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## Local racer signs deal with racing company

*Koby Harris has been racing remote control cars for more than two years, and recently signed a deal with a California-based racing company.*

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

One of the best feelings is when you figure out what is meant by "do what you love and love what you do," and Koby Harris is figuring it out early! The Waitsburg High school student recently turned his remote control car hobby into an ambassador partnership with a California-based racing company.

Tekno RC is a California based remote control car company, specializing in racing equipment. They sell cars, parts, tools and engines for remote control cars. Harris has been using their equipment on his cars, and liked the company so much, he signed a year-long contract for 2020 to serve as an ambassador. He will continue to use and promote their products and the sport of RC car racing, as well as grow his future in the RC world.

Harris started racing remote control cars two summers ago. While at his nephew's BMX race in Walla Walla, he heard cheering and shouting that didn't belong to parents at the BMX race.



Courtesy photo

Koby Harris stands above the race track, controlling his car with his remote control during a race last season. Even though he is all business during a race, Harris's favorite part of racing is the fun atmosphere and friendly people at the races.

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## Waitsburg City Council Update

*The council reviewed the 2020 budget and discussed upcoming projects.*

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—The Waitsburg City Council met December 18, 2019 at the Waitsburg Lion's Building. Council members Terry Jacoy, KC Kuykendall, Jim Romine, and Kevin House, as well as Mayor Marty Dunn, were present.

### Public Comment

Rep. Bill Jenkins thanked the city council for all their hard work and reminded them that his office is open to answer questions and discuss concerns if they should arise.

### New Business

Walla Walla County Auditor Karen Martin discussed the upcoming city elections, and gave more details about the election process through the auditor's office. The City Council has been considering using resources at the auditor's office to handle elections in the future. These services would cost the City of Waitsburg roughly \$2,500. A decision will be made by February.

The City's busiest fund, the Current Expense fund, is largely funded by both real and personal property tax and retail/sales tax. City Administrator Randy Hinchliffe noted that they have seen a slight increase in sales taxes since the Marketplace Fairness law was put into effect in Washington in October 2018. The Current Expense fund provides money for different city functions including the mayor/council, parks, pool, library, and the cemeteries. Hinchliffe noted that the budget, overall, is slightly lower than in years past, due to the outsourcing of garbage billing to Basin Disposal, Inc.

A public hearing was held to review the proposed 2020 budget. Hinchliffe walked through all the funds with the Council and provided a detailed look at large projects scheduled to happen during 2020.

New sidewalks are on the agenda for various parts of Waitsburg. The city has received a grant for \$300,000 intended to help make streets safer for pedestrians.

The city received a grant to purchase a new back-up generator that will be placed at the city well field location. The near-disastrous fire on Main Street last summer placed a huge strain on the City's water source. The generator will help keep water pressure constant in the event of any future disasters.

The City of Waitsburg will receive a \$575,000 Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) to complete the Millrace Grading Project. The STBG program is available through the DOT Federal Highway Administration. The funds will be used to make the intersection at Millrace and Main safer, as well as flattening and widening the area of Millrace just east of the intersection. The project includes a new sidewalk and guardrails above the railroad tracks.

The Taggart Road Extension Project received a grant from the Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) for \$135,000 to pave the top of the road. The new road currently needs some final grading, which was anticipated.

There are plans to replace aged water and sewer lines. The lines have been prioritized based on their material and size. There are plans to install and replace valves throughout the water system. The new valves will help prevent loss of water when working on water lines.

Councilman KC Kuykendall asked for clarification on the salary raises for the 2020 budget. The city administrator position will receive a 14 percent compensation raise, as well as a 2 percent longevity pay. The 14 percent compensation was reached after comparing salary data from towns across Washington that are similar to size and government structure. The raise will put Waitsburg's administrator salary in line with 50 percent of other administrators across the state. Currently, the Waitsburg City Administrator position is the second lowest paid position when compared to similar cities.

The Council voted to approve the 2020 City Budget.

The Council voted to approve the TIB Fuel Tax Grant Agreement. The funds from this grant will go towards the rest of the Taggart Road Extension project.

### Mayor's Report

Mayor Marty Dunn reported that there have been some issues with the light poles along Main. The City is aware and they are currently working to get the lights working properly.

## Columbia County Commissioners adopt \$13.6 million budget for 2020

*Plan includes six-year Transportation Improvement Project, and sets fee schedules*

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—The Board of County Commissioners have adopted their budgets for next year, and there are some things the budget will allow and some things the budget won't allow.

One thing the county won't be able to do next year is to finish renovating the former Convenient Care Clinic building, on N. 2<sup>nd</sup> St., which they now own, Chairman Mike Talbott said, at last week's regular commission meeting.

Talbott said the commissioners have been planning to house the Public Health Department in that building, but that will take a little longer to accomplish because they are hesitant to pay for additional renovation costs out of the \$1.5 million reserve budget.

"We are planning on doing it, but there is nothing in the budget at this present time," he said.

Asbestos abatement has been done, but the rooms still need to be soundproofed, at a cost of \$120,000, he said.

In addition, the commissioners don't want to overburden the county's Facilities Manager, Dave Finney, with work on the new building. Finney is working on the HVAC system project for the courthouse, and performing regular courthouse maintenance, along with his other duties, he said.

The commissioners will consider taking out a loan and using money from grants to pay for the cost of the renovation.

County employees will receive a 2 percent cost of living raise, and they will each receive a \$100 per month contribution toward their healthcare benefit packages.

Commissioner Chuck Amerein said there could be some seed money in the 2020 budget for the county's Flood Control Zone District. Some of the county budgets have been restructured, possibly freeing up some funds, and projects could be done more cost effectively, he said.

County Engineer Charles Eaton presented the commissioners with the 2020 annual construction program, the County Arterial Preservation Program and the Six-year Transportation Improvement Program for their consideration.

Eaton said there is funding for replacement of the Vernon Smith Bridge and the Starbuck Bridge projects, which are slated to begin in 2020, but none for the Baileysburg Bridge.

He also said road improvement projects are a smaller program.

"We are pretty much leveraged out, so we can pretty much not apply for any new grants because there are no funds for matches," he said.

Eaton said the six-year Transportation Improvement Project (TIP) is similar to last year's with the following exceptions:

Kellogg Hollow Phase III has been added, along with the Whetstone/Hwy 12 Project.

Due to the lack of short term funding, the Lewis Gulch Project, the MacKay Alto Project, Phase III of the Turner Rd. Project, and improvements to Weinhard Rd, are being removed from the TIP.

Realigning the Johnson Hollow intersection with Hwy. 12, Phase III of the Eckler Mt. Rd. Project, Phase I and II of the Tucannon Rd. Project and the Smith Hollow Rd. Project will be considered next year.

Phase I of the county-wide sign upgrade will take place in 2020.

At their meeting, the BOCC adopted the 2020 fee schedule for county Road operations, for geographic information services, for solid waste, and for parks and recreation.

The Parks and Recreation Fee Schedules for the Touchet Valley Golf Course and the Fairgrounds received the most public comment; the Friends of the Fairgrounds, and the Touchet Valley Golf Course Board have been working with the commissioners to institute fees that are reasonable.

Responsibility for the Parks and Recreation Department is now under County Engineer Charles Eaton, and he said all fees were raised across the board, by 10 percent for administrative costs.

"For the last ten years the Parks and Rec. Department has operated with an average of \$115,000 in current expense added in for support," Eaton said. "The 2019 budget was budgeted for that \$115,000 average. It came in at \$145,000 needing current expense support, so we've been on losing ground."

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# TOUCHET VALLEY LIFE

**RC CARS - PAGE 1** "I heard something going on, so I decided to go check it out. They were racing RC cars, and I was immediately interested," Harris said. "The environment was so exciting from the beginning." Harris said that the RC car community was very supportive, and included everyone from hobby racers to veteran professionals, and that the community has stayed that way since he started. It's part of the RC car culture.

Harris explained that he races in the NW Championship series. He competes against racers from Washington and Idaho in a six race series. Roughly 300 cars race in this series, and Harris said that he has seen racers as young as eight years old. Racers young and old are always welcome.

There are three categories of RC cars. The first, known as a short course car, is a big bodied chassis with enclosed wheels. The second class; the buggy style; are lower to the ground than the short course cars, with skinny, exposed wheels. The final category is a crossover between the short course car and the buggy. These cars feature exposed wheels and a big body.

Looking to the future, Harris says he is exploring career options in the industry. His current partnership with Tekno RC has the potential to open up big doors for him, and he is excited to represent the Tekno RC brand. Right now, he's simply focusing on having fun and enjoying his races.

"If you go out and just have fun, you have nothing to lose," Harris said. He encourages people to come check out the races, even if it's just to spectate. If you got a remote control car for Christmas or you've been interested in racing, check out the race track at Fort Walla Walla City Park.



## PIONEER PORTRAITS

**Ten Years Ago  
January 7, 2010**

Sheriff's deputies chased a 21-year-old man through a Waitsburg neighborhood, then surrounded his residence with guns drawn for nearly three hours Saturday before obtaining a search warrant that allowed them to enter the house and make an arrest.

[Photo caption] At six foot eleven inches, Blake Brown is the tallest student-athlete in any high school in Washington state, and he is working to become a member of the Waitsburg-Prescott basketball squad.

The Times has made its first move into the cyber age with the launch of a page on Facebook. Simply type [www.facebook.com/waitsburgtimes](http://www.facebook.com/waitsburgtimes) in your browser for free access to updates, pictures, or other fans' comments and discussions. In the spring, the Times plans to expand its cyber presence with a website. It has already purchased the domain name and will begin construction in March or April 2010.

**Twenty-Five Years Ago  
December 29, 1994**

It appears the Walla Walla County commissioners will approve a tenth of a percent sales tax increase for law enforcement purposes.

[Photo caption] Students from Waitsburg Elementary School's kindergarten, first, second, and sixth grades performed a holiday play, *Bob Humbug the Christmas Grump*, during the school's Christmas program Dec. 20 in the high school auditorium. The third, fourth and fifth grades performed holiday music.

If you would like to sound like a cow, elk, a deer in distress, a coyote howling to its kin, a wild turkey gobbling or an antelope buck snorting, Bruce Hancock's Call-M-All, might be the instrument for you. The "all-in-one" game call, according to Hancock of Walla Walla, is the first and only one of its kind in the country.

**Fifty Years Ago  
January 1, 1970**

Plans for a Waitsburg ambulance board progressed this past week with new members from the fire department, city council and Commercial Club being added to the list.

[Photo caption] Waitsburg's Martin Huffman does a mid-court ballet step while blocking a shot made by Touchet's Ron Heckathorn (44). Jumping behind Martin is Gary Kellison for the Indians (22) and Steve Worden (42). Scott Cresswell (21) is visible through Martin's legs and Verlyn Smith is at right.

We look to the New Year with a heartfelt hope that soon the spirit of enduring peace will spread to all men of all nations around the world.

A one-car accident north of Waitsburg caused an approximate \$900 damage to a sedan driven by Jack L. Roberts, 19, of Waitsburg. Jack was northbound on the Alto Road at 12:01 a.m. December 30 when he went into a broadside skid due to icy road conditions. The vehicle went off the road, struck the bank and rolled over. There were no injuries.

**Seventy-Five Years Ago  
January 5, 1945**

At a Scout Court of Honor held in Waitsburg last Thursday, Bill Zuger was given his first class award, and Freddie Rankin and David Dilts received their Tenderfoot badge according to Dick Gosney, Scoutmaster.

A farm machinery repair school will meet for the first time on Tuesday evening with Gerald Vollmer as instructor in charge.

Miles Brunton and Homer Reed purchased the Touchet Valley Hardware on January 2 and will operate as a partnership. Harold Roberts will continue as manager for the present.

"Land prices in the Pacific Northwest are rising as rapidly as in World War I," Rex E. of Agriculture post-war program committee for the Northwest, told the agricultural extension service at W.S.C.

**One Hundred Years Ago  
January 9, 1920**

Marion Bailey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D.P. Bailey, entertained in honor of her 8th birthday last Friday, January 2nd, with a doll party. Those present were: Frances Samuels, Bernadine Wiseman, Ralph Shuford, Velma Starr, Margaret Cutting, Arnold Shuford, Erma Shuham, Marie Snodgrass, Paul Bailey, Will Vollmer. Dainty refreshments were served and little Miss Bailey received a number of pretty presents.

The Exchange Bank has just turned their old electric-driven adding machine in on what is considered the last word in the Burroughs adding machine.

About three-inches of snow fell Monday protecting the ground somewhat from the colder weather that has prevailed since.

**One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago  
January 4, 1895**

The first sound of sleigh bells in this neck of the woods this season were heard on Wednesday.

The ladies of the Huntsville W.C.T.U. held a New Year meeting in the public school at 2 p.m. January 1, 1895. An interesting program, consisting of recitations, select readings and singing, was rendered to the evident enjoyment of those present.

County, State, and School warrants taken at par, at Schwabacher Co. Store, Walla Walla—half cash, half trade.

Dr. R. E. Butler was in the city from Weston on Tuesday. He will probably relocate here and take the place and practice of Dr. C. L. Stubbs who expects to leave for Chicago to remain.



Courtesy photo

Xtreme R/C Club of Walla Walla is located at 755 SE Myra Rd., Walla Walla, Washington 99362.

### Touchet Valley Weather Jan. 1, 2020

#### 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>
Rain Likely	Mostly Cloudy	Scattered Rain	Mostly Cloudy	Scattered Snow	Partly Cloudy	Cloudy
High: 52 Low: 37	High: 47 Low: 38	High: 52 Low: 41	High: 50 Low: 34	High: 44 Low: 28	High: 42 Low: 30	High: 37 Low: 29

#### Weather Trivia

Are hurricanes always named after females? ?

Answers: No, they alternate the use of male and female names.

#### Local Almanac Last Week

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	
Monday	45	33	38/28	0.07"	Precipitation . . . . . 0.07"
Tuesday	40	27	38/28	0.00"	Normal precipitation . . . . . 0.52"
Wednesday	31	27	38/28	0.00"	Departure from normal . . . . . -0.45"
Thursday	38	26	38/28	0.00"	Average temperature . . . . . 32.9°
Friday	40	25	38/28	Trace	Average normal temperature . . . . . 33.0°
Saturday	36	30	38/28	0.00"	Departure from normal . . . . . -0.1°
Sunday	34	29	38/28	0.00"	

Data as reported from Walla Walla

#### Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Wednesday	7:35 a.m.	4:17 p.m.	11:29 a.m.	11:03 p.m.
Thursday	7:35 a.m.	4:18 p.m.	11:50 a.m.	Next Day
Friday	7:35 a.m.	4:19 p.m.	12:10 p.m.	12:04 a.m.
Saturday	7:35 a.m.	4:20 p.m.	12:32 p.m.	1:07 a.m.
Sunday	7:35 a.m.	4:21 p.m.	12:56 p.m.	2:10 a.m.
Monday	7:35 a.m.	4:22 p.m.	1:23 p.m.	3:16 a.m.
Tuesday	7:34 a.m.	4:24 p.m.	1:57 p.m.	4:23 a.m.

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## Events Calendar

THURSDAY  
JANUARY 2



**Story Train**  
For toddlers and their parents, story-telling, singing, and games.  
Dayton Historic Depot  
222 E Commercial Ave.  
Dayton, WA  
10 a.m.

FRIDAY  
JANUARY 3



**Weave an Appalachian egg basket**  
A workshop taught by Maribeth Bergstrom for a double-bottomed basket.  
Fort Walla Walla Museum  
755 NE Myra Rd.  
Walla Walla, WA  
\$25 members/\$30 general  
10 a.m.

**Popcorn Fridays**  
Fresh popcorn at the library with lots of toppings.  
Dayton Memorial Library & Delaney Bldg.  
111 S 3rd St.  
Dayton, WA  
3 p.m.



**Laser Tag**  
For ages 9 - 17  
Dayton Memorial Library & Delaney Bldg.  
111 S 3rd St.  
Dayton, WA  
6 - 8 p.m.

**Opening Reception: Color Your World**  
Featuring Walla Walla artists Amy Bond, Frankie Laufer, Saw Lay, and Bob Ruble.  
CAVU Cellars  
175 E Aeronca Ave.  
Walla Walla, WA  
7:30 p.m.

SUNDAY  
JANUARY 5

**Pine Needle Basket Class**  
Weave your own small pine needle basket. Preregistration required. \$25 members/\$30 general, includes materials.  
Fort Walla Walla Museum  
755 NE Myra Rd.  
Walla Walla, WA  
10 a.m.

MONDAY  
JANUARY 6

**American Legion Meeting**  
Waitsburg Town Hall  
121 Main Street  
Waitsburg, WA  
6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY  
JANUARY 8

**Discovery Kids - Interactive Story Time**  
Dayton Memorial Library & Delaney Bldg.  
111 S 3rd St.  
Dayton, WA  
10 a.m.

**Port of Columbia Meeting**  
1 Port Way  
Dayton, WA  
3:30 p.m.



**Beginning Watercolors**  
Eight weeks to discover what makes watercolor such an amazing medium! Complete three projects with instruction from Joyce Anderson. No experience necessary.  
WWCC Continuing Education  
500 Tausick Way,  
Walla Walla, WA  
\$87.84  
5:45 - 7:45 p.m.

THURSDAY  
JANUARY 9

**Blue Mountain Heritage Society**  
Dayton Memorial Library & Delaney Bldg.  
111 S 3rd St.  
Dayton, WA  
9 a.m.

**Opening Reception: Debbie Antes**  
Reception for ArtWalla Member Artist, Debbie Antes.  
Henry Earl Estate Wines  
25 E Main Street  
Walla Walla, WA  
5 - 9 p.m.

**Search & Rescue Meeting**  
First Search & Rescue meeting of the year. For more information, contact: Robbie\_Patterson@co.columbia.wa.us  
Columbia County Fire Department  
111 Patit Rd.  
Dayton, WA  
6 p.m.

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Fri., Jan. 3	7:30
Sat., Jan. 4	3:00, 7:30
Sun., Jan. 5	3:00, 6:30
Tues., Jan. 7	6:30

(509)382-1380 or libertytheater.org

## DAYTON SENIOR ROUND TABLE LUNCH MENU

Dayton Senior Center  
403 E. Patit St.  
12 p.m.

Thurs., Jan. 2

Kielbasa  
Mac & Cheese  
Caesar Salad  
Fruit & Milk

Tues., Jan. 7

Lasagna  
Mixed Veggie  
Salad  
Garlic Bread  
Fruit Cocktail

## WAITSBURG SENIOR LUNCH MENU

Waitsburg Senior Center  
504 Main Street

Tues., Jan. 7

Lasagna  
Italian Veggies  
Salad bar  
Fruit  
MOW: Caesar salad

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## Meetings & Gatherings

**Alcoholics Anonymous - Dayton:**  
Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7 p.m., Dayton First Congregational Church-UCC dining room, 214 S. 3rd St.

**Alcoholics Anonymous - Waitsburg:**  
Saturday, Monday and Friday, 8 p.m., Presbyterian Church basement, 504 Main St.

**American Legion Post #35:** First Monday, 6 p.m., Waitsburg Town Hall, 121 Main Street.

**American Legion Post #42:**  
Second and fourth Wednesdays, 7 p.m., American Legion Building, 211 E. Clay St., Dayton.

**Bingo:** Every Friday, doors open at 4 p.m. Bingo at 6 p.m. Dayton Eagles, 222 E. Main

**Blue Mountain Heritage Society:**  
Second Thursday, 9 a.m. Delany Building, 111 S. 3rd St., Dayton.

**Blue Mountain Station:** Tues - Sat. 10 a.m.-6 p.m., 700 Artisan Way, Dayton.

**Book Chat:** Third Saturday, 6ish-8ish, Delany Room, 111 S. 3rd St., Dayton.

**Celebrate Recovery-Dayton:**  
Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m., Catalyst Church, 311 S. 4th, Dayton.

**Celebrate Recovery-Waitsburg:**  
Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m., Waitsburg Christian Church, 604 Main St.

**Columbia County Commissioners:**  
First and third Mondays, 9 a.m., Commissioner's Chambers, 311 E. Main, Dayton. (Work sessions are the first and third Wednesday of each month.)

**Columbia County Commissioners:**  
Third Mondays, 6-7 p.m. public listening sessions. Commissioner's Chambers, 311 E. Main, Dayton.

**Columbia County Health System:**  
Fourth Wednesday, 1:30 p.m., Dayton General Hospital board room, 1012 S. 3rd St., Dayton. (May and Sept. meetings will be held at Waitsburg Town Hall.)

**Columbia County Planning Commission:** Second Monday, 5:30 p.m., 114 S. 2nd St., Dayton.

**Columbia-Walla Walla No. 2 Fire Commissioners' Meeting:**  
7:30 p.m., Waitsburg Fire Department, 234 Main Street.

**Columbia County Rural Library Board:** Third Monday, 7 p.m., Delany Building, 111 S. 3rd St., Dayton.

**Dayton City Council:** Second Wednesday, 7 p.m., Dayton City Hall, 111 S. 1st St.

**Dayton Friends of the Fairgrounds:**  
Second and fourth Thursdays, 7 p.m., American Legion Building, 211 E. Clay St., Dayton.

**Dayton Friends of the Library:**  
Second Friday, 10 a.m. Dayton Memorial Library, 111 S. 3rd St.

**Dayton Kiwanis:** Second and fourth Thursdays, Noon, Delany Building, 111 S. 3rd St.

**Dayton Parent-Teacher School Association:** Second Tuesdays, 7 p.m. Dayton Elementary Multipurpose Room, 614 S. 3rd St.

**Dayton Planning Commission:** Third Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., Dayton City Hall, 111 S. 1st St.

**Dayton Senior Round Table:**  
Tuesdays and Thursdays, 12 p.m., Dayton Senior Center, 403 E. Patit St.

**Dayton School Board:** Third Wednesday, 6 p.m., School Administration Building, 609 S. 2nd St.

**Discovery Kids:** Wednesdays, 10 a.m., Dayton Memorial Library, 111 S. 3rd St.

**Friends of the Dayton Community Center:** Last Tuesday, 5:30, Delany Building, 111 S. 3rd St., Dayton.

**Friends of the Dayton Dog Park:**  
First Monday, 6 p.m., Chief Springs, 148 E. Main, Dayton.

**Prescott City Council:** Second Monday, 7:30 p.m., Prescott City Hall, 108 S. "D" St.

**Port of Columbia meetings** second Wednesday at 3:30 p.m., Port Main Office 1 Port Way, Dayton.

**Prescott School Board:** Fourth Thursday, 6 p.m., District Boardroom, 207 S. "A" St.

**Soup for the Soul:** Last Friday, 5:30 p.m., Dayton First Christian Church, 410 S. 3rd St., Dayton.

**TOPS (Take off Pounds Sensibly):**  
8:30 a.m., United Methodist Church, 110 S. 3rd St., Dayton.

**Waitsburg Christian Church Youth Group:** First and third Mondays, 6:30 p.m., Waitsburg Christian Church, 604 Main Street.

**Waitsburg City Council:** Third Wednesday, 7 p.m., Don Thomas Building, Fairgrounds.  
Waitsburg Commercial Club: Fourth Thursday, Noon, Waitsburg Town Hall, 121 Main St.

**Waitsburg Commercial Club:** Last Thursday, Town Hall, Noon RSVP for lunch [waitsburgcc@icloud.com](mailto:waitsburgcc@icloud.com) or (509)316-1488

**Waitsburg Parks & Rec. District Board:** First and Third Thursdays, 6:30 p.m., WHS band room, 421 Coppee Ave.

**Waitsburg Resource Center:**  
Thursdays, 2-4 p.m., 106 Preston Ave. (side of Banner Bank).

**Waitsburg School Board:** Third Thursday, 6 p.m., Preston Hall Board Room, 605 Main.

**Waitsburg Story Time:** Mondays, 10:30 a.m., Weller Public Library, 212 Main St.

**Waitsburg Senior Round Table:**  
Tuesday, 11:30 a.m., Waitsburg Presbyterian Church, 504 Main St.

**Weller Public Library Board Meeting:**  
First Tuesday, 7 p.m. Weller Public Library, 212 Main St., Waitsburg.



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

**Thurs. Jan. 2:** NO SCHOOL!

**Fri. Jan. 3:** NO SCHOOL!

**Mon. Jan. 6:** B: Chicken & Waffle. L: Corndog, sugar snap peas, and grapes.

**Tue. Jan. 7:** B: Biscuits & Gravy. L: Pulled pork, baked beans, cauliflower, and fruit cocktail.

**Wed. Jan. 8:** B: Cinnamon roll. L: Steak quesadilla, Spanish rice, cherry tomatoes and pears.

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## Church Directory

St. Mark Catholic Church

405 W. Fifth, Waitsburg  
Mass Sunday 5 p.m.  
382-2311

Fr. Steve Werner

Waitsburg Presbyterian Church

504 Main  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Worship 11 a.m.  
337-6589

Pastor Stan Hughes

Waitsburg Chapel

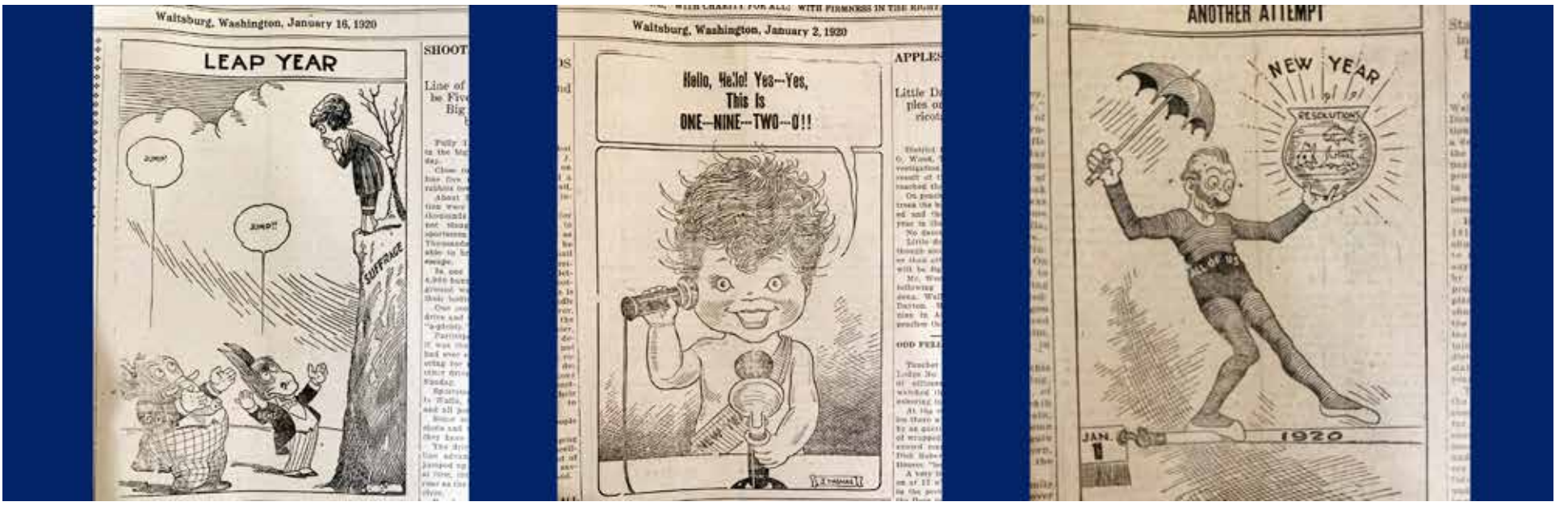
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# COMMENTARY & NEWS



## FOCUS ON BUSINESS

# Waitsburg's bookstore is more than just pages

*Ju's Traveling Pages is committed to the community and supporting local artists and artisans to share Waitsburg with their customers.*

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

Good books, local products, and writing clubs... oh my! Ju's Traveling Pages, located at the end of our Main Street, is owned and operated by a family who has centered their business around everything Waitsburg, and they have some exciting things going on this upcoming year.



Beka Compton

Pam McCauley Chapman helps a customer pick out a book over the weekend.

The little bookstore can be found in the old Delta Connection, and is owned by Jessica Chapman Bannerman. Working closely with her support system and mom, Pam McCauley Chapman, Jessica has turned the little building into a book lover's haven, and she focuses on supporting local artists and artisans. Many familiar names can be seen on the book bindings, and the soaps, lotions, and other gifts are made locally.

"We plan on using books written by authors from the Pacific Northwest for our book club this year," Pam McCauley Chapman said. The first book of the year will be *Graceful Warrior*, by Ann Kidwell. If the pen name sounds familiar, that's because Kidwell is from our little community. *Graceful Warrior* is a tasteful combination of fantasy and fiction that tells the

story of three young women and their fight to survive the world of human trafficking.

"It really is a wonderful book," McCauley Chapman said. "It was never graphic enough that I had to put it down, but it tells a hard story." The book does have some situations that could be triggers for victims, McCauley Chapman mentioned. The Book Club currently meets once a month on Thursday evenings, but they hope to move the day to Saturdays. Book Club members receive a 10 percent discount on the reading material for the month, but it's not required to purchase your book from them. If you're an audiobook user, or you buy your copy elsewhere, you are still welcome to join.

If book clubs aren't your thing, Ju's Traveling Pages hosts a writing club on Tuesdays. The group is small but growing, and they recently did a NaNoWriMo challenge, with a goal of writing 50,000 words in a month. National Novel Writing Month (often shortened to NaNoWriMo) is an annual Internet-based creative writing project that takes place during the month of November.

"The group is so supportive. They help you through writer's block, and they help each other with everything from enhancing characters, building ideas, and editing," McCauley Chapman said. She could hardly put into words how supportive the club members are. She said that she is currently working on a children's book, but there are no limits on what you choose to write. Writers of all levels are welcome to attend and participate. A positive attitude was the only 'requirement.'

Ju's Traveling Pages is currently working on changing their name to Words-n-Print, to include a new screen printing service. The silk screen setup sits behind a counter in the back of the shop, and they are beginning to offer a "print while you wait" service. Customers can come in, pick out a shirt or sweatshirt and a design, and the custom shirt will be printed right then and there. Prices start at \$30, and build from there.

They are taking larger custom orders, as well. To date, they have printed apparel for local 4-H clubs, school districts, and family Christmases. They offer competitive rates and strive to complete orders as



Beka Compton

Soaps, lotions, and other skincare products made by Something for EveryBODY, a family-owned business from Walla Walla. Ju's Traveling Pages is always looking for artists and artisans to feature and support.

quickly as they can.

If you're looking for Waitsburg apparel or gifts, Ju's Traveling Pages does have sweatshirts and tee shirts that have come off their press available for purchase.

The store also has soaps, lotions and scrubs available for purchase. The clean, handmade products are created by Something for EveryBODY, a small family business from Walla Walla. There are a couple of swivel racks full of handcrafted cards for all occasions created by local artists. The cozy sitting area is decorated with pictures taken by local photographer Lacy Nichols. If you're looking for something truly Waitsburg to gift, Ju's Traveling Pages is the place to go!

"Waitsburg has a lot of hidden talent," McCauley Chapman said. "We love giving that talent the spotlight for a little while." They do rotate the art in the store, and are always looking for artists and artisans to feature.

The store is open from Tuesday's, Thursday's, and Friday's from 1-5, and on Saturday from 11-4. If you're interested in the book club or the writing club, pop by the store or follow them on Facebook at Ju's Traveling Pages: Words-n-Print. The seating area is available to use as a meeting space, just check in with either Jessica or Pam at the store.

## COMMISSIONERS - FROM PAGE 1

He said the goal for 2020 is to bring the amount the county subsidizes from current expense down to \$130,000. In 2021, he said the amount from current expense should be down to \$115,000. There will be additional fee increases along the way.

Commissioner Ryan Rundell said they need to control some of the "bleed out." "I'm not expecting to make a profit and I don't want to make it so burdensome nobody goes there, anymore," he said.

Eaton said all fees were raised across the board, by 10 percent for administrative costs.

The fee schedules are posted on the Public Works Department website and copies of the six-year TIP can be obtained at the Public Works Department.

Also last week, the commissioners adopted a resolution authorizing salary in-

creases for themselves.

The Commissioners are required by law to set their own salaries but cannot set a salary for a time period which is included in his/her current term. None of them are elected to a term beyond Dec. 31, 2022.

Their salaries have been previously set for all years prior to 2023.

They are currently making \$35,000, each, plus all benefits accrued. They will receive a yearly 3 percent increase in salary, with the salary set at \$40,000 in 2023.

The commissioners also approved a collection for the 2020 Soldiers and Sailors Fund, at a rate of one and one eighths cents per thousand of assessed value.

Chuck Reeves was reappointed to the Planning Commission in District 3, and William E. Carter was appointed in District 2.

Jeff McGann's resignation on the Civil Service Commission was approved.

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# TOUCHET VALLEY LIFE

## NEWS BRIEFS

### CCHS OWES CMS LESS THAN THE \$1.5 MILLION ORIGINALLY THOUGHT

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—The Columbia County Hospital (CCHS) Board of Commissioners heard a bit of good financial news at their December meeting.

The Finance Committee received an adjustment letter from their Medicare intermediary, Noridian, saying CCHS owes Medicare \$833,000.00, an amount considerably less than the 1.5 million that was originally thought.

Matt Minor, the CCHS Financial Manager, said a \$600,000.00 payment was made to Noridian, on Dec. 13.

On Dec. 19 Noridian began withholding the remainder owed out of Medicare payments to the health system.

Minor said there is no interest and no penalty for having Medicare withhold payments to CCHS, and he said it should only take a couple of weeks for the health system to begin receiving Medicare payments, again.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) operates on a cost-based reimbursement model. That is to say, they front load money for patient care, every year, based on data from the previous year. CMS can either collect the amount they overpay, or make additional payments to the health system, if they underpay.



### Waitsburg Star shines bright



WWCSO

#### December 10

The Walla Walla Police Department assisted the Walla Walla County Sheriff's office by collecting evidence on one of their cases at Frog Hollow Road/Valley Chapel Road in Walla Walla.

#### December 22

Theft of a motor vehicle was reported at Gala Drive in Prescott, WA.

#### December 23

A report of malicious mischief was reported in the 4000 block of Braden Road in Walla Walla, the crime occurred overnight.

Prescription theft, a Violation of Uniform Controlled Substance Act, was reported in the 2000 block of Palisades Lane, Walla Walla.

Theft of mail occurred sometime over the weekend, in the 4000 block of Stateline Road. Walla Walla County.

#### December 24

Theft of children's toys occurred overnight on Farmland Rd. in Walla Walla County.

#### December 25

A report of found property was made on Terminal Loop Road, in Walla Walla County

#### December 29

An unknown suspect burglarized a vacant residence in the 1900 block of S. College Ave. in Walla Walla County.



### COLUMBIA COUNTY SEARCH & RESCUE TO HOLD MEETING

Columbia County Search and Rescue is looking for volunteers who are willing to donate their time in service to their community, helping those in need who are lost, stranded or injured and need help. The Columbia County Sheriff's Office will hold their first Search and Rescue meeting on Jan. 9 at 6 p.m. at Fire District 3, 111 Patit Rd. in Dayton. For information about becoming a part of Search and Rescue contact Undersheriff Robbie Patterson by email at: Robbie\_Patterson@co.columbia.wa.us

### WALLA WALLA-COLUMBIA SCHOOL RETIREES ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCE TEACHING SCHOLARSHIP

The Walla Walla-Columbia School Retirees Association is proud to announce scholarship opportunities for students graduating from a Walla Walla or Columbia County school who intend to become a teacher.

Two \$2,000 scholarships will be granted to prospective teachers and/or candidates in other school related fields, or to those who will student-teach or complete an internship in an educational setting to meet requirements for initial certification.

Along with the county requirement, students must also participate in a student-teaching internship between September 2020 and June 2021.

An online application is available on the Blue Mountain Community Foundation website, at [www.bluemountainfoundation.org/grants-scholarships](http://www.bluemountainfoundation.org/grants-scholarships). Locate the Walla Walla Columbia School Retirees application on the scholarship tab. The application deadline is March 1, 2020.

Contact Mardel Bierwagen at 525-6117 or [gbieterwagen6117@charter.net](mailto:gbieterwagen6117@charter.net) for more information.

## CCHS moves ahead to provide dental services for Medicaid patients

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—Columbia County Health System CEO Shane McGuire said CCHS will be able to provide dental services to Medicaid patients by the end of the year 2020.

McGuire said dentists in private practice find it challenging to provide care to Medicaid beneficiaries because the low reimbursement rates don't cover their costs.

Rural health clinics, like the Columbia Family Clinic and the Waitsburg Clinic, can provide dental care and receive reimbursement rates which are not based on costs, or on volume, or on fees for services.

Reimbursement will be based on an encounter rate similar to how clinical medical services are billed. This encounter rate is determined by dividing actual approved costs of operating the dental clinic by the number of visits each year, he said.

"This is not a profit-oriented service," McGuire said. "Reimbursement is meant to cover costs of delivering care, and will require an annual cost report process similar to what we do in the clinics, now, as well as at Booker Rest Home, and the hospital, as a Critical Access Hospital."

McGuire said it is interesting that the state reimburses rural health clinics at a higher rate for dental

services than they do for private dental care.

The Washington State Hospital Association and state Rep. Skyler Rude were instrumental in obtaining funding for construction of the clinic, which is estimated at around \$240,000.00.

Build documents have not yet been created, but Blue Room Architects of Spokane has provided some conceptual design possibilities, and they have provided price per square foot estimates for the 1300 sq. ft. rooms, or "operatories", which will be added on to the Columbia Family Clinic at the Dayton campus.

"Within the scope of construction, it is not an extremely complex addition, and is smaller than many houses with similar construction materials being used," McGuire said.

An additional \$130,000 is needed for dental equipment, and McGuire said Henry Schein Dental has provided the most cost-effective solution, as well as help with engineering guidance for the dental equipment.

McGuire said former dentist Norm Passmore provided great detailed operational and equipment specification guidance, early on.

At their meeting in December, the Hospital Board of Commissioners listened to representatives from Community Link Consulting address the assumptions and revenue forecast for the clinic, and at the end of their meeting they gave the nod to moving ahead with plans for it.



Courtesy photo

Left and above: Waitsburg residents have been delighted by the nighttime vista of a lighted star/cross located on the water tower just outside of town. An anonymous citizen, with help from friends, reconstructed the decoration this year using an aluminum frame and LED bulbs powered by a solar panel. They are toying with ideas to make the 12' x 6' cross even better next year. *Many thanks to Anonymous!*

### BIRTHDAYS

January 2: Joy Hill.

January 3: Mary Olona, Guy Antonius.

January 4: Meagan Zajac, Loegan Harshman, Andrea Payne, Ben Kiefel, Carol Clarke.

January 5: Fred Rankin, Barb Colby, Willard Cameron, Terry John, Aaron Jones and Ted Seaton.

January 6: Kurtis Reser, Maddie Callahan.

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 In the Matter of the Estate of ROBERT W. SMITH, Deceased.  
 NO. 19 4 00224 36  
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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 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. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(3); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.

Date of Filing Notice to Creditors with Clerk of the Court: December 16, 2019  
 Date of First Publication: December 19, 2019  
 Personal Representative: Donald Orin Schmidt  
 Attorney for the Personal Representative: Michael V. Hubbard, WSBA

#8823  
 Address for Mailing or Service: Hubbard Law Office, P.C.  
 PO Box 67 Waitsburg, WA 99361 509) 337-6643  
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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA**

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 No. 19-4-00229-36.  
 FILED December 19, 2019  
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 Date of First Publication: December 26, 2019  
 RONALD W. KLICKER  
 Personal Representative of the Estate of DONALD E. KLICKER

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**ORDINANCE NO. 2019-1059**  
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Estimated resources, including fund balances or working capital for each separate fund of the City of Waitsburg, and aggregate totals (net of transactions between funds) for all such funds combined for the year 2020 are set forth in summary form below, and are hereby appropriated for expenditure at the fund level during the year 2020 as set forth below:

Fund	Amount
Current Expense Fund (001)	\$ 415,775
Cemetery M&I Fund (002)	\$ 103,500
Library M&I Fund (003)	\$ 2,800
City Street & Road (102)	\$1,048,476
Promotion (106)	\$ 750
Municipal Capital Improvement (107)	\$ 32,000
Water & Sewer Department (401)	\$1,225,725
<b>Total All Funds</b>	<b>\$2,829,026</b>

The full text of Ordinance 1059 is available for examination on the City's website [www.cityof-waitsburg.com](http://www.cityof-waitsburg.com) or at the City Clerk's Office, 147 Main St., Waitsburg, WA, during normal business hours.

Adopted the 18<sup>th</sup> Day of December 2019

Marty Dunn, Mayor  
**ORDINANCE 2019-1060**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING A PORTION OF THE 2019 BUDGET OF THE CITY OF WAITSBURG, AS ADOPTED IN ORDINANCE NO. 1055.**

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 January 2, 2020  
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## Bard and Bee Meadery celebrates bee terroir

*New business at Blue Mountain Station to open in February*

By Tracy Thompson | THE TIMES

Mike Collins began as a home brewer, where his love of fermentation took hold. After studying for awhile at Walla Walla Community College, he transferred to Seattle's Art Institute, where he received a degree in audio/video marketing, working for a while at Banner Bank as a network security administrator and IT specialist. It wasn't until he was old enough to attend WWCC's Center of Enology and Viticulture, that he found a school "that really seemed focused on the success of their students," he said. He graduated from the program in 2015 but had already begun working at Blue Mountain Cider/Watermill Winery while still in school.

While a student at WWCC, he was happy to learn that a few of his wines did very well at the national competitions the program entered them into. "You never really know which wine of yours is being entered into a competition, so you only learn after the fact, how it did."

He was thrilled to learn that his 2013 and 2014 viognier white wine won not only a gold medal, but a double gold, as well "which for a white wine is fairly difficult."

His collective group of three won medals for their 2013 merlot, and was also awarded the best Washington wine at the TEXSOM competition. But now his focus is squarely on developing the flavor profiles of three different meads. A mead is a honey-based wine, and Collins brings his love of traditional methods, and his appreciation for the delicate flavor profiles of different honey to the process.

All three varieties begin with the classical base of honey, water and yeast. The first flavor profile is a traditional one, and has a "wildflower aspect, with your alfalfa, your buckwheat and a little bit of your flower coming through, not much of a headline - but after awhile, an overall powderkeg of the flower comes through, with herbal smells, and a hint of springtime flowers coming through." Collins explained.

The next variety is an herbal one, The Metheglin Herbal, featuring tea-soaked lavender from Blue Mountain Lavender Farm outside of Walla Walla. He says this one "won't have as much of an oak profile to it, to show off the flowers in bloom."

The last variety is the Melomel Fruit, featuring a 50/50 blend of orange blossom honey from Florida, as well as Oregon blackberry honey, "to bring up those fruit flavors, and show off a little."

Collins described the terroir of honey, noting that once a box of bees has been set down, they have a three to five mile range from which to seek their pollen. He intends to piggyback off the local wine scene, which is definitely driven by terroir, in the case of grapes, based upon the flavor profile that the soil lends to their flavor. He is excited to experiment with the 19 different honeys his beekeeper produces, noting that one of his last batches for the season was based on a pumpkin flower based honey, giving it a broader, more herbal flavor. "I have a lot of room to expand my flavors," he said.

He will begin renting space at Blue Market Station in February, but is already working on an introductory brew with Dave Harvey at Redband Cellars out of Pasco. Collins hopes to open for business in February, hewing to the winery season, with a soft-opening for industry folks for the Spring Crush in April.

His wife Kimberly Collins, who is a banker at Banner Bank, will also be a part of the Meadery, providing support on the business end. They have been together since they were students at Wa-Hi.

### BUILDING TWO AT BLUE MOUNTAIN STATION COMPLETE, FULL

DAYTON—Three years after a private developer first started construction on a second building at Blue Mountain Station, the building is finally complete and full of tenants. The Port of Columbia, which owns Blue Mountain Station, purchased the building in late 2018 from private developer Tucannon Development LLC. Tucannon Development completed the shell of the building on land they leased from the Port before stalling on construction.

Port of Columbia Commissioners approved purchasing the building shell in August 2018. Executive Director Jennie Dickinson served as general contractor on the construction project. The building received its occupancy permit in October 2019.

Two new tenants have already taken up residence in the newly complete Building Two at Blue Mountain Station. Blue Mountain Hemp Company is leasing 4500 square feet of the building for a new hemp processing operation. They have plans to make CBD (Cannabidiol) products and plan to open in February. Cedar Rain Spirits, a distillery that specializes in flavored liqueurs and vodkas, now occupies the remaining 1500 square feet. The two new businesses are expected to create between four and ten new jobs in Columbia County.

With the addition of Blue Mountain Hemp Company and Cedar Rain Spirits, there are now 9 small businesses on site at Blue Mountain Station. The first building on the site, the Artisan Food Center, has been open since 2014.

## Cedar Rain Spirits crafts specialty liqueurs at Blue Mountain Station

*New tenant at Building #2 realizes a long-held dream*

By Tracy Thompson | THE TIMES

Robert 'RC' McNicol has been working on the dream of opening his own liqueur business for four years now. He completed a stint in the military and worked construction alongside his father Robert McNicol, in order to raise the cash to fund his business, Cascade Rain Liquor. A native of Portland, OR, McNicol moved to Dayton as a high school student and graduated with the class of 2008. McNicol joins Rusty Figgins of XO Alambic, and Mike Collins of Bard & Bee Meadery in the Blue Mountain Station complex, creating a spirit wave at the location just outside of Dayton, WA.

The germ for McNicol's business was the coffee flavored vodka his parents would create at Christmas time and give to clients and friends. The senior McNicol remembers driving around with a trunk full of the specialty vodka, making deliveries each year to appreciative fans. "We couldn't legally sell it, it was easier to give it away, everybody loved it," his father said.

Cedar Rain Spirits is currently focusing on three different liqueurs, all with the same vodka/everclear base. He said what sets his product apart from the others is his wheat spirits raw liquor base, which he brings down from 90-proof to 80-proof in a filtering process he describes as "getting happy."

Only recently moved in to the 1500 square foot space in building #2 at the Station, he has yet to use his brand new 100-gallon mixing tank. Gleaming and bright, the tank will be used to blend the three different flavors, traditional coffee, cold-brewed coffee and green tea.

McNicol makes every effort to source his ingredients and services locally. The coffee beans come from Walla Walla Roastery, with the traditional coffee flavor offering a nice strong hit of coffee flavor, while the cold brew has a subtler, smoother coffee taste. The green tea is a mix of Earl Grey and Green tea from Stash Teas of Portland, and it has a sweet, bright flavor with hints of peach and ginger. Both McNicol men say it tastes great on the rocks, although the bar manager at Marcy's Bar and Lounge in Walla Walla experimented with a Green Russian a couple of weeks back, to great results.

The eye-catching logo was designed by Dayton graphic artist Boe Stevenson of Boe Designs, and McNicol's wife Kristy does all the marketing. At press time, only four days since launch, their Facebook page had 104 likes and their Instagram feed was picking up speed. Kristy also hopes to utilize Pinterest, with ideas already percolating for recipe sharing and more, on the lifestyle social media platform.

McNicol praised fellow Station occupant Rusty Figgins at XO Alambic for his support and expertise, saying "Rusty's help has been amazing!" Initially, he had planned to have Figgins make the product, but when Figgins told him about the shop space under construction at building #2, and encouraged him to look into it, he found the folks at the Port of Columbia were "amazing" to work with and he decided to rent the space. "We really try to use our community, because the community we have is great!" he said.

They are still working out a few issues, and recently went through a trial and error process to select the right cork, finally settling on a natural cork with a pull top; it fits not too tight, and not too loose, but just right for their purposes. On order is a bottle filler, which has a six-spigot nozzle to fill bottles they've also sourced from Washington State.

Their online shop at [cedarrainspirits.com](http://cedarrainspirits.com) is now open for business, but because of federal liquor laws, the product can only be shipped within Washington State.

By February, McNicol hopes to have the shop space decorated and ready to welcome visitors and plans for a tasting room area in the front part of the production space.

Trial and error have led the Cedar Rain crew to realize that full strength coffee liqueur was a bit of a problem. Those imbibing found they were getting both inebriated AND energized, so now the coffee flavors are mixed with 50 percent decaf coffee beans and 50 percent regular beans. This way, you can enjoy the spirits, but still be able to go to sleep at night.



Robert 'RC' McNicol

# Hardwater

By Brad Trumbo | THE TIMES

January is a tough month. Barely emerging from the shortest day of the year, we immediately embark on those dreaded New Year's resolutions while looking across the arduous 348 days that lie between us and the next Christmas/New Year holiday season.

Even more frightening is the impending closure of the upland game and waterfowl seasons later in the month. February cabin fever looms on the horizon like a blizzard riding an El Niño jet stream. The doldrums are nearly upon us, and it seems that the only folks with something to look forward to are those who ski.

Back in my high school days, I would fire up my old Bronco, kick it into 4X4, and blaze a few snowy mountain trails in the National Forest. Sadly, I matured just enough over time to kick the joy-riding habit, yet fell victim to another vice of the winter months. Picture a wind-swept landscape with snow-covered, timbered ridges rising in every direction. A small jet sled rests at my side containing an ice auger, chisel, depth flasher, a couple 30-inch jigging rods and a thermos. My pocket contains a bathymetric map of the lake that lies cloaked in darkness beneath my feet.

My first experience with ice fishing was like baptism. It opened my soul to winter rejuvenation. A college buddy and I rolled up to southern Vermont to meet his uncle and a friend of his on the ice. We fished tip-ups, which are small, folding frames with a spool of line and a flag. You drop the line through the ice, bend the flag to a catch point that also holds the spool in place, and set the frame over the hole. When a fish takes the bait, the flag pops.



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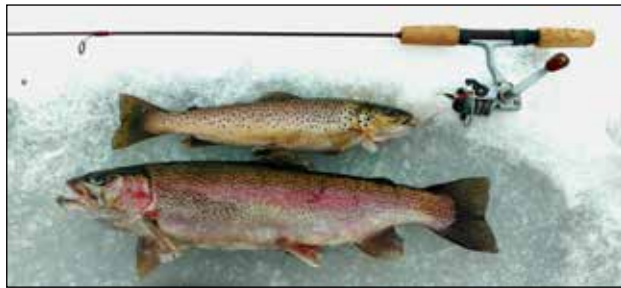
Brad Trumbo jigs up a fat rainbow on a central-Washington lake.

Regulations allowed six lines per angler at the time, so we set 24 tip-ups baited with live minnows. The action was slow. At first, a flag would pop here and there with plenty of time for chewing the fat and sipping cayenne-laced hot chocolate. But as the day wore on and the temperature warmed a bit, the flags came quick and steady. I don't recall how many fish we caught that day, but there were times when all four of us were running between tip-ups with as many as a dozen flags up at once and more coming.

That was the first time I caught northern pike or chain pickerel. I was instantly hooked and immedi-

ately invested. How I ever earn my bachelor's degree is mystifying given I lived out the remainder of my New England winters racing toward a PhD in ice fishing.

The hardwater season generally runs January through early March, and is dictated by ice as much as fishing regulations. The season is a bit shorter in some areas of Washington as temperatures don't stay cold enough to make safe ice or keep it safe very long, particularly in our little corner of the state. But if you are willing to put a few miles on the SUV, north-central Washington provides some fine opportunities beginning in January.



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A rainbow and brown trout that fell for the jig.

One of my favorite destinations is Patterson Lake in Twisp. Twisp is a quaint little mountain town, good for a visit any time of the year, and its cold enough to keep Patterson locked up safely for some good ice fishing. Rainbow trout and my first kokanee came on tip-ups at Patterson a few years ago.

Another solid choice, seeing more than its fair share of pressure, is Fish Lake by Lake Wenatchee State Park. The scenery is gorgeous and the yellow perch plentiful, but finding a fishing spot can be tough on the weekends with the wealth of fishermen, ice skaters and hockey players, when the ice is good.

Also, in the Chelan area are Roses, Wapato and Antilon Lakes. These lakes all offer warm- and cold-water species. Roses is one my favorites with chunky sunfish and black crappie, feisty rainbows, and the occasional largemouth bass, but it's the trout and yellow perch that really draw me.

Have you ever eaten walleye? (Assuming you nodded "yes"). Closely related to walleye, yellow perch offer equal table fare; flakey, white and mild flavored. Lightly battered in the pan, yellow perch makes Baja fish tacos to die for. Trout are tasty too, but they have nothing on yellow perch when it comes to the dinner plate. On the other hand, trout fight well in cold water and get big in many Washington lakes. The yellow perch; not so much.

Given the two-pole limit in Washington (that is, if you are willing to fork over extra cash to use a second line), I set a tip-up and jig the time between flags, or explore other areas with the jig rod while still fishing the tip-up. I generally target the same areas for either technique.

Bathymetric maps are critical to identifying productive areas. I look for humps with a base between 10 and 20 feet deep that rise up four to eight feet. Yellow perch spend time on top of and around these humps. I like to drop my bait or jig to the base of the hump,

then work my way up the side to the top. This means punching a few holes around it to work it over properly. Another option is looking for saddles between two humps within that same 10 to 20-foot depth range. I punch a series of holes across that saddle to fish each depth and location.

Yellow perch tend to school up. Finding one generally means finding many. Conversely, trout tend to cruise around, requiring a bit more patience. One technique that has worked well for me on trout is finding a shallow point extending from the shore into deeper water. If I can locate a sharp drop on that point, I will set up and jig there for up to an hour before trying another spot or moving shallower along the same point. This has put some of my largest trout on ice.

Meal worms and nightcrawlers are my go-to baits for tip-ups. I prefer to jig with glow-in-the-dark jigs about 1/32nd to 1/64th ounce. I usually tip the jig with a small piece of nightcrawler as well. Drop the tip-up bait or the jig to about six-inches off the bottom. You may need to experiment with jigging speed to entice a strike.

Regardless of what species or technique you try, don't be afraid to move around. Sometimes you have to probe the depths of a few different areas before you can locate feeding fish. And I don't recall a trip where I didn't catch trout when targeting yellow perch.

Best of all, ice fishing is family- and pet-friendly. Dogs, kids on skates, lawn chairs and grills are common among hardwater fisher folk of all nationalities stretching from here to Maine, in my experience. The only way to avoid fun is to take it seriously.

If you take to the ice this winter, remember to exercise caution. Six inches thick is my minimum safe-standard for weight-bearing ice as I am coming in at about 270-pounds these days. Clear, black ice is as pure and strong as it gets. White ice has impurities such as air bubbles and potentially debris that can cause weakness. Always carry a length of rope to toss to someone in the event they fall through. Never try to approach too closely and risk falling through yourself.

I personally wear a Coastguard-approved arctic survival suit with built in thermal and floatation layers. I look foolish, but stay comfortably warm. I also keep a pair of ice picks strapped to my body that I can use to pull myself up onto the ice if I fall through. A wealth of additional safety information is available online.

With that said, don't let the safety talk deter you. In all my years of ice fishing I have yet to see anyone break through. And, to be clear, the only necessary gear is an ice auger and a fishing rod. No need to drop a paycheck on Amazon for a boat-load of gear that you may only use twice per decade.

If you are anything like me, you dread the months ahead and suffer an unfortunate ailment for northern latitude; a severe allergy to downhill skis. If so, round up the family, throw the dog in the back, and slip out on the ice for some care-free fishing. By the end of the day, you should have a few tasty fish for the pan and plum tucked kids. And if all else fails, you will at least enjoy a renewed appreciation for the warm confines of home.

## Little Women delights

*New adaptation features stunning performances and a new take on the storyline*

By Tracy Thompson | THE TIMES

Writer/Director Greta Gerwig's (*Lady Bird*) new adaptation of Louisa May Alcott's 1868 novel *Little Women* was a marvelous Christmas gift for this viewer on that day. With a runtime of 135 minutes, the Civil War era domestic drama offered a plethora of viewing pleasures; a lively cast, beautiful outdoor settings, and delightful costuming among them.

Although familiar with the basic story line, it had been awhile since I had read the novel, and I never got around to seeing the 1994 version starring Winona Ryder as Jo March. Gerwig's version tweaks the story line by jumping back and forth through time, contrasting the young women with their older selves, and scenes of hardship and struggle with happier times.

The casting is surely a gift. Saoirse Ronan as Jo absolutely shines in this role. Looking uncannily like a young Meryl Streep, who appears as Aunt March, Ronan's expressive face and her character's determination and fierce independence are a viewing pleasure.

Florence Pugh as the winsome Amy, also eats up the screen, her large eyes and pillowy lips, along with her remarkably husky voice, demand the viewer's attention. Emma Watson as marriage-minded Meg, and Eliza Scanlen as the meek and sickly Beth, while basically looking nothing like one another, nevertheless convey a warm sense of family togetherness and an onscreen bond that drives the story forward.

Some twenty minutes into the story, we finally meet the matriarch of the family, Marmee—and seeing the inimitable Laura Dern in the role is like another Christmas gift, so warm and determined, so full of character and determination.

The conflicts inherent in being a woman in the 1800's are expressed in every character's storyline. We see Jo struggling to make it as a professional writer, with an editor who urges her to include more crime and drama and 'spice' in her stories, and Meg, falling for the neighbor boy Laurie's tutor, a match that will not provide the financial means the family needs to support itself.

The love triangle between Jo, Amy and that neighbor boy, played with incandescent charm by Timothee Chalamet, provides a moral charge to the movie, with Chalamet initially falling in love with Jo, and even asking for her hand in marriage. Young Jo feels she must forge her own path as a writer and leaves her childhood crush behind to try to make her way in New York City.

One of the most delightful scenes in the movie takes place at a Christmas ball, where retiring Jo quietly waits out a party, only to be asked to dance by Laurie. The ensuing scene finds them madly dancing outside on the porch, busting loose in the spaces between the windows.



Courtesy photo

*Little Women*, 2019, Columbia Pictures

The cinematography is marvelous, much of the action takes place gloriously outdoors, with the young people running and jumping about on a beach, at outdoor picnics and striding along between the houses. The effect of all this natural movement brings the story into the modern age, without the stuffy mannerisms of other period pieces, I kept losing track of the long-ago setting, the action seemed so vivid and fresh.

Another delight was the costuming. As a quilter and seamstress with a bit of a fabric hoarding, I mean collecting, problem, each scene offered new textile interest. Rich paisleys, subtle checks, deep plaids, knit shawls, numerous quilts and patchwork items...heaven!

It was a bit of a jolt to finally meet Mr. March, who had been absent from the storyline as he was fighting in the war. Played by "Better Call Saul's" Bob Odenkirk, even with period muttonchops, it was a bit difficult to separate his modern-day characters from the role of the mild and loving Mr. March. Chris Cooper gives an understated performance as next-door neighbor Mr. Laurence, but he brings real emotion to his scenes with the ailing Meg, to whom he not only gifts a piano, but also allows her to play on his grand piano at his more elegant home.

Meryl Streep's Aunt March is outstanding, playing the caustic old lady with bite and fire - don't cross Aunt March!

Also of note, is the remodeling completed at Walla Walla's Grand Cinemas, now called the Cinemark Grand. The option to order tickets and select one's seats beforehand, the cleaner premises, and the comfy padded seats made for a relaxing viewing experience. Be aware, however, that there are a good 25 minutes of ads and previews to sit through before the feature begins. Book your seat ahead of time and plan to arrive late to miss all of that?

## Dayton-Waitsburg girls basketball lose to Stanfield

By Dave Schreindl | THE TIMES

MILTON-FREEWATER—Dayton-Waitsburg's girls basketball team came so close to flipping on a switch and getting their first win of the season at the Mac-Hi Christmas tournament. Instead they dropped a 38-30 non-league contest to Stanfield.

D-W played even with the Tigers for three quarters, it was the opening period's 14-7 and subsequently the seven-point deficit that they could never quite overcome. Dayton-Waitsburg was also bit by the turnover bug as they had 10 more turnovers than Stanfield 33-23.

Despite poor passing all morning, D-W's two forwards easily got the ball in the paint and put the ball up forcing Stanfield to foul them. Junior Sadie Seney and Freshman Claudia Benavides each scored 10 points and went to the free-throw line a combined 21 times, nine more times than the entire Stanfield team. The pair each scored only four times from the charity stripe as the team finished with nine points on 25 attempts.

Dayton-Waitsburg scored first in the game as Junior



Eric Umphrey  
#35 Sadie Seney reaches for the jump ball.



Eric Umphrey  
#35 Sadie Seney sets up for a freethrow.

Captain Mackena Culley hit the team's lone 3-pointer two minutes into the contest. But after a bucket by Seney with three minutes left in the first quarter, Stanfield went on a 7-0 run punctuated by a layup by Nyah Tejeda on a fast break. Stanfield was led by Senior Kylee McClure's 11 points.

Benavides hit two free throws on a one-and-one opportunity 40 seconds into the fourth quarter after a turnover and a foul by the Tigers to pull Dayton-Waitsburg to within 4-points, 29-25. Six unanswered points later by Stanfield including a basket by Brielle Howland on an inbound play, put the game out of reach at 35-25, particularly as



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#21 Mackena Culley sets up a play for D-W.

Oregon does not play with a shot clock in high school basketball.

Dayton-Waitsburg looks to bounce back this Saturday, Jan. 4, when they return to league play and host DeSales at the Waitsburg gym at 5 p.m.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Stanfield	14	4	11	9	38
D-W	7	5	11	7	30

Stanfield (38): McClure 11, S. Sharp 6, Tejeda 5, M. Sharp 4, Hart 3, Blankenship 2, Reeser 2, Flores 2, Howland 2, Shelby 1. 3-pts: Hart. Fouled out, Shelby. Turnovers: 23. Free Throws: 7-12.

Dayton-Waitsburg (30): Seney 10, Benevides 10, Larsen 4, Culley 3, Laughery 2, Forney 1. 3-pts: Culley. Turnovers: 33. Free Throws: 9-25.

## Dayton-Waitsburg boys basketball lose close game to Stanfield at Christmas tournament

By Dave Schreindl | THE TIMES

MILTON-FREEWATER—Oh so close. Junior Mason Finney's shot from the top of the arc bounced off the rim as the buzzer sounded for a heart-breaking loss, 53-52, Saturday afternoon to Stanfield at the Mac-Hi Christmas Tournament.

It hurt even more for the once again shorthanded squad because they held a 44-37 advantage with seven minutes to go in the game. They had a 50-49 lead with 1:35 left and it was tied up at 52 after two free throws by Junior Wyatt Costello with 19 seconds left after D-W had lost the lead.

Stanfield's Ricky Carrillo put the Tigers up for good after missing his first free throw but sunk his second attempt with four seconds left for the one-point victory.

Dayton-Waitsburg played some of their best basketball of the season despite being plagued by seasonal illness. They shot the ball better and finished with a season low 12 turnovers.

D-W looked like they were going to take over the game two minutes into the third quarter after Sophomore sharpshooter Dylan Bledsoe went on an 11-point scoring spurt. He would finish with a game-high 16 points. This came after Stanfield had taken back the lead with six unanswered points to start the second half. Bledsoe stopped that momentum swing with a layup underneath the basket on a designed play with the assist from Senior Tayven Seney.

Bledsoe would score the team's next nine points all from beyond the 3-point arc. It gave Dayton-Waitsburg a 34-29 lead with 3:29 left in the third quarter. His teammate Costello got a chance to shine with some more playing time as a result of team illness as he finished with 11 points. Costello's electrifying shot of the game came with 2:20 left in the first half when after receiving a pass he spun around and hit a basket from near the free throw line in the middle of a D-W 9-0 run and gave Dayton-Waitsburg a 23-15 lead.

Junior Colton VanBlaricom was the other Dayton-Waitsburg player scoring double figures with 12 points. Five of his points came from the free throw line. However, it is one area the Dayton-Waitsburg boys basketball team need to continue to improve on as they finished 50 percent from the charity strip, 12-for-24. Stanfield on the other hand was 16-for-27 from the free throw line.

Dayton-Waitsburg will look to rebound this Saturday, Jan. 4, when they return



Eric Umphrey

#4 Sean Evans fires off a jumper against Stanfield.

to league play by hosting DeSales at the Waitsburg gym at 6:30 p.m.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Stanfield	9	11	15	18	53
D-W	8	15	17	12	52

Stanfield (53): Sanchez 15, Orozco 15, Carillo 7, Hernandez 6, Brown 4, Elizares 4, Kerns 2. 3-pts: 2-9, Carrillo, Sanchez. Fouls: 21. Fouled out, Elizares. Turnovers: 11. Free Throws: 16-27.

Dayton-Waitsburg (52): Bledsoe 16, VanBlaricom 12, Castello 11, Finney 7, Evans 5, Seney 1. 3-pts: 6-16, Bledsoe 4, VanBlaricom, Finney. Fouls: 23. Fouled out, Seney. Turnovers: 12. Free Throws: 12-24.

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# SPORTS

## Inside the matchup: Seattle Seahawks vs. Philadelphia Eagles

By Eric Umphrey | THE TIMES

Okay admit it, you're still not quite sure what happened against San Francisco last week. The first half had you wondering how bad the final score would look. Then Marshawn Lynch dove into the end zone and you started to believe in the team again. In the final seconds it looked like Seattle was going to pull off an upset at home and win the division title. Instead, Seattle fans now have to navigate the NFL playoffs as a #5 seed. Yes, a #5 seed has won the Super Bowl before. It happened back in 2007 when the #5 seeded New York Giants beat an undefeated New England Patriots team. The good news for the Seahawks...they are playing the Philadelphia Eagles next week. Of all the teams getting a home game in the first round, the Eagles are the most vulnerable. The Seahawks should have the advantage at all of the offensive skill positions because the Eagles injury problems run even deeper than Seattle's.

Carson Wentz put together a fine season at quarterback for Philadelphia. He ended the season with a 64 percent completion rate and threw for more than 4,000 yards. Carson had 27 touchdowns to only 7 interceptions on the year and for only the second time in his four-year career he was able to stay healthy for all sixteen games of the season. Russell Wilson's numbers were even better. A 66 percent completion rate and over 4,100 yards passing to go with 31 touchdowns and 5 interceptions. Advantage Seattle.



Philadelphia running backs #24 Jordan Howard, and #26 Miles Sanders, are the Eagles' top running backs. Sanders was injured against the Giants last week and Howard didn't play. Neither are expected to be available next week. #35 Boston Scott is likely their best option at running back and he was on the team's practice squad as recently as October. Advantage Seattle.



healthy. Advantage Seattle.

Philadelphia does have a slight edge in the kicking game. #4 Jake Elliot has missed only four field goal attempts this season and all of them were from 40 yards or more. He has missed two extra points in thirty-seven tries. Seattle's Jason Myers has missed five field goal attempts this season from 40 yards or more. He has also made 40 of 44 extra points on the season.

Three keys to the game for Seattle:

- Give Russell Wilson time to throw.
- Over 100 combined rushing yards for Seattle.
- No more injuries.

## D-W Boys lose opener to Irrigon in holiday tournament, 59-52

By Eric Umphrey | THE TIMES

MILTON-FREEWATER—Friday December 27th the Dayton-Waitsburg boys basketball team traveled to McLoughlin High School in Oregon for the first day of a holiday tournament. The boys would face Irrigon in the first round matchup. D-W quickly found themselves in a ten point deficit after Irrigon shot 8-16 from the field in the quarter. D-W shot only 5-14 in the first quarter and it ended with Irrigon leading 22-12.

Irrigon's hot hand would leave them in the second quarter as DW began to whittle away at the lead. #10 Mason Finney cut the lead to 24-18 with a jump shot. Moments later #34 Keon Lindsey scored with a nice up and under move to make it 24-20. #2 Colton VanBlaricom made his free throw to complete the three point play and tighten the score to 24-23. Irrigon would close out the quarter with two free throws to end the half ahead 26-23. All four of Irrigon's points in the quarter would come from free throws as they went 0-8 from the field.

In the 3rd quarter, Irrigon got hot again going 6-11 from the field as D-W picked a bad time to go cold. The boys would only put up six points in the quarter going 2-14 from the field. At the end of the quarter Irrigon was up 43-29.

Even though they were down fourteen points in the 4th they did not give up. You can see flashes with this team when they seem to know where their teammates are and the result is fun to watch. D-W would go on to score 23 points in the quarter but still fall short losing 59-52. In the end it wasn't field goal shooting that decided the game but free throw shooting. Irrigon would make 19-30 free throws to Dayton-Waitsburg's 10-17.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
DW	12	11	6	23	52
Irrigon	22	4	17	16	59

### Scoring

DW: Colton VanBlaricom 6, Sean Evans 5, Mason Finney 24, Wyatt Costello 6, Dylan Bledsoe 5, Tayven Seney 4, Keon Lindsey 2.

Irrigon: Ryan Hussey 2, John Cardenas 12, Felipe Flores 16, Ruben Moreno 18, Omar Madrigal 10, A. Madrigal 1.



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#10 Mason Finney scores on a breakaway against Irrigon.

## D-W Girls drop opener in holiday tournament, 57-47

By Eric Umphrey | THE TIMES

MILTON-FREEWATER—The Dayton-Waitsburg girls varsity basketball team played in a holiday tournament Friday the 27th at McLoughlin High School in Milton-Freewater against Irrigon. D-W started off the game shooting 2-19 from the field in the first quarter with all five points coming from Sadie Seney. D-W would chip away at the lead in the 2nd and 3rd quarters, with a balanced scoring attack bringing the score to 40-32 Irrigon at the end of the 3rd quarter. However, a big game by JaLay Burns leading all scorers with 34, proved to be too much for D-W to overcome. The girls did manage to out-rebound Irrigon 27-25 but turnovers once again were their undoing. Their 29 turnovers were nearly twice Irrigon's 15.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
DW	5	11	16	15	47
Irrigon	19	6	15	17	57

### Scoring

Irrigon: Abby Prosser 2, Joleyne Harrison 2, Alyssa Luna 14, Princesa Chavez 5, JaLay Burns 34

D-W: Megan Forney 4, Teagen Larsen 4, Mackena Culley 5, Kristen Miller 6, Claudia Benavides 9, Kira Boggs 2, Sadie Seney 17

Turnovers: Irrigon 15, D-W 29



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Fans let your hair down, Marshawn Lynch has returned to the Seahawks lineup!

## NFL PLAYOFF GAMES AND PICKS

Day	Time	Station	Away	Home	Pick
Sat	1:35PM	ESPN/ABC	#5 Buffalo	#4 Houston	Houston
	5:15PM	CBS	#6 Tennessee	#3 New England	New England
Sun	10:05AM	Fox	#6 Minnesota	#3 New Orleans	New Orleans
	1:40PM	NBC	#5 Seattle	#4 Philadelphia	Seattle

Last week 8-8. Overall 159-78-1.

## Winter Sports Schedules

### DW Girls & Boys Basketball

#### Saturday, January 4

DeSales @ Waitsburg  
JV Girls/JV Boys 2/3:30  
Varsity Girls/Varsity Boys 5/6:30

#### Tuesday January 7

WWVA @ WWVA  
JV Boys 3/4:30  
Varsity Girls/Varsity Boys 6/7:30

#### Saturday, January 11

White Swan @ Waitsburg  
JV Girls/JV Boys 2/3:30  
Varsity Girls/Varsity Boys 5/6:30

#### Tuesday, January 14

Columbia Burbank @ Columbia Burbank  
JV Girls/JV Boys 4:30/4:30  
Varsity Girls/Varsity Boys 6/7:30

#### Thursday, January 16

WWVA @ Waitsburg  
JV Girls/JV Boys 3/4:30  
Varsity Girls/Varsity Boys 6/7:30

#### Saturday, January 18

Mabton @ Mabton  
JV Girls/JV Boys 4:30/4:30  
Varsity Girls/Varsity Boys 6/7:30

#### Tuesday, January 21

Pomeroy @ Pomeroy  
JV Girls/JV Boys 3/4  
Varsity Girls/Varsity Boys 5:30/7:00

#### Wednesday, January 22

Touchet @ Touchet  
Varsity Girls/Varsity Boys 6/7:30

#### Friday, January 24

Liberty Christian @ Liberty Christian

JV Girls/JV Boys 3/4:30  
Varsity Girls/Varsity Boys 6/7:30

#### Friday, January 31

Columbia Burbank @ Waitsburg  
JV Girls/JV Boys 3/4:30  
Varsity Girls/Varsity Boys 6/7:30

#### Saturday, February 1

Tri-Cities Prep @ Tri-Cities Prep  
JV Girls/JV Boys 2/3:30  
Varsity Girls/Varsity Boys 5/6:30

#### Tuesday, February 4

DeSales @ DeSales  
JV Girls/JV Boys 3/4:30  
Varsity Girls/Varsity Boys 6/7:30

### Prescott Girls & Boys Basketball

#### Saturday, January 4

Oakesdale @ Prescott JV Girls/ JV Boys 3:30/5 V Boys 5:30

#### Tuesday, January 7

Wilson Creek @ Lacrosse JV Girls/V Boys 5/6:30

#### Friday, January 10

Pomeroy @ Prescott JV Girls 4/ JV Boys 4/5 V Boys at 6

#### Saturday, January 11

SJEL @ St John JV Girls/ V Boys 4/5:30

#### Friday, January 17

Colton @ Prescott JV Boys/V Boys 6:30/7:30

#### Saturday, January 18

GP @ GP Palouse JV Boys/V Boys 4/5pm

#### Friday, January 24

Touchet @ Prescott JV Girls 6/ V Boys 6/7:30

#### Saturday, January 25

Oakesdale @ Oakesdale JV Girls /JV Boys 3:30/5 V Boys 5:30

#### Friday, January 31

Pomeroy @ Pomeroy JV Girls/ JV Boys 4/5 V boys at 6

#### Saturday, February 1

SJEL @ Prescott JV Girls/V Boys 4/5:30 & Senior Night

#### Wednesday, February 5

Springdale @ Lacrosse JV Girls/V Boys 5/6:30

#### Saturday, February 8

Colton @ Colton JV Boys/V Boys 4/5:30

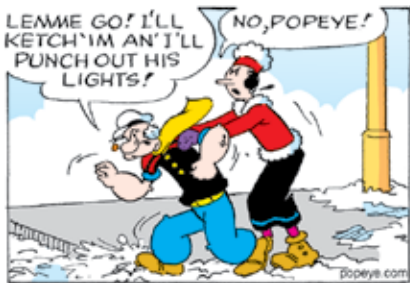
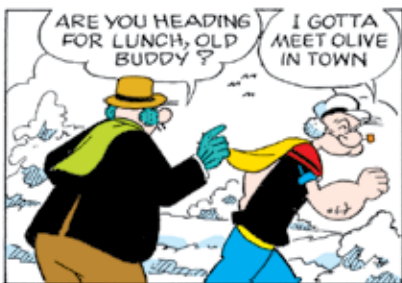
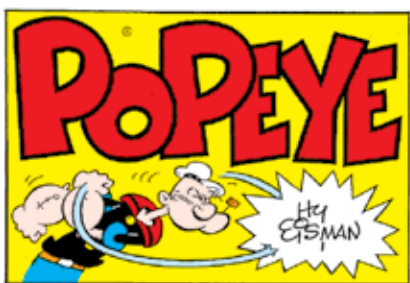
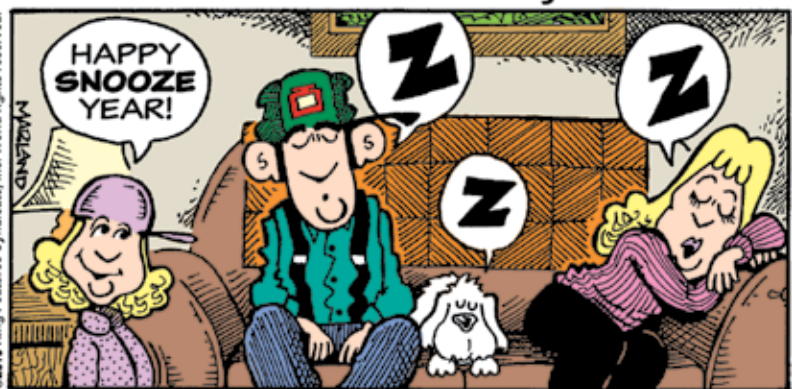
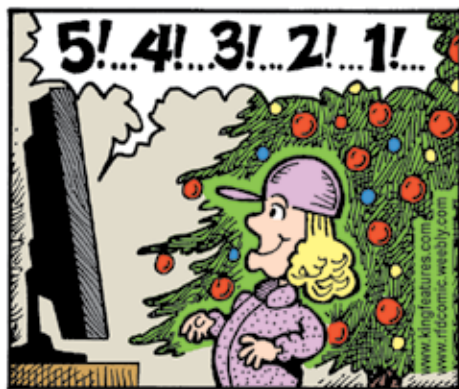
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Just Like Cats & Dogs

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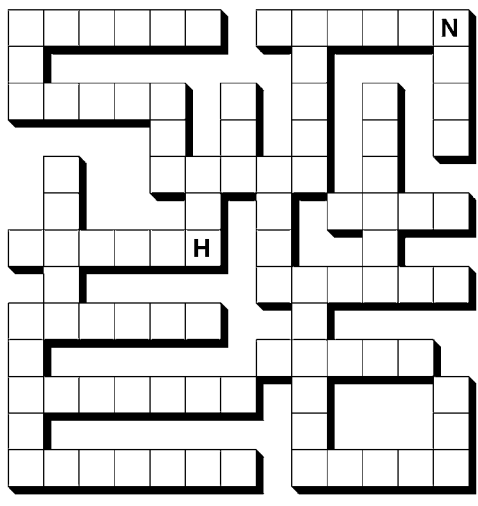
## Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

### CRISSCROSS - TREE-MENDOUS FUN

Each word will fit into one spot in the grid. Use the starting letters as a guide and fit each word into its spot. All words will be used, so cross off each one after you put it into the grid.

- 3 Letters: ASH, ELM, FIG, OAK, SAP
- 4 Letters: LEAF, NEST, PLUM
- 5 Letters: ACORN, APPLE, BIRCH, CEDAR, GROVE, MAPLE, TRUNK
- 6 Letters: BANYAN, BRANCH, CHERRY, FLOWER, FOREST, LOCUST, WILLOW
- 7 Letters: DOGWOOD, REDWOOD



## Even Exchange

by Donna Pettman

Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

- |                        |           |                       |           |
|------------------------|-----------|-----------------------|-----------|
| 1. Think about         | ___ N ___ | Talcum                | ___ W ___ |
| 2. Sleep vision        | ___ M     | Be worried about      | ___ D     |
| 3. It is sold in reams | ___ P ___ | More ashen            | ___ L ___ |
| 4. Chit chat           | ___ N ___ | Trade                 | ___ R ___ |
| 5. Ledger entry        | ___ I     | First appearance      | ___ U     |
| 6. Foolishness         | ___ O ___ | Young mare            | ___ I ___ |
| 7. Adjust to           | ___ A ___ | Take as one's own     | ___ O ___ |
| 8. Whole               | ___ R     | Lure                  | ___ C     |
| 9. Lawnmower's target  | ___ A ___ | A dozen dozen         | ___ O ___ |
| 10. Intensely harsh    | S ___     | Patriotic silversmith | R ___     |

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## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Woman's shirt is black. 2. Stars added to wall. 3. Woman is wearing hat. 4. Letters are black. 5. Window is missing. 6. Decorations added to wall on left.

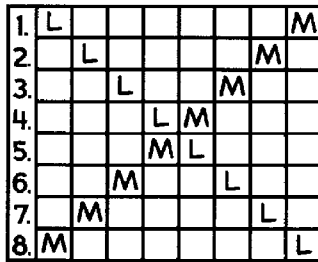


THE HOT CIDER was a big hit at the potluck dinner, but look at the mess to be cleaned up afterward. How many cups can you find in the picture?

Answer: We found 43. How about you?

## Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend



FIND THE BIG WORDS!

Using the definitions and anagrams below, find the eight eight-letter words that fit into the framework pictured on the left. For each definition, the letters in the two anagram words must be unscrambled and used to form the word asked for.

### BIG WORDS

- |                                 |                  |
|---------------------------------|------------------|
| <b>DEFINITIONS:</b>             | <b>ANAGRAMS:</b> |
| 1. Lacking conviction.          | murk + wale      |
| 2. A cluster of flowers.        | slob + moss      |
| 3. A lucky charm.               | slat + main      |
| 4. A stamp of approval.         | mull + hark      |
| 5. A bad homeowner.             | muds + roll      |
| 6. Vests have them.             | sole + harm      |
| 7. Fixed or motionless          | boil + mime      |
| 8. Barely within quality limits | nail + gram      |

**SWING DANCING IS BACK!** Using an expression from the Swing Era, "jump and jive," we've made a puzzle for you. Replace the letters in the expression with the digits 0 through 9 so that you have a correct addition problem. The same letters get the same digits.

One Answer: J=8, U=3, M=0, P=9, A=4, N=5, D=2, I=7, V=6, E=1 (8309 + 452 = 8761)

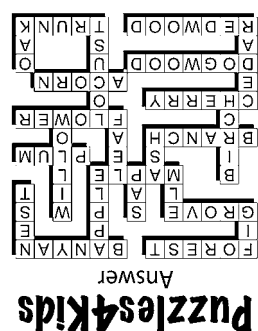
**"BEE" CAREFUL SOLVING THIS ONE!** In this puzzle all of the words get progressively longer, and they all start with BEE. The following hints should help:

- |                            |                          |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. A busy worker (given).  | 2. Source of sugar.      |
| 3. A gray tree.            | 4. An electronic device. |
| 5. Used in making crayons. | 6. Brand of chewing gum. |



- 1. BEE
- 2. BEE
- 3. BEE
- 4. BEE
- 5. BEE
- 6. BEE

Answers: 1. Bee, 2. Beet, 3. Beech, 4. Beeper, 5. Beeswax, 6. Beechnut



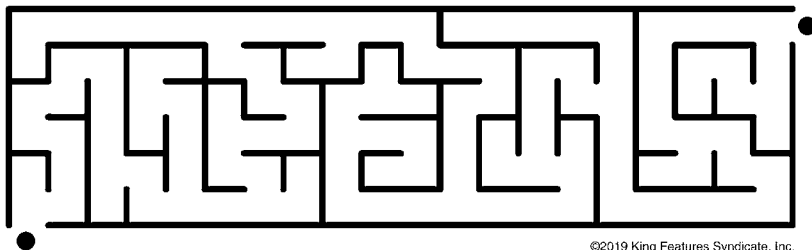
Puzzles4Kids Answer



Kids' Maze Solution

- Even Exchange answers**
- 1. Powder, Powder
  - 2. Dream, Dream
  - 3. Paper, Paper
  - 4. Banter, Banter
  - 5. Debt, Debit
  - 6. Folly, Filly
  - 7. Adapt, Adopt
  - 8. Entre, Entice
  - 9. Grass, Gross
  - 10. Severe, Reverse

## Kids' Maze



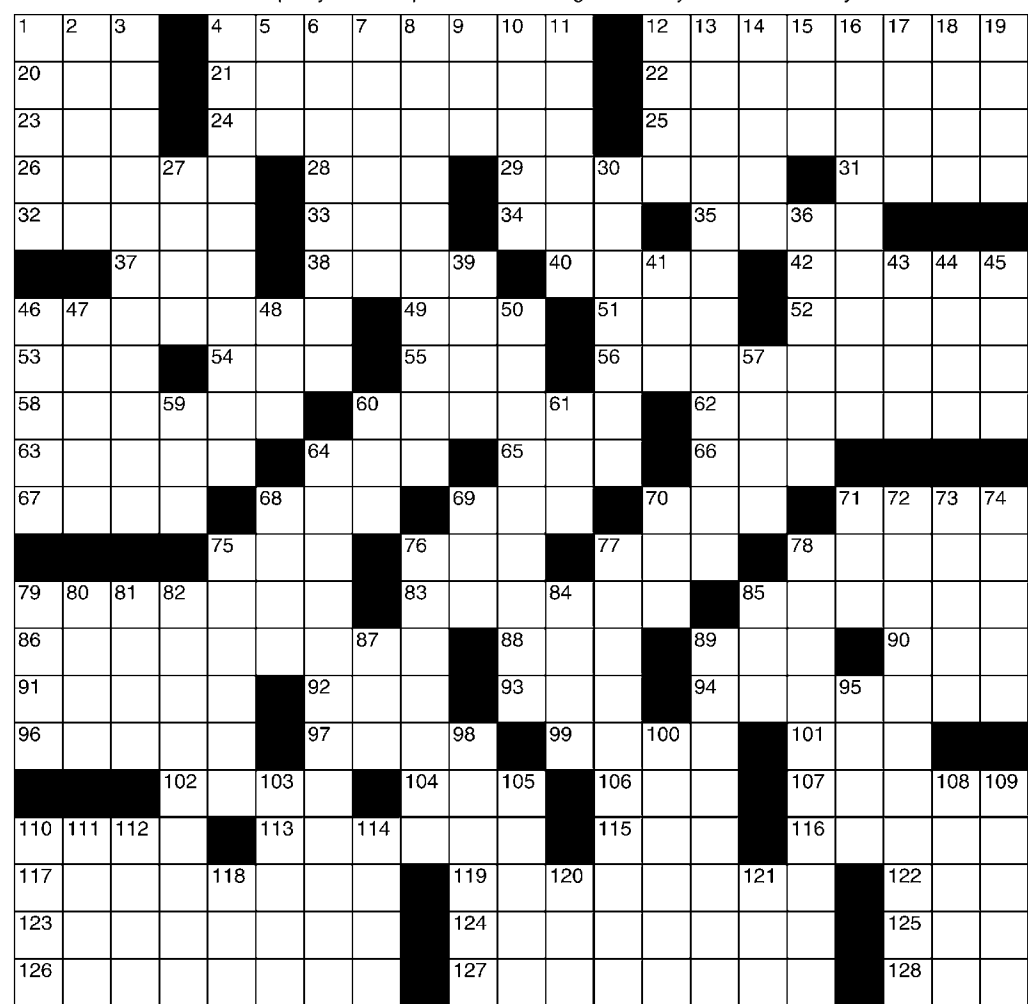
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# FUN & GAMES

## Super Crossword

COUNTING DOWN

- ACROSS**
- 1 Nothin' at all
  - 4 Got on board
  - 12 — Hill (Theodore Roosevelt's home)
  - 20 Altar promise
  - 21 Quiche —
  - 22 Zealous campaigner
  - 23 With 39-Down, business for attorneys
  - 24 Dreams up
  - 25 Enrobing
  - 26 Thorax
  - 28 Cloister resident
  - 29 Native Americans of Oklahoma
  - 31 See 69-Across
  - 32 Lena of "The Wiz"
  - 33 Gal at a ball
  - 34 Big fashion inits.
  - 35 Blue shade
  - 37 Haul to court
  - 38 "Time — the essence!"
  - 40 Wagged part
  - 42 Closest to nil
  - 46 Verizon competitor
  - 49 Artificial hair
  - 51 Skier Tommy
  - 52 Ali or Frazier
  - 53 Klutzy type
  - 54 Radon, e.g.
  - 55 Indian "Mr."
  - 56 Dangerous way to skate
  - 58 Haglike
  - 60 Darkened
  - 62 Uprightness
  - 63 Like radon
  - 64 Actress Courtney
  - 65 Alluring West
  - 66 Kanga's son
  - 67 Pitched shelter
  - 68 "— knew?!"
  - 69 With 31-Across, start to enjoy
  - 70 Snooze site
  - 71 Like sexist jokes and such, for short
  - 75 Mai —
  - 76 Ring official inits.
  - 77 "Piggy"
  - 78 River of Grenoble
  - 79 Like much hemp fashion
  - 83 Actress Cuthbert
  - 85 Was deeply agitated
  - 86 Air impurity
  - 88 Battle (for)
  - 89 Favorite
  - 90 "— -haw!" ("Whee!")
  - DOWN**
  - 1 Nothin' at all
  - 2 Gem State
  - 3 \* A thousand and a googol, e.g.
  - 4 \* March Madness quarterfinal teams
  - 5 Family member
  - 6 Silovitz and kirsch
  - 7 Has a debate
  - 8 \* 1998 Tom Clancy novel
  - 9 Family partner
  - 10 Adversary
  - 11 Cease's partner
  - 12 Flimflam
  - 13 \* Part of the Constitution establishing the judiciary
  - 14 Very nifty
  - 15 "... so far — know"
  - 16 \* Helicopter of the U.S. president
  - 17 Major Norse god
  - 18 Sublet, say
  - 19 Therefore
  - 27 Ignore rudely
  - 28 Scrabble 1-pointers
  - 30 Trendy
  - 36 Typical lab rat, e.g.
  - 39 See 23-Across
  - 41 It has a charge
  - 43 Pivotal line
  - 44 Split-off group
  - 45 Deuce follower
  - 46 Specifically
  - 47 Neighbor of Quebec
  - 48 Place (down)
  - 50 \* Request for a hand slap
  - 57 Engine cover
  - 59 LCD alternative
  - 60 Ski —
  - 61 Consume
  - 64 \* Group of defendants that included Abbie Hoffman
  - 68 "Hold on!"
  - 69 Styling stuff
  - 70 Furry scarf
  - 71 Consume
  - 72 Occasion to shout out the ends of the answers to this puzzle's starred clues (from left to right)
  - 73 Dress fussily
  - 74 Handed over
  - 75 In this way, informally
  - 76 Withdrawal
  - 77 \* "She Loves You" band's nickname
  - 78 \* Tangoing truisms
  - 79 Lofty poetry
  - 80 Heart
  - 81 Toast topper
  - 82 \* A state of bliss
  - 84 Window area
  - 85 View
  - 87 Rustic denial
  - 89 View
  - 95 Capital of Latvia
  - 98 Helical form
  - 100 Taoism founder
  - 103 Omit in speech
  - 105 Nicholas Gage memoir
  - 108 City in Germany
  - 109 Styles
  - 110 Knife feature
  - 111 Old Italian currency
  - 112 Bird class
  - 114 Bird hangout
  - 118 Snead of golf
  - 120 Classic British sports car
  - 121 Hard drinker



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## TEENY MCMUNN: MY RECIPE BOX

### Pork Chops in Garlic Mushroom Sauce

Remember I said I would do the Christmas Scones recipe this week, but call it New Year's Scones? Well, I guess I'll have to rename them again.



This recipe came to my email and it sounded good. I didn't make it yet but I will. When it's cold and dampish outside, a hot meal hits the spot, as well as fresh made soup.

If you don't eat pork, I think a nice thick hamburger steak would substitute nicely. I will make mashed or baked potatoes to go with, but rice or noodles would also be good.

This week I came across a recipe for Kielbasa with Brussel Sprouts and onions. That was it, just those three ingredients, (and a tablespoon of oil) but it was very flavorful. I had a half apple not eaten so I cut it up and threw in also. I made mashed potatoes to go with it. It was yummy.

#### INGREDIENTS:

- 2 pounds boneless pork chops
- ½ tsp paprika
- 1 pinch kosher salt and black pepper to taste
- ¼ c. butter, divided
- 1 (8 oz) package sliced fresh mushrooms
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tsp Dijon mustard
- 2 Tbsp flour
- 2 c. beef broth

#### DIRECTIONS:

Season both sides of pork chops with paprika, salt, and pepper. Heat a large skillet over medium high heat, add 2 tablespoons butter. Sear pork chops until golden brown and no longer pink in the center 2 to 4 minutes per side. Remove pork chops from the skillet and set aside.

Melt remaining butter in the same skillet over medium high heat. Add mushrooms and cook until golden and excess moisture evaporates, about 5 minutes. Add garlic and mustard, cook until garlic is fragrant, about 1 minute.

Add flour to the skillet, stirring to remove any lumps. Slowly add beef broth, whisking until incorporated. Season with salt and pepper. Reduce heat to medium and simmer, stirring often, until sauce thickens, about 5 minutes. Check for seasoning again.

Return pork chops to the skillet and cook until heated through, about one minute.

It was suggested to garnish with fresh parsley, chives or thyme leaves.

#### MY NOTES:

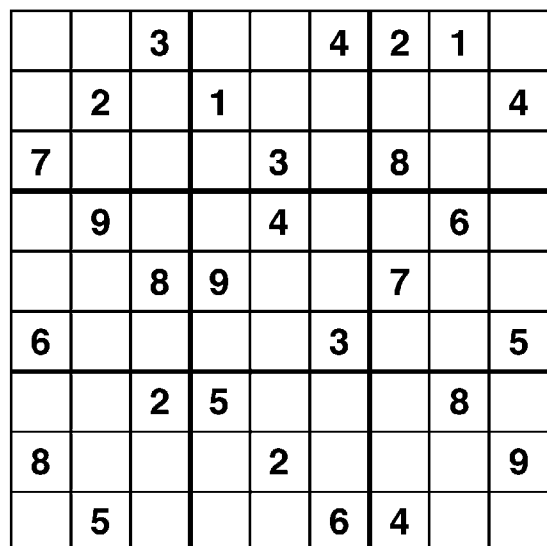
What I like about this, is it doesn't use mushroom soup, just fresh ingredients. I think we (me) tend to overcook pork, making it tough so if this isn't served at once, then keep warm at a low temperature—suggestion only.

HAPPY NEW YEAR to all. For us who survived Y2K, we smile as we remember the anxiety that all computers were going to crash, throwing the world into total chaos, no electricity, and heavens, no cell phones!!

ENJOY!

## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

#### DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

- ◆ Moderate
- ◆◆ Challenging
- ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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## TOP O' THE MOUNTAIN TO YA!

## GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

	x		+		19
+		-		÷	
	-		x		18
x		x		+	
	x		+		16
18		16		11	

#### DIFFICULTY: ★★

- ★ Moderate
- ★★ Difficult
- ★★★ GO FIGURE!

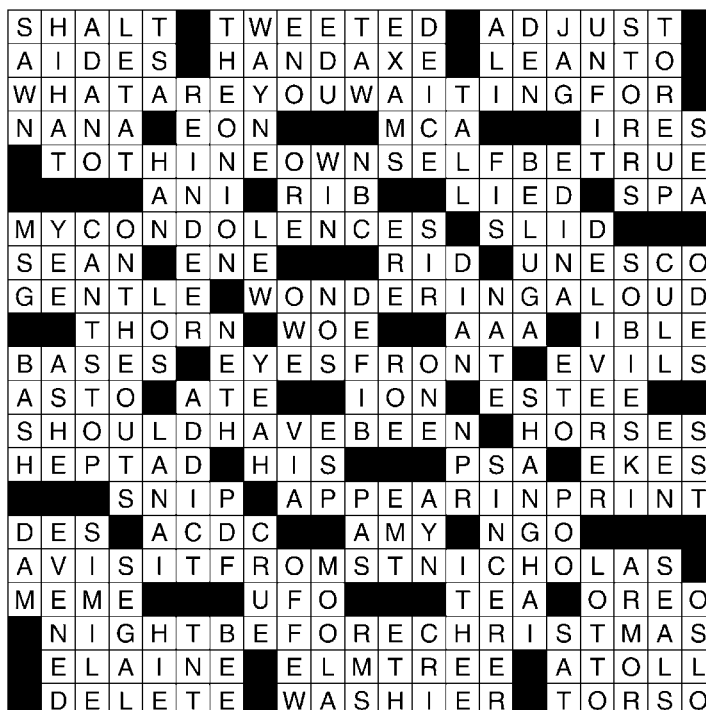
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## LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS:

### Super Crossword

#### Answers



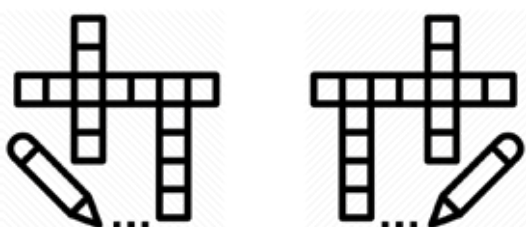
### Weekly SUDOKU

#### Answer

5	2	7	1	9	8	4	6	3
6	4	9	3	5	2	1	8	7
3	8	1	7	6	4	5	2	9
9	7	6	8	2	1	3	5	4
4	5	8	9	3	7	6	1	2
1	3	2	5	4	6	9	7	8
7	6	4	2	1	9	8	3	5
2	9	5	6	8	3	7	4	1
8	1	3	4	7	5	2	9	6

#### Go Figure! answers

4	+	9	x	1	13
+		÷		x	
6	x	3	-	7	11
x		+		+	
2	x	7	-	5	9
20		10		12	



## Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy meeting held in Dayton

*Economic indicators shared and priorities defined*

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—The Conference Room at Fire District 3 was crowded with community stakeholders for the Port's annual Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) meeting, which took place on Dec. 18.

The CEDS meetings have been ongoing since the late 1990s and are part of federal Economic Development Administration requirements when receiving planning funds and coordinating as an economic development district, according to the Port's Executive Director Jennie Dickinson.

"While we do not coordinate formally with a federal economic development district, anymore, we believe it is a very valuable process. It helps set the agenda for our work for the future," she said.

Over the years, the Port has maintained a list of five-year and ten-year goals on its community priority list.

"It's kind of like our dream list," Dickinson said.

Categories on the priorities list are; Education and Training, Infrastructure, Business Development, Tourism, Housing, Community Development, and Planning and Capacity Building. Many of the priorities are ongoing, and some have been completed.

The Port uses data from the community priority list to seek funding, Dickinson said.

The Port's Economic Development Coordinator Kathryn Witherington shared some current economic indicators with attendees at the December CEDS meeting.

Here are a few take-aways from her report:

Columbia Pulp has moved into third place, behind PacifiCorp and Portland General Electric, in the Top 25 Tax Payers, with Puget Sound Energy, in fourth place, and they are contributing to lower tax rates in Columbia County.

She said the tax rate went down in spite of added school and hospital bonds.

"You have benefitted because of the value of your property," Witherington told the attendees.

For instance, in 2003 the tax bill for a \$200,000 home was \$2,760.00. The tax bill for a home of the same assessed value in 2017, was lower than that, at \$2,274.00.

In 2019, the total county valuation passed the one billion mark for the first time, Witherington said.

The Columbia County Health System remains the county's largest employer in 2019, with 27 more employees than in 2018.

Columbia Pulp, LLC, has 102 employees making good family wages.

She said even though PacifiCorp relied on temporary workers for the recent wind turbine repowering project at Marengo, there was a positive trickle-down effect for the local economy.

Witherington said there has been a significant decline in unemployment.

The county unemployment rate, not seasonally adjusted, in October of this year, is relatively low at 5.1 percent compared to the 15 percent unemployment rate in 1994.

"The labor force is going up," Witherington said.

The labor force rose to 1,905 in Oct. 2019, which is a 1.04 percent increase from the same time in 2018.

She said the county population is increasing at a steady pace, with the addition of ten people each decade.

She said there are more people moving in, than out, and more people dying than being born. Witherington said the county needs more jobs, and services, to entice people to live and work here.

Special guests Bette Lou Crothers, President of the Dayton Development Task Force and Molly Weatherill-Tate, the new Dayton Chamber Manager, spoke about Task Force projects, and the special events each year in Dayton.

Jake Hollopeter PE, with Anderson Perry & Associates, spoke about the city's wastewater treatment plant project.

Doug Johnson, Superintendent of the Dayton School District, talked about facilities improvement projects at the schools and funding mechanisms.

Dain Nysoe, Chairman of the city's new Affordable Housing Commission, spoke about the need for more housing in Dayton and the importance of increasing the tax base.

Vicki Zoller talked about the vision the Friends of the Dayton Community Center has for creating a community center and some funding goals.

Jennie Dickinson talked about business at the Port.

She said there are nine businesses located in the Blue Mountain Station, and 41 vendors selling their products at the Blue Mountain Station Co-op Market.

Additionally, there are 19 businesses located in the Port's Rock Hill Industrial Park.

All of them have created spin-off business for Dayton's downtown, she said.

Dickinson also spoke about the Touchet Valley Trail project.

Stakeholders attending the 2016 CEDS meeting overwhelmingly said they wanted a bike trail. It was their number one pick on a list of three priorities.

"Until the elected Port commissioners tell us to stop, Kathryn and I are going to work on the bike trail," Dickinson said.

She said Anderson Perry & Associates will be given the concept plan that was recently created by the landscape architecture students at WSU, and the professional landscape architects to use as they begin to survey, conduct title searches, and establish boundary identification for the bike trail.

At the end of this year's CEDS meeting, the stakeholders were asked to vote on their top three priorities.

The top three last year were; Housing, the Wastewater Treatment Plant, and School Facilities Improvements.

This year the top three were; Housing (affordable), assisted living, downtown housing, Pool (community center, sports complex), and School Facilities Improvements.

Having a bike trail remains popular with the stakeholders, and this year it came in at number four.

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3. Columbia Pulp  

4. Puget Sound Energy  

5. Broughton Land Company  




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