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Bill Rodgers

"Foggy Day in Waitsburg", January 14, 2022. The fog crept in on little cats' feet...or something like that. I always head out when it is foggy, and am never disappointed with what I capture in camera.

THIS WEEK



Waitsburg Pastor joins city's flood preparedness efforts (see page 4)



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Misinformation was focus at January Board of Health meeting

Social Media rumors take up most of the public comment at virtual meeting.

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

OLYMPIA—The Washington State Board of Health (SBOH) received more than 7,500 public requests to speak at the January 12 meeting. Many comments were in reaction to misinformation that spread like wildfire on social media platforms leading up to the meeting.

Executive Director Michelle Davis made Board announcements. She reminded board members that many comments are objections to COVID-19 vaccine mandates, mask mandates, and the Technical Advisory Group (TAG).

In October 2021, the SBOH convened a technical advisory group (TAG) to assess the COVID-19 vaccine against the Board's criteria and recommend whether to add it to the state's list of required immunizations for school entry. Davis said meeting attendees would hear an update from the group, but no action would be taken.

"The board is not voting on this work today," Davis said. "The exemption allowances that are listed in the state's immunization laws will remain available for families and their children that choose not to get vaccinated against COVID-19. These exemptions include medical, religious, philosophical, and personal exemptions."

Board Chair Keith Grellner said the board has not and is not considering isolation or quarantine camps for unvaccinated individuals or those who test positive for COVID-19. He also said the board would not be making decisions regarding COVID-19 vaccination requirements for school-aged children. His statements responded to rumors and misinformation circulated on Facebook and other social media platforms.

"No consideration of isolation and quarantine camps. That was a false rumor," Grellner said. "No action on mandating vaccines for school-aged children. Again, a false rumor. We are sorry if you were led to believe otherwise, but those items are not on the agenda today."

Most public comments still expressed opposition to quarantine and a school-aged child vaccine mandate despite clarifications.

The TAG briefing was led by Board Vice-Chair Dr. Tom Pendergrass, who described the process the Board of Health must use before implementing a new requirement or law. He said the SBOH developed requirements for vaccines before they could be implemented in the school system in 2006. Those requirements were reviewed and updated in 2017.

Pendergrass said vaccines could not be mandated without an exemption process for families to opt-out. They also are not required if the vaccine is not accessible to families; there must not be any cost barriers to receiving the vaccine.

At the time of the meeting, the advisory-only group consisting of 18 members was coordinating schedules for more meetings. There were no recommendations as they continued work on the assessment.

Pendergrass ended the report by restating that it is a comprehensive process that must be completed before any new vaccines can be required.

First 2022 Port of Columbia meeting

By Justin Jaech | THE TIMES

DAYTON- The Port of Columbia Commissioners held their monthly meeting Wednesday, January 12, 2022. The meeting was held virtually on Zoom. Two commissioners, Seth Bryan and Johnny Watts logged onto Zoom from the Port conference room. The third commissioner, Genie Crowe, attended remotely.

The Zoom meeting was attended by over 40 community members.

Executive Director Jenny Dickinson said she had sworn in new commissioners, Seth Bryan and Johnny Watts, before the meeting. Dickinson explained that rules mandate a board secretary be appointed. Watts volunteered to act as secretary and was accepted by the commissioners.

Genie Crowe moved to accept the minutes of the last meeting, and the commissioners so adopted them.

Ms. Dickinson reviewed the annual and monthly budget reports, with no unusual items to report.

Since two commissioners are new and the third had only served for two months, Dickinson recommended training. All commissioners agreed training workshops might be best. Watts suggested the first workshop be a general overview of upcoming topics. The board scheduled the first workshop for Thursday, January 27, 2022, at 5 p.m.

Next, the board discussed Port policies. The commissioners wanted time to review and make any changes to the policies. Watts requested a change in the cell phone policy in advance of the review. He asked for a port-provided cell phone to keep port business separate from personal and professional usage.

Board Chairperson Crowe wondered if the decision to provide a phone was fiscally responsible since he might receive as few as one call a month on Port business. Watts said he expected to use the cell phone more than that using it for both phone calls and e-mail. The board decided to table the matter until at least a month's worth of data on his cellular use could be collected.

Jennie Dickinson stated the Port is legally required to have a Capital Facilities Plan. This plan prioritizes projects but does not obligate the Port to implement them. She said the plan is updated annually.

Currently the plan includes the broadband project and the breakwater at Lyons Ferry. Dickinson said pull-through sites for RV camping at Lyons Ferry, costing about \$100,000, should be added.

Recommendations from a railroad engineering firm, increased the cost for improvements to the rail from two million dollars to thirty million dollars. The increased cost includes updating the line to a heavy-gauge rail; it would modernize it, though it is not necessary for the railroad to keep operating.

Dickinson called the Capital Facilities Plan "the ultimate wish list." She expressed hope that the new federal infrastructure bill may help fund some rail improvements. The Capital Facilities Plan changes passed unanimously.

Commissioners expressed a desire to move to a hybrid format for future meetings via Zoom and in person. Bryan moved to go to the hybrid format beginning with the February meeting. The motion was not seconded after the other commissioners expressed the need to study the current course of the pandemic. The format will remain virtual via Zoom.

Reporting on Port assets, the Executive Director asked for approval to accept Gillespie Roofing's low bid for \$34,775 to replace the roof on office building number three. The commissioners accepted the bid unanimously.

Dickinson said the Lyon's Ferry concessionaire had purchased two Conestoga wagons. Photos and rates for the new wagons are under Reservations at their website, lyonsferrykoa.com.

Discussing the broadband project, Dickinson said the project began in February 2019. It is an infrastructure project to allow Internet Service Providers (ISP) leases to



NEWS

NEWS BRIEFS

AT THE LIBERTY:

Westside Story

THE TIMES

DAYTON—This new rendition of *West Side Story*, directed by Steven Spielberg, tells the classic tale of fierce rivalries, gang warfare, and young love in 1950s New York City. For anyone unfamiliar with *West Side Story*, it is a famous musical adaptation of Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*.

One critic wrote, "For musical theatre lovers, this is the must-see film of the year. It is a masterpiece of design and features some fantastic performances of a well-loved classic". Rotten Tomatoes "tomatometer" has a 92% favorable review from the critics, and 94% from the audience.

This reimagining of the beloved musical stars: Ansel Elgort (Tony); Rachel Zegler (Maria); Ariana DeBose (Anita); David Alvarez (Bernardo); Mike Faist (Riff); Josh Andrés Rivera (Chino); Ana Isabelle (Rosalia); Corey Stoll (Lieutenant Schrank); Brian d'Arcy James (Officer Krupke); and Rita Moreno (as Valentina, who owns the corner store in which Tony works). Moreno – one of only three artists to be honored with Academy, Emmy, Grammy, Tony and Peabody Awards – also serves as one of the film's executive producers. This production is from a screenplay by Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award winner Tony Kushner,

This movie is rated PG-13 for some strong violence, strong language, thematic content, suggestive material, and brief smoking. Runtime is 2 hrs. 36 mins. This movie is showing at the Liberty Theater Jan. 21-23, and 25, with show times of 7:30 pm on Friday and Saturday, 3 pm on Sunday, and 6:30 pm on Tuesday.

Use of masks is required of guests, and seating is distanced between groups.

Coming at the end of January will be live stage performances of *Nana Does Vegas*, directed by Bev Startin. This comedy production is when Nana has taken a gamble and moved to Las Vegas, where she and her sidekick Vera are working as seamstresses for a show. What could possibly go wrong-- besides everything? If you liked *Nana's Naughty Knickers* performed at the Liberty Theater a few years ago, you'll love *Nana Does Vegas*.

Live performances are scheduled for: Friday, Jan. 28, at 7 pm; then Saturday Jan. 29, for a matinee at 3 pm and an evening performance at 7 pm, and on Sunday Jan. 30 at 3 pm. All shows will have COVID distanced seating between groups and we require mask-wearing by guests at all times, even if you are fully vaccinated. We will increase ventilation and operate air purifiers during all of these shows. Tickets are available at the Liberty Theater website, or at the box office on Tues and Friday afternoons.

OMICRON COVID SURGE COMPELS PROVIDENCE ST. MARY TO TIGHTEN VISITOR RESTRICTIONS TO ONE VISITOR PER PATIENT

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—Due to skyrocketing cases of COVID-19, Providence St. Mary Medical Center is tightening visitor restrictions to one visitor per patient beginning Thursday, Jan. 13, 2022.

The visitor must remain the same individual throughout the patient's stay and cannot rotate. The visitor may come once in 24 hours and not come and go within the same day.

Visitor restrictions are necessary for the safety of patients, visitors, and caregivers as the extraordinarily contagious Omicron surges. It is estimated that more than one out of 10 people now have COVID, and many are unaware they have and are spreading the disease. More than half of all COVID tests in Walla Walla are now coming back positive, and statewide that figure is approaching 70 percent.

Exceptions to the one-visitor-per-stay rule are:

- In the Birthing Center, two support people of the mother's choosing are permitted throughout labor and delivery. Afterward, one of those same individuals may remain for recovery. The support people must stay the same person throughout the stay.
- Patients under the age of 18 may have two support people, with one of them required to be a parent or guardian legally able to make decisions. They cannot rotate.
- Patients receiving end-of-life care (defined as a provider believes they may pass within the next 12 to 24 hours) may have two visitors. The visitors cannot rotate and must remain the same two people.
- No visitors are allowed in COVID-19 positive or isolation rooms.
- In addition to the visitors above, patients may have visits from clergy.

All visitors must wear surgical masks fully, always covering their nose and mouth while in the hospital, including while in the patient room. One will be provided if the visitor does not have a surgical mask. Bandanas, gaiters, and cloth masks have been proven not to provide sufficient protection, so in the interest of keeping everyone safe, these forms of face coverings are not acceptable.

Providence St. Mary asks patients and their families to consider communication through phone calls and video chats as their primary means of communication. The hospital staff has iPads on hand and can help set this up upon request for patients who don't already have the capability on their personal devices.

DCH ANNOUNCES FOUR ADDITIONAL COVID-19 DEATHS IN WW COUNTY

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 40s, two men in their 60s and a man in his 80s that tested positive for COVID-19, passed away. Our thoughts and condolences go out to the individuals' families and friends during this difficult time.

Case Overview (as of 1/18/22 @ 10:30 AM):

- Confirmed Cases: 11,484
- Recovered: 10,025
- Deaths: 118
- Active: 1,341
- 160 WSP inmate
- Home Isolation: 1,331
- Hospitalized: 10

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 or email health@co.walla-walla.wa.us. Both English and Spanish language assistance is available.

OMICRON VARIANT CONFIRMED IN WW

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—The Washington State Department of Health (DOH) recently notified Walla Walla County Department of Community Health (DCH) that the COVID-19 variant B.1.1.529 (Omicron) has been identified in COVID-19 specimens collected from the county.

First identified in South Africa, there is much unknown about the Omicron variant.

"It appears the Omicron variant will likely spread more easily than the original COVID-19 virus," said Public Health Officer Daniel Kaminsky. "While the severity of symptoms does not seem to be as dramatic as previous variants, due to the sheer number of cases, the hospitalization rate is still being driven upward."

While cases surge in the county, it is essential to take precautionary measures when necessary. Walla Walla County DCH continues to recommend that every eligible person gets vaccinated. The vaccine is safe, effective, and free to everyone ages five years and older. Wear a tight-fitting mask and social distance when possible.

Visit the County COVID website at www.covid-wwc.com or text COVIDWW to 888777 for the most up-to-date county COVID information.

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Red Cross warns blood crisis risks healthcare

THE TIMES

RICHLAND—The American Red Cross faces its worst blood shortage in over a decade. The national blood crisis poses risks to patient care. It forces doctors to make difficult decisions about who receives blood transfusions and who will need to wait until more products become available.

Blood and platelet donations are critically needed to reduce delays in vital medical treatments. Donors of all blood types, especially type O, are urged to make an appointment to give in the weeks ahead.

In recent weeks, the Red Cross had less than a one-day supply of critical blood types and limited blood product distributions to hospitals. At times, as much as one-quarter of hospital blood needs are not being met.

The Red Cross continues relentless challenges due to the COVID-19 pandemic, including an estimated 10% decline in overall blood donations since March 2020 and a 34% drop in new donors since last year.

Cancellations of blood drives, including a 62% drop in schools and colleges, have worsened the situation.

“Winter weather across the country and the recent surge of COVID-19 cases are compounding the already-dire situation facing the blood supply,” said Dr. Baia Lasky, medical director for the Red Cross. “Please, if you are eligible, make an appointment to give blood or platelets in the days and weeks ahead to ensure no patient is forced to wait for critical care.”

Over 60% of donation appointments for the next month remain unfilled in Central and Southeast Washington. Make an appointment to give blood or platelets as soon as possible by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org, or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

January is National Blood Donor Month, and the Red Cross has partnered with the NFL to help tackle the national blood shortage. Those who donate blood, platelets, or plasma in January will automatically be entered for a chance to win a getaway to Super Bowl LVI in Los Angeles or a home theater package and a \$500 e-gift card. Terms apply, so visit RedCrossBlood.org/SuperBowl for more information.

California resident Kala Breder knows all too well how dire not having blood available can be. In July 2020, hours after the birth of her son by emergency Cesarean section, Breder developed a complication and began bleeding uncontrollably. As doctors fought to save her life, they exhausted the blood supply at the hospital and all available blood within a 45-mile radius. Ultimately, she was flown to another hospital because there wasn't enough blood locally.

Breder credits the 58 different blood products she received with helping save her life. “Without one of those, I probably wouldn't be here,” she said. “I needed every last unit.”

In addition to blood donors, the Red Cross also

needs the help of volunteers to support critical blood collections across the country. Blood drive volunteers play an essential role by greeting, registering, answering questions, and providing information to blood donors throughout the donation process. Blood transportation specialists – another volunteer opportunity – provide a critical link between blood donors and blood recipients by delivering blood to hospitals in communities across the country. To volunteer to support Red Cross blood collections, visit redcross.org/volunteertoday.

To ensure safety, each Red Cross blood drive and donation center follows the highest safety and infection control standards. Donors are asked to schedule an appointment before arriving at the drive. Additional precautions, including face masks for donors and staff, regardless of vaccination status, have been implemented to help protect the health of all those in attendance.

Donors can also save up to 15 minutes at the blood drive by completing a RapidPass®. With RapidPass®, donors complete the pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online from a mobile device or computer on the day of donation. To utilize a RapidPass, follow the instructions at RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass or use the Red Cross Blood Donor App.

To donate blood, individuals need to bring a blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification required at check-in. In Washington, donors must be 18 or over; teenagers ages 16 and 17 may donate with parental consent.

REPLACEMENT SCHOOL LEVY GOING ON FEB. 8 BALLOT

THE TIMES

WAITSBURG— Waitsburg School District is one of many districts with a replacement levy up for renewal on the upcoming February 8, 2022, Special Election. Waitsburg's proposed Educational Programs & Operations (EP&O) Levy will be used to maintain school programs and services that the State does not fully fund. The 2022 EP&O Levy replaces the levy last approved by Waitsburg voters in 2020 and is not a new tax.

School districts run levies to help cover the gap between what the state funds and the actual cost of operating our schools. In Waitsburg, levy dollars help pay for preschool, athletics, extra-curricular activities, classified and certificated staffing, music, transportation costs, maintenance and operations, secondary STEM programs, and technology.

The estimated tax rate for the proposed levy (which will be collected in 2023 and 2024) is \$3.50 per \$1,000 assessed value. However, due to current state restrictions (known as the “levy lid”), levy rates could remain capped and result in a lower tax rate of \$2.50 for Waitsburg property owners.

Waitsburg voters can expect to see the school district's replacement EP&O Levy on the upcoming February 8th election. Ballots should arrive in the mail by January 24th. Please contact Superintendent Mark Pickel at 509-337-6301 for more information, or visit www.waitsburgsd.org/page/2022-levy.

USPS OFFERS FREE COVID TESTS

THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—At-home COVID-19 tests are available to be shipped directly to your home, free of charge, through USPS.

COVID-19 tests are limited to one order per residential address and includes four individual rapid antigen COVID-19 tests. Orders will ship starting in late January. Additional tests cannot be ordered, regardless of the household size.

This effort is part of a federal program to provide free at-home COVID-19 tests with free shipping to every residential address and residential USPS post office box in the United States. Orders cannot be shipped outside of the United States; they can be sent to Army Post Office (APO), Fleet Post Office (FPO), and Diplomatic Post Office (DPO) addresses and U.S. territories and possessions. Tests cannot be ordered for business addresses or business PO Boxes. Orders will ship free starting in late January. Tests will usually ship within 7-12 days.

To order your tests, visit <https://special.usps.com/testkits>.

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strands of fiber from the Port. Lease revenue will maintain and operate the system. The ISPs, not the Port, provide customer service. Two ISPs, Emerge from Inland Cellular and Columbia iConnect, have signed contingency agreements to provide service.

Executive Director invited two guests, Joe Poire, a past Executive Director of the Port of Whitman and an expert on fiber installations, and Kara Riebold, the new Executive Director of the Port of Whitman to participate at the meeting.

Riebold spoke on behalf of Petrichor Broadband, a municipal corporation formed by six port districts, Whitman, Kalama, Ridgefield, Bellingham, Skagit County, and Pasco. Petrichor Broadband conducts feasibility studies, design work, and management of fiber installations.

The Port had budgeted \$75,000 for an interlocal agreement with Petrichor. The cost for this agreement requires board approval.

After reviewing the contract and Request for Proposals (RFP) received from various engineering firms, Bryan said there may be overlapping products between the two.

Riebold said Petrichor Broadband would provide an extra set of eyes to ensure all potential customers can have service and that homes requiring underground drops are appropriately connected. Petrichor also provides a fiber mapping system that none of the engineering firms will do. This mapping system is essential for an ISP to provide service.

The motion to accept the interlocal agreement with Petrichor passed 3-0

The board also unanimously approved a contract with Zero dB Communications, Spokane, to conduct engineering design work for the Broadband Project.

There were no updates to the trail project or the childcare facility.

The commissioners went into executive session concerning real estate before adjourning the meeting.

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/waitsburg-school-district/page/school-board--272>

Waitsburg Gun Club
TBA-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

Friends of the Weller Public Library
TBA Weller Public Library, 212 Main St., Waitsburg

Waitsburg Celebration Days Meeting
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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

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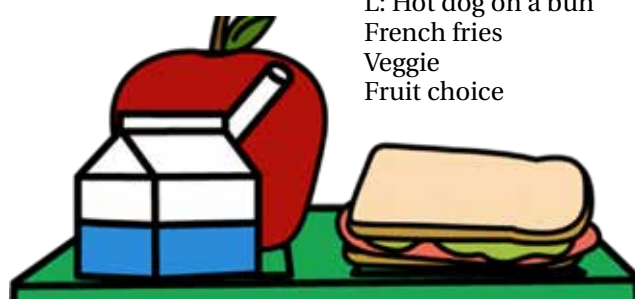
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Friday, Jan. 21
B: Pancake on a stick
L: Joyce's Choice

Monday, Jan. 24
B: Breakfast sandwich
L: Chicken nuggets
Fries
Veggie
Fruit

Tuesday, Jan. 25
B: Biscuit & gravy
L: Bean & cheese burrito
Spanish rice
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Fruit choice

Wednesday, Jan. 26
B: Cinnamon roll
L: Hot dog on a bun
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Veggie
Fruit choice



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Dayton City Council swears in four new members

By Justin Jaech | THE TIMES

DAYTON—The Dayton City Council convened its monthly meeting at 6 PM on January 12, 2022.

Four new city council members, Laura Aukerman, Teeny McMunn, Marchand Hovrud, and Tyler Dieu, were sworn in at the January 12 meeting. Misty Yost and Dain Nysoe remain in their seats through 2023, and position six is vacant.

Mayor Zac Weatherford announced the passing of City Council Member Byron Kaczmarek, leaving position six vacant. He also reported that Hovrud plans to serve on the council until her move from the area.

The council elected Dain Nysoe to serve as the mayor pro tempore for 2022.

Weatherford asked the council to approve Resolution 1486, authorizing the mayor to execute a Professional Services Agreement with AHBL, Inc., for on-call planning and land use services for 2022. With the city planner position still vacant, AHBL would cover departmental services for the remainder of the year.

Speaking for AHBL, Nicole Stickney was asked if she had ever performed code enforcement, one of Dayton's city planner duties. Stickney said she had no experience in that area but said other cities use other departments to enforce city codes.

Council member Hovrud asked how much longer the county is contracted to provide the city planning services. The mayor said the contract expires in mid-January.

Aukerman motioned to table Resolution 1486 to give the city time to consider other companies that could provide interim city planning services. The Council voted, with one dissent, to table the measure leaving Dayton without a functioning City Planning Department.

Weatherford thanked Misty Yost for gifting her council stipend, \$450, to the city. He reminded council members that he has the proper forms to return their stipends should they choose to.

"We had a major snow event," said Mayor Weatherford, who commended the Public Works Department for its effective snow removal efforts after putting in long days.

The mayor was asked if the snow-

plows could pile the snow in the middle of the street rather than to the side where it trapped cars. The Public Works Director Ryan Paulson said he wouldn't have the workforce or resources to remove the snow from the middle of the road in a timely fashion. Weatherford and Paulson said the streets would be cleared to the curb after the center of the roads were plowed.

Weatherford said he would review and address the city's outdated personnel policy.

The mayor reported progress on the Wastewater Treatment Plant. He said the city sent conditional use permits to Columbia County for review. The land appraisals have been completed, and once approved, the city can start working with the landowners to purchase the required properties. The city also continues to work with its banks to finance the project. He has also reached out to State Representative Skyler Rude for state assistance in funding the project.

Columbia County Commissioner Ryan Rundell reported for the Flood Control Zone District and the County Commissioners. After the Public Works Director's departure, that position has been split into two positions: Public Works Director and County Engineer. The County Engineer will also be the Flood Control Zone District administrator. The Columbia County Public Health Department is looking to hire a few positions.

Dayton's Public Works Director warned of potentially expensive water line repairs and replacements. He said it appears the main water line that services the North Touchet leaks about 4000 gallons an hour. He added that the water line had reached the end of its useful lifespan.

In unfinished business, Ms. Aukerman wondered if she could contact firms capable of fulfilling the duties of the City Planner and provide that information to the Mayor and Council Members. Weatherford said she could make contact, but any information needs to go to him. The council members can only discuss the matter in a public meeting, not using e-mail daisy chains. He also reminded members of the Council that they could not direct staff, but rather, all staff direction must go through him.

The City Council adjourned at 7:15 PM.

FLOOD PREP, RESPONSE, ON COMMUNITY HEALTH COMMITTEE'S MINDS

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—The Waitsburg Community Health and Protection Committee met Tuesday, January 18, with discussions centering around flood preparedness and response.

Chairman Jillian Henze gave a brief report on the current COVID-19 situation in the area. As of Monday, January 17, there were 1,216 active cases in Walla Walla. Of those cases, 1,208 were in-home isolation, while eight were hospitalized. As of Tuesday, St. Mary Medical Center had only one ICU bed open and had implemented visitor restrictions.

Referencing a video shared with her by a former CEO at the Washington State Hospitality Association, Chairman Henze said that case counts are still important. The government will closely monitor hospitalizations to determine any shutdowns or actions. Last week, Governor Inslee paused all non-emergent surgeries for four weeks, hoping to resume the surgeries after the current COVID-19 surge slows.

Walla Walla County provided the City of Waitsburg with 1,000 KN95 masks. The city has given nearly 300 away since receiving them late last week. Masks are available, free of charge, at City Hall.

Henze announced that the city's emergency phone list had been updated and posted on the city's website. She thanked Bill Rodgers and Kate Hockersmith for updating the list. Hard copies are posted at Waitsburg schools and City Hall.

She said the Waitsburg Christian Church board asked if generators

should be included on the "available for use" list. Jim Romine said it was unlikely someone could spare a generator, as the owner would likely be using it during an emergency. He added that it would not hurt to add it to the list.

Pastor Cameron Hedges gave a brief update on the FEMA training he went through. The Waitsburg Christian Church has agreed to act as an emergency shelter in the event of a flood, and members have been organizing supply lists and undergoing training to be more prepared.

Jim Romine shared that the Walla Walla County Sheriff's Office and the College Place Police Department were obtaining and training with interactive body cams. Romine said the cameras are activated by different motions, including unholstering a firearm and turning a car's emergency lights on.

Henze said that the fire district has been going through in-depth training already this year, and there is a complete training schedule moving forward. Romine added that it has been great to see how busy the maintenance days have been at the station.

During a discussion about the recent snowstorm, Terry Lawhead commended the city employees for keeping downtown as clear as they could. Romine acknowledged neighbors, including resident Jeremy Eley, who helped with the sidewalks through town as needed.

The completed flood response plan, home preparation tips, evacuation routes, and a "Who Does What" list can be found at www.cityofwaitsburg.com, under the "Services Tab."

FEMA TRAINING GIVES PASTOR HEAD START ON FLOOD PREPAREDNESS

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—As area residents start to monitor the river every morning on the way to work, Pastor Cameron Hedges has been busy preparing for his first flood season in Washington.

Hedges has been going through various FEMA training. He is learning how to prepare for and navigate a natural disaster, document volunteer efforts, and communicate with other response divisions.

The pastor of the Waitsburg Christian Church, Hedges, said that there was no hesitation to say "yes" when the City of Waitsburg asked if the building could be used as an emergency shelter, as it had during the 2020 flood.

One training, the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program, educates volunteers about disaster preparedness for the hazards that affect the area where they live. The

program trains individuals in basic disaster response skills, including light search and rescue, team organization, and fire safety.

"I have been learning so many acronyms," Hedges laughed. "CERT, NIMS, ICS, just a few!"

The training will allow Hedges to be more

efficient about collecting and organizing supplies, directing volunteer groups, and overall preparation at the church itself.

Hedges said that the training is available online, and he encourages everyone to go through it. Each class takes roughly two hours and requires a small exam in order to pass. Training information can be found online at <https://www.fema.gov/emergency-managers/national-preparedness/training>, or by emailing Councilmember Jillian Henze at jillianhenze@cityofwaitsburg.com

Using the knowledge from training and guidance from local officials, Hedges said that the Waitsburg Christian Church is hosting a flood supply drive to be ready if the town experiences a flooding event. Items collected include safety goggles, reflector vests, basic first aid kits, work gloves, walkie-talkies, and hard hats. The list will grow as areas of need are identified.

Community members have already started donating items, and Hedges expressed that the church and the city are both very grateful. Items can be dropped off at the church, 604 Main Street on Sundays, or by contacting Hedges at pastorcammwcc@outlook.com.

Monetary donations to help purchase items or help feed and house those affected by the disaster are always accepted.

WALLA WALLA COUNTY LOGIC & ACCURACY TEST SCHEDULED FOR JAN. 19

WALLA WALLA—The Logic and Accuracy Test, performed on the optical scan system used to tabulate the ballots for Walla Walla County voters, will be conducted by the Auditor's Office on Wednesday, January 19, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. The test will be held at the Elections Office, 315 W. Main St., Room 203 in Walla Walla.



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SPORTS

Despite strong defense, Wolfpack outscored by Jags

By Paul Ocker | THE TIMES

On Saturday, the Dayton Waitsburg Boys basketball team played a solid game, showing their toughness and resolve against the larger and taller Tri-City Prep Jaguars. They frustrated TCP in the first half with solid defense, holding them to only 16 points and outscoring them in the second period. However, TCP came out hot in the second half with 18 points, and the Wolfpack had a hard time matching it. After

a well-fought game, Dylan Bledsoe had 16 points in the second half, and Monte Pettichord contributed another 8.

TC Prep @ DW Jan 15th

	1	2	3	4	Fi-nal
TC Prep	9	7	18	14	48
DW	2	9	12	10	33



Times photos

Top Left: DW's Monte Pettichord (11) searches the court for an open Wolfpack player against TCP's Justin White (10).

Far left: TCP's Justin White (10) moves past DW's Keon Lindley (32), attempting to make it past a wall of DW players

Top: DW offensive players go for a point against the TCP Jaguars



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PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEE

The City of Waitsburg, an equal opportunity employer, is currently taking applications for a full-time public works employee.

Nature of Work

Under the guidance from the Public Works Director, this is a non-skilled, primarily out-of-doors position in the maintenance of City-owned utilities, streets, facilities and vehicles, and mowing grass or doing grounds maintenance if needed. Applicant should be knowledgeable of material and equipment commonly used in construction, maintenance and repair activities as related to assigned areas. Work requires some physical exertion such as long periods of standing; walking over rough, uneven surfaces; recurring bending, crouching, stooping and reaching; and occasional lifting of moderately heavy items. Work requires average physical agility and dexterity. Qualifications Required: Minimum of 18 years of age with a valid state issued driver's license High school diploma or equivalent Position closes at 4 pm on Friday, January 28, 2022. Depending on availability,

anticipated starting date is Tuesday, February 1, 2022. Applications are available M-F 8 am - 4 pm at Waitsburg City Hall, 147 Main Street, Waitsburg Washington or on the City's website www.cityofwaitsburg.com.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

The City of Waitsburg, an equal opportunity employer, is currently taking applications for a part-time (10 hours per week) code enforcement officer. Nature of Work Under the guidance from the City Administrator, this is a non-skilled position responsible for investigating violations of and pursuing compliance with the various sections of the City of Waitsburg Municipal Code; dealing with zoning requirements, weeds, signs, nuisances and other miscellaneous code violations. Qualifications Required: Minimum of 18 years of age with a valid state issued driver's license High school diploma or equivalent Ability to deal professionally and effectively with the public, sometimes in challenging

circumstances Ability to type and use a computer, including the use of Microsoft Word Position is open until filled. Depending on availability, anticipated starting date is Tuesday, February 1, 2022. Applications are available M-F 8 am - 4 pm at Waitsburg City Hall, 147 Main Street, Waitsburg Washington or on the City's website www.cityofwaitsburg.com.

Help Wanted

Program Coordinator Columbia County Public Health is seeking a full time Program Coordinator. Work schedule is 32 hours week, Monday through Thursday, benefits included. This person will assist in coordination of programs as funded by grant dollars. Duties include assessment activities, identifying community needs, community interaction, reporting as required by grant deliverables, and general office duties. For a complete job description and job application, email Delphine_Bailey@co.columbia.wa.us or pick up at 112 N. 2nd St., Dayton. COLUMBIA COUNTY IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER.

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. Duties may also include coordinating monthly medication management at the agency and visiting clients in the community. **EDUCATION/EXPERIENCE:** AA in social services or related field. Must be eligible for Washington State Agency Affiliated Counselor Registration. Experience may replace education. 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.

ACADEMIC SPECIALIST |

DAYTON MIDDLE SCHOOL WSU TRI-CITIES GEAR UP is seeking an Academic Specialist at Dayton Middle School with a work location in Dayton, WA. Position has responsibility for increasing GEAR UP students' academic performance, family engagement, awareness of post-secondary opportunities, and career exploration. Ability to tutor Algebra is preferred. Position requires a Bachelor's degree and two (2) years of professional work experience in student services or related education/experience. A Master's degree in a related field may substitute for one (1) year of professional work experience. Any combination of relevant education and professional experience may be substituted for the educational requirement on a year-for-year basis. **Student Achievement Specialist | Prescott Junior Senior High School** WSU Tri-Cities GEAR UP is seeking a Student Achievement Specialist at Prescott Junior Senior High School with a work location in Prescott, WA. Position has the responsibilities of tutoring, advising and mentoring students to include

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Apply online by January 30, 2022 at <https://hrs.wsu.edu/jobs/>. WSU is an EO/AA educator and employer.

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SPORTS & LEGALS

Tri-City Prep Defense too much for Lady Wolfpack

By Paul Ocker | THE TIMES

DAYTON — The Dayton Waitsburg Lady Wolfpack basketball team met the Tri-City Prep Jaguars in a conference game on Saturday night. TCP played a full-court press for almost the entire first half of the game and successfully wore down the DW players with a swarming defense. They followed up in the second half with both a 1-on-1 and a 1-3-1 zone defense and were able to shut the Wolfpack out entirely in the second half. While the Jaguars came away with the win, the Wolfpack had some bright spots, includ-

ing more than 15 team rebounds, solid performances from Sagelynn Kilts, Teagan Culley, and Makenna Barron, and a never quit attitude throughout.

TC Prep @ DW Jan 15th

	1	2	3	4	Final
TC Prep	9	16	21	10	55
DW	0	2	0	0	2



Top: DW's Sagelynn Kilts (34) and Teagan Culley work together to stop TCP's offensive from moving down the court

Right: DW's Sagelynn Kilts goes up for a point against TCP

Left: Wolfpack Cheer Squad keep spirits up.

LEGAL NOTICES

SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR WALLA WALLA COUNTY

No. 21-4-00242-36
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
In Re the Estate of ROBERT H. SANDERSON, JR.,

Decedent.
The Personal Representative named below has been appointed as Personal Representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the Decedent that arose before the Decedent's death must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the Personal Representative or the Personal Representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the Court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (a) Thirty days after the Personal Representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1) (c); or (b) Four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim will be forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the Decedent's probate and non-probate assets.

Date of first publication: January 20, 2022
Samantha L. Wooster, Personal Rep.
Attorney for Personal Representative:
Russell H. Gilbert, WSBA #24968
Address for Mailing or Service:
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P.O. Box 850
Yakima, WA 98907-0850
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA
NO. 22 4 00003 36
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In re the Estate of CHARLES P. DARCY, Deceased.
The personal representative named below has been appointed as personal representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided by RCW 11.40.070 by serving

or mailing to the personal representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of:

(1) Thirty (30) days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or
(2) Four (4) months after the date of first publication of this notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051, and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.

Date of first publication: 20 January, 2022
Personal Representative: Nicole R. Allen
c/o Michael E. de Grasse
Counsel for Personal Representative
59 S. Palouse St. / P. O. Box 494
Walla Walla, WA 99362
Walla Walla County Superior Court Cause No.: 29 4. 00003 36
[/s/Nicole R. Allen](#)
Personal Representative
The Times
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Notice of Environmental Review SEPA Determination of Nonsignificance

Interested parties are hereby advised that the City of Dayton has filed an Environmental Checklist for the following proposal to develop a wetland complex consisting of a series of wetland cells to provide additional treatment and polishing of the City's wastewater effluent. The project is located approximately two miles west of Dayton, along Highway 12, near Long's Elevator. AP #s: 013-2-010-38-035-3740, 013-2-009-38-002-2280, and 013-2-009-38-002-2270; T09N R38E, S2 and T10N, R28E, S35. Any person wishing to review the checklist filed or make comments concerning the environmental significance of the proposal should contact Dena Martin at the Columbia County Planning Department at 114 S. 2nd Street (509) 382-4676. Relevant documents are available for review at the Planning Department and may be found online at <https://daytonwa.com/inside-city-hall/departments/city-clerk/public-notices>. Comments are due by February 3, 2022 at 4 p.m. The lead agency has filed a Determination of Nonsignificance.

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Walla Walla County Conservation District 2022 Election and Annual Meeting

It's your chance to VOTE! Each year, positions open up on the board of supervisors of the Walla Walla County Conservation District. If you are a registered voter living in the boundaries of the district (the unincorporated areas of the county) we need your voice, and it's so easy. Call (509)956-3577 and ask for a mail-in ballot, or come to our Annual Meeting to vote in person.

January 27, 2022 8:00 to 1:00
Walla Walla Regional Airport
Community Room
Agenda Highlights:
8:00 WWCCD and Partners Reports
8:50 Soil PH and Liming
9:50 Herbicide Resistance
11:00 The Microbiome of Wheat
12:00 Special Guest
Speaker: Derek Sandison, Director, WSDA
Questions? Call or check out our website at www.wcccd.net
Walla Walla County Conservation District
325 N 13th Ave
Walla Walla, WA 99362
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

That Requests for Proposals for surplus City owned property will be accepted at Waitsburg City Hall, 106 Main Street, P.O. Box 35, Waitsburg, WA 99361, until 2:00 p.m. on Friday, February 11, 2022 for the following property:
147 Main Street, Waitsburg, WA
Request for Proposals will be reviewed by the Waitsburg City Council at the February 16, 2022 City Council meeting with the surplus building going to the person(s) that the City Council feels offers the best overall value to the City based on the City's Surplus Property Procedures and corresponding Request for Proposal for the surplus property.

Additional information is available by contacting Waitsburg City Hall, 106 Main Street, Waitsburg, WA 99361 or on the City's Website www.cityofwaitsburg.com. Request for Proposals will be based upon the condition of the building being 'as is' with no warranty nor guarantee.
The Waitsburg City Council reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals submitted and to waive any informalities in the bids.

Bids must be sealed and plainly marked "City Hall RFP".
Randy Hinchliffe
City Administrator
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Bids must be sealed and plainly marked "Vacant Land RFP".
Randy Hinchliffe
City Administrator
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LEGAL NOTICE REQUEST FOR LETTER OF INTEREST COUNCILMEMBER OF CITY OF DAYTON

The City of Dayton is seeking to fill the vacant position of City Councilmember for the City of Dayton. The City is a non-charter code city with a Mayor-Council form of government as prescribed by Chapter 35A RCW. The City Councilmember position is open to a registered voter at the time of declaration of candidacy and has been a resident of within the boundaries of the City of Dayton for a period of at least one (1) year. Interested parties shall submit a letter of interest no later than Jan. 28, 2022. Interviews for the position shall be conducted at a regular meeting of the City Council and are anticipated for Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. at 112 S. 1st Street, Dayton, WA 99328. For additional information contact the City of Dayton, 111 S. 1st Street, Dayton, WA 99328, (509) 382-2361 or via email at info@daytonwa.com.
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DAYTON CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING HYBRID / IN-PERSON MEETING

111 S 1st Street
ZOOM MEETING - (Login Information is below)
January 20, 2022
6:00 p.m.

PRELIMINARY AGENDA:

NOTE: Meetings are open to the public; however, in order to comply with the Governor's social distancing mandate, we are limiting attendance in person to City of Dayton Personnel and those scheduled on the agenda only.

- A. Call to order
 1. Roll call
 - B. Approval of agenda
 1. ACTION: Consider authorizing 1/20/2022 City Council Special Meeting Agenda as presented
 - C. Items for Council Consideration/Action
 1. Consider Authorizing Resolution # 1486 -Authorizing the Mayor to execute a Professional Services Agreement with AHBL, INC. for On-Call Planning and Land Use Services for 2022 .
 - D. Adjournment
- Next City Council meeting is scheduled for 2/9/2022

City of Dayton is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.
Topic: Dayton City Council Special Meeting
Time: Jan 20, 2022 06:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)
Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87292818166>
Meeting ID: 872 9281 8166
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Meeting ID: 872 9281 8166
Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87292818166>
The next regular scheduled City Council meeting is February 9, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at 111 S. 1st Street, Dayton, WA

RESOLUTION NO. 1486 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DAYTON, COLUMBIA COUNTY, WASHINGTON, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR ON CALL LAND USE PLANNING SERVICES WITH AHBL, INC.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Dayton has been duly elected and is authorized to enter into contracts pursuant to RCW 35A.12.190; and

WHEREAS, the City of Dayton has negotiated a Professional Services Agreement with AHBL, INC to provide On-Call Planning for Land Use Services, to the City of Dayton for a period of one year (12) months, unless terminated earlier, in the Form attached here to as Exhibit "A". The Initial Professional Services Agreement Authorization will be NO MORE than \$80,000.00 with an expiration date of December 31, 2022:

WHEREAS, the City Council finds and determines that entering into said Professional Services Agreement with the AHBL, INC is in the best interest of the residents of the City of Dayton and will promote the general health, safety and welfare; **NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DAYTON WASHINGTON, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. Agreement .The Mayor of the City of Dayton, Washington, is hereby authorized to execute a Professional Services Agreement with AHBL, INC , attached here to.

Section 2. Implementation. That the Mayor, or designee, is hereby authorized to implement such administrative procedures as may be necessary to carry out the directions of this legislation.

Section 3. Effective Date That this Resolution shall take effect and be in full force upon passage and signatures here on .
Dated and signed this 20th day of January , 2022
City of Dayton

[/s/ Mayor Zac Weatherford](#)
Attest/Authenticate:
Debra M Hays , Interim City Clerk
Approved as to form :
Quinn Plant, City Attorney
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Waitsburg MatBirds gear up for 2022

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—After a couple seasons of rest, the Waitsburg MatBirds will return to the mat this spring. Wrestlers, both boys and girls, ages 5-14 are welcome.

The first practice was Tuesday, January 18, but program coordinator Kristy Taylor said that registrations will be accepted through February 15.

The MatBirds practice on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings, at the Waitsburg Elementary multipurpose room starting at 6:30 p.m. Athletes and parents must wear a mask while in the building.

The MatBirds Club will lend headgear and other gear to new athletes who would like to participate but do not have

the proper equipment. Donations of new or gently used wrestling gear, including headgear and shoes, are happily accepted.

Ten practices are required before athletes are allowed to compete at the first tournament in March. A total of five tournaments are on the calendar for the team, most of which are in the Tri Cities area. One tournament will be held in Pomeroy, and one in Colfax.

“Our main goal is getting kids interested in wrestling so we can have a high school team again,” Taylor said.

Volunteers are always welcome, whether you would like to help coach, do paperwork, or help move kids from gym to gym at tournaments. For donations or further questions, contact Kristy Taylor at (509) 240-6690.



Lane Gwinn

Top: MatBird wrestlers at a practice in 2020.



Right: MatBird wrestler at a tournament in 2019.

“Another Op’nin, Another Show”

Or how this title of a Broadway song reflects my life

By Vicki Sternfeld-Rossi | THE TIMES

Cole Porter, known for his profound lyrics, was “en pointe” with this particular song relating to our recent reopening of the restaurant. I have familiarity with this song title from the Broadway show *Kiss Me, Kate*. The show, roughly based on Shakespeare’s *Taming of the Shrew*, is also somewhat “en pointe” because, on a rough night in the kitchen, Daniel can be shrewish. Porter’s lyrics reverberated in my brain all evening during our recent reopening.

The new reduced hours and reduced menu, both of which result from our reduced staff, should have been reduced stress. But Daniel, always the over achiever, wound up working as hard and as many hours as when we had the full menu.

Luckily, the Friday opening was an easy crowd. Our patrons were local, and all, but one, were people we knew. It’s always easier to “play” to a forgiving public on opening night.

Our new menu is a prix fixe menu with six courses. The only option on the set menu is one of two choices of entrée. A format that could have proven to be a little risky. But so far, a success!



I’ve been around long enough to anticipate glitches on opening night, especially with a new menu and format. And, of course, there were.

Glitches do not roll off Daniel’s back. He went into his stress mode while I debated running out the door, calling 911, or just having a tantrum in the corner. But, in the end, it was a good night. The customers enjoyed themselves, devoured the food, and made reservations to come back next week, even without knowing the menu.

We will continue to offer Take & Bake options for pick up on Friday and Saturday and offer a prix fixe menu for dining in on those nights as well. We will continue to have stress in our lives, but hopefully, it will subside as we groove to our new rhythm of fewer hours, fewer days open, and a set menu.

With the snow melting, I am starting to dream about sitting on the deck basking in the sun, leisurely drinking coffee, and reading a book. However, I am still reading the weather app on my phone to see if I need to worry about freezing pipes. I just received my electric bill from our recent heating deluge to defrost the pipes! I do not want to see that number again, EVER!

This morning I filled one of our bird feeders; I want to be ready for the onslaught of birds returning after their winter hiatus at whatever beach they deserted us for. Meanwhile, I ordered more seeds. I feel Spring will come earlier if I have more seeds to plant.

The winter weather made a mess of all my windows and screens. I decided to hire someone to wash the windows in preparation for a springtime view! I am way too clumsy to get up on a ladder to clean the upstairs windows. If I’m injured, that means one-half of our entire restaurant staff is out!



Submitted photos

Above: Knife and scabbard
Below left: Mishipeshu-Pipe-Bag
Below right: Dayton artist Tamara Reily

Wenaha Gallery shows bead and leather work of Tamara Reily

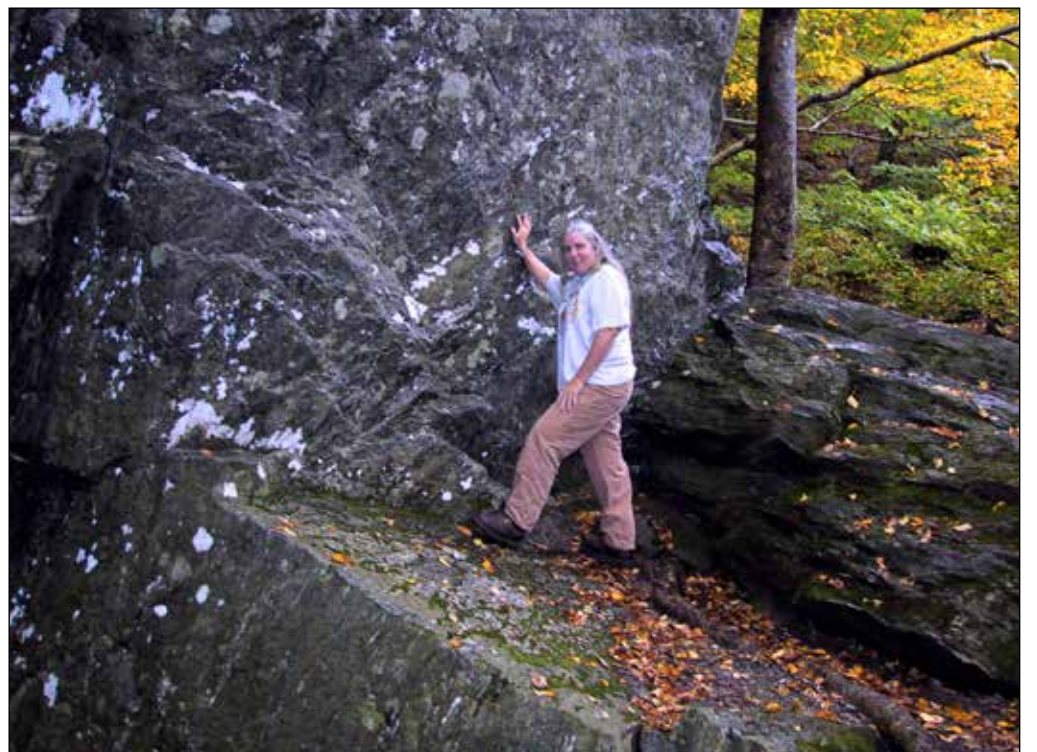
The Art Event began this week and runs through February 14.

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DAYTON—Reily draws strongly upon her heritage as a Pawnee, an indigenous group of Native America that lived in the area around what is now Oklahoma. Each piece of work represents intense research into the meaning and symbolism of the image, not only for the Pawnee people but for numerous indigenous peoples of what is now called the United States. Reily has been beading for more than 40 years, and she describes the process as one requiring patience, a good eye, perseverance, and time. She notes that in the places where she sells her work -- art festivals in Alaska, Montana, Washington, and Oregon and at traditional powwows through the Pacific Northwest, she is often the only person selling beadwork. She feels that it is a dying art, and she is committed to doing what she can on her part to keep it alive.

Reily creates traditional items such as pipe bags, medicine bags, turtle rattles, and beaded buckhorns. She uses Crow beads, seed beads, Delica beads, hornpipe, traditional brain-tanned leather, and deer and caribou antlers.

The gallery is located at 219 E. Main Street, Dayton. Their hours are Monday-Thursday from 9-5 and Fridays 9-4.



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"You won't be needing that."

PIONEER PORTRAITS

Ten Years Ago

January 19, 2012

The WP Tigers wrestling team brought home two fourth-place medals from a big regional meet in Royal City on Saturday after reeling in two pins at a smaller meet in Ritzville on Thursday. "I'm happy with the improvements and performance out there," tigers head coach Lanny Adams said. The Royal City meet was among the largest meets in which the WP team has participated so far. Fifteen teams attended from WP, Royal City, Pomeroy, Reardan, Riverview, Wahluke, Davenport, Burbank, St. John Endicott, Brewster, Almira, Othello, Natchez Valley and Wilbur.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

January 23, 1997



[Photo Caption] Twenty-five-year chevrons were presented to Lions Club members Robert Hulce, left, and J. W. "Buffalo Bill" Thompson at a recent Lions meeting. Making the presentation was Val Woodworth, club president.

Fifty Years Ago

January 20, 1972

Rep. Vaughn Hubbard reported from Olympia this week that highway improvement work on SR 124 in Walla Walla County will begin this winter from the McFeely Road to Pettyjohn, with completion slated for the fall of January '72. The project work, which will eliminate two right angle curves west of Prescott, extends from a point on SR 124 about 30 miles east of Pasco.

The Waitsburg Cardinals broke a 10-game losing streak for the Dayton Bulldogs in the first league game for both teams on the 'Dog court last Friday evening. The final score was 57-43. Dayton took a 15-12 lead out of the first quarter against the Cards and were never headed-leading 35-26 at half and 44-38 at the end of the third quarter. Waitsburg managed only two baskets in the final eight minutes, both by Marshall Maib, as the Bulldogs led the march to the foul line caused by miscues of Redbirds fighting for possession in the closing minutes. Dayton had a dozen tries at the line in the last quarter, connecting on 5 of them to keep the game out of reach for the Wait-Hi team.

Seventy-Five Years Ago

January 24, 1947

Lack of a band leader has not daunted the spirits of the Waitsburg High School students who are still interested in band work. Thru the leadership of Parke Enders, a 20 -piece pep band has been organized that performed exceptionally well at the Prescott games both here and at Prescott during the past week. New members of the Grade School Patrol were sworn in Tuesday evening by Patrolman helper. They were Bob Collins, Fred Rankin, Earl Smith, Neil Alexander, Howard Smith, Richard Pettichord, Ramon Perry, Jack Sivley and Wayne Marsh.

The new cabin cruiser airplane ordered by Glen Smith arrived this week and was flown over Waitsburg Wednesday by a pilot from Martin's Flying School with Kenneth Smith as a passenger.

One Hundred Years Ago

January 20, 1922

Karl Casey, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Casey arrived home last Thursday from Seattle. Karl has just completed a business course and will take charge of the office work in connection with the I. D. Casey and Son's chicken business.

Sleighting parties have been very popular among the young people the past several weeks, although the last two or three nights have been so cold as to take most of the joy out of them.

The Franklin car of Dr. J. V. Steele was considerably damaged as to the running board and fenders on the left side of the car Tuesday when his car and a Dayton car got too close together on the road. Neither car was able to get entirely out of the rut and they sort of side-wiped each other.

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago

January 22, 1897

Albert Dickinson is aspiring to the Postmastership of this city and is circulating a petition about town of which a large percentage of the businessmen have affixed their names. Albert is all right and will make a good postmaster.

In Walla Walla, Monday, January 18, at Palace Hotel parlors, Thomas Dickison and Miss Minnie Breeze. Both are well known in this city. The Times wishes them happiness.

Miss Cleo Beeler and Miss Minnie Greer are preparing themselves for life diplomas. They are receiving instructions from Miss Christina Beeler who is a capable and thorough scholar, being a graduate of Whitman College and also a fine elocutionist.

The Friendly Forest



By Jimmye L. Turner

The Spats



by Jeff Pickering

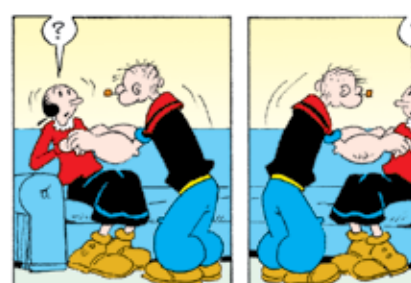
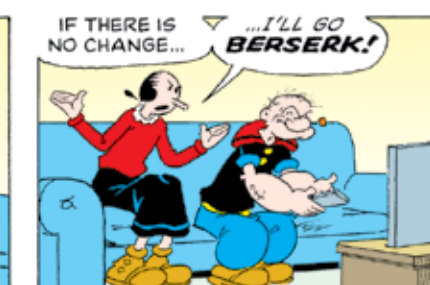
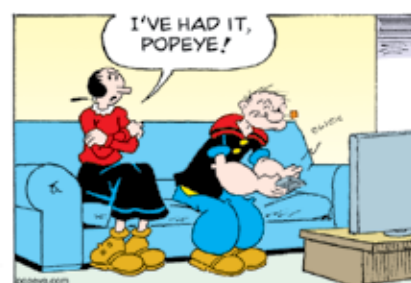
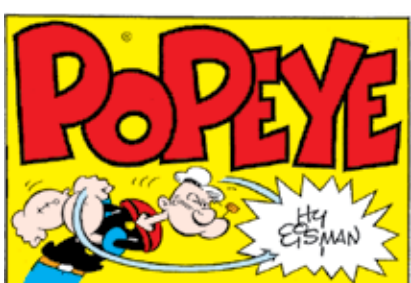
Out on a Limb



by Gary Kopervas

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps

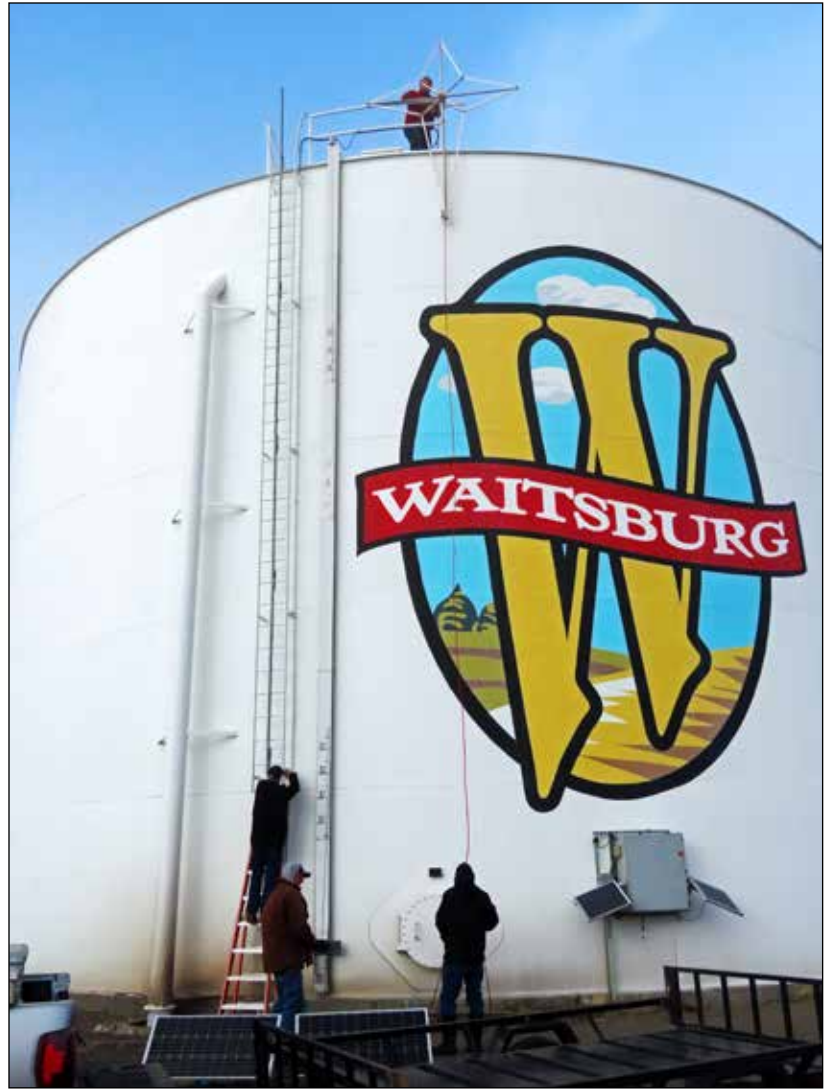


Around Town

By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES



Just a snowman and his dog!



Bruce and Barb Abbey's star came down Saturday with the help of Bruce's son, Jon, and volunteers Allen Huwe and Louie Gagnon. (Until next December)



Town Hall board members Louie Gagnon and Allen Huwe built a higher and safer handrail going up the steps at Town Hall.



Walla Walla Electric installed new lighting in the back room and in the jail cell of the Weller Public Library building. The cell, a decommissioned ship's brig, was used when the city police and city hall were located at the building. It has not been used for decades, not even for library late fees.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Proud parents, Sitka and Koo Kooski, welcome the birth of their quadruplets.



The healthy American Indian Dogs were born January 15, 2022.

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