printed from the Every Kid Outdoors website. Visit <https://everykidoutdoors.gov/> and follow instructions to obtain and print the paper voucher.

For more information about purchasing a permit and gathering a Christmas tree online, please visit <https://www.recreation.gov> and search for Umatilla National Forest.

For more information about the Christmas tree program on the Umatilla National Forest, please visit [www.fs.usda.gov/umatilla](http://www.fs.usda.gov/umatilla)

Permits may be purchased at:

- Columbia Grain and Feed, Pasco
- Farmer's Exchange, Kennewick
- Hells Canyon NRA Office, Clarkston
- Pomeroy Foods, Pomeroy
- Schurman's True Value, Clarkston
- Sportsman's Warehouse, Kennewick
- Sportsman's Warehouse, Walla Walla
- The General Store, Dayton

### WALLA WALLA HOSPICE OFFERS HOLIDAY GRIEF SUPPORT

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA —Sometimes the holidays are not the most wonderful time of the year, especially if you are grieving.

The holidays can be a very difficult time for people who have experienced the death of someone they love. Memories of good times and togetherness at the holiday season serve to remind us of their loss.

Walla Walla Community Hospice (WWCH) welcomes the community to an afternoon online workshop on Sunday, November 21st from 1 to 3pm. The event is facilitated by the Hospice Bereavement Team, consisting of staff social workers and spiritual support counselors. Participants can expect thoughtful presentations and discussion and to learn strategies which may help them through the season.

Any residents experiencing grief in Walla Walla, Columbia and NE Umatilla counties are welcome. The workshop will be online using the Zoom platform. This is the second consecutive year Hospice has facilitated this event online. Last year it was well attended and appreciated by those who attended.

WWCH is asking those who'd like to attend to RSVP ahead of time so they know how many attendees they need to prepare for and to be able to send attendees connection info to the Zoom meeting and resources. To RSVP, visit [wwhospice.org](http://wwhospice.org) and click on the "Grief Support" link or visit their Facebook event.

For more information about this event or to learn more other grief support opportunities, you may email [info@wwhospice.org](mailto:info@wwhospice.org) or call 509-525-5561.

### DCH ANNOUNCES FOUR ADDITIONAL COVID-19 RELATED DEATHS

*The death toll in Walla Walla County has risen to 109 as of November 16*

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—Walla Walla County Department of Community Health confirmed four COVID-19-related deaths this week. County health officials were notified that a man in his 60s, a woman in her 70s, and a man and a woman in their 80s, who tested positive for COVID-19, passed away. Our sincere thoughts and heartfelt condolences go out to the individuals' families and friends during this difficult time.

Case Overview (as of 11/16/21 @ 8:15 AM):

- Confirmed Cases: 9,235
- Recovered: 8,900
- Deaths: 109
- Active: 230 (includes 0 WSP inmate & 6 WSP staff)
  - o Home Isolation: 227
  - o Hospitalized: 3

Case counts are frequently changing as new cases go through county case investigation and tracing. More information about cases, including community of residence, age, and gender, can be found on the Walla Walla County COVID website.

DCH would like to remind everyone that there are resources available for anyone in our community that may be feeling the stressful impacts of COVID-19. Those looking for help can visit [www.covidwwc.com/struggling-to-cope](http://www.covidwwc.com/struggling-to-cope) or email [health@co.walla-walla.wa.us](mailto:health@co.walla-walla.wa.us). Both English and Spanish language assistance is available.

### CLASSIFIEDS

#### NOTICE OF JOB OPENING:

**FULL TIME Case Manager/** Activities Coordinator: Provide quality supportive counseling and skills development through psychoeducational/skill building/symptom management groups and individual contact/collaboration with the treatment team and community partners. This position will also provide on-call crisis coverage on a rotating basis outside of regular business hours. Duties also include coordinating monthly medication management at the agency and seeing clients in the community.

**EDUCATION/EXPERIENCE:** AA in social services or related field. Experience may replace education. Must be eligible for Washington State Agency Affiliated Counselor Registration. Benefits include: Medical/Dental/Life/Retirement/Accrued Vacation and Sick leave. Salary: DOQ, DOE. This position will be open until filled. For application and/or job description contact Blue Mountain Counseling, 221 E. Washington Ave., Dayton, WA 99328, phone 509-382-1164. E.O.E.

#### Columbia County Public Health is looking for

**a full-time nurse to** perform comprehensive nursing services requiring independent professional judgment and carries additional responsibilities for working in programs i.e.: Maternal Child Health (MCH), STD, HIV, Tuberculosis, Communicable Disease, COVID-19 related duties, and Immunization. This position is expected to ensure the overall health and safety of our community through education, advocacy and delivery of care.

**Application Process:** County application, resume and cover letter required. Job description and information available on our website. Mailing address: Chelsey Eaton/Delphine Bailey, 112 N. 2nd St., Dayton, WA 99328 (509) 382-2181 or email [Chelsey\\_eaton@co.columbia.wa.us](mailto:Chelsey_eaton@co.columbia.wa.us) or [Delphine\\_bailey@co.columbia.wa.us](mailto:Delphine_bailey@co.columbia.wa.us)

**Minimum Qualifications:** A Bachelor of Science in Nursing with experience documenting skills, knowledge and abilities required by the position OR an Associate Degree in Nursing from an accredited School of Nursing with three (3) years in Public Health. Work experience with infants, children and/or families.

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## Columbia County Commissioners discuss ARPA funds, HVAC system

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

DAYTON—American Rescue Plan Act funds, and how to spend them, have been on the Columbia County Commissioners' minds for months.

Earlier this year, the Port of Columbia approached the commissioners about the funds, requesting a financial contribution for the ongoing broadband infrastructure project, which would provide reliable, high-speed internet for Columbia County businesses and residents who fall within the project's service area. The perimeter was recently extended to areas surrounding Dayton, including Huntsville. Commissioners Rundell and Hall have expressed interest in supporting the project.

At the November 15 meeting, Commissioners Amerein, Hall, and Rundell discussed the use of ARPA funds to supplement the Columbia County Courthouse HVAC project.

The county was awarded an approximately \$110,000 grant from the Department of Archeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP). The DAHP strives to preserve the original appearance of historic courthouses, like the one in Columbia County.

"Every dollar that we receive from them is to make it look like it used to," said Dave Finney, Courthouse Maintenance Supervisor. "We applied for funds for our HVAC, which is completely unseen, from the Department of Archeology and Historic Preservation. Originally, we were going to try and get rid of the cooling tower and go geothermal. They liked that because it makes things look the way they used to work."

Finney explained that the geothermal systems were too expensive for the scope of funds, and he had requested the grant contract be amended to reflect plans to replace the cooling tower. Finney said that DAHP had agreed to the amendment, with a caveat that the project could not alter the appearance of the building.

Finney explained this caveat restricts the project from boring holes into the side of the building for fresh air intake. He added that they did not want to put holes in the building, but that did create a ventilation issue for the project.

According to Finney, with the ARPA funds, they would try and grandfather the HVAC project to fit DAHP requirements.

He then went on to explain that the ARPA funds could be used to improve ventilation. The HVAC plan, as it was initially developed, did not provide any ventilation improvements. The other use available, according to Finney, is to provide essential government operations related to pandemic needs.

"The two cases we can make for using ARPA funds for our HVAC project are either increasing ventilation which, traditionally, we cannot do," Finney said. "Or we could make a case that this is our main office building. If we don't have an HVAC system because it's dying, we can't perform the functions of pandemic-related needs."

Finney also presented the commissioners with information regarding Senate Bill 3011, which eases the restrictions regarding how ARPA funds could be spent.

The summary of SB3011 reads: *Allows states, tribes, territories, and localities to use certain COVID-19 relief funds for new categories of spending, including for natural disasters and infrastructure projects. It also makes changes to expenditure deadlines and other aspects of this funding. Specifically, recipients may use funds for emergency relief from natural disasters and associated negative economic impacts of natural disasters. In addition, recipients may use a portion of their COVID-19 relief funds for designated infrastructure projects, such as nationally significant freight and highway projects. Furthermore, the bill allows recipients to expend COVID-19 relief funds on these types of infrastructure projects until September 30, 2026. Under current law, recipients must expend the funds by December 31, 2024. Other changes in the bill include (1) modifying eligibility and allocation requirements for funding set aside for counties and Indian tribes that are near public lands, (2) allowing Indian tribes an additional year to expend their COVID-19 relief funds, and (3) establishing a process for government entities to decline COVID-19 relief funds and requiring any declined funds to be used to reduce the federal deficit.*

The bill passed the Senate and has moved to the House. He believes the bill would ease ARPA fund restrictions, and Finney believes it would allow these funds to be used for the HVAC project with ease. Finley said he has reached out to Representative Cathy McMorris-Rodgers's office, on behalf of Columbia County Maintenance, to show support for the bill. Commissioner Rundell will also be sending a letter to McMorris-Rodgers's office.

Finney said that he also contacted the Department of Treasury, explaining the project, why it will help ventilation and operational needs, and requesting approval from the Department. He was told that the Department of Treasury will not approve any projects but that it was on the County (or respective entity) to read, interpret, and understand the rules of the ARPA funds, so that they will pass a future audit through the state, which is anticipated in 2022.

"If we move forward with our HVAC design as it is right now, it is a possibility that they (the state) could come back and say, 'this is a little bit father out of, a little bit out of bounds of our contingency,'" Finney said. "If that were the case, we would have to pay that money back. However, taking that route, right now, we would have to go to our reserves anyway to pay for that project. Worst case scenario, it buys us time, and it's an interest-free loan."

"Unless there are penalties and fees involved," Commissioner Hall added. Finney said there was a third option, by purchasing air-scrubbing technology from Synexis. He explained that their system moves air through the unit, where it undergoes chemical changes and becomes dry hydrogen peroxide. The altered air is then pushed out and circulates through the air, attacking mold, fungus, odors, and SARS-COV 2, Influenza, and other contagious viruses. He said that the amount of dry hydrogen produced and circulated with the Synexis system is 1,000 times less than the Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA)'s lowest threshold deemed safe for workplace air.

Finney said he is still researching the system. A significant number of registers are needed for the proposed space, adding roughly \$120,000 to project costs. Maintenance for each unit would require a \$300 cartridge replacement at least once a year. This would cost \$12,000 per year for the 40 units needed for the courthouse. He suggested that ARPA funds could be used to pre-purchase cartridges.

He explained that the units only work if the fans within the current system are turned on. Apollo Mechanical contracted to do the county's cost estimate, came up with a base cost of \$379,000 for the HVAC system, not including the Synexis system. He said with taxes and permits, electricians, and other necessary parts of the project figured in; the cost rises to roughly \$460,000.

"If this were me making this decision all on my own... if Senate Bill 3011 had already passed, I would probably not put in the air scrubbers," Finney said. "Not because they aren't worthwhile or wonderful, but because they aren't required, and we (the county) are poor."

The HVAC project will need to be finished by June 30. Finney said that he would go back to his architecture and engineering division and try to incorporate the air scrubbers into the design so that the project complies with the DAHP ARPA requirements.

Commissioner Hall asked about the efficacy of the scrubbers, which Finley said that he is looking into. He said hospitals have started using them, and some universities are installing the scrubbers in dorm rooms and other shared spaces.

The commissioners did not make any decisions regarding the use of the ARPA funds.

## Community Calendar

### Waitsburg Monthly Meetings

**Waitsburg City Council**  
Third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m.

**Waitsburg School Board**  
Third Thursday of every month at 6 p.m.  
Zoom meeting information is available at <https://www.waitsburgsd.org/o/wardsburg-school-district/page/school-board--272>

**Waitsburg Gun Club**  
Monday May 24 – General Membership / Board Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.

**Walla Walla County Commissioners**  
Every Monday and Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m.  
Call-in information is available at [https://www.co.walla-walla.wa.us/government/commissioners/2020\\_agendas.php](https://www.co.walla-walla.wa.us/government/commissioners/2020_agendas.php)

**Friends of the Weller Public Library**  
Nov. 17, 7 p.m. Weller Public Library, 212 Main St., Waitsburg

**Waitsburg Celebration Days Meeting**  
TBA  
Location to be announced

**Dayton & Columbia County Meetings**  
**Board of Columbia County Commissioners**  
First and second Monday of each month at 9 a.m.

**Board of Columbia County Commissioners work session meetings** Second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 9 a.m.

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

**Dayton City Council**  
Second Wednesday of every month at 6 p.m.  
Call-in information available at <https://www.daytonwa.com/54-inside-city-hall/city-council>

**Dayton School Board**  
Third Wednesday of every month at 6 p.m. at the Dayton High School auditorium

**Columbia County Public Hospital District Board of Commissioners**  
Fourth Wednesday of every month at 1:30 p.m. Call (509) 382-2531 for information.

**Dayton Memorial Library Board of Trustees Meeting**  
Every month on the Third Monday at 7:00 PM  
Zoom Meeting ID: 852 3836 3787  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85238363787>

**Dayton Kiwanis Club Meeting - Online**  
Second and Fourth Thursday at Noon  
Zoom Meeting ID: 559 815 3650  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5598153650>

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

### DAYTON SENIOR ROUND TABLE LUNCH

Dayton Senior Center  
403 E. Patit St.  
12 p.m.  
Drive Up Only

**Thursday, September 23**

TBA

**Tuesday, September 28**

TBA

### WAITSBURG SENIOR CENTER

504 Main Street  
11 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.  
**Tuesday, November 23**  
Spaghetti & meat sauce  
Vegetable  
Caesar Salad  
Garlic bread  
Fruit

### WAITSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT

**Thursday, November 18**

B: Breakfast pizza  
L: Teriyaki grilled chicken  
Rice  
Garden salad  
Fruit choice  
Fortune cookies

**Friday, November 19**

B: French toast  
L: Joyce's choice

**Monday, November 22**

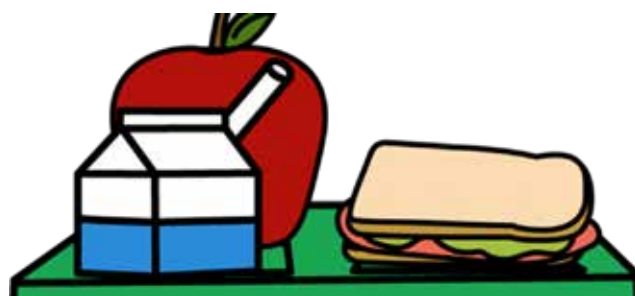
B: Pancake on a stick  
L: Chicken patty on a Bun  
Fries  
Cucumbers  
Fruit choice

**Tuesday, November 23**

B: Biscuit & gravy  
L: Turkey  
Mashed potatoes & gravy  
Whole wheat roll  
Green beans  
Fruit choice  
Pumpkin pie

**Wednesday, November 24**

B: long john  
L: Uncrustable  
Chips  
Baby carrots  
Cookie  
Fruit choice



*Church Directory*

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

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**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

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**Waitsburg Christian Church**  
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Worship 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday School 9:00 a.m.  
Each Sunday  
337-8898  
Rev. Cameron Hedges

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# NEWS & COMMENTARY

## LETTERS

Dear Editor:

The Friends of the Weller Library and Board of Trustees want to thank the volunteers who helped in a significant and successful concrete pour project in the back of the library on November 11. A sincere thanks to Louie and Marie Gagnon, Allen and Karen Huwe, Sherri Erickson, Victor Paolino, George Gagnon, John Langford, Brian Segraves, Nicole Gagnon and Terry Lawhead. We worked hard, had a good time together and provided for the future enjoyment and education of all ages of residents. The Weller Library now has a concrete floor in the back area which will serve as a sturdy platform for a soon to be installed wheelchair lift and easy safe access for patrons. Additional remodeling is underway to improve the back area entrance including the wall facing the alley, a new secure door, steps and handrails as well as modifications in the children's book area, hallway and bathroom. The Weller Library is accepting private donations to help fund all these worthy projects in addition to working diligently to obtain other funding. Just as important, the library is an exciting gathering place for volunteers wanting to improve resources, outreach to adults and children and generating the appreciation of history and beauty in our town.

Sincerely,  
Karen Huwe, President, Friends of the Library  
Terry Lawhead, Weller Library Board  
Waitsburg, Wash.



Karen Huwe

Volunteers pouring concrete to prepare for ADA upgrades to the Weller Public Library.

## APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR THE SHERWOOD TRUST COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP PROGRAM IN MILTON FREEWATER

THE TIMES

MILTON FREEWATER, Ore.—Sherwood Trust is convening a group of community-minded leaders of all experience levels for its 2022 Community Leadership Program in Milton Freewater, OR. The program runs February through September 2022. Applications are due December 10, 2021 and available online at [www.sherwoodtrust.org/leadership](http://www.sherwoodtrust.org/leadership). There is no cost to participants.

"Ideal candidates for the 2022 leadership class will be people who live and/or work in Milton-Freewater area" said Sherwood Trust Program Director Julia Leavitt. "Candidates are encouraged to apply regardless of formal leadership experience."

For over fifteen years, the Community Leadership Program strengthens local leadership and community-building abilities with a hands-on, interactive program to develop leadership and community-building skills in southeast Washington and northeast Oregon.

In collaboration with Rural Development Initiatives Inc. (RDI) in Eugene, Oregon, this skill-based learning program focuses on developing community and organizational leadership skills of people in the region.

Sherwood Trust is a private, placed-based foundation that supports capacity-building to ensure that everyone in the Walla Walla Valley has a sense of belonging and contributes to a thriving region. Founded in 1991 to continue the legacy of Donald and Virginia Sherwood's efforts to make the Walla Walla Valley a better place, it has invested more than \$34 million to strengthen nonprofits and improve communities here.

For more information or to apply please contact: Julia Leavitt at Sherwood Trust at (509) 529-2791, or [Julia@sherwoodtrust.org](mailto:Julia@sherwoodtrust.org)



## UPPER TOUCHET PROJECT UNDERWAY AT SKI BLUEWOOD

THE TIMES

PENDLETON, Ore.—With implementation of the Upper Touchet Vegetation Management Project underway, winter recreationists may enjoy some enhanced skiing opportunities at Ski Bluewood in the Walla Walla Ranger District this winter.

Contractors have completed the first treatments as part of project implementation, which consisted of non-commercial thinning 504 acres including hand piling 129 acres within Ski Bluewood, located 20 miles south of Dayton, Washington. Forest Service personnel have been burning piles following this work over the past couple of weeks. The fuel treatments will provide more resilient landscape conditions in the project area by reducing the density of stands and removing ladder fuels. In addition, forest users will benefit from improved skiable terrain within the Ski Bluewood Special Use Permit area.

The thinning was completed as part of the Upper Touchet Vegetation Management Project (Upper Touchet), which was signed in April 2020. The 3,120-acre project was designed to create a more resilient landscape and protect values at risk surrounding the Ski Bluewood Special Use Permit area by reducing fuels and the risk of wildfire that could impact existing infrastructure, while also enhancing safety for forest users and firefighters. Overall, the project will include 1,570 acres of thinning (which includes 1,150 acres of commercial timber harvest) and 1,530 acres of prescribed burning. The first of the timber sales, Upper Chase, was awarded on Sept. 28 and will produce 2.3 MMBF and treat 194 acres.

Active management is an important part of creating a resilient landscape that has the capacity to resist or recover from disturbances, including wildfire. Areas that are treated tend to burn at a lower severity, improving the likelihood that, even if a fire burns through an area, the Forest will recover more effectively from the wildfire. Additionally, these types of treatments can increase options for fire managers and firefighters to safely engage a fire and support local infrastructure, which in turn facilitates future active land management.

For additional information about the Upper Touchet project please visit <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53438>.



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## Touchet Valley Weather

Nov. 17, 2021

### Waitsburg's Seven Day Forecast

Day	Weather	High	Low
Wednesday	Partly Cloudy	46	31
Thursday	Isolated Rain	45	35
Friday	Scattered Rain	48	33
Saturday	Partly Cloudy	47	31
Sunday	Mostly Cloudy	46	35
Monday	Scattered Rain	49	39
Tuesday	Partly Cloudy	46	34

### Weather Trivia

What is the world's record for rainfall in one minute?  
Answer: On July 4, 1956, 1.23 inches of rain fell in Unionville, MD.

### Weather History

Nov. 17, 1989 - Freezing temperatures spread across the southeastern United States in the wake of the severe weather outbreak of the previous two days. Eight cities reported record low temperatures for the date, including Gilbert, Ark. with a reading of 8 degrees.

### Local Almanac Last Week

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Precipitation
Tuesday	58	40	52/37	0.11"	1.26"
Wednesday	52	39	51/37	Trace	0.56"
Thursday	46	40	51/37	0.70"	+0.70"
Friday	60	43	51/36	0.44"	50.9°
Saturday	60	43	50/36	0.01"	43.5°
Sunday	68	54	50/36	0.00"	+7.4°
Monday	69	41	49/36	Trace	

Data as reported from Walla Walla

### Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Wednesday	6:57 a.m.	4:18 p.m.	3:43 p.m.	5:08 a.m.
Thursday	6:58 a.m.	4:17 p.m.	4:05 p.m.	6:13 a.m.
Friday	6:59 a.m.	4:16 p.m.	4:32 p.m.	7:19 a.m.
Saturday	7:01 a.m.	4:15 p.m.	5:04 p.m.	8:23 a.m.
Sunday	7:02 a.m.	4:15 p.m.	5:43 p.m.	9:25 a.m.
Monday	7:04 a.m.	4:14 p.m.	6:31 p.m.	10:20 a.m.
Tuesday	7:05 a.m.	4:13 p.m.	7:27 p.m.	11:09 a.m.

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## WINE TASTING AND PAIRING AT RED BAND CELLARS

Stop by Red Band Cellars on Nov., 26, 27 for wine, food, fun

THE TIMES



DAYTON—Good food? Wonderful wine? A fun time? Stop by Red Band Cellars on November 26 and 27 for a combination of all three. Located at 700 Artisan Way, Suite J, at the Blue Mountain Station, life boils down to three things at Red Band Cellars: Family, fishing, and making wine.

The first wine and food pairing will feature a 2019 Sauvignon Blanc, paired with gulf prawns and southern-style savory corn mousse. The second pairing includes a 2017 Cabernet Sauvignon, with a caramelized pear and gorgonzola tartlet.

The third pairing brings out a 2018 Syrah, paired with puff pastry, red lentil salad, and Butcher Butcher ham. The final pairing features a 2019 Cabernet Sauvignon with ricotta and sausage stuffed peppadew peppers.

The four pairings are \$15 per person. For more information, contact Red Band Cellars at (509) 581-8850.

### Port - FROM PAGE 1

in the past three years, which necessitated a tax payment of about \$211.

There were no significant issues with Port buildings to report. Dickinson reported an upcoming tenant change. Boe Stevenson intends to depart his space at the port to relocate his print shop, along with Locally Nourished, to the former Village Shoppes on Main Street. Stevenson plans to offer clothing and gear printed to support the Dayton/Waitsburg athletic combine "Wolf-pack" at his new location. He will move out of his current building in November. A local artist plans to lease his former space as a non-retail studio, keeping Port occupancy at 100%.

Dickinson reported concerns from tenants and users of the commercial kitchen at Blue Mountain Station (BMS) over recent Facebook postings and candidates' material from the recent election. They felt their businesses are not valued by the newly elected officials and the community.

Dickinson has assured tenants at BMS that they are legally protected from eviction under terms of their leases. Two tenants have asked for lease extensions.

The discussion moved on to the Columbia-Walla Walla Railroad (CWW) about weed and debris removal. CWW said they cleared debris from their trimming and weed control. They also cleared items dumped by community members, including carpet. A double-wide trailer was abandoned on the CWW right of way near the intersection of Stedman and Wagon Roads and may have to be removed to comply with federal law.

The rail operator wants to continue operating his line to Dayton for grain cargo but needs to have access to Port Kelly to make grain transport cost effective. Some commissioners discussed whether local farmers are still interested in using rail transport since they have already adopted other means of transportation. The Port of Columbia does not own or run Port Kelly so it cannot open it up to the railroad operator.

In her Community and Economic Development report, Dickinson stated that two start-up grants of \$5K each had been awarded. One of the grants was awarded to Tony and Laura Aukerman who plan to locate their vintage furniture business in the Main Street building last occupied by Noble Hunt and the adjacent building. Their business will operate as Annie's Attic and may also have food offerings.

The second start-up grant went to Starbuck Lodge, operated by Deb Hayes and Zonia Dedloff, who will offer cabins and eventually a lodge on the outskirts of Starbuck. The grant money came from Innovia, and the Port has another \$5K available for start-ups.

The Port commissioners deferred discussion of the Economic Impact of the Port District document until commissioners have had more time to review it.

It was announced that the Comprehensive Economic Development Meeting would be held on December 7, 2021, from 11:30 to 1 PM on Zoom. The priorities for the meeting are the broadband, bike trail, and assisted living programs.

Dickinson said she was working on a grant to extend the broadband project further west and would be submitting a grant to the state broadband fund. The city has provided matching broadband funds, but the county has not responded, so the Port will begin looking elsewhere for the money to cover what the county was to have provided. The Port and Pacific Corp are working on an insurance plan for the pole attachment agreement.

There is a discussion about moving the bike trail to the south of the railroad track to be less disruptive to the residents on Commercial Street. Anderson Perry is developing options for that portion of the trail along with the pedestrian crossing of the Touchet River near the Smith Hollow schoolhouse.

The Port assisted the Hospital District, YWCA, Early Learning Coalition, and ESD 123 in drafting a proposal for one million dollars to the Department of Commerce to fund a childcare facility.

The initial favored location, the First Christian Church across from the elementary school, would cost \$1.9 million, including \$400,000 just to shore up the roof. An alternate location may be on Cameron Street and west of the garden area at Blue Mountain Station. The pool and community center group has also shown interest in developing a community center in the vicinity of the old pool building at the city park. The hospital will own the daycare center and the YWCA will operate it. The Port is involved because having daycare available in the community is important to business development in the county.

The next Port Commissioner's meeting is scheduled for December 8, 2021, via Zoom. The meeting adjourned at 4:50 PM.

## BIRTHDAYS

### November 18:

James Hays, John Nordheim, Jason Gawith, Jane Leid, Marvin Klundt.

**November 19:** Carrie Mae Higgins, Jamie Leid, Starlit Crawford, Zachary Alexenko.

**November 20:** Lyle Harshman, Lorianne Donovan.

**November 21:** Stacia Deal, Colleen Berry, Buster Katsel, Dana Simmons.

**November 22:** Betsy Harkins, Connie Creswell, Tanya Vargas.

**November 23:** Miles Reese, Bill Johnson, Robbie Johnson, Cecile Carpenter, Heather O'Brien, Jennifer Wheeler, Alice Clifton, Jean Lawrence.

**November 24:** Orville Branson, Clay Lindsey, Betsy Beck, Lisa Gosney, Brian Newbury, Melissa DeCoria.



## Christmas Kickoff coming to Dayton November 26

THE TIMES

DAYTON—Sleep off all of the Thanksgiving turkey, and head to Downtown Dayton on Friday, November 26, and Saturday, November 27 for the annual Christmas Kickoff festivities.

Belinda Larsen, Executive Director of the Dayton Chamber of Commerce, said she started getting inquiries as early as June, from vendors and other interested parties, as to whether they would be hosting a full weekend. Last year, the event went virtual amidst COVID-19 closures and restrictions, and was significantly smaller.

2021 is going to make up for it, though, with two days packed full of holiday fun.

Friday, November 26 kicks off with the Christmas Tree Festival, starting at 10:00 a.m. During the Festival's first year in 2019, it raised more than \$2,000 for the Giving Tree and the Dayton Foodbank. Chaired by Misty Yost, the Festival hopes to exceed their first year's raised funds, and give even more back to the community. The Trees will be lit up again on Saturday, starting at 10 a.m.

After lighting up the trees, stop by the Christmas Bazaar, at 112 S. 1st Street. The Bazaar will feature some of the area's favorite crafts, and plenty of one-of-a-kind Christmas gifts for those hard-to-shop-for family and friends.

If that's not enough for the 10:00 hour, pop over to 410 N. 1st Street and check out the Christmas Market at the Historic Dayton Depot. This event will end at 6:00 p.m., and will reopen on Saturday, November 27. The Bazaar will reopen on Saturday at 9:00 a.m.

Starting at 11:00 a.m., runners, walkers, joggers and support crews will gather at the Columbia County Courthouse for the Ugly Christmas Sweater Dash. Cash prizes are available, so pull out that light-up top and dust off the running shoes!

Live reindeer will be in town, from 12 p.m.- 4 p.m., and Mule Drawn Hayrides will kick off at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. The rides are dependent on the weather. Doug and Margie Krueger will be providing the rides free of charge.

A Boldman House Christmas will be open both days, from 1 p.m.- 4 p.m., at 410 N. 1st Street.

Warm up at the Weinhard Hotel on Friday for wine tasting and hot cocoa from 2 p.m.- 6 p.m. Visit the famous Izzy the Camel behind Dingles, from 3 p.m.- 7 p.m.

The Lighted Parade, which is always a fan favorite, will kick off at 6:00 p.m. on Main Street, with the Tree Lighting Ceremony (Elk Drug, 176 Main) and Fireworks (Columbia County Courthouse) to follow. Parade entries are still being accepted, and entry forms can be found online at the Chamber's website, [www.historicdayton.com](http://www.historicdayton.com). Pacific Power was the major sponsor for the annual fireworks show, and other sponsors include Inland Cellular, Columbia County Health System, Seneca Foods Corporation, Walla Walla Toyota, and City Lumber and Coal.

The Liberty Theater will be showing Clifford the Big Red Dog on Friday, at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, at 2:00 p.m. Be sure to visit their website for seating reservations, <https://libertytheater.org/index.html>.

Don't forget to stop by the Blue Mountain Station on Friday and Saturday for Christmas specials, including barrel tastings, limited-time holiday sales, and special chocolates from Mama Monacelli's.

A complete schedule can be found on the Chamber's website.

"Your wish for an old-fashioned Christmas is our dream come true from the 'town that still believes'", said Larsen.



## POST-THANKSGIVING BRUNCH AT DUMAS STATION

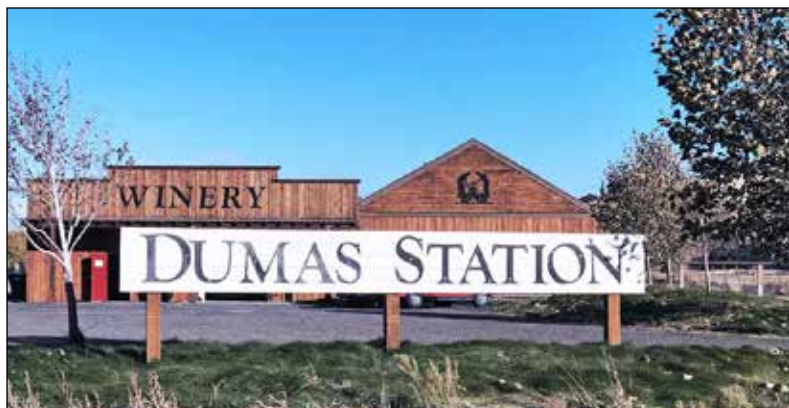
THE TIMES

DAYTON—Who wants to cook and then deal with dirty dishes and clean up duties the day after Thanksgiving? At Dumas Station, they don't blame you if you raised your hand.

Join the crew at Dumas Station for brunch with The Q Wood Fired Grill on Friday, November 26 starting at 10:00 am. There will be great food, delicious wine, good friends, and, of course, wine! Dumas Station and The Q are looking forward to getting together with you for a Post-Thanksgiving Brunch, just like they used to have.

The Q Wood-Fired Grill has a delicious menu planned, including whole PNW salmon weave, strata with brie and portobellos, Croque Monsieur, quinoa fruit salad, cold-smoked bacon, house-made fresh sausage, old-fashioned coffee cake, and one complimentary glass of wine or mimosa.

Tickets are \$40 per person, unless you're a member of the Dumas Station Wine Club, who get to dine at brunch for \$25. Tickets must be purchased by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 22. To purchase tickets, visit [www.dumasstation.com](http://www.dumasstation.com).





# NEWS & LEGALS

## LEGAL NOTICES

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**NOTICE OF PRELIMINARY BUDGET & OF PUBLIC BUDGET HEARINGS**  
Notice is hereby given that the preliminary budget for the City of Prescott for 2022 has been prepared and is on file at City Hall, 108 D Street, Prescott, WA. A preliminary public hearing on the budget will be held November 22, 2021, at 7:30 pm at City Hall, 108 D Street, during a special City Council meeting. Copies of the preliminary budget will be available to the public on November 15, 2021. A final public hearing on the budget will be held on December 13, 2021 at 7:30 pm. at City Hall, during the regular City Council meeting, or at such later time as continued by the City Council.  
Dated this 11th day of November, 2021.  
Wendy Akes, City Clerk/  
Treasurer  
The Times  
November 11, 18, 2021  
11-11-d

**In the Superior Court of the State of Washington for the County of Walla Walla**  
No. (18-3-00015-1)  
Maritela A. Lopez, Petitioner,  
Jose L. Lopez, Respondent.  
The State of Washington to the respondent Jose J. Lopez:  
You are hereby summoned to appear within 90 days after the date of the first publication of this dissolution of marriage summons, after the 11/11/2021, and defend the above entitled action in the above entitled court, and answer the complaint of the petitioner, Maritela A. Lopez, and serve a copy of your answer upon the petitioner at the address below stated; and in case of your failure so to do, judgment will be rendered against you according to the demand of the dissolution petition, which has been filed with the clerk of said court. If you do not serve your written response within 90 days after the date this summons was served on you, exclusive of the day of service, the court may enter an order of default against you, and the court may, without further notice to you, enter a final order and approve or provide for the relief requested in the petition. The court will not enter the final order until at least 90 days after filing and service. Serve a copy of your response on Maritela A. Lopez at 127 W. Tietan Street, Walla Walla, WA. 99362.  
The Times  
November 11, 18, 25, December 2, 9, 16, 2021  
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**CITY OF DAYTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held on, Tuesday November 23rd, 2021 at 6:00 p.m., or soon thereafter, at a Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of Dayton to review and receive comment on proposed revenue sources including a proposed 1% increase in property taxes as part of the City of Dayton 2022 Preliminary Budget as presented by the Mayor to the Dayton City Council on November 10th, 2021.  
Said public hearing shall be held via ZOOM® and the ZOOM meeting information will be available online at <http://www.daytonwa.com/> not later than 3:00 p.m., November 18th, 2021.  
Written testimony/ comments shall be read into the record at the public hearing and can be submitted to the City of Dayton no later than 3:00 p.m. on Monday November 22nd, 2021. All testimony/comments shall be submitted to/at City of Dayton, 111 S. 1st Street, Dayton, WA 99328 or by email to [info@daytonwa.com](mailto:info@daytonwa.com).  
A summary of proposed revenue sources including a proposed 1% property tax increase is available on the City of Dayton's website at <https://www.daytonwa.com/inside-city-hall/city-council/city-budget-2>. A paper or electronic copy of the summary may be obtained by submitting a request via [info@daytonwa.com](mailto:info@daytonwa.com), by mail or in person at 111 S. 1st Street or by telephone at 509.382.2361.  
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By: Debra M Hays, Interim City Clerk  
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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED TAX LEVY**  
Notice is hereby given that a public hearing related to the City of Prescott's expected revenue sources for fiscal year 2022 and the City of Prescott's proposed regular tax levy will be held November 22, 2021, at 7:30 pm at City Hall, 108 D Street, during a special City Council meeting.  
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No. 21 2 00517 36  
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DATED this 16th day of November, 2021.  
HAWKINS LAW, PLLC  
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RCW 11.40.030  
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This reach includes portions of Segments 1 and 2 as identified in the Lower Mill Creek Fish Habitat and Passage Assessment and Strategic Action Plan (CTUIR 2017) and are located between RM 1.75 and RM 4.0 (46.0580, -118.4217), downstream of the cities of College Place and Walla Walla.  
**Major elements of this project include:**  
The engineered design will include a series of engineered log structures, floodplain reconstructions and riparian plantings to benefit mid-Columbia summer steelhead, bull trout and reintroduced spring Chinook salmon. The design will need to include a sediment transport analysis.  
Proposals must include the following components and will be ranked accordingly: Qualifications of Key Personnel (90 pts), Relevant Project Experience (90 pts), Experience with RCO Salmon Recovery state review process (30 pts), Previous Performance (90 pts). The RFQ can be obtained through the WWCCD office. For questions, please contact Alison Crowley (509)956-3762 [alison.crowley@wwccd.net](mailto:alison.crowley@wwccd.net) or Renee Hadley at (509) 956-3756 [renee.hadley@wwccd.net](mailto:renee.hadley@wwccd.net).  
WWCCD retains the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive minor irregularities in the selection process. Documents must be received at the WWCCD office (via email or in-person delivery) before 2 p.m. Friday, December 5th, 2021.  
Walla Walla County Conservation District  
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# Music Studio Receives an Upgrade

*Music Studio Receives an Upgrade*  
*Move over, Beethoven*

By Mike Ferrians | THE TIMES

The older you get, the faster time flies. And I'm a firm believer in the notion that whatever you're doing now is just training for what you will be doing later, especially if you have no idea what that is. It's just that I don't remember anything going by faster than the last ten months. I feel younger all the time.

The independent music and sound studio I joined in January became an official program of Walla Walla YMCA in September. My partner in crime, Rodney Outlaw, accepted the position of Youth Engagement Director at Walla Walla's YMCA. This allows him to work on youth outreach while bringing the music studio under that umbrella of the Y. Since the YMCA is the largest corporate non-profit in the USA (and corporations love their branding), this change neces-

sitated a name change for the studio: what was Walla Walla Music Organization is now "Y-Tunes."

Outlaw's change of post necessitated my shift to the supervisor of Y-Tunes under Outlaw's direction. As a result, I am part of an expanding team of program workers and coordinators who are building a more effective and diverse menu of programs aimed at the overall growth, development, and well-being of our community's young people.

This is exciting stuff since I don't enjoy acting my age anyway. I am more challenged, more inspired, and much goofier when I hang around young people.

Our middle and high school students are in the process of writing and mixing original instrumental compositions as a choreography resource for the Walla Walla Dance Co (WWDCo), with whom we will be sharing the GESA Powerhouse Theater stage for a December 17 concert. There you will see and hear both live student performances and audio mixes danced to by WWDCo students. Visual arts will be projected during performances for what will be a fun community art show for the holidays.

Although community recording projects for the Touchet Valley have been on hold due to the pandemic situation, we continue to teach Digital Audio Workstation (DAW) classes for College Place school district. We have been asked to be the music program for Lincoln High School this year. Students are now learning about music theory and notation.

Meanwhile, Outlaw has been reaching out to the homeschooling community, which significantly increased during the pandemic. We have begun discussions with homeschool parents, offering daytime classes and activities for children of all ages and back-



Mike Ferrians

Students taking at break at Y-Tunes

grounds in music, fitness, culinary arts, computer lab, and gaming. You will soon begin to see these programs featured at [www.wwymca.org](http://www.wwymca.org). Meanwhile, you are encouraged to call the YMCA for information on registering for winter classes starting in January. The studio program remains free of charge to local youth, but there are enrollment limits.

In the studio, we aim to help empower youth to learn and grow in marketable skills – exploring, crafting, recording, arranging, editing, mixing, performing their own music, and collaborating with others. Why? Because music, apart from being amazingly groovy, is key to brain development and growth. And because music is an honorable occupation. And because young people need belonging, guidance, opportunity, and a voice. And because healing for the world won't come from politics or medicine, it will come from the artists, poets, music-makers, and dancers of the world.

If I do say so, myself.

# Tennis players – Diehards, or just Desperate

By Vicki Sternfeld-Rossi | THE TIMES

Although I am not a great tennis player, I love to play. It's good exercise for someone competitive and social. I've told my coaches over the years, "What I lack in talent, I make up for in stamina." And, of course, add to that good sportsmanship, a good sense of humor, and no delusions about my skill level.

As proof of my diehard spirit, my friend and I were on the court at Waitsburg High School playing this Sunday in gale-force winds. The leaves and debris whirling around us were dizzying, but we persevered. My partner and I met on the courts with our racquets, balls, sunglasses, and our brooms. We're not the Witches of Eastern Washington, but we needed to sweep the courts to spread around the remnant puddles from Saturday night's rain to lessen the water hazards. I'm the clumsy one, so the fewer hazards, the better.

At times the wind was so strong, I thought for sure we might wind up in Kansas! The balls were twisting in the air and caught up in the gusts. Even though we tried hard not to aim for the puddles, there were many water landings.

In tennis, as in all sports, there are some fundamentals of what makes a "good shot." First is space; there needs to be sufficient space between you and the ball to assure you have full range to swing and achieve pace, direction with a good



follow-through to get spin on the ball. Finding the right space while the ball is flying through gusts of wind is nearly impossible. You track the ball to the right; it flies to the left, then up, then lands dead because it hit a headwind. Fundamental number one, not working.

Another fundamental is to hit the ball out front, be aggressive, make early contact. If you hit late, chances are the ball will not go in any direction other than the one you intended. Good luck on that one! This time the ball seemed to stop dead from the headwind as I nearly tripped, running towards it. It would fly past me other times, accelerated by the wind before I could think of running forward.

At first, I tried to be clever and figure out which direction the wind was blowing, like that would really improve my game (ha). I turned around and noticed leaves piled up about three feet high against the fence in the western corner of the court. Aha! Maybe I can plan somewhat of a strategy! That, of course, was futile. I was deluded into thinking I had the skills to strategize using one pile of leaves. But I tried to use whatever strategic skills I had to keep the balls from landing in the remaining puddles.

The weather is turning, and as it gets colder and wetter, our chances for a local game of tennis on Sunday mornings are less possible. So, we play in adverse conditions and excellent conditions, desperate to play as much as possible before the snow falls, and we are sidelined until spring. We are the diehards! When spring does come, we will be back! Ready to play even though a little older and slower. We are determined to get back on the court, not wiser but deserving of fun and some good exercise.

As I sit here, and the wind blows, I know tennis is probably over until spring. Deserving or not, the only tennis balls I'll be playing with are the ones I throw to Mugsy. Slumber well, my well-used tennis racquet until next spring!

# Streaming Review:

*Why Women Kill, season two.*

By Lane Gwinn | THE TIMES

I first ran across this series while scrolling for something to watch this fall. I assumed Why Women Kill was a reality show about murderesses. I wasn't interested. However, after a recommendation from my brother-in-law, I decided to give it a try. Luckily it is not a reality show but fiction and scripted.

The series is a darkly comedic drama, reminiscent of the 1955-65 television show Alfred Hitchcock Presents. It has plenty of murderers. Some kill by accident and some very deliberately. Not all are women, there is at least one murdering man. Some are even a little sympathetic.

The story takes place in 1949 and follows the perpetually overlooked Alma Fillcott (Allison Tolman). Her goal is to fill a vacancy on the local garden club. The club members are glamorous and everything she admires. They are also vain, condescending, and not



Courtesy photo

Alma Fillcott getting downright sneaky.

very nice. Over the season's ten episodes, we watch Alma do whatever it takes to be accepted into this club.

The focus of her admiration is the club's queen



Rita's outfits are a show of their own.



bee, Rita Castillo (Lana Parrilla). Rita has everything; an older wealthy husband, a handsome lover, and clothes that steal the show. She is also ruthless and conniving.

Alma's husband Bertram (Nick Frost) supports Alma even as he questions her need to change. He is a sensitive and caring veterinarian whose need to ease pain sets the story on its twisty, fun path.

Some characters help unwind the path, including Alma's daughter Dee, and private investigator, Vern. All the characters reveal multiple sides to their stories, keeping the story unpredictable and viewers interested.

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## Prescott loses heartbreaker at State in shootout

By Eric Umphrey | THE TIMES

RICHLAND – Prescott traveled to Richland to play in the first round of the boys 1B/2B State tournament on November 13 as the home team hosting Friday Harbor.

Friday Harbor scored the first goal of the game on a free kick from Carli Alden just outside the box. When the call for the free kick was made it was a surprise as the foul was not apparent. It was also not clear if Prescott's goalie was screened by his defense on the kick or just beaten to corner. Prescott came back about twelve minutes later in the first half to tie the game at 1-1 when Adrian Rubio scored with an assist from Vicente Garcia.

The style of play between the two teams was very different. Friday Harbor would methodically work the ball down the field with a several passes before taking a shot. Prescott's offense would better be described as a fast break with a couple of quick long passes to their front line who would then create a scoring opportunity.

In the second half Prescott made a quick break down the field and Vicente Garcia scored giving Prescott the lead at game 2-1. For a moment after that goal,



Senior goalie Ivan Martinez warms up before the game.

I thought they might seize the momentum and break the game open. Unfortunately, Friday Harbor scored a minute and a half later on a goal by Zach Place when Prescott could not get the ball out of their end. This tied the score at 2-2. Despite several chances from both teams the score ended 2-2 at the end of the second half. After a short break of a few minutes the rules for overtime were announced. First goal scored would end the game. Two five-minute halves would be played but no goals were scored so the game would be decided by a shootout.

The rules for a shootout are each team selects five players to go one on one against the other teams goalie. The team that scores the most goals is the winner. Teams alternate shooting and defending after each shot is taken. Also, if a team has a larger lead than the number of shots left by their opponent the game is called. This

game ended when Friday Harbor scored their third goal of the shootout giving them the victory.

On a positive note, Prescott has a very young team losing just three seniors from the roster of fifteen players this year. If everyone returns, they will have six seniors next year coming back in key positions. With the talent coming back they have a good chance to make the playoffs again next year.



Congratulations to the 2021 Prescott Tigers for an exceptional season!

## WINTER RECREATION PROGRAM ENCOURAGES RESPONSIBLE SNOWMOBILING

*State Parks follows the International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association in pledging to protect natural areas*

THE TIMES

OLYMPIA—As the snow begins to build in the Washington Cascades range, the State Parks Winter Recreation Program joins members of the International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association and the snowmobile community nationwide in promot-

ing responsible snowmobile etiquette. The national "Take the Pledge" campaign aims to protect riding areas and trail systems for current and future generations. The campaign also reminds motorized recreationists to respect the landowners who provide access to their properties.

Those who take the pledge agree to the following:

- I Pledge to ride off trail only where I know it's legal and accepted.
- I Pledge to check before going off-trail if I don't know.
- I Pledge to protect access for future generations by doing the right thing.
- I Pledge to protect access by encouraging those I ride with to take the Pledge also.

Washington snowmobilers enjoy over 3,800 miles of groomed trails statewide. The trails cross over between state, federal and private lands. They have been built and maintained by snowmobile clubs and volunteers for generations. Washington snowmobile clubs also build warming huts, assist with backcountry rescue operations and offer organized rides to veterans and children with disabilities. Snowmobilers

are an important part of the winter recreation community.

The national initiative includes snowmobile dealers, lodges and chambers of commerce as snowmobiling contributes to the state's tourism and outdoor recreation economy with particular benefit to rural areas.

The Pledge was created to raise awareness about the impacts of motorized winter recreation on landowners, pets and livestock. Increased use of winter recreation areas over the last several years calls for awareness of legal riding areas and responsible recreation principles.

The State Parks Winter Recreation Program and International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association invite all snowmobilers and their riders to take this pledge at [www.snowmobilerspledge.com](http://www.snowmobilerspledge.com).

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## My book pick for November

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

In *The Last Best Hope*, published by Farrar, Straus, Giroux in June 2021, Atlantic writer George Packer cuts to the chase about America's current social, political, and economic divide.

Packer states the Democratic Party is being driven by "Smart America" with its philosophy of economic meritocracy based on a deep cynicism due to the Iraq War debacle, the financial crash of 2008, lousy schools, overflowing prisons, dying neighborhoods, unending debt, and lack of opportunities, along with "Just America," a narrative of the young and well educated, which misreads or ignores the Black and Latino working classes. He writes the Republican Party is being driven by "Free America" (libertarianism) and "Real America" (traditionalists).

Packer's assertion is the hatred for the hypocritical and condescending elites of "Smart America" and "Just America" has caused "Free America" to rally behind former President Donald Trump for "sticking it" to them. In addition, trust in the system has become so eroded that populists refuse to believe experts simply because they are experts.

"Once politics becomes an identity class or tribal war, a death spiral can set in," he writes.



their Twitter accounts" and work to truly discover their fellow Americans.

I appreciated Parker's research into past U.S. History to show how activist editor and publisher Horace Greeley, Francis Perkins, the first woman U.S. Secretary of Labor and architect of the New Deal, and Bayard Rustin, a strategist of the Civil Rights era, worked to reconcile the ideological camps of their day and the way he tied history into lessons for our time.

He goes on to say the deepest divisions aren't found between regions or even between states, but within states, with the most fundamental division at the county level. But much can be done to reverse this downward spiral.

Americans, he writes, have a passion for equality, as stated in the first founding document.

He writes it would be far better to self-govern by acquiring habits of the heart, suspending Twitter and Facebook accounts, and spending time in the presence of other Americans who don't look or talk or think like them.

Packer outlines some useful measures; breaking up the big corporate monopolies, creating an activism of cohesion, providing for well-funded schools that teach both Shakespeare and August Wilson to all students, and promoting the kind of journalism which rewards reporters who "refrain from scratching

## Movie Review: *The French Dispatch*

By Lane Gwinn | THE TIMES

This week I went to Walla Walla to see Wes Anderson's new movie *The French Dispatch*. The film was entertaining and one of Anderson's best. In each production, he brings back members from his eccentric troupe of actors, this time including Bill Murray, Adrian Brody, Tilda Swinton and Edward Norton. He also surprises us with some new faces, Benicio Del Toro and Timothee Chalamet. There is also an army of extras, with many cameos from Hollywood.

The story is close to my heart, it focuses on a newspaper, specifically a Sunday magazine that looks a lot like *The New Yorker*.

Murray is publisher of a France-based weekend magazine for the Kansas newspaper started by his father. Once called the Picnic, *The French Dispatch* is written by an eccentric group of writers championed by Murray's character.

It has been described as a love letter to journalists.

### Getting back to the theater.

What made my movie experience even better was seeing it in a theater, watching this fun movie on a big screen with an audience.

Growing up in southern California where every-

one seems to be in "the industry," going to the movies was a big part of my life. Matinees, premieres, midnight showings of art movies and endless foreign films inspired me to become an artist.

Over the last two years, I have become far to comfortable watching movies streamed to my iPad. What kind of monster am I?

With the Liberty Theater in Dayton and the multi-plex Grand Cinemas in Walla Walla I can finally watch movies on a big screen in a darkened theater with a big sound system. How movies are meant to be seen.

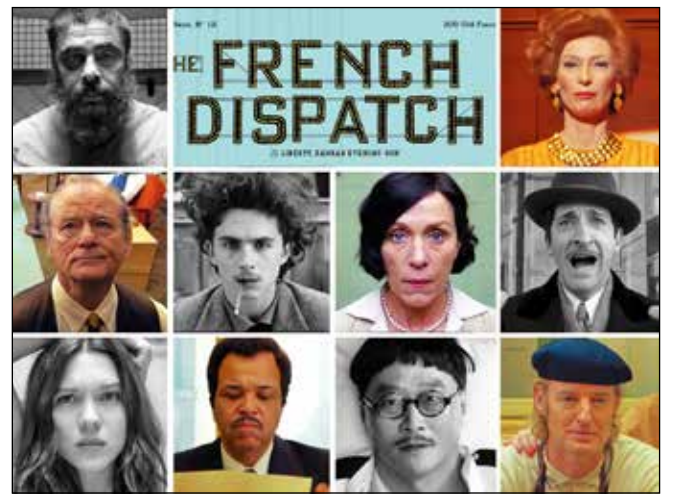
The most significant advantage to watching a movie in a theater is forcing multi-taskers to turn off their phones, apps, and iPads. When I go to my sister's house to watch a show or a movie, we both play games on our iPads while we watch. Ultimately, one or the other of us falls asleep before the show is finished.

In the theater, I am reminded to turn off my phone by a clever short film. I get comfortable in my seat, arrange my popcorn, soda and candy letting all the day's concerns disappear. By the time the previews are over, I am in the zone.

Both theaters let you buy tickets and reserve seats for your visit. It makes it easy to ask friends to join you, knowing you can find seats together. It also means you don't have to worry about getting stuck in the front row for a popular movie.

My plan is to go to one weekend matinee and one weeknight showing each week. All genres, including action movies, comedies, scary stories, and even the new Jack Ass movie appeal to me.

If you love movies, get back into the theater, popcorn and Junior Mints in hand to support the arts and our local businesses. Leave streaming for the endless supply of television shows.



One thing I will adopt at *The Times* office, No Crying.

## Recommendations from Washington State Parks to improve three local area parks

By Justin Jaech | THE TIMES

Washington State Parks held a public meeting on November 8, 2021, at 6 PM in Dayton Elementary School multipurpose room. Although the public sparsely attended the meeting, the topics covered will affect many in the Touchet Valley.

The representatives from Washington State Parks presented preliminary recommendations from the Land Classification and Long-Term Boundary planning for Lyons Ferry State Park, Palouse Falls State Park, and Lewis and Clark Trail State Park. These recommendations are from stage three of a four-stage process as part of the Park Management Plan.

Palouse Falls Park and Lyons Ferry Park are included in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) as Traditional Cultural Properties. Discussions concerning plans for these two parks also involved cooperation and input from a Tribal Work Group consisting of representatives from area Native American tribes.

The proposed changes for the parks are listed below.

### Lewis and Clark Trail State Park:

Located on both sides of Highway 12 between Waitsburg and Dayton, the park is subject to frequent flooding. With easy access from the highway, the south side parking lot is often used as a highway rest area. Access to this portion of the park from the larger section is dangerous as it involves crossing a rather busy highway.

Two possible solutions were pro-



posed to address these problems. Safer access between the south and north portions of the park could include a crossing built under the highway at the bridge over the Touchet River. Alternatively, the entire park south of Highway 12 could be designated surplus and made available to another state agency.

Other plans for the park include expansion along the Touchet River north of Highway 12. The State Park System does not own this land, but representatives have contacted the current landowner about a possible purchase, land swap, or other arrangements. These additions could potentially triple the current park size, substantially increasing the area used by campers and offering more river access and trail possibilities.

The hope is to develop some of the new campsites with electrical, water, and sewer hookups. These quality improvements could significantly increase the park's popularity, boost the area's economy, and help handle the recent boom in the popularity of camping in our state parks.

### Palouse Falls State Park:

Unlike Lewis and Clark Trail, the plan for Palouse Falls is to eliminate the eleven primitive campsites and now allow overnight camping. Rules of the Park have been evolving, particularly regarding the trails that lead to the top of the falls and the pool below the falls. Those trails are not now authorized, and some are in violation of the private property rights of the railroad and adjacent landowners, and all constitute a safety risk to hikers. Vandalism of culturally significant formations, such as spray-painting graffiti, has also been a problem for the park. The plan for the park would keep these restrictions in effect.

The park often suffers from traffic issues during peak times, and visitors are sometimes forced to wait up to two hours to arrive at the parking area. Recommendations include increased parking for visitors and a possible visitors' center to be constructed near the Highway 261 entrance. The center would include a vehicle turnaround so visitors who arrive and discover the park too crowded for their taste can quickly turn around.

Another recommendation would be to designate the surrounding privately owned land to remain natural. The owner is in favor of the designation. This would prevent land use development, including wind turbines, that might destroy the overall view and ambiance of the park. Pre-registration may be required to help control the number of visitors to the park.

### Lyons Ferry State Park:

Most significantly, for this park, the recommendation is to revitalize the camping sites on the low bluff on the west side of Highway 261. In the past, there had been no hookup camping at the bluff, which is no longer available. The new plan includes reintroducing a range of campsite availability, up to full-service campsites. It is expected that these campsites would not compete with the Lyon's Ferry KOA but instead work to increase the KOA's popularity, particularly for the camp store and cafe. There would be no change to the designated heritage area, allowing foot traffic to the Snake River.

The complete recommendations for these parks should be finalized by the end of this year. If any member of the public wishes to make comments or learn more about this process, they may do so at the following URL: <https://parks.state.wa.us/1072/Palouse-Falls-Lyons-Ferry-Lewis-and-Clark>

The public may make comments by calling the Parks Planner at (360) 902-8649, email at [laura.moxham@parks.wa.gov](mailto:laura.moxham@parks.wa.gov), or write to Laura Moxham, P.O. Box 42650, Olympia, WA 98504.



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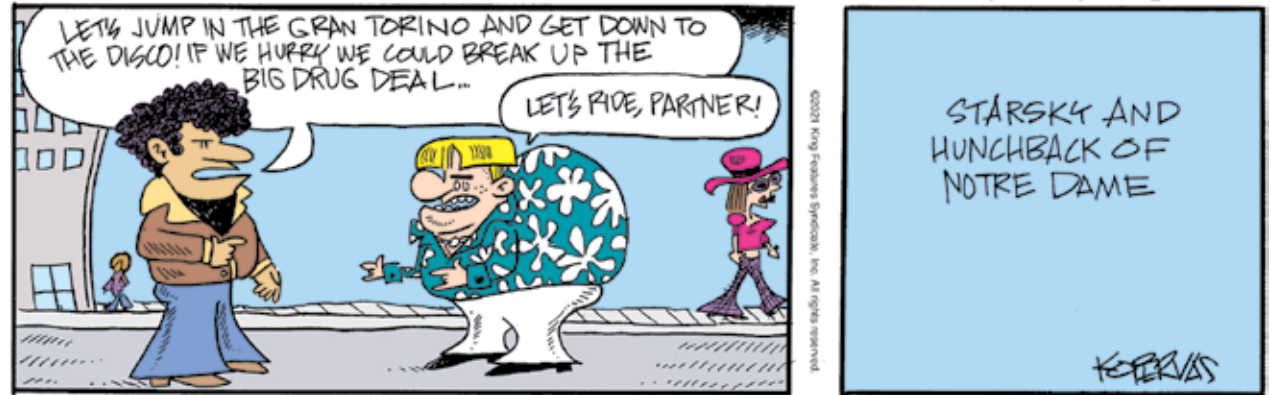
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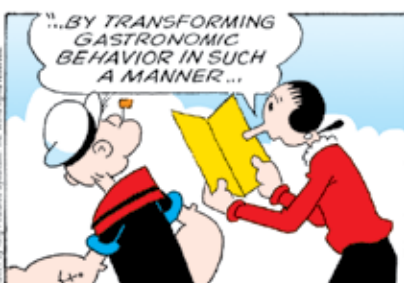
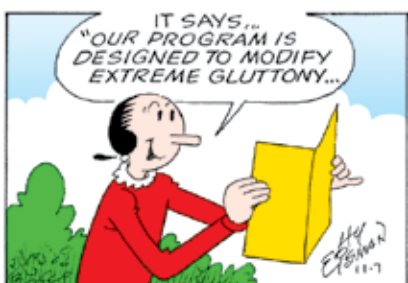
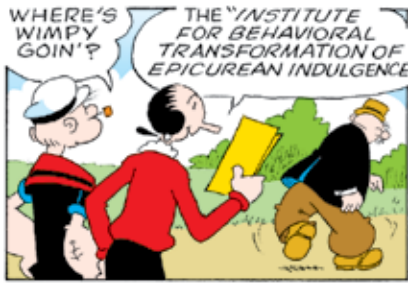
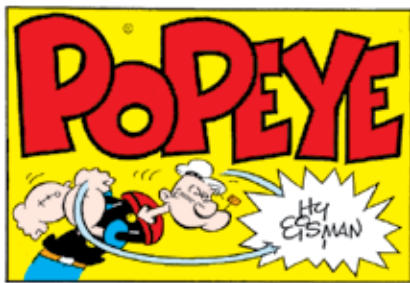
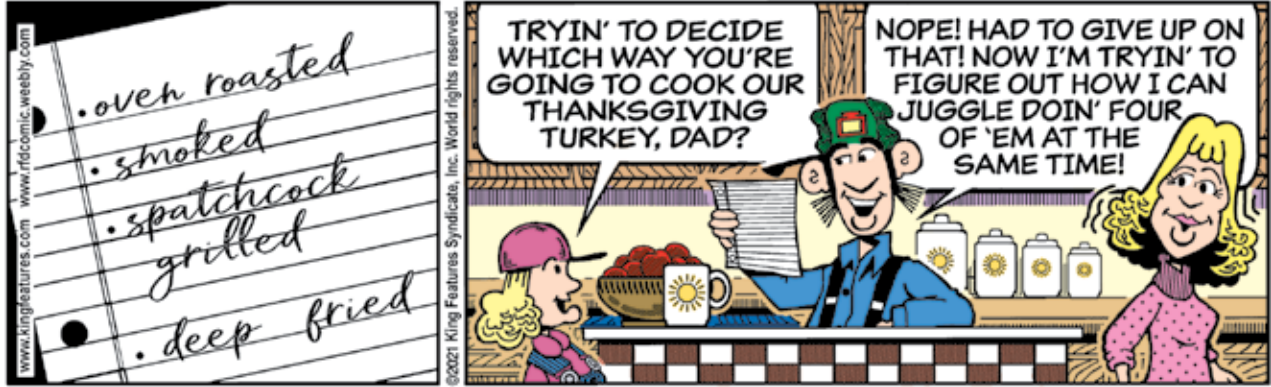
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## PIONEER PORTRAITS

Ten Years Ago

November 17, 2011

Last Wednesday night, a room in Preston Hall packed with school district employees and community members honored the closure of Terry Jacoy's 23 years on the Waitsburg School Board. Jacoy has served on the board since 1988. School board Chairman Ross Hamann said that in the time that Jacoy has been on the board, 590 kids have received their diplomas. "When you do something like this, you don't do it with the idea of being remunerated," Jacoy said.

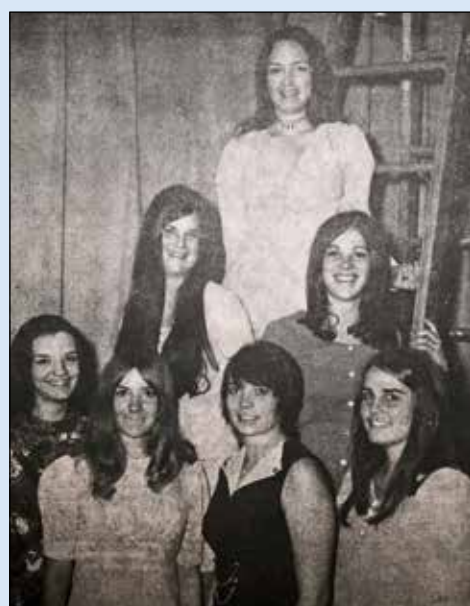
Twenty-Five Years Ago

November 21, 1986

Students in fourth grade at Waitsburg Elementary School are studying recycling and its benefits as part of their science class. This is the fifth year Mrs. Douglas has introduced students to recycling. As part of the class, students will be collecting aluminum cans to earn money for their class project - the purchase of a monitor for the elementary computer lab. The Monitor would be networked with the AverMedia converter bought from last year's can recycling drive. Combining of the two pieces of equipment will enable a teacher to do demonstrations on the computer and the entire class will be able to see what is happening, using the monitor.

Fifty Years Ago

November 18, 1971



[Photo Caption] Three Wait-Hi girls will vie for the title of Touchet Valley Junior Miss, a contest sponsored by the Dayton Jaycees on November 27. Jenny McKinney, lower right, and Debbie Smith, center left and Barb Gagnon, center right, will participate in the contest which emphasizes physical fitness, talent and poise. Other contestants are, lower row, left to right, Gerri Dobbs, Dayton; Karen McCulloch, Prescott; Retha Hopkins, Prescott; and top on ladder Cheryl Leid, Dayton. Not present at the time picture was taken was the eighth contestant, Kathy Fletcher of Dayton.

Seventy-Five Years Ago

November 22, 1946

A library report was given Wednesday evening at the regular PTA meeting by Mrs. Miles Brunton, chairman of the library committee. The city has offered the use of the city council room for use as a library. Miss Fanny Weller has generously offered her books. Miss Marion Kingman will carry on as acting librarian.

Harold Bloor who has been in the hospital this week recovering from eye injuries received when an ammonia pipe burst in his face, is improving. One eye is still in serious condition.

Orrin Carpenter has rented his farm to his son Virgil Carpenter and family and has purchased a home in Walla Walla.

One Hundred Years Ago

November 18, 1921

Mrs. D. B. Stimmel and Mrs. J. W. Morgan will be hostesses to a number of their friends at an "At Home" Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Stimmel home.

Miss Martha May Harsh celebrated her 10<sup>th</sup> birthday Wednesday. Her mother gave her a five o'clock four-course dinner. Those present were Dorothy Brunson, Naomi Freeman, Marjory Barnes, Bonnie Calvert, Dorothy Allen, Tennys Teeters and Martha Harsh.

J. B. Duncan of "the Oasis" and Louis Flanders returned Tuesday from a couple of days hunting trip in the mountains. The weather was so stormy they were unable to get out much and failed to see any big game. They reported that about 20 automobiles were parked in the vicinity of Godman Springs.

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago

November 20, 1896

Wheat was worth 70 cents in Walla Walla last Tuesday. Many farmers are holding for higher prices.

Co. D. 1<sup>st</sup> Inf. Bat. has finished its target practice for this year with some fine scores. The boys all did well. The following obtained the sharpshooter's badge: 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. C. T. Smith, Sgt. Frank McKinney, Sgt. Thomas Prescott, Sgt. J. L. Harper, Cpl. W. M. Chenoweth, Cpt. O. B. Smith. Waitsburg has the finest company in the state as well as some of the best marksmen.

A Missouri dinner was given at the residence of Mrs. Nannie Reavis in Prescott in honor of her father Mr. Daniel Marr, it being his 73<sup>rd</sup> birthday. About 75 persons partook of the excellent dinner.

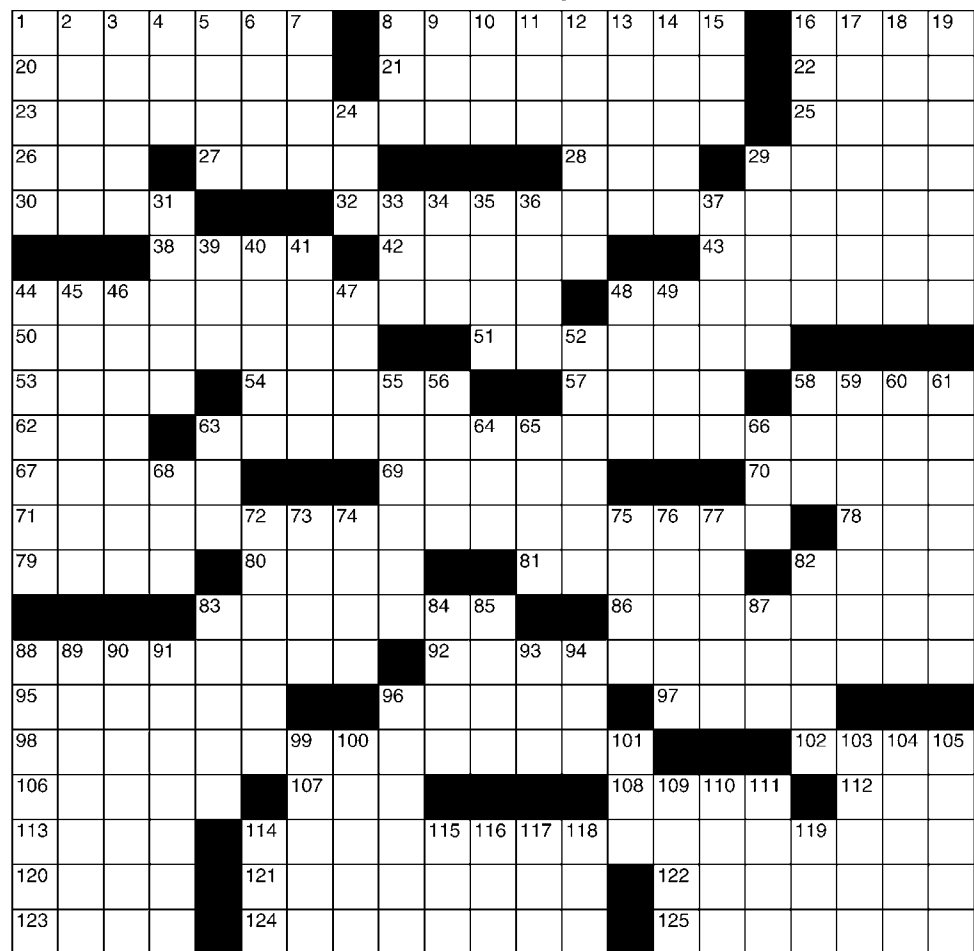


# PUZZLES & LIFESTYLES

## Super Crossword

ON THE BUTTON

- ACROSS**
- 1 Whiteboard wipers
  - 8 Ballpark figure
  - 16 Ballpark figure
  - 20 "Working Girl" actress Griffith
  - 21 Device guiding a train off its track to avoid a collision
  - 22 Wed. follower
  - 23 Functional again after an outage
  - 25 Gas: Prefix
  - 26 "Do Ya" rock gp.
  - 27 Salty Greek cheese
  - 28 Figure skater Midori —
  - 29 "The Pleasure — Company" (Fred Astaire film)
  - 30 Musical key with two sharps: Abbr.
  - 32 Brief hesitation to let words hang in the air
  - 38 Napoleon exile site
  - 42 Milan locale
  - 43 Designer McCartney
  - 44 Symbol used twice after "http:"
  - 48 Guys who read gas or water gauges
  - 50 Open space
  - 51 Dwayne who played Dobie Gillis
  - 53 Apt to snoop
  - 54 Really mean
  - 57 Rat — (knock noise)
  - 58 Certain choir voice
  - 62 Summer hrs.
  - 63 Phenomenon in hypnosis
  - 67 Inedible kind of orange
  - 69 Christmas seasons
  - 70 Whac- — (carnival game)
  - 71 Emily Dickinson poem with the line "Meek my Vive le roi"
  - 78 Greek letters before xis
  - 79 Henchman of Captain Hook
  - 80 Eerie sign
  - 81 Get 40 winks
  - 82 "New Jack City" actor
  - 83 Actor Gavin
  - 86 Birds of a given region
  - 88 Eyelash cosmetics
  - 92 Periodical datum indicating years
  - 95 Dog collar jinglers
  - 96 Duelist Burr
  - 97 Radiation units
  - 98 Guernsey's archipelago
  - 102 Intl. oil group
  - 106 Queen, in Madrid
  - 107 Counterparts of egos
  - 108 Skating leap
  - 112 Pep rally cry
  - 113 Writer Sarah — Jewett
  - 114 Device on which you might see the first words of seven answers in this puzzle
  - 120 Molson, e.g.
  - 121 Government bureaus
  - 122 Deny
  - 123 Little whirlpool
  - 124 Put limits on
  - 125 Possibilities
  - 35 Kimono tie
  - 36 K thru 12
  - 37 Lordly home
  - 39 Cato's lang.
  - 40 Singer Mars
  - 41 End in — (finish even)
  - 44 Groups of devotees
  - 45 Arboreal marsupial
  - 46 Paraphrase
  - 47 Zaire's Mobutu — Seko
  - 48 Business school subj.
  - 49 'Zine online
  - 52 Resulting in something
  - 55 "Here, have a sample"
  - 56 "In — face!"
  - 58 \$ dispenser
  - 59 Little big cat
  - 60 Part of TNT
  - 61 Bad rating, perhaps
  - 63 Furry friend
  - 64 Mel's Diner waitress
  - 65 D.C. VIPs
  - 66 — Diego
  - 68 "Fancy that!"
  - 72 Laryngitic
  - 73 Urban rec facility
  - 74 Toon frames
  - 75 Sports group
  - 76 "When will — learn?!"
  - 77 Think aloud rebuttal
  - 82 "You are not!"
  - 83 Carta lead-in
  - 84 Roundish
  - 85 Nick Jr. girl
  - 87 "Fee, fi, fo, —!"
  - 88 Bacterium, e.g.
  - 89 Stuck
  - 90 Soiled
  - 91 Certain food factory
  - 93 Actor Chaney
  - 94 German conjunction
  - 96 Green-light
  - 99 Loyal subject
  - 100 Just kills time
  - 101 — mo
  - 103 Utah city
  - 104 Use as a surface for a meal
  - 105 Munches on
  - 109 Reverse
  - 110 Journey
  - 111 Gusto
  - 114 Pothole-filling stuff
  - 115 Outdated RCA product
  - 116 Sundial's "3"
  - 117 Brief moment
  - 118 Suffix with hobby
  - 119 — tai



## MY RECIPES 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 1/2 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
- 1/2 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 minutes, 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!

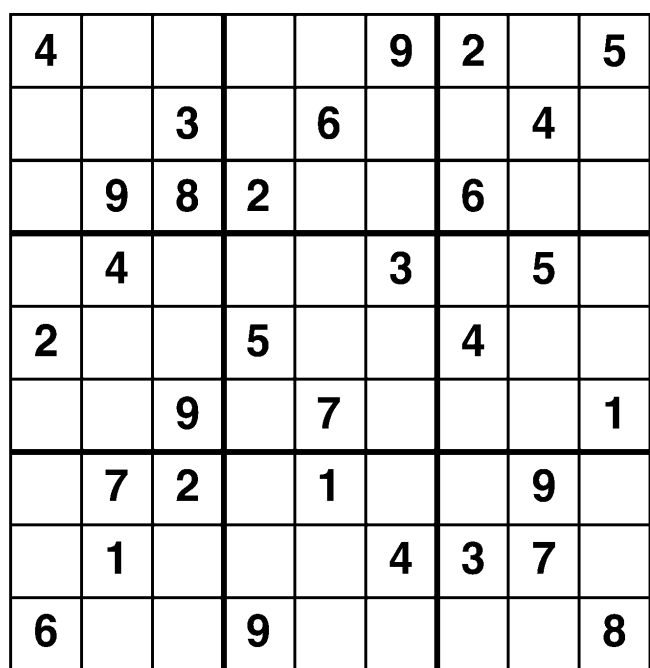


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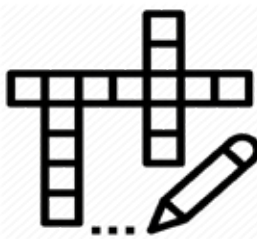


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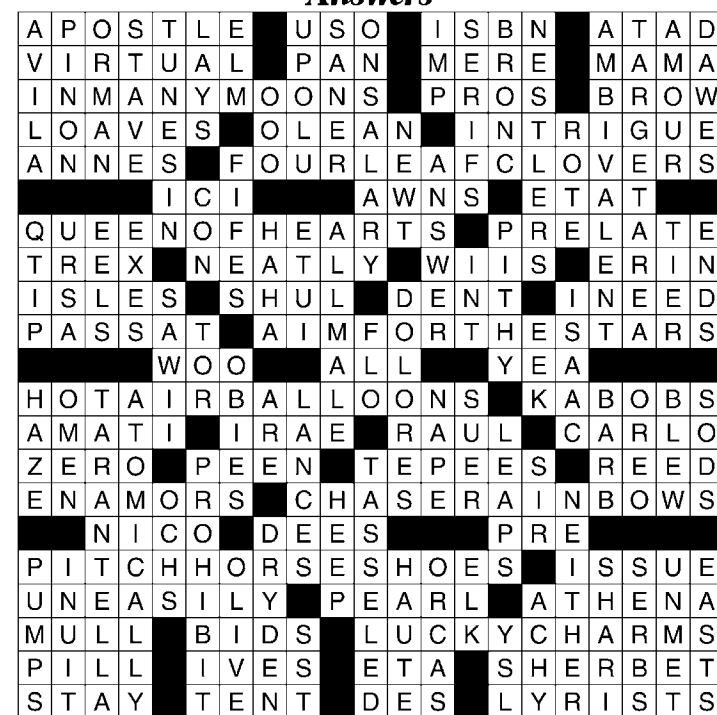
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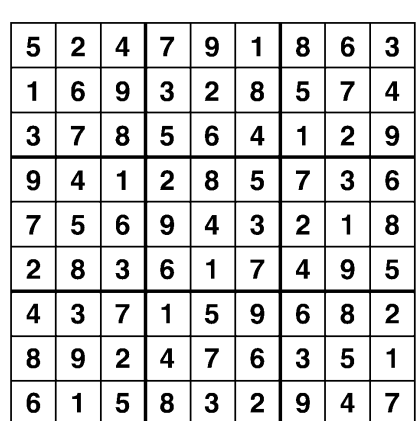


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# THE LAST PAGE

## Art lessons in life, from a budding photographer

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

I've never considered myself an artist of any caliber, nor have I considered venturing into that world. I have been surrounded by accomplished artists since I started working at *The Times* and Ten Ton Coffee, and I have to admit- they have managed to pique my interest.

While drawing or painting is still not my thing, I have had some luck with a camera. I do not consider myself a photographer quite yet, as I still have lots to learn, but I have learned a few lessons that carry over into my everyday life.

My first lesson was patience. This spring, I kept getting tips about a young moose that was hanging out on the Coppei. One evening, around 3:30, I got a call that it was bedded down on a hillside, so I jumped in my car and headed out to wait. I waited for more than four hours for the moose to stand up, but by that time, dusk had set in. I grabbed a couple photos of the massive critter from afar, but it had gotten too dark to capture much more than a silhouette. At first, I was extremely frustrated, but I got home, reviewed the photos, and was more than pleased with my results. That photo is a great reminder that a little bit of patience goes a long way when I'm getting irritated in the grocery store, or while waiting for my kiddo to put her shoes on in the morning.

My second lesson has been movement. When Ruck for the Fallen passed through Waitsburg, I was asked to capture moments in the crowd. There were a lot of Waitsburgians there to cheer on the Rucker. Since I was there to document the event, I had to constantly move to capture the moments I was after. A young soldier standing with Jack McCaw, who was proudly wearing his own Veteran cap. A moment of prayer, excited kids, happy parents. Whether I have a camera in my hand or not, the full impact of something seems to be best when you experience it from all angles, not just head on.

My third lesson has been awareness. I was asked to photograph a youth golf event earlier this year in Dayton. At one point, I kneeled, just off the green, to capture a young player teeing off. I was so absorbed in my camera that I was nearly hit by the ball, which took a mean hook at the very last second. I was completely unaware until other spectators mentioned it to me later. The photo was great, but



Cropdusters are some of my favorite subjects. Even though we were in a rush, I made my husband pull over, hopped out, and snapped this plane earlier this spring. That camera would be a rather expensive to replace, oops, if that ball had made contact. I have to be aware of what is going around me when I get settled into a sporting event or other action shots- just like I need to be aware of what is going on around me in life. If you've ever seen me nearly get pummeled on the sidelines at a home football game, it's clear that this lesson still hasn't sunk in. The pictures are usually worth the risk.

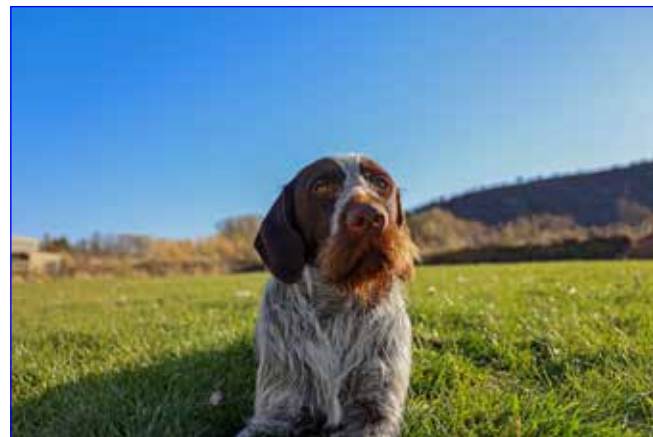
My final lesson, and quite frankly, my favorite, is that art is not confined to a studio, or a lens, or a group of people. It is everywhere, and within reach of anyone who wants to see it. I often find myself watching for photo opportunities while driving, waiting for a safe moment to pull over and capture the changing leaves of autumn, or a happy horse in a pasture. I've am learning the best time of day to capture evening engagement shots, which is ever changing with the season. I've come to appreciate the different moods each hour brings- more intimate moments are best shot with the early moment sunrise or the glorious golden hour just before dusk. Those have become my favorite times of the day, too. Sipping coffee in my hammock as the sun comes up, watching the deer and birds behind my house, has become a morning favorite. The world is full of moods, moments, and lots of beauty, you just have to look a little closer sometimes.



A tackle that was a little close for comfort. I often tucked myself behind the team, under the bleachers, to stay out of spectators' way and for a little bit of extra protection. This photo was captured from behind the team, in between two sidelined players.



The streets that raised me are even prettier from my camera's point of view.



My dog, Mack, is often the subject of my practice photos, as I figure out new techniques, angles, and manual settings.

### Prescott Lions Club Breakfast is back!

Prescott Lions Club Breakfast is back!  
Saturday November 20th  
from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

We will be serving bacon, sausage ,  
scrambled eggs, hash browns, biscuits and gravy,  
pancakes, juice and coffee for \$8.00.  
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