

## SNOW MUCH FUN!



Photos by Jaimee Knudson  
Far left: Emily (7) and Isaac (4) Knudson enjoyed the ride when dad, Lloyd, decided to flatten out the driveway by pulling the kids in a big bucket behind a side-by-side after last week's snow.  
Above and left: The Kunudon canines made sure they weren't left out of the fun!

## Rebecca Holderman is 2019 Celebration Days Queen

Coronation fundraiser dinner is February 22

By Dena Martin | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG – Rebecca Holderman says she is enjoying her first time serving on a royalty court and representing Waitsburg as the 2019 Celebration Days Queen. Holderman has been promoting Waitsburg and Celebration Days since December but will officially take the crown from reigning Queen Makenna Barron at the 2019 Queen's Coronation Fundraising Dinner on Feb. 22 at Waitsburg Town Hall.

Holderman lives in the country outside Milton-Freewater with her parents, Brent and Kim Holderman, and her three siblings. Holderman but has ties to Waitsburg and says she has always loved the town. She competed for years at the Waitsburg Junior Livestock Show and has regularly visited for events such as Waitsburg Celebration Days. Last year, she served as flag bearer for Queen Makenna Barron. Rebecca's mother's family owned Route 5 Racing out of Walla Walla and raced regularly at the former Days of Real Sport.

Holderman is currently a freshman at Walla Walla Community College where she is studying farrier science. She had planned to attend two years, but that program is being cut after this year. Holderman is hopeful that she has learned enough to intern over the summer. She then plans to work and save money to attend Washington State University where she will take their veterinary technician program.

Holderman said she was a late bloomer when it comes to riding. "I have not been riding horses as long as most girls who join courts. I started riding when I was about 10," she said.

The Holderman's currently have seven horses, and she rode different horses over the years. Holderman started out riding a rescue horse in the Thundering Hoofbeats 4-H group.

"I only did showmanship because I was a pretty nervous rider starting out," she said.

Holderman gained confidence riding in the Pioneer Posse mini series and



Courtesy Photo

Eighteen-year-old 2019 Waitsburg Celebration Days Queen Rebecca Holderman with her parade horse Anna.

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## Columbia County Sheriff Joins I-1639 Opposition

Sheriff's Department will not enforce I-1639 until constitutionality is determined

By Dena Martin | THE TIMES

DAYTON – Columbia County Sheriff Joe Helm has officially joined the ranks of law enforcement officials across the state who will not enforce Initiative I-1639.

I-1639 was placed on the ballot as an Initiative to the People and approved by voters on Nov. 6, 2018. The Initiative increased restrictions on the purchase of firearms, raising the minimum age to purchase a semi-automatic firearm to 21, adding a more extensive layer to background checks, increasing waiting periods, and enacting storage requirements.

On Feb. 11 Columbia County Sheriff Joe Helm issued an official statement regarding his stance on I-1639. He prefaced the statement by saying he did not see this as a complex situation but issued the statement in response to questions being fielded by the Sheriff's Office.

"As written, I feel that Initiative I-1639 is unconstitutionally vague and includes enforcement provisions that are not allowed to our office. Therefore it is unenforceable. As Sheriff of Columbia County, I take this position as your last line of defense against the unconstitutional laws very seriously.

"I agree with many other Sheriffs in our state. Therefore, I am instructing my deputies not to enforce I-1639 while the constitutional validity remains in argument at the court level. Deputies will document such matters. If the courts later determine the constitutional validity of the law, I will partner with the prosecutor's office to determine the best course of action."

On Feb. 1, Walla Walla County Sheriff Mark Crider, along with College Place Police Chief Troy Tomaras and Walla Walla Police Chief Scott Bieber posted an official statement. In it, they stated that they would oppose the initiative "through every legal avenue available to me as a citizen and as an elected official."

The statement expressed concern that the initiative "placed greater restrictions on law-abiding citizens while creating unreasonable expectations regarding how such restrictions would be enforced." It also asked residents to "join in balancing our opinions and beliefs on this issue with our commitment to our Oath of Office and to the Rule of Law."

Social media comments criticized the response as being a "politician's answer" for not taking a definitive stance against enforcing the initiative in Walla Walla County.

An editorial in the Feb. 5 Walla Walla Union Bulletin led off by stating, "Initiative I-1639 is a lousy voter approved law." The editorial went on to criticize law enforcement officials who refuse to enforce the law while supporting Crider's statement.

"Their view is shortsighted. Law enforcement officials don't make the law nor do they rule on the constitutionality of laws. Their job is to enforce laws, whether adopted by the state Legislature or, like I-1639, through the voter-approved initiative process.

"Walla Walla County Sheriff Mark Crider, Walla Walla Police Chief Scott Bieber and College Place Police Chief Troy Tomaras got it right last week when they issued a joint statement saying they will uphold the law despite their objections to I-1639," the editorial read.

Sheriffs and police chiefs across the state have opted not to enforce the Initiative on the basis of unconstitutionality. Opponents of I-1639, the National

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## Registrations are open for AAUW Great Explorations Program

NASA scientist Liz MacDonald will keynote the program for 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls on March 9

### THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA – On Sat., March 9, AAUW's Great Explorations in Education will present "Reach Beyond the Stars," a science, technology, engineering and math adventure for 5th through 8th grade girls, at Whitman College, 9 a.m. - 2:45 pm. The cost is \$5 and includes lunch. Registrations will be accepted through March 6 or until classes are full.

Setting the tone for this year's event will be Dr. Liz MacDonald, a 1995 Wa-Hi graduate and NASA scientist, who will be the keynote speaker at Cordiner Hall.

Liz received a NASA scholarship to attend the University of Washington for her undergraduate degree; she earned a PhD. from the University of New Hampshire and then worked for nine years in satellite national security at the Los Alamos National Laboratory – all by the age of 37.

She currently works in NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center in Maryland. She leads a citizen science project called Aurorasaurus (<http://www.aurorasaurus.org/>), which uses citizen science and social media to predict the Northern Lights, which can even be seen in Washington! In 2018, she announced the discovery of a new aurora called STEVE (Strong Thermal Emission Velocity Enhancement).

Liz has been studying the glitter of the Northern Lights for 20 years, and it never ceases to amaze her. In addition to doing citizen science and outreach such as keynoting this Great Explorations, Liz does some amazing high-tech space physics. She has also led teams that build instruments to measure charged particles in the space environment for NASA and DOE satellite and rocket missions. Outside of work, she enjoys skiing, hiking, and poetry. In 2018, Liz was named a Walla Walla Public Schools Graduate of Distinction.

After the keynote presentation, girls will have the opportunity to attend three workshops offering informal, hands-on experience with careers that utilize science, technology, engineering and math. These workshops will give the girls an opportunity to meet and form personal contacts with women in these exciting careers. There will be 30 workshops to choose from, with intriguing titles such as "The Telltale Heart," "Getting Cheeky," "Snap, Crackle, Pop," "Eye Spy," "Toothpicks and Gumdrops," and "Can You Think Like a Planet?" Topics include art in science, space physics, robot-

ics, all variations of biology, entomology, veterinary medicine, blood typing and many more.

Brochures with registration forms will be mailed and available at schools and the YWCA after February 4. Pre-registration is required and, this year, online registration is a new and preferred option ([www.gewallawalla.com](http://www.gewallawalla.com)). The fee to attend is \$5 and includes a lunch including fruit and water. Scholarships are available. Registration forms need to be received by March 6 or until classes are full.

For more information on registration or scholarships, please contact Carol Morgan, 520-9977, or e-mail questions to [gewallawalla@gmail.com](mailto:gewallawalla@gmail.com)

Great Explorations is sponsored by the American Association of University Women Walla Walla, Whitman College, Walla Walla Public Schools, and the YWCA. Financial support is received from J.L. Stubblefield Trust, Yancey P. Winans Testamentary Trust, Mary Garner Esary Trust, George T. Welch Testamentary Trust, Blue Mountain Community Foundation, and Clara and Art Bald Trust. A special thanks also goes out to the Whitman College Computer Science Department, Dr. Janet Davis and the Senior Capstone Project for developing and creating the online registration website.

## PIONEER PORTRAITS

### Ten Years Ago February 19, 2009

Waitsburg native Susan (Lawrence) Talbott and her family, on an airline flight recently espied familiar surroundings in the February 2009 edition of the Alaska Airline Magazine. Yep, there on page 25 was a brief tidbit about an exhibit at the Washington State History Museum that compares Washington state's past with the present-and it captured the well-known 1909 horse show photo from Waitsburg's Main Street and the 2005 shot of townspeople on about the same spot nearly 100 years later.

Photo caption: Winners of the Walla Walla VFW/VRW Ladies Auxiliary Youth Essay Program include: back row, (l to r): Margaret Poticchio (5th), Jaidyn Brown (5th); middle row, (l to r): Morgan Breland (5th), Emily Adams (4th), Jade Alleman (4th); and front row: Cade Branson (3rd), Robert Walsh (3rd), and Gillian Johnson (3rd)

### Twenty Five Years Ago February 10, 1994

Dan and Ginny Butler will be attend a ceremony at the Davenport Hotel in Spokane Saturday to accept an award for restoring the Guernesey-Sturdevant Building. The Butlers of Waitsburg and Ginny Butler's brother, Craig Martin of Dayton, will be presented with one of four awards for 1993 by Steve Thomas, host of Public Television "This Old House" series. Martin did most of the construction on the restoration. The historic Guernesey-Sturdevant Building is on Main Street in Dayton.

Green Giant Way, a charitable organization run by employees of Green Giant Co in Dayton, is accepting application from groups seeking money this year from the charity. In 1993, Green Giant Way distributed \$18,723 which was raised from employees' contributions and a company-match from the Grand Metropolitan Food Sector Foundation. Grand Met owns Green Giant.

### Fifty Years Ago February 13, 1969

Photo caption: General chairmen of the old-fashioned PTA carnival to be held Friday in Prescott hold some of the stuffed animals which will be used for prizes in the event which will feature some 20 different activities. Mr. and Mrs. Jack McCulloch and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Muzzy are in the back row, while Cameron Mussy holds a tiger for the Times camera. All of the stuffed animals were made by Mrs. McCulloch.

Photo caption: Boy Scout Sunday was celebrated this week with the awarding of the "God and Country" award to Charles Baker of Waitsburg. Leaders of Troop 336, Roy Leid and Ernest Kison look on while Rev. Robert P. Rogers, Jr., presents the medal. Other scouts who took part in the ceremonies are John Nordheim, and Martin Huffman and Rob Danforth. Cub Scouts who were dressed for the Scout Sunday were David Danforth and Mark Lied. Lewis Neace and Ed Clark are the only two other local scouts who have received this award in recent years.

The Association to Preserve Our Rights to Keep and Bear Arms Meeting (APORKBA) will be held on Thursday, February 13, at 8:00 pm at the VFW Hall in Walla Walla.

### Seventy-Five Years Ago February 18, 1944

A total of \$138,000 was subscribed by this community to the 4th war loan, according to J. E. Butler, chairman. The estimate figure for Waitsburg was \$145,000.

Mrs. C. W. Wheeler, mother of the late Emerson Wheeler, passed away Sunday morning Feb 13 at a nursing home in Seattle. The body was shipped here Tuesday for services.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Gohman recently purchased the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Wilson on West Fifth Street.

Barbara Cockburn, eight grade student at Central school this week sold her Shetland pony and with the proceeds plus additional war savings stamps, bought her extra \$100 war bond from the Postmaster Cleve Houtcher.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Lawrence are the parents of a daughter born Feb 14.

### One Hundred Years Ago February 21, 1919

The Prescott Spectator announces that J. S. Arnold has been appointed supervisor of Road District No. 4

Bridging of the Snake River between Burbank and Pasco was decided on Monday by unanimous vote of the Board of Commissioners of Walla Walla and Franklin Counties.

The "Tillicums" and a few friends entertained last Friday evening at the country home of Mr. and Mrs. T. V. McKinney. The occasion being the second anniversary of the host and hostess.

John Kanz this week finished the cement floor in the Henry Conover Auto Livery and as soon as it hardens a little more, Mr. Conover will be already for business.

### One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago February 2, 1894

A gentle blizzard last Monday.

D. C. Guernsey and C. J. Broughton, two of the best men in the State of Washington were in the city from Dayton last week.

Our excellent citizen, Joe Wood seems to be providentially favored during these hard times. In his family are nine children and recently a kind neighbor drove into his corral a fresh milk cow which on examination he found had nine teats.

Simmons Liver Regulator never fails to relieve the worst attack of indigestion.

### Touchet Valley Weather Feb. 13, 2019

#### Waitsburg's Seven Day Forecast

<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>
Snow Likely	Scattered Rain	Rain & Snow Possible	Rain & Snow Possible	Few Snow Showers	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy
High: 34 Low: 26	High: 32 Low: 24	High: 36 Low: 25	High: 33 Low: 23	High: 30 Low: 20	High: 31 Low: 21	High: 26 Low: 16

#### Weather Trivia

What is a column of hail that falls from a single thunderstorm cell called?

Answers: Hailshaft.

#### Local Almanac Last Week

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip
Tuesday	22	20	44/32	0.01"
Wednesday	23	12	44/32	Trace
Thursday	19	9	44/32	0.00"
Friday	25	16	44/32	Trace
Saturday	26	20	45/32	Trace
Sunday	38	17	45/32	0.02"
Monday	38	20	45/32	0.14"

Data as reported from Walla Walla

#### Sun/Moon Chart This Week

	Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset	
Full 2/19	Wednesday	6:59 a.m.	5:16 p.m.	11:22 a.m.	1:23 a.m.	New 3/6
	Thursday	6:57 a.m.	5:17 p.m.	12:02 p.m.	2:31 a.m.	
Last 2/26	Friday	6:56 a.m.	5:19 p.m.	12:53 p.m.	3:39 a.m.	First 3/14
	Saturday	6:54 a.m.	5:20 p.m.	1:54 p.m.	4:42 a.m.	
	Sunday	6:52 a.m.	5:22 p.m.	3:05 p.m.	5:39 a.m.	
	Monday	6:51 a.m.	5:23 p.m.	4:23 p.m.	6:27 a.m.	
	Tuesday	6:49 a.m.	5:24 p.m.	5:43 p.m.	7:08 a.m.	

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## BRIEFS

### COLUMBIA COUNTY SHERIFFS WARN OF PHONE SCAM

DAYTON – On Monday, the Columbia County Sheriff's Office posted to its Facebook page warning citizens about a phone fraud case.

An individual claiming to represent the Sheriff's Office advised a citizen that she had outstanding warrants and/or tickets and would need to repay them via pre-paid phone cards. Unfortunately, the victim fell for the call and was scammed out of a large sum of money, according to the Sheriff's Office.

The Columbia County Sheriff's Office stresses that it will never call anyone over the phone to let them know they have outstanding fines that need to be paid over the phone. If a citizen receives such a call they should hang up and report the incident to the Columbia County Sheriff's Office.

### FISH AND WILDLIFE HABITAT PUBLIC MEETING

DAYTON – The Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian will host a community open house to discuss future fish and wildlife habitat projects planned for the North and South Touchet Rivers and Rainwater Wildlife Area. The meeting will be held in the Delaney Building at the Dayton Public Library at 7 p.m. on Thurs. Feb. 28.

The meeting is intended to communicate the stream and upland habitat restoration work that the Tribes are conducting near Dayton, and to address questions from the community. Presentations will be delivered on management activities in the Rainwater Wildlife Area property as well as multi-year restoration work along a three-mile stretch of the North Touchet River.

Light refreshments will be provided and everyone is welcome.

### MCMORRIS RODGERS REACTS TO STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Eastern Washington Congresswoman Cathy McMorris Rodgers (WA-05) released the following statement following President Trump's State of the Union address last week.

"Tonight, the president challenged us to look at the opportunities ahead. He challenged us to transcend our differences and come together for the sake of our country. Our nation was founded on every person's fundamental human rights for life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. To protect our freedom and American greatness, those are the principles we can and must unite around," McMorris Rodgers said.

### COLUMBIA PULP JOB FAIR

DAYTON – Columbia Pulp will host a job fair for production operators on Feb. 22 at its administrative offices located at 115 E. Main in Dayton. There will be two sessions, one from 9-11 a.m. and one from 3-5 p.m. Bring a resume and be prepared for a same-day interview.

### JIMMY DURANTE FUNDRAISER POSTPONED

DAYTON – The Eagles Jimmy Durante fundraiser, planned for Feb. 16, has been canceled temporarily due to the snow. The fundraiser, to support 4-H and The Club, will be rescheduled.

### BLUES CREWS NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

WALLA WALLA County – The Blues Crew, a Blue Mountain Land Trust volunteer group, is a fun and rewarding way to give back to the places you love to hike. The Crew is currently getting ready to prep trails for spring and summer visitors.

The Crew will kick off with a work party on Sat., March 9 to clear Fort Walla Walla Natural Area's Rempel Trail. On Sat., March 23, the Crew will assist the Army Corps of Engineers on the White-tail Trail at Bennington Lake.

Learn more about the Blues Crew and sign up to volunteer at <https://bmlt.org/blues-crew/>

### OPENING ON CITY OF DAYTON PLANNING COMMISSION

DAYTON – The City of Dayton Planning Commission is comprised of five members who hear and make recommendations concerning amendments to zoning ordinances and various land use decisions. Members serve on a volunteer basis and must reside within the Dayton city limits. Terms range from 2-4 years, pending appointment schedule.

The Dayton Planning Commission meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the Planning and Building Office at 114 South 2nd Street. If you are interested in supporting your community by serving on the Planning Commission, please submit a letter of interest with contact information for review.

Letters shall be submitted to: Meagan Bailey; Planner, 114 South 2nd Street, Dayton, Washington 99328. Letters may also be submitted via email to [Meagan\\_bailey@co.columbia.wa.us](mailto:Meagan_bailey@co.columbia.wa.us). Please submit your letter of interest by March 29, 2019.

Please call 509-382-4676 with any questions or comments.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### FRI. 15

**Prescott Story Time**  
Prescott Library  
11 a.m.

**BINGO (every Friday)**  
Eagles-222 E. Main,  
Dayton  
Doors open 4 pm, Bingo  
6pm

### SAT. 16

**Prescott Lions Breakfast**  
8 a.m. - 11 a.m.  
Corner of Why 124 & D  
St.

### SUN. 17

**Prescott Lions Breakfast**  
8 a.m. - 11 a.m.  
Corner of Why 124 & D  
St.

### MON. 18

**Waitsburg Story Time**  
Weller Public Library  
10:30 a.m.

**Prescott City Council Meeting**  
(Second Monday)  
City Hall  
7:30 p.m.

**Waitsburg Christian Church Youth Group**  
(first and third Monday)

Waitsburg Christian  
Church  
6:30-7:30

### TUES. 19

**Waitsburg Senior Round Table**  
Waitsburg Presbyterian  
Church  
11:30 a.m.  
Join local seniors every  
Tuesday for lunch. \$4  
suggested donation for  
those over 60. \$7 charge  
for guests under 60.  
Meals on Wheels are  
available. Call 337-8541  
for more info.

**Dayton Senior Round Table**  
Senior Center (403 E.  
Patit St.)  
12 p.m.  
Tuesdays and Thurs-  
days. Call 382-2836 to  
RSVP by the day prior.

### WED. 20

**Toddler Story Time**  
Dayton Memorial Li-  
brary  
10 a.m.

**Dayton School Board**  
(Third Wednesday)  
School Admin. Building  
6 p.m.

**Celebrate Recovery, Dayton**  
Catalyst Church (311 S.  
4th)

6:30 p.m.

**Celebrate Recovery, Waitsburg**  
Waitsburg Christian  
Church  
6:30 p.m.

**Waitsburg City Council**  
(Third Wednesday)  
Don Thomas Building,  
Waitsburg Fairgrounds  
7 p.m.

### THURS. 21

**Dayton Senior Round Table**  
Senior Center (403 E.  
Patit St.)  
12 p.m.  
Tuesdays and Thurs-  
days. Call 382-2836 to  
RSVP by the day prior.

**Waitsburg Resource Center**  
106 Preston Avenue  
(side of Banner Bank)  
2-4 p.m.

**Waitsburg School Board**  
(Third Thursday)  
Elementary School  
Library  
7 p.m.

**Waitsburg Parks & Rec Board Meeting**  
(Third Thursday)  
Waitsburg HS Band  
Room  
6:30 p.m.

## EVENTS

### Thursday, February 14

Love in Three Acts  
Liberty Theater, Dayton  
6:30 p.m.  
Visit [libertytheater.org](http://libertytheater.org) for ticket information.

### Sunday, February 17

Royal Opera House production of "The Queen of Spades"  
Gesa Power House Theater  
2 p.m.

### Tuesday, February 19

Paint Your Own Dog's Nose Party  
Weinhard Hotel  
6:30 p.m.  
Reserve a spot by calling (509) 948-3552.

### Friday, February 22

Waitsburg Celebration Days Queen's Coronation Dinner  
Waitsburg Town Hall  
6 p.m.

### Friday, February 23

Pheasants Forever Fundraiser Banquet  
Walla Walla Fairgrounds  
4-9 p.m.  
Get tickets and learn more at  
[www.pheasantsforeverevents.org](http://www.pheasantsforeverevents.org)

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Sat., Feb. 16 3:00, 7:30  
Sun., Feb. 17 3:00, 6:30  
Tues., Feb. 19 6:30  
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(509)382-1380 or [libertytheater.org](http://libertytheater.org)

*Church Directory*  
**Waitsburg Presbyterian Church**  
504 Main  
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Worship 11 a.m.  
337-6589  
Rev. Bret Moser  
**Waitsburg Chapel**  
320 W. 2nd  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Worship 11 a.m.  
Evening Worship 6 p.m.  
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Wednesdays 7:30 p.m.  
337-6235  
Rev. Jimmie Daves  
**Waitsburg Christian Church**  
604 Main St  
Worship 10:00 a.m.  
Each Sunday  
337-8898  
Rev. Matthew Wyatt

## BIRTHDAYS

**February 15:** Ephraimia Reese, Andrew Wertz, Neta Henze McKenzie, Ansehl Hofer, Christina Hofer, Jack Otterson, Stacy Ashcroft and Wanda Witt, Andrew Wertz, Brianna Wray.

**February 16:** Jason Eaton, Mike R. Mayberry and Loren Eng.

**February 17:** Loyal Baker, Jack Rodgers, Chris Blair, Mathew Kurth, Betty Sauer, Angela Webb and Larry Lawrence.

**February 18:** Cole Lindsey, Greg Schuler, Lauri McKinley, Michael and Philo Murphy, Nancy Powers, Ann Ahler and Charles Mead V.

**February 19:** Carrie Abel, Margaret Osterero, Rick Harper, and Mark Johnson.A

**February 20:** Harvey Danielson, Jace Grende and Colter Mohny.

**February 21:** Dick Brunton, Ted Hopwood, Rich PiersAon, Travis Wood, Joshua Wood, Chris Huwe and Molly and Mandy Hays.

## CLASSIFIED HELP WANTED

**Writer needed.** The Times is hiring a writer to cover Dayton and surrounding areas. Please send a letter of interest and resume or letter of qualifications to [dena@waitsburgtimes.com](mailto:dena@waitsburgtimes.com). Pay is dependent on qualifications and experience. For more information call Dena at (509) 520-3183.

## Waitsburg School Menus

Fruits & vegetables, nonfat chocolate and 1% white milk are offered with every meal.

**Friday, 15**  
B - Pancakes; L - Hamburger, fries, garden salad, pears  
**Monday, 118**  
**NO SCHOOL - President's Day**  
**Tuesday, 19**  
B - Biscuit & gravy; L - Teriyaki chicken, rice baby corn, sugar snap peas, mandarin oranges  
**Wednesday, 20**  
B - Cinnamon roll; L - Corndog, fries, potato salad, apples  
**Thursday, 21**  
B - Pancake on a stick; L - Turkey sub, chips, cookie cucumbers, grapes

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**DENA MARTIN:  
FROM THE EDITOR**

## LIVING AND LEARNING

**W**hen I received notice of the AAUW Great Explorations program, coming in March (see Page 2), I wanted to take the opportunity to share with our readers what a fantastic opportunity this is for 5th-8th grade girls. The program is \$5 and includes a lunch. (Scholarships are available.)



My daughter, who is now 22, participated years ago and loved it. When I texted to ask if she remembered going to a science program at Whitman College she said, "Yes! I was just thinking about that the other day and was trying to remember what it was!" It obviously made a lasting impression.

"I remember they let me take a cow heart home for you to cook, but you threw it away," she said. I don't recall that, but I won't say she's wrong.

The point I would like to make is that this program is top notch and an amazing local opportunity for young girls to be inspired by accomplished women. This year's speaker is a Wa-Hi graduate and NASA scientist Liz MacDonald.

Girls may choose from six of 30 science-related workshops ranging from building and flying drones to discovering how DNA evidence solves crimes. Learn more and register at [www.gewallawalla.com](http://www.gewallawalla.com) while space is still available. There are few better ways a young lady could spend a Saturday.

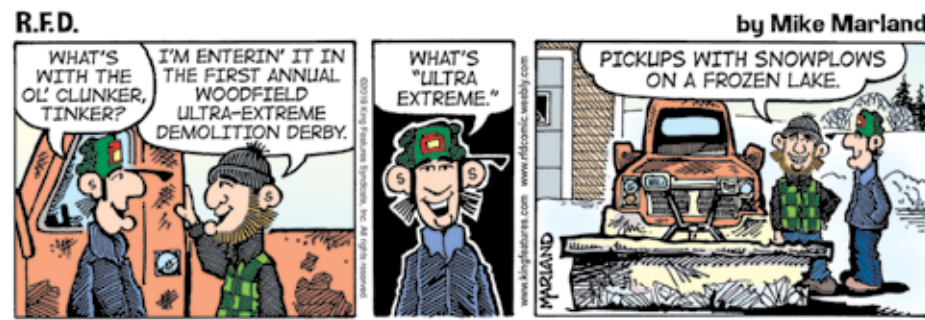
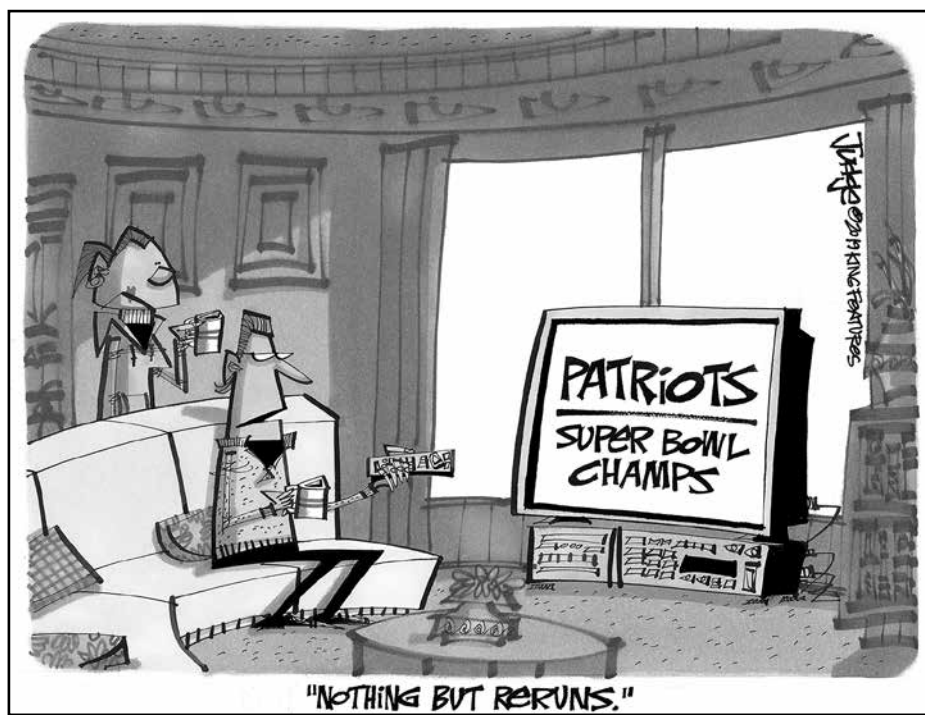
While we're on the topic of education, I also noticed that Walla Walla Community College is offering a wide variety of practical and continuing education classes starting over the next few weeks.

Michael Kiesbuy will teach a class on **Streaming Music & Video** in February and March. Here is the blurb from the class: "Learn how many people are cutting the cord on cable and satellite services. This class will cover how to use and enjoy the many streaming services available through your high-speed internet connection at your home and on mobile devices. We will take the time to enjoy the music we discover while learning at a relaxed pace. Services such as ROKU, Amazon Fire Stick, Netflix, HULU, Sling, Pandora, iHeart Radio, and many other streaming providers will be explored."

The class is held on Tuesdays and Thurs Feb. 19-March 21 from 1-3 p.m. The fee is \$109.80, but just think how quickly you could recover that if you cut cable!

Other offerings include:  
**Seeing Beyond the Third Dimen-**

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## WAITSBURG CITY HALL UPDATE

By City Clerk, Randy Hinchliffe

I am sure many of you have noticed by now the stretch of land being developed at the eastern edge of the City. Mild temperatures in December and January prompted the City to start work on a road project to straighten out Taggart Road from its current position to the highway as a means to improve traffic safety and access in that area. At this time, the contractor has moved out for a month or so to hopefully give the ground some time to dry out before they start placing rock on it in preparation for chip sealing later this spring/summer.

With changes to the State Voting Rights Act, the City is looking into finally changing the City Election process as a means to move away from annual elections in April to better align with the general election laws of the state. Annual elections are expensive, ineffective and don't allow for long-term planning for the City. Rest assured that this change, if approved, does not eliminate the City's Charter; in fact, a lot of the Charter has already been eliminated, consolidated or modernized to help with City operations at different points in our history or to comply with various state regulations. In the end, there is only one way to do away with the Charter, and it takes an act of the state legislature do so as we are codified under RCW 35.30. Without a direct request from the City and one of our local legislators willing to sponsor a bill to make a change, our Charter will remain in effect for the foreseeable future

regardless of whether we have annual elections or not. Aligning our elections with the general election laws will allow us to better plan for the City and eliminate unnecessary cost and liability associated with our annual election, and it will in no way jeopardize our Charter.

With the mailing of February's utility bills, most people have probably noticed an increase in the cost of water, sewer and garbage by a few dollars. Garbage was increased due to a contractual increase for our solid waste provider associated with an increase in tipping fees. Starting two years ago, the City implemented an annual increase to its utilities in order to help the City keep up with the cost of inflation while aiding in our efforts to repair or replace failing or near failing components of our water and sewer systems. From 2019 and beyond, rates will increase at 2.5% in annually for the foreseeable future.

## Letters Welcome

The Times invites readers to share their thoughts on our Opinion Page. Letters to the Editor can be emailed to us at [editor@waitsburgtimes.com](mailto:editor@waitsburgtimes.com), or mailed to The Times at P.O. Box 97, Waitsburg, WA 99361. Letters can also be hand-delivered to our office. Deadline for letters is Tuesday at noon.

Letters should be no more than 400 words long. All letters must be signed by the writer(s) using their actual name, and complete contact information for each writer, including address and phone number must be included.

We reserve the right to decline to publish any letter that we deem inappropriate for our readership.

## PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD UPDATE

By Parks and Recreation Board Chair Danielle Carpenter

WAITSBURG – Big strides are being made in the future planning of Parks and Recreation. A rough draft of a 3-year plan has been written and is now in a review and revision process. The board has been in touch with Walla Walla County and Prescott in the process of setting up this plan.

The board's election of commissioners #1-5 will take place in November 2019, as will the levy. Parks and Recreation district boundaries as set up by the previous board are largely similar to the school district's boundaries.

The next meeting is Feb. 21. The board will be giving an update to City Council at their next meeting on Feb. 20. Contact Parks and Recreation at: [waitsburgparks@gmail.com](mailto:waitsburgparks@gmail.com) or P.O. Box 52, Waitsburg, WA 99361.

The board hopes to make City Hall usable for office space in the future to be more accessible to the public and to have a central storage space.

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**tion.** This is a one-day class and, honestly, even after reading the description I still don't totally understand it but it sounds interesting. The class uses video with 3D glasses, so I'm sure it will be fun.

**AKC Canine Good Citizen Class.** This course is so popular they've added additional offerings. Starts Feb. 15.

**Oyster and Wine Pairing.** Pair six oyster varieties with wines and champagne. Learn to shuck oysters and take home recipes and your own oyster knife. What's not to like? Starts Feb. 16.

**Outdoor Equipment Maintenance.** Get ready for spring by learning to service and troubleshoot everything from your car and lawn mower to ATVs. Starts Feb. 20. I'm seriously considering this one. I wish they covered garbage disposals and washing machines because I'm having issues with both of mine. I think I'll keep an eye on future offering. You never know...

And if you don't want to go out of town, we have some hyper-local learning opportunities as well.

Kate Hockersmith meets weekly with kids interested in learning to play Bluegrass at 2:45 on Wednesday afternoons at the 10 Ton Press building in Waitsburg. She said all ages are welcome but prefers that children under 2nd or 3rd grades attend with a parent. Her current group ranges in age from 7 to high schoolers. Hockersmith said she also has some instruments to loan if a student is in need. Traditional bluegrass instruments are guitar, banjo, mandolin, fiddle and bass. Call Kate at 337-8789 to learn more.

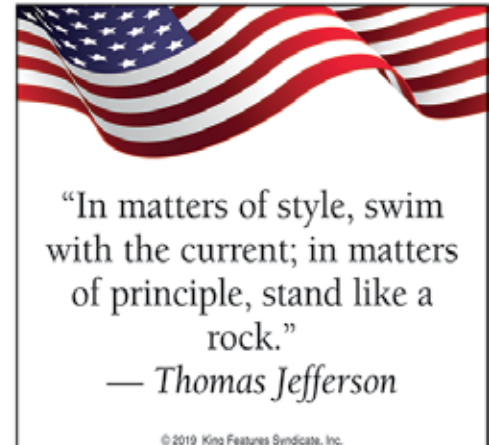
Aspiring artist can stop by 10 Ton Press at any time and take advantage of drawing supplies available for use. Practiced artists will be available to lend a hand during "Drawing Club" on Thursdays from noon-2 p.m. There is no charge to attend.

Artist Brianna Wray will teach an alternative collage class on Tues., Feb. 26 from 1-4 p.m. at 10 Ton Press. The cost is \$25.

Dayton's Wenaha Gallery often hosts art shows and demonstrations. Keep an eye on their Facebook page to keep updated.

And if all else fails, stop in at the Dayton or Waitsburg libraries and grab a good book. There is no excuse for not expanding your horizons.

## Americanisms



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## Dayton Depot Fashion Show

*New display will showcase womens' fashions through the decades*

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—"Women are going to be excited about it," Museum Director Tamara Fritze said about the new exhibit currently on display at the Dayton Historic Depot.

This exhibit includes clothing, foundation garments, and hats and purses, from the 1890s through 1989, with accompanying history for each decade about fashion and culture.

Fritze said it has taken about a month to finish the exhibit.

"Matching the dress form to the



Photo by Michele Smith

The Dayton Historic Depot exhibit titled "Making and Impression: Daily Wear in Dayton, 1890-1989 will be on display through December

clothing was the most challenging part," she said. "We had to come up with some *tiny* dress mannequins."

Fritze said some of the mannequins

are on loan from the WSU 4-H extension office. Some are on loan from Mary Luce, by way of the Touchet Valley Arts Council and the Depot Society has

purchased a few.

"Fashion changed as women's roles changed," Fritze said, pointing out how movement-restricting the dresses and undergarments were, and how inappropriate they would be for women in their expanded roles in society today.

Fritze said the clothing in the exhibit is on loan from the Boldman Collection, from Christine Broughton, from Mary Luce and from Lorna Barth.

Fritze said she is grateful to them and the Warren Foundation, along with the Pacific Power Foundation for the grants that made this exhibit possible.

"We hope you come and visit us soon," Fritze said.

The exhibit will be on display through December.

The Dayton Historic Depot is located at 222 E. Commercial Ave. It is open Wed. through Sat., from 11 a.m.- 4 p.m.



## Talk about Art

By Carolyn Henderson

When life handed Barbara Coppock a bushel of lemons, she didn't stop with just making lemonade. The Clarkston artist, who creates intaglio print etchings of cherished buildings, landscapes, and landmarks of country scenes, set up a (figurative) lemonade stand and started a profitable business in the midst of personal tragedy.

It started after Coppock's children graduated from high school and flew the nest, leaving her time to pursue her printmaking interests with the new press she had just purchased.

"At that time, however, my husband Bill was in an auto accident that left him paraplegic," Coppock remembers. "Medically, he required full-time care, which meant I would be home, giving it. I needed to come up with a job that allowed me to be home.

"But fate intervened, because there was the little press."

While Coppock learned the many elements required to making plates and pulling prints, Bill worked to regain the use of his right hand, and soon they were an efficient team: she created the art, and he built frames to house it. They outfitted an RV so Bill could travel and wandered through the western states, where Barbara "pursued subjects," as she puts it: identifying the meaningful places and spaces of the area, drawing them in fine detail, then transferring them to prints. At the same time she picked up galleries and outlets for her art.

"Art was good to us, and we were able to follow a dream," Coppock says, describing an "amazing lifestyle" in which she and Bill sold more than 1,000 prints a year.

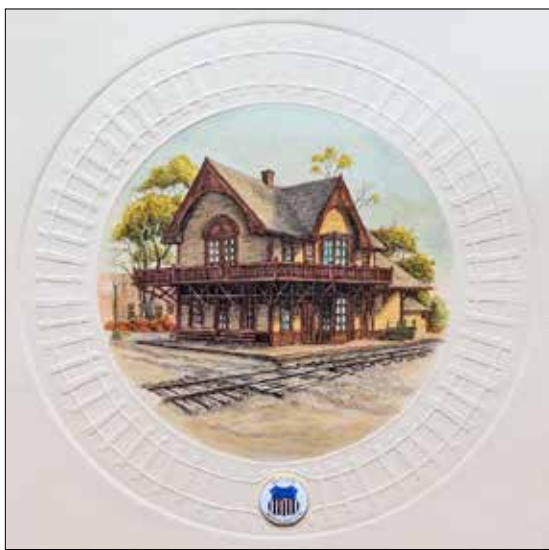
"This was in play until Bill's kidneys failed, the market crashed, and thankfully, I qualified for social security: all this happened in 2008."

More lemons. More lemonade.

Coppock turned to making jewelry (less time intensive than printmaking), until Bill died in 2015, and from there reconfigured her lifestyle yet again. She is back to printmaking, excited about the many subjects in Southeastern Washington, calling her name. There's a lot of work to do.

"Retire? No need. Most folks retire to do what I do every day."

Coppock is exhibiting a selection of her prints at Wenaha Gallery (219 East Main, Dayton) through March 9, 2019. The gallery is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday.



Courtesy Images

Barbara Coppock's art is on display at the Wenaha Gallery. Top: Love of Land. Center: Dayton Depot. Above: For the Teacher



## Advertising: The good, the bad and the ugly

A column by Dena Martin

It's always fun browsing through past issues of The Times, especially when it comes to perusing advertisements from bygone years. Times have certainly changed. In some ways for the better, and in others, not so much.

Ads of the past were far from politically correct. I did a bit of Googling on ads from the 20s through 50s and found some gems.

A series of ads from the 30s urged women to use Iodized yeast to prevent being "skinny." According to some of these ads, men were "disgusted" by thin women. Hmmm.

An ad showing a baby with a bottle of cola asks parents "How soon is too soon?" and states "Laboratory tests have proven that babies who start drinking soda during that early formative period have a much higher chance of gaining acceptance and "fitting in" during those awkward pre-teen and teen years. So, do yourself a favor. Do your child a favor. Start them on a strict regimen of sodas and other sugary carbonated beverages right now, for a lifetime of guaranteed happiness." Thank the Soda Pop Board of America for that one.

A Camel cigarette ad promotes its brand saying, "According to a recent Nationwide survey: More Doctors Smoke Camels than any other Cigarette."

One can't help but question just who was administering these laboratory tests and nationwide surveys. The need for questioning sources still applies today, by the way.

Other ads were outright bigoted, objectifying, or sexist. I'll admit that Love's Baby Soft was my favorite perfume in high school. At the time, I never questioned the fact that the model in the ad with the tagline "Because innocence is sexier than you think" holds a teddy bear and looks to be about 13-years old. Yikes!

These days the media, social and otherwise, offers swift recourse against advertisements, advertisers and spokespersons that are found offensive. This can be both good and bad, in my opinion.

Another big difference from the past is how targeted advertising is these days. At times, it can be downright scary. I've had more than one friend say they started seeing Facebook ads on a product they were standing next to in a store, even though they had never searched for it on their phone or computer.

I've had similar experiences that left me wondering, "How did they know I was thinking about that?" Honestly, I'm more than hesitant to click a link or Google something that I am interested in these days just because I fear the onslaught of advertising I'll likely initiate.

I recently read that, after a successful trial in Chicago, Walgreens plans to expand its facial recognition advertising. The franchise has partnered with Color Screens to develop face-recognizing, eye-tracking screens that cover the front panels of cooler doors and display different ads based on age, gender and even the temperature outside. Fifteen advertisers, including Coca-Cola, Nestle and Miller Coors have already signed up to advertise.

Honestly, I don't even know what to think about that. I guess, even though the medium has changed, the age-old message remains the same. Buyer beware . . . or, at least 'be aware.'

That said, advertising in your local paper is still a great way to respectfully reach a targeted and interested market. And who knows, maybe your ad will have the privilege of providing amusement or preserving a bit of local history for those browsing the archives fifty years from now. You never know.



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## Broetje Orchards sells to Ontario Teachers' Fund

By Dena Martin | THE TIMES

PRESCOTT – According to a Feb. 9 story in the Tri-City Herald, Ralph and Cheryl Broetje sold Broetje orchards to the Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan in late December. The fund will operate the company under the First Fruits brand.

The article states that the sale did not include the Tierra Vida housing development in Pasco or the Center for Sharing in Franklin County. It did include Broetje's Orchard properties, FirstFruits Marketing of Washington, LLC and Snake River Housing, LLC.

In August of 2017, The Times toured Broetje Orchards as part of a Blue Mountain Land Trust 'Learning on the Land' event to learn about the impressive operation.

Ralph and Cheryl Broetje purchased their first cherry orchard in Benton City, Wash in the late 60's. They nearly threw in the towel before making a profit in their fourth year in operations.

They expanded into apples and purchased land along the Snake River, but the business hit a roadblock in the 80s when the farm crisis hit, and banks recalled outstanding loans and denied new ones. The only property the bank couldn't find a buyer for was the site



Above: Ralph and Cheryl Broetje pose in the playground of the on-site New Horizon Early Childhood Education Center that they established in 1988.

Above right: The warehouse and packing facilities add to Broetje's 11 million square feet of controlled atmosphere and cold storage space for a total of 12 million square feet of storage and packing. Broetje Orchards was purchased by the Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan in December, 2018.



Ties File Photos

near Prescott. Ralph was able to serve as manager with a buy-back option over five years.

A massive storm that wiped out nearly all the Red Delicious apple crops in Washington State, spared the orchard and helped the Broetje's get back on their feet. For 26 years, Broetje Orchards has been on of the largest

privately-owned apple orchards in the United States.

The Broetje's are well-known for their philanthropy and community activism. They established New Horizon Early Education Center so that employees could leave their children on site and older children weren't pulled from school to watch younger children. In

1990, they built Vista Hermosa, a residential development of 120 single-family low rent homes and apartments on site, that they rented to year-round employees.

The Broetje's were also catalysts in the creation of the Center for Sharing and Jubilee Leadership Academy.

## Waitsburg Welcomes 2019: Churches

In this multi-part series, The Times connects with Waitsburg businesses, churches and organizations to hear their plans for 2019.

By Dena Martin | THE TIMES

### Waitsburg Presbyterian Church

The Waitsburg Presbyterian Church, located at 504 Main Street, is saying good-bye to Pastor Bret Moser, who will retire at the end of the month after 15 years of service. The church is in the process of setting up a search committee to find a new pastor.

The congregation will hold a going-away celebration for the Moser family on the last Sunday of the month, Feb. 24, and the entire community is invited. The event will be a potluck following the church service at approximately 12:15 or 12:30.

The Presbyterian Church holds services every Sunday at 11 a.m., with Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.

Brandon and Ann Miller lead youth group every Wednesday. Middle schoolers arrive at 5 p.m. Members of the congregation take turns providing a free dinner for all youth, which is served at 6:45, followed by high school youth group.

Bruce and Barb Abbey lead the Alpha Course each Tuesday at 5 p.m. The course is an introduction to Christianity and allows time for discussion, answering questions and fellowship. A meal is served at 5 p.m followed by a DVD and discussion. Anyone interested is welcome to join at any time.

The church/community choir practices each Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. Bethany Moser has served as director, so a new choir director is needed. Anita Baker, who served in that role for many years, will assume duties through year-end. Everyone is welcome.



Courtesy Photos

Above: Potlucks are a favorite event at the Presbyterian Church. Right: Christian Church Pastor Matt Wyatt points to the newly established Blessing Box outside the church. Grocery and hygiene items are free for the taking for those in need.



Alcoholics Anonymous meets in the Presbyterian Church basement on Saturday, Monday and Friday from 8-9 p.m.

Senior lunches are served on Tuesdays at 11:30 a.m. with meals available for delivery if needed.

### Waitsburg Christian Church

Pastor Matthew Wyatt has led the Waitsburg Christian Church, located at 604 Main Street, since 2016 and says his congregation has several things it is passionate about in 2019.

"We haven't had a youth group in years here, but with the growth of our church that extends as far as Walla Walla, Milton-Freewater, Dayton, Pomeroy, Prescott, Dixie, and even Pasco, we felt a need to start a youth group that mirrors the various towns that we

reach. The Butler family and Anderson family, both from Walla Walla, have stepped up with a passion for youth that has been incredible. The first night we had close to 50 students and we continue to grow," said Pastor Matt. Youth group meets the first and third Monday of every month from 6:30-7:30.

Joan Helm leads a group of women who knit prayer shawls that are distributed to those who are hurting, struggling, sick or have lost a loved one. They are prayed over before being presented to those in need. Knitters meet at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. every Monday at 203 West 4<sup>th</sup>.

Women's Bible Study is every Tuesday at either 9

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Far left: 2019 Waitsburg Celebration Days Queen Rebecca Holderman is pleased to represent Waitsburg. Here she poses with the Waitsburg entry sign. Center and left: Holderman made this 5x2' mirror and cowhide covered gun rack for the silent auction at her coronation dinner on Fri., Feb. 22 at Town Hall.

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summer series, where she is in her fourth year. Her family also leads the Western Stars 4-H group, where Holderman is in her second term as president. Holderman also raises and breeds rabbits which she shows at a professional level all across the northwest.

Holderman's court horse is a 15-year-old, dark bay thoroughbred named Anna (Anna Banana). Holderman said Anna, who came from the Oregon Coast, was trained to run, but never actually ran the track.

Holderman was the sole applicant for 2019 Celebration Days Queen but said she had to complete the full tryout which consisted of riding a reigning pattern and a Queen run, followed by a speech topic.

"I wanted to be on court because I like the fact that I can represent something or someone and can share my horse experience and how I've grown through horses," Holderman said.

The main parade season runs from April through September, but Holderman got off to a quick start in December when she attended four parades in a week: Dayton's Christmas Kickoff, Waitsburg's Hometown Christmas, and Walla Walla and Milton-Freewater's

Christmas parades.

Holderman represented Waitsburg at the Pioneer Posse coronation last month and at the Miss Oregon Rodeo coronation at Wildhorse, last weekend. Her next event will be her coronation fundraiser in Waitsburg on Feb. 22 at 6 p.m. Funds from the event will help cover travel costs and pay for her outfit.

Holderman said they haven't started outfit-shopping yet, but she has had the unique experience of making her own chaps.

"I do part-time work for Kathy Hassler who does professional leather work and she asked if making my own was something I would like to do and I was glad to take the opportunity," she said.

They picked out leather for the red, black and turquoise chaps at the Pendleton leather show and Holderman is learning to stitch them together.

Court Advisor Beka (Adams) Compton, said that she and her mother, Ann Adams, who previously served as advisor, have agreed that it is important to retain Cardinal red as part of the Queen's outfit.

Compton was Waitsburg's last Days of Real Sport Queen and says she is enjoying her role as court advisor.

"I serve as a point-of-contact, help guide the

queen through the events, help with outfitting, and serve as a middleman between the board of directors and the royalty," she said.

"It's fun being on the advisor end of things now. I didn't realize how many unique opportunities each girl brings to the court and brings to the community. With Rebecca being from out of town she has a lot of outside reaches that we have never had before," Compton said.

Holderman has worked hard to bring in silent auction items and has even made some items herself. She built a gun rack and a large mirror, both covered in hair-on cowhide.

Donations are welcome from community members or businesses who would like to donate to the silent auction or donate baked goods to the dessert auction.

"I know there is a lot of baking talent out there if anyone would like to donate to the dessert auction," Compton said with a smile.

Tickets to the Waitsburg Celebration Days Royalty Coronation Dinner are \$10/person or \$15/couple and can be purchased from through Eventbrite.com or at the door.

# Columbia County Considers Flood Control Zone District

*South Touchet Road project is going out for bids at the end of February*

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—At their regular meeting last week, the Board of County Commissioners and Charles Eaton, the county engineer, discussed moving ahead with their intention to create a county-wide flood control zone district, a process that was started by City of Dayton Mayor Craig George and former County Commissioner Merle Jackson, early in 2017.

At that time, Commissioner Jackson expressed concerns about recent high water events and the accumulating amount of gravel just north of the Highway 12 Bridge. He also pointed out that the county has been declared a federal disaster area six times, because of flooding, since 1964.

In April of 2017, Kirk Holmes, an engineer with the consulting firm PERFEET, was invited to speak with representatives from the city, the county, WSDOT, Anderson Perry & Associates, the Army Corps of Engineers, and others, about the reasons why a flood control zone district should be formed, and how to go about forming one.

He recommended creating a long-term plan with robust public outreach.

Holmes said some of the benefits of the flood control zone district include establishing a dedicated funding source to repair damage, protecting other city and county budgets, and providing flood protection for aging infrastructure using local funds, all

while maintaining local control and flexibility.

Also, the responsibility of the county and city to maintain the levee would be simplified if turned over to a flood control zone district, Holmes said.

The City of Dayton and Town of Starbuck are protected from flooding from levees. A flood control zone district would protect the cities' coffers from the disastrous effects of flood.

At last week's meeting Charles Eaton pointed out the fact that having a flood control zone district in place will also allow the Town of Starbuck to grow and develop.

Eaton told the BOCC there will be many opportunities for public input before a final decision is made. If adopted by the BOCC in June, a resolution to create a Flood Control Zone District would go before voters in the November 2019 general election.

Once it is established, the BOCC will act as the Board of Supervisors for the flood control zone district, and the county engineer as its administrator, according to state law.

**South Touchet Road**

Eaton said the South Touchet Road Project is going out for bids at the end of the month.

The Robinette intersection has been redesigned with a three-way merge pattern. It shows the South Touchet Road as the primary arterial and Robinette coming down the hill and merging into it.

Harvest vehicles will merge from Robinette onto the South Touchet Road further down, from the Robinette/South Touchet Road intersection, he said.

"The bad news is it is not any cheaper," Eaton told the commissioners.

Eaton said it is likely another project would need to be deferred since the cost for the South Touchet Road redesign is an amount over the available funding.



Courtesy Photo  
Two lovely young ladies enjoy last year's Teddy Bear Tea fundraiser.

## TEDDY BEAR TEA FUNDRAISER IS FEB. 23

WALLA WALLA – It's time for tea—Teddy Bear Tea that is. The Walla Walla-Columbia School Retirees Association presents the 13th Annual Teddy Bear Tea, Feb. 23 at St. Francis Hall, 722 W. Alder, Walla Walla.

The event runs from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. and features displays, an auction, items for sale, events for children including a coloring table and a story corner, and the elegant tea. Raffle tickets will be available for purchase for two handmade teddy bears which will be on display. Young and old, and all those in between can find events of interest.

Admission is \$6.00 and children must be accompanied by an adult. Proceeds support student teacher/school practicum scholarships, which are awarded to graduates from schools in Columbia and Walla Walla counties.

Tickets can be purchased in Waitsburg by calling Joan Helm at 337-6318 or may be purchased at the door.

# Distracted driving applies to more than just cell phones and raises insurance rates

*Insurers can see if distraction is the cause of an accident or ticket*

THE TIMES

Washington State – A study by the Washington Traffic Safety Commission (WSTC) indicates that drivers in Wash-

ington state are less distracted by cell phones, but that distracted driving is still a costly and dangerous problem, according to a press release by the NW Insurance Council.

Cell phones are the source of over half of driver distractions in Washington, according to WTSC, even though the number of drivers holding a cell phone dropped to 3.4 percent in 2018 from 5.7 percent in 2017. The study also

found that other distractions behind the wheel, such as eating, tuning a radio or attending to pets or children, has increased.

To deter drivers from distracted driving, Washington state enacted a new "Driving Under the Influence of Electronics" (E-DUI) law, which went into effect last summer, and strengthened penalties against the use of hand-held devices. The law also added new pen-

alties for non-cellphone distractions, if the driver commits another infraction while distracted by activities like eating or tending to passengers or pets in the vehicle. Citations stemming from such infractions, as well as crashes caused by distracted driving, could also impact what violators pay for auto insurance.

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## Hunting for Habitat

Special to The Times by Brad Trumbo

WALLA WALLA – Pheasants Forever is known as “the habitat organization,” and the Walla Walla Chapter, Blue Mountain Pheasants Forever, upholds the mission. Make that two missions.

Habitat enhancement and youth involvement in the outdoors are the two primary focuses and programs for the Chapter. In 2018, the Chapter maintained its staple projects to include an 88-acre grassland restoration site near Touchet, and a shrub-steppe restoration site just north of Walla Walla on Highway 125, where native shrubs and wildlife watering stations, referred to as “guzzlers,” were installed.

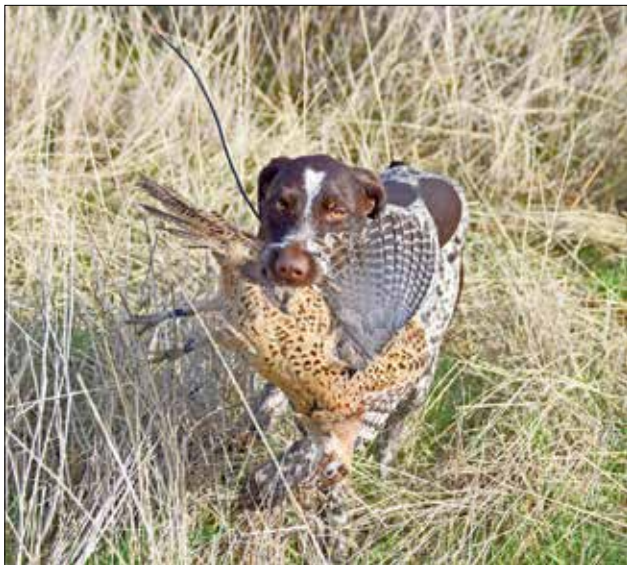
Over the years, the Chapter has planted hundreds of acres in native grass and shrubs to the benefit of the wildlife, hunters, and the communities within and surrounding Walla Walla.

With the future of hunting heritage and wildlife habitat riding largely on the shoulders of a demographic no younger than age forty, youth involvement in the outdoors is key. The Chapter's youth program consists of four trap-shooting events, hosting a youth pheasant hunt in September, and offering a family hunt in November after Thanksgiving.

But executing these programs isn't free or necessarily cheap. The Chapter relies on volunteer labor to orchestrate events; however, fundraisers are crucial to the Chapter's success. While many folks in the area support the Chapter's annual fundraising banquet, which is quickly approaching, Sat., Feb. 23, the Chapter began a new fundraiser on Feb. 2, known as the Pheasant Challenge.

The Pheasant Challenge is a hunt test that entails a five-acre field, a team of two hunters, one bird dog, five shotgun shells per hunter, and 30 minutes to secure a maximum of five pheasant. The event is an enticing combination of upland hunting and skillful dog work and shooting, offering modest (or not) bragging rights.

The Chapter's first attempt at hosting the event registered 10 teams with a variety of hunting dog breeds and skill levels. Three fields were set at the Clyde Shooting Preserve near Prescott. Beginning



Courtesy Photos

Left: A young pointer retrieves a pheasant. Above: A successful team secures the reward of a fine pointing dog and accurate wingshooting.

team starts were staggered, allowing for continual cycling of teams throughout the event, with the last team finishing approximately two hours later.

The fastest times were under ten minutes, and many teams were able to come up with five birds. The top three teams received 25% pay back of all monies received for the event, split 50% to first place, 35% to second place, and 15% to third place. The last place team received a case of shotgun shells.

Overall, the Chapter received a \$1,700 net to bolster operating budgets.

All participants and volunteers enjoyed the experience, and many stuck around for a follow-up hunt at the preserve. The Chapter has since formed a committee to develop next year's event with the hopes of doubling team participation and raising more funds, hunting for habitat. Special thanks to Kit Lane at Clyde Shooting Preserve for supporting the Chapter in hosting this event.

For more information on the event or to get involved with the Chapter or Pheasant Challenge committee, reach out to [bmpf@bmpf258.com](mailto:bmpf@bmpf258.com).

Brad Trumbo is Secretary and Public Relations Officer with the Blue Mountain Pheasants Forever.

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# SEVERAL FACTORS INFLUENCE SEATTLE MARINERS REBUILD

By Eric Umphrey | THE TIMES

SEATTLE, Wash. – If you've been following the MLB baseball hot stove you've probably noticed how busy the Mariners have been. General Manager Jerry Dipoto has been having a fire sale and everything must go. Over \$200 million in guaranteed salaries have already been moved. The contracts that have come back in trade are expiring either in 2019 or 2020. In 2021 the bulk of that money is going to two players: Kyle Seager and newly acquired pitcher Yu-sei Kikuchi. Per Cot's baseball contracts here is a table of Mariners total salaries going back a few years plus guaranteed contracts going through 2021.

#### Year Total in Millions Ranking in MLB

2016	\$171.3	10th
2017	\$174.7	12th
2018	\$170.9	10th
2019	\$143.6	Estimate
2020	\$88	Estimate
2021	\$44.7	Estimate

I'm not suggesting that the payroll will stay this low in the coming years but if they are going to be a competitive team in either 2020 or 2021 as the GM has suggested then where is that talent going to come from? Based on this off-season it doesn't look like free agency.

Normally, a young core of players could be promoted out of either AA or AAA ready to start the rebuild of the team. Those players would have contracts around major league minimum. Supplement them with a few free agents and the team is filled out ready to compete. It's never that easy though.

Teams develop farm systems as a result drafting great players, luck, and usually, enduring several losing seasons. The Mariners farm system, as recently as last year, was ranked 28<sup>th</sup> out of 30 teams. With recent trades this off-season they are estimated at around 20<sup>th</sup> overall. I don't believe they have the depth yet to rebuild from their farm.

Also, players being drafted in the

next two years may need several years before being ready to play at the major league level. Add to that several teams in the league are trying to rebuild at the same time and there is a limit to the amount of talent available.

Knowing this, what is the rush to rebuild so quickly? I believe a few events happening after the 2021 baseball season give the Mariners a three-year window to get relevant again.

The first is a certainty. Seattle will have a brand-new NHL team starting in the fall of 2021. Why would this effect baseball? Isn't hockey a winter sport? All professional sports seasons are getting longer. The NHL is no exception.

The NHL now starts in early October before the baseball playoffs start and the regular season ends in early April. The playoffs then begin and the Finals don't end until the first week of June now, which is in the middle of the baseball season. The new hockey team will likely have an effect on attendance and

create competition for fans sports dollars.

The second is uncertainty around the upcoming collective bargaining agreement (CBA) for baseball. The baseball players association has become concerned over the what has been happening during the last two baseball free agent markets. A lot of older players aren't getting contracts and salaries are getting pressured downward. In addition, players younger years are increasingly under team control that limit earnings. These factors and others lead some to believe a strike is possible following the 2021 season.

Another item up for consideration under a new CBA is expansion. The league could expand from 30 to 32 teams. One of the locations being considered is Portland, Oregon. In anticipation of this Portland is in the process of building a baseball stadium that would likely be ready for an expansion team to move into. This cuts into the Mariners market in two ways. First, they lose all of Oregon as a broadcasting market. Second, large sections of southern Washington now have a choice of teams. In some cases, the closest team would be Portland.

This is the Mariners most important rebuild yet and they need a lot of things to go right in a short period of time for the team not only to be competitive again but also relevant in the Pacific Northwest.





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## DON'T BE A BULL-Y

Rodeo clown JJ Harrison and bull rider Rowdy Barry present anti-bullying program

By Dena Martin | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG – High level energy and excitement was in the air as elementary school students filled the Waitsburg High School auditorium on Wed., Feb. 6 to meet Rowdy Barry and JJ Harrison. The well-known bullfighter and rodeo clown spent the day in Waitsburg speaking with students, school staff and parents about how to deal with bullying.

The duo took a hands-on approach with the elementary students, arranging for a barrel racing competition to discuss the idea that losing isn't bad. "Losing means you got out there and tried and are learning to improve," Harrison said.

He explained that the problem is how we treat others when they lose. He helped students practice providing positive feedback to the "losers."

Harrison and Barry used middle school volunteers to demonstrate how they fight bulls and Harrison compared his experience of bullfighting with that of trying to stop a bully.

"Just saying 'stop' won't work. I have to distract them, confuse them, and get the bull to lose interest," he said. He talked about using the buddy system to distract bullies and shared the power of being able to laugh at yourself.

The middle school presentation took a more serious tone when Harrison, a former middle school teacher, shared about a previous student who confided in him about his social troubles and later committed suicide. Harrison uses that event as motivation to share his message and encourages students to keep talking to as many people as necessary to get support.

When asked if bullying has become more prevalent in recent years or if it simply receiving more attention, Waitsburg School Counselor Rosy Nechodom said she feels it is the latter.

"However, bullying does look different in this culture with the use of technology. Twenty years ago, you could change environments to get away from the bully; that is no longer the case with social media," she said.

She also said that where kids would once fight things out with their fists, kids today have easy access to weapons.

"We can no longer stand back and trust that kids will work things out for themselves. We need to assist with empowering "victims" to have a voice and also reach out to the "bullies" to provide them with alternatives for venting their frustrations in more acceptable ways," Nechodom said.

Nechodom said that middle and high school students participate in a Healthy Youth Survey, which in-



Photo by Rosy Nechodom

Above left: Bullfighter Rowdy Barry (l) and rodeo clown JJ Harrison (r) have middle school students Owen Yost (the "bull") and Kaednce McCauley (rider) Above right: Harrison talked with parents in the high school "cage."



Photo by Dena Martin

cludes questions about bullying, every two years. The last results, from 2016, indicate that Waitsburg numbers are in line with state statistics.

"In comparing this data to the state data there is no statistical significance, meaning it is pretty much the same as other students report statewide," she said.

Results from the 2018 survey will be available this spring, for further comparison.

Nechodom said that survey results indicate that bullying seems to decrease as kids get older, with middle school students reporting more bullying.

"This makes sense as, developmentally, kids are trying to find their place in the world by comparing themselves to those around them with limited social-emotional skills to process their experiences," she said.

As a counselor, she works to teach the difference between bullying and teasing and tattling and reporting. She also acts as a facilitator between students that are in conflict to increase empathy and stop unwanted behavior.

"Bullying behavior that happens at school will be addressed by school staff when it is made aware to us. Behaviors that happen outside school can be addressed by parents, and when necessary, law enforcement. Harassment is the legal term for bullying and it is illegal. When bullying becomes violent it is called assault, which is also illegal," she said.

Wednesday evening, Harrison shared his message with a group of about 10 community members, most of which were school staff, board members and administration.

Harrison shared much of the same advice he shared with students and reiterated the difference between bullying and teasing, saying teasing is a good thing.

"Teasing is something both parties enjoy. It brings relationships closer and solidifies bonds. I don't want

Waitsburg School Counselor Rosy Nechodom suggests that parents can help prevent bullying by:

- making sure kids feel loved and accepted at home, just as they are
- teaching student to speak up for one another
- Helping to foster friendships outside of school
- Encouraging involvement in extra-curricular activities that help build friendships and develop skills that boost self-esteem
- Teaching kids to ignore a bully or send the message that they don't care what the other person thinks of them
- Helping kids develop the ability to "agree" with negative comments, laugh at their own shortcomings or use humor can defuse further bullying. "When kids are able to laugh at themselves no one else can laugh at them, they can only laugh with them," Nechodom said.

people to be afraid of teasing. Bullying is unwanted and is an imbalance of power. There is no back-and-forth," he said.

Some in attendance commented on the fact that parents in the district complain about the bullying issue but don't show up when resources and help are offered. Others commented that bullying often starts at home and is a learned behavior.

"It's a feather in our hat that our district is trying, our school is trying, our principals are trying, our counselors are trying. We want to help our community identify bullying behavior. You brought in a rodeo clown and we're going to look at different ways to reach our community. You're not always educating kids, but you're educating the parents as well," Harrison said.

## PRESCOTT TIGERS LOSE TO OAKESDALE IN PLAYOFFS, FACE POMEROY ON FEB. 13

OAKESDALE - The Prescott Tigers boys' basketball team dropped their first game in the district playoffs to Oakesdale, 45-57 on Monday night in spite of being tied 25-25 at halftime.

Prescott's Jonathan Cardenas brought in 17 points for Prescott.

The game pushed the Tigers into the losers bracket where they will play a loser-out game against the Pomeroy Pirates in Colfax on Wed., Feb. 13.

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a.m. at Pam Conover's house or at 7 p.m. in the church basement. People can join any time without feeling they need to play catch-up.

Men meet in the church basement the first Saturday of every month at 8 a.m. for a "great breakfast" and fellowship, followed by a service project.

Celebrate Recovery, for anyone struggling with a hurt, habit, addiction or hang-up, is each Wednesday. Dinner is served at 6:30 with a meeting from 7-8 p.m.

On Feb. 23 the church will hold a men's night, showing the movie Courageous and eating "unhealthy food." All men, no matter the age are welcome.

"Personally, as a pastor, it is amazing to be able to lead a church not only where I grew up but also alongside some of the most incredible people I've ever met. Our vision for this year is "community mindset". This building is not my workplace. The community is my workplace," said Pastor Matt.

Since joining the church Wyatt said he and his wife, Krystal have witnessed over 200 lives come to know the Lord with 33 baptisms done in 2018 along.

"This is a church of loving people, and some of the most welcoming individuals that you could ever come across. No matter what area of life or background you come from, we just want to welcome you in, give you a big hug, and tell you about the One who changed our lives," Pastor Matt said.

Pastor Matt is also passionate about being part of the community and reaching people on the street.

"I would like to invite those who feel they are missing something in their life or are just curious to what we are all about, to join us at 10 a.m. on Sunday mornings. You won't be looked down on, you won't get sideways glances, you will be loved on and welcomed with open arms. This church isn't a museum of perfect people. It's a hospital of broken and needy people



Courtesy Photo

Waitsburg Chapel Pastor Jimmie Daves (l) at last year's town Christmas tree lighting ceremony.

who know that IN SPITE of who we are, God could never love us more or less than He does right at this moment," Pastor Matt said.

### Waitsburg Chapel

After running a home Bible study for several years, Pastor Charles McGuire accepted a building donation from the Rays and Allen families in May of 1975 and dedicated the original building of the Pentecostal Church of God on Main Street. That building is currently home to the Whoopemup Hollow Café.

When the church outgrew that facility, members began using the former Baptist Church building at the chapel's current location at 320 W. 2<sup>nd</sup>. That building was built by Winfield Johnson, from an old barn on what was the old lumber mill property.

Current pastor Reverend Jimmie Daves assumed his role as pastor in December of 1983. This past year, Rev. Daves was honored with his 40-year commemorative pin as an ordained minister with the Pentecostal Church of God.

In 1984, Daves alongside Steve Knox of the Christian Church, Ernie Gates and Bob Lythgo of the Nazarene Church and Les Hyder of the Presbyterian Church banded together to form the Waitsburg Ministerial Association.

Several community events were designated as union services to help bind the community together, with the pastors taking turns providing the message. These services included the Easter Sunrise Service, Bachelorette Service, Fall Festival, Thanksgiving Service, and Christmas Eve Service.

The Ministerial Association also collected items to provide Christmas baskets to those in need, until about eight years ago. It also organized the Traveler's Aid Fund to help those traveling through, who may have become stranded and were in need of food, fuel or lodging.

Over the years, the church has hosted midweek Bible Studies, Sunday night services, youth activities and welcomed evangelists and music groups.

In 2019, the Waitsburg Chapel will continue its food pantry program, started in 2015 and open to anyone in need, will host its 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Easter Egg Hunt following Easter services and will continue its fifth year of hosting Outdoor Summer Movie Night. A tent revival is planned for this summer.

Waitsburg Chapel meets at 9:45 for Sunday School and 11 for Morning Worship each Sunday.

### St. Mark's Catholic Church

St. Mark's Catholic Parish, located at 405 W. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, has been served by Priest Steve Werner since June of 2017. Father Werner also serves the parishes of Pomeroy and Dayton. St. Marks has a Sunday evening mass at 5 p.m. with a monthly parish potluck following mass.

An Ash Wednesday service will be held at 7 a.m. on March 6. During the Fridays of lent, the parish has the stations of the cross followed by a soup supper. Holy Thursday and God Friday services are held at St. Joseph's parish in Dayton at 5 p.m. St. Mark's will have an Easter vigil service at 8:30 p.m. and will have a tri-parish potluck on June 22.

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## Daddy-daughter *Mad Hatter's Ball* is a success

Popular fundraiser brings in \$1000 to purchase school supplies

By Dena Martin | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG – The Waitsburg Elementary School multipurpose room was hopping on Saturday night as dads and daughters entered the magical world of Alice in Wonderland for the Waitsburg Home and School Association's (HASA) Third Annual Daddy-Daughter Dance.

Fifty-two dads or father figures attended with their daughters. Girls ranged in age from 2-years-old to 13-years-old and came from Waitsburg and surrounding areas to bring in \$1010 for the HASA.

"Even with the snow scare there were more dads this year and we made \$400 more than last year," said HASA treasurer Mandy Kiefel.

Walla Walla DJ David Long provided music and a photobooth. Alice in Wonderland decorations were provided by Tammy Hersey of Dayton. Attendees entered the lobby, which was decorated as a forest before going through the rabbit hole and into Wonderland. Inside was a Mad Hatter's table, a Queen of Hearts with castle, an Alice doll breaking out of a house and a Cheshire cat in a tree.

The popular fundraiser brings in money to be used to purchase school supplies for all Waitsburg students, a goal of the HASA. The Home and School Association meets in the Waitsburg Elementary School library on the first Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Anyone interested in supporting Waitsburg students is welcome.



Photos courtesy of Mandy Kiefel

Clockwise from top right: Emmet Booth dips daughter, Laila. Andi Rae Alsup takes a ride on dad Bo's feet. Harleigh Webber and Olivia Kiefel pose in front of the Queen of Hearts. Emma Montgomery enjoys being dressed to the nine's. A group of ladies demonstrate their line dancing skills.

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