



After a lifetime of war-watching,
I see war as an endemic human disease, and
governments are the carriers.
-Martha Gellhorn

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Lane Gwinn

The Waitsburg School Board met on January 18 for its regular meeting at the elementary school library. Vice Chairman Stephanie Cole, board members Abby Grende, Christy House, Sarah Boudrieau, and Chairman Carol Clarke enjoyed the students' artistic expressions of thanks for School Board Recognition Appreciation Month.

THIS WEEK



Simply Sawdust Grand Opening (see page 5)



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Dayton School Board meet on zoom

By Justin Jaech | THE TIMES

DAYTON—The Dayton School Board met on Zoom at 6:35 p.m. on Wednesday, January 17, 2024. School Board members participating were Chair Jeffrey McCowen, Zac Fabian, Ryan Paulson, and Aneesha Dieu. Grant Griffin and Superintendent Rich Stewart were not present.

McCowen announced an agenda change to make the approval for an FFA overnight trip an action item on the agenda. The consent agenda, after modification, included the approval of a donation of \$2,000 from Kim Carter for the Yamate Student Exchange Program and approval to hire McCowen as the HS Head Baseball Coach. McCowen recused himself from voting on the coach selection. The board passed all items on the consent agenda.

There was no public comment. Student representative reports were deferred until the next meeting due to the weather.

The athletic director submitted an electronic report, which said the HS boys' and girls' basketball schedules are continuing. The boys won two games, and the girls won one. HS Wrestling is also underway with only two wrestlers.

Middle school girls basketball has 12 players; their first game was on January 22, 2023. There are five wrestlers on the MS team; their first match was on January 23.

Elementary School Principal Amy Cox highlighted activities leading up to winter break. A Grandparents and Special Friends event was scheduled for January 19, 2024, but was canceled after the school's boilers failed. The informal open house showcasing daily activities at school may be rescheduled.

The Elementary School contracted with the Slingerland Literacy Institute to provide handwriting training for some teachers. Teachers requested help after noticing a decline in physical handwriting abilities.

Reporting for Stewart, Jana Eaton said the superintendent search has closed, and nine applicants are being vetted.

The board decided to defer approval of the first and second reading of policies until an in-person meeting with the Superintendent is held.

The board members tabled the vote on the FFA overnight trip to Wenatchee for the State convention because no one was present at the meeting to respond to questions. Specifically, the board had concerns over the FFA students' plan to stay at an AirBnB during the mid-April trip.

The meeting adjourned the next is scheduled for Wednesday, February 7, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

THE BLUEGRASS JAM IS BACK

THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—After cancellations due to winter weather, the Mythical/Movable Blue Mountain Bluegrass Jam is back. It will be at TVAMP's studio at 141 Main Street, Waitsburg Friday, Jan. 26 at 7 p.m.

Kate Hockersmith, the jam organizer said "Looks like, THIS week, we can get to the jams without risking life, limb and vehicle wrecks."

Hockersmith also announced that The Singer/Songwriter CD project is on track and she is contacting musicians who have offered original tunes for the recording. She hopes to start recording over the next few weeks.

All proceeds from the CD will go to support Rural Youth Enrichment Services (RYES) which is the umbrella non-profit organization that makes the Touchet Valley Acoustic Music Project (TVAMP) and other youth related projects possible. Good music for a good cause.

Waitsburg Council review fairgrounds

Issues included deteriorating structures and ideas for facility use

By Mike Ferrians | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—Present for Waitsburg City Council's regular meeting on January 17 were Mayor Marty Dunn and council members Kevin House, Jim Romine, Jillian Henze, and Randy Charles. Due to an injury, new member Jennifer Bishop attended by Zoom.

During public comment, Kate Hockersmith told the council that she hoped to use the fairgrounds for an annual youth bluegrass festival beginning with a one-day event this summer. She would not use the grandstands the first year but encouraged the city to preserve the stands for future use and historic value. She gave a printed history of the fairgrounds to each council member. The scheduled presentation by state representatives for the Governor's Smart Communities Award was taken off the agenda due to weather-related travel restrictions. The award was announced in November in recognition of Waitsburg's sewer system improvement project.

Walla Walla County Sheriff Mark Crider gave an annual report on his department's contracted service in Waitsburg. He said the department was over the contracted hours for the year. According to Crider, monthly coverage in Waitsburg is typically over by 15 to 25 hours, which he said was not an issue for the department. Burglary calls were a top activity in the area during 2023, as were protection order violations and civil complaints.

"We had 58 paper services for that," said Crider, "So we should do some kind of neighborhood watch, and all get along, campaign out here and see if we can all get along."

In Walla Walla County as a whole, the department recorded 13 overdose deaths, mostly involving methamphetamine and fentanyl, with individuals from 20 to 60 years old. There were 13 recorded suicides in 2023 of individuals ages 23 to 81.

Responding to a question from Romine, Crider said there were 95 traffic stops within city limits last year and six death investigations.

Crider said three new deputies have begun attending the academy in preparation for upcoming retirements in the department this year. Two officers are retiring at the end of February. Crider answered questions from member Romine concerning current legislative affairs affecting the Sheriff's department. Crider spoke at some length about work by the Association of Sheriffs & Police Chiefs (WASPC) toward establishing "minimal" requirements for the office of Sheriff, an elected position. Crider stated that the Criminal Justice Training Commission has also been involved in the issue, proposing additional requirements and controls that Crider said the WASPC does not support.

Under committee reports, Member Henze commented that the Community Health and Protection Committee expressed its appreciation for the visibility of deputies in town. In response to an inquiry from the committee regarding drug cartel activity, Crider stated that cartel presence in the area tends to be low, and large drug busts are infrequent here.

Crider said, "We are working with our federal partners to try and move those cases from the low-level street dealers here to their suppliers so we can cut off that supply before it even gets here. That's the goal."

Weller Public Library Supervisor

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NEWS BRIEFS

LETTERS

SUPPORT FOR DSD LEVIES, NOT DECEPTIVE POSTS

To the Editor

I am writing to clarify my questioning of the statements made in a social media post regarding the levy's funding of FFA. While FFA does receive some support from the levy, it is minimal compared to the funding received from grants and FFA itself. They used the greenhouse as an example when in reality I'm told the greenhouse was built with grant money. Correct me if I'm wrong.

I viewed this example of programs that would be cut as not entirely accurate since the overwhelming majority of FFA funding is not from the levy; however, failure to pass the levy would jeopardize that program along with other extracurricular activities. I viewed using FFA as a means to elicit an emotional response since agriculture and ranching is a big part of this community. It would be similar to threatening to cancel hockey if a levy didn't pass in Minnesota. Those would be fighting words.

For the record, I support the levies. The Capital Levy will be a hard pill to swallow, but our facilities need major work. We can't keep putting Band-Aids on a hemorrhaging wound. The kids in Dayton deserve facilities that are safe, technologically current and provide an environment that is conducive to learning. This community won't grow if the school district can't attract new students due to poor facilities. Walla Walla isn't that far away. Failure of the levy would be short-sighted. As the school district goes, the community goes.

Dale Walling
Dayton, Wash.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO WAITSBURG SCHOOLS, VOTE YES ON THE EP&O LEVY

To the Editor

We will soon have the opportunity to once again show our support for the children and schools of our community.

On Friday, January 26, ballots for the upcoming Special Election (February 13) will be mailed. On the ballot is the Waitsburg School District's Education Programs and Operations Levy.

A levy is a local property tax passed by the voters and generates revenues for the schools that are not part of "basic education" and are not fully funded by the state. This levy would replace our currently approved EP&O Levy, which expires in 2024. If approved, the levy funds will be used to support school programs that are not fully funded by the state: preschool, extra-curricular activities (such as athletics), transportation, technology, etc.

When approved, the Waitsburg School District will be able to collect \$761,325 in 2025 and \$837,435 in 2026. The proposed levy rate of \$2.50 per \$1000 assessed value is the same as that passed two years ago in 2022.

As noted educator Spence Rogers would say, "Whatever it takes, our kids are worth it!"

VOTE YES FOR SCHOOL LEVY! MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Carol Clarke
Waitsburg, Wash.

PLEASE SUPPORT DAYTON SCHOOLS

To the Editor

Four generations of my family have attended Dayton Schools and received a solid education here. I want to ensure that the children in our community continue to have the same opportunity for a quality, well-rounded education. That is why I am supporting the upcoming levy for Dayton Schools.

The Educational Programs and Operations (EP&O) levy will support Career & Technical Education (CTE), vocational programs, athletics, extra-curricular activities, food services, transportation, and more. The Capital levy will allow for technology upgrades and building improvements, including an auditorium update, gym roof replacement, and elementary security gate replacement to name a few projects. Both the EP&O and Capital levies are critical to our children's overall positive and productive educational experience.

Having been a teacher for over 30 years, I understand the importance of a community making education a priority and supporting its local schools. I recognize the effort Dayton's staff makes every day as they strive to provide the best learning environment for all students. Please join Jay and me in supporting their important mission, and vote YES to invest in our schools, our community, and our future.

Kris and Jay Takemura
Dayton, Wash.

FAIRGROUNDS - FROM PAGE 1

Sarah Roberts reported on 2023 library statistics and activities planned for 2024. For more information, refer to

The Times article "Arts Kits, Bird Boxes, and online books at the Weller Library in 2024," published January 18, 2024.

The mayor opened the discussion on the Waitsburg fairgrounds. Randy Hinchliffe said it was added at the request of House. Hinchliffe began by presenting a brief history of the fairgrounds and their use by the Days of Real Sport through 2005. He summarized the conditions of the buildings and grounds, including engineering studies provided in councils' packets. Hinchliffe presented options for demolition and rehabilitation of structures deemed unsafe by the city's insurance carrier.

Hinchliffe said, "From a maintenance standpoint, I don't know that the city's coffers would ever be deep enough to make any substantial improvements that would be cost-effective."

He said that fairgrounds are typically county functions and not the responsibility of city governments.

"The facility doesn't generate hardly any revenue for the city, as a lot of its use is for youth-related programs that we don't charge and is primarily subsidized by property taxes."

Hinchliffe said the 2024 city budget allocates \$74,950 for fairgrounds routine maintenance, apart from any events or functions. Hinchliffe submitted a preliminary estimate of \$8,000, received in December 2023 from Don Jackson Excavation of Milton-Freewater, for demolition of the grandstands and disposal of materials. Discussion between the council and attendees covered the condition of the fairgrounds' structures, the cost of new facilities, grant opportunities, and event and activity ideas. Concern over the city's potential liability around deteriorated structures was discussed. Community members expressed strong interest in preserving the grandstands as a historic structure.

Member Henze reminded the council that last year's Parks and Recreation Commission survey results showed respondents identified the fairgrounds as the second highest priority after a new city pool. "We have not set our finger on the real problem that we're needing to solve," Henze said. "Capital projects can cost thousands if not millions of dollars, and that's scary and overwhelming to take on. But what can we do within our maintenance budget in the next year that would start to create a little life back into that asset without having to tear down the grandstands?"

Hockersmith said a one-day youth bluegrass festival could be held on the grounds this summer or fall, using a flatbed stage and lawn chairs. Though the grandstands would not be used the first year, they would be viewed by visitors.

The need for a renewed and united effort among citizens and entities, including Waitsburg Parks and Recreation and Friends of the Fairgrounds, was emphasized by many attendees. Possibly forming a fair board was also discussed.

Council member Charles said, "It seems to me that we don't have a long-term vision for use of the fairgrounds. We need to have the community work on that. Until we have that, we're not going anywhere."

Waitsburg Parks and Recreation Commissioner Bart Baxter said the district has developed ideas he can bring to the council.

"The Fairgrounds are used six weekends out of 52 every year," he said. "We have a plan for using it 22 weeks out of the year." The council agreed to set aside time at its March meeting for a presentation by Baxter.

The council agreed that the announcer's booth in front of the grandstands needs to be removed as soon as possible due to its poor condition. The council directed city staff to put out surplus notices for the removal of the structure.

In other business, the council passed Resolution 2024-774 unanimously. It summarized a favorable offset of less than one percent between the 2023 budget-

ed and actual payroll totals, with no additional adjustments to payroll needed.

Under council committee reports, Henze expressed appreciation for the library's circulation growth last year. The Health and Protection Committee registered concerns about graffiti in certain spots around town, as well as the drug overdose crisis. In addition, Henze reported that she has attained a Certificate of Municipal Leadership (CML) through the Association of Washington Cities (AWC). The CML program recognizes mayors and council members for accomplishing training in legislation, funding, long-term planning, and other areas.

Charles reported that Dustin Nelson, owner of the J.W. Morgan building on Main Street, invited the planning commission to tour the building. Charles acknowledged Nelson for the work completed and said Nelson had submitted a conditional use permit for an owner or caretaker residency in the back of the commercial building.

In his CWWFD #2 report, Charles stated that Jim Hickam and Bruce Abbey are retiring after many years of service. One replacement has been found. Brooke Mikesell will chair the district, which continues to seek a full-time fire chief.

Hinchliffe gave the City Clerk's report, noting that 2023 expenditures were below budget but slightly above revenues. The city ended the year with a positive cash balance despite carrying the old city hall on the books. According to Hinchliffe, the old city hall building needs a new roof, and Gillespie Roofing, Inc. in Walla Walla gave a preliminary estimate of \$40,000.



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NEWS

WAITSBURG FFA GROWS COMMUNITY LEADERS

By Mike Ferrians | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—Future Farmers of America (FFA) is one of the largest student-led organizations in the U.S. According to the National FFA website, there are almost 950,000 middle and high school students and 9,163 chapters across America, including Waitsburg's Student Chapter (WA0126). To every student, FFA is a unique experience.

"FFA created a second family for me," said Alyssa Hollingsworth, vice president of the local chapter. "I've learned how to just be normal again, if that makes sense, like just having normal conversations with people. It's helped to boost my confidence. I'm not very 'agricultural' at home, so joining FFA was, like, a shock to my family. They were very surprised. But in competitions, I've learned so many things, like ag mechanics, which I never thought I'd do. It's just so unlike me, but it's pretty cool, and I've learned different skills that I wouldn't have at home."

President Makenna Barron, a senior this year, agreed, "To me, FFA is about building life skills, whether in the classroom with public speaking and business skills or out in the shop with mechanical and building things."

"She keeps us on track," said Secretary Marion Duncan, acknowledging Barron's leadership.

Senior Bailey Standing, the chapter's reporter, touted FFA's social impact: "It's the opportunity to meet so many different people from different places, that it brings so many different people together."

Chapter advisor Nicole Abel is Waitsburg High School's FFA Career and Technical Educator (CTE). Over her career, she has provided classroom instruction, hands-on shop experience, fieldwork opportunities, and life-skills mentoring for hundreds of students.

"I've been here for 18 years now," Abel said, adding that Waitsburg averages around 45 members yearly.

First established in 1928, FFA, like other organizations, has adapted to changes in society, culture, and agricultural practices. Students have opportunities through the program to travel and participate in annual regional, state, and national competitions and conferences. Last year, Abel accompanied Waitsburg's officers to the National FFA Convention and Expo in Indianapolis, stopping in Nashville, Tennessee, to visit the Corteva Agriscience plant.

Senior Quinn Benavides, the group's Honorary Parliamentarian, summed it up this way: "All the experiences we get to do and things we get to create, the places we get to go and really do something instead of just stay here in the little town."

FFA students must be enrolled in agricultural classes and complete at least ten hours of Supervised



Courtesy photo

Waitsburg FFA Student Chapter officers with their advisor Nicole Abel at last year's FFA Convention in Indianapolis. (left to right) Jackson Karl, Quinn Benavides, Bailey Standing, Makenna Barron, Alyssa Hollingsworth, Cedar Stegall, Marion Duncan, Nicole Abel

Agriculture Experience (SAE) outside the classroom. These hours can be used for anything from raising animals, gardening, and truck building.

You read that right. Treasurer Jackson Karl has logged 300 hours working on his farm truck, which he has built from the ground up.

"It just needs an engine," he said.

Karl is working towards a state degree that requires 500 project hours to earn the special FFA award. This effort reflects the wide range of practical, technical, and trade skills embraced by FFA since its inception.

Cedar Stegall, chapter sentinel, raises chickens and sheep. Effective management is a focus of the program and necessary for Stegall's role as an officer.

"I welcome members, maintain order, set up for meetings," Stegall said.

"And provides snacks," added Barron.

Much of Duncan's practical experience comes from working with her family at their business, Waitsburg Wool Works, raising sheep and producing wool for sale.

Benavides earned hours building cornhole boards for Waitsburg Celebration Days last year. Other community work opportunities include setting up the little Christmas trees along Main Street for businesses and organizations to sponsor and decorate. It all adds up.

The local chapter meets monthly with various activities during the school year. The group's annual Harvest Ball dance is scheduled for February 22. First, they will work on team building, community service plans, and committee goals on January 27 at

a "lock-in" overnight retreat.

One of the most visible FFA fundraisers involves a migrating flock of faux pink flamingos. Jumping overnight from one yard to the next, residents who have been "flocked" help support the costs of attending the state convention on May 12 in Pullman.

Local committee work is based on the three-fold FFA plan: growing leaders, building committees, and strengthening agriculture. Committees provide members with focused areas of interest and experience. Topics include agronomy, veterinary science, Ag mechanics, prepared public speaking, and food science.

The chapter is preparing to participate in this year's Ag Expo in Spokane on February 8. Members do all this while keeping up with family and friends and, for the seniors, preparing for graduation. Barron and Bailey both plan to study agriculture education in college. Benavides wants to be a journeyman lineman.

All in all, the Waitsburg FFA Chapter is a busy group. Asked about slogans that are key to FFA's principles and mission, the group chorused "Learning to give, doing to learn, earning to live, living to serve," and "Premiere leadership, personal growth, career success."

The legacy of FFA in Waitsburg will live on in freshly sprouted expressions starting this year. According to Abel, FFA alum Kim Hamann is spearheading efforts to form an FFA Alumni chapter in Waitsburg. The family of long-term resident Barbara Danforth and son David have generously initiated funding for a Waitsburg FFA Scholarship to be awarded this spring for the first time.

OBITUARY

Barbara Kirk Hubbard

February 6, 1932 – December 12, 2023

Barbara Kirk Hubbard (Barbara Jean Kirk), 91, passed away on December 12, 2023, in Pasco, Washington. Barbara was born on February 6, 1932, in Baker City, Oregon, to Sherman T Kirk and Alta (Roe) Kirk. Barbara graduated from Payette High School, in Payette, Idaho in 1950 as class Salutatorian. She went on to earn a Bachelor of Arts from College of Idaho in Caldwell Idaho, and a Masters of Russian and Far Eastern History from the University of Washington in Seattle, Washington (Go Huskies)! She traveled to Russia in the early 1970's as a student when the Iron Curtain was still in place during the Cold War. Barbara married Vaughn Hubbard the love of her life on July 8th, 1977.

Barbara was best known for her love of history, reading, managing the Hubbard Law Office in Waitsburg, Washington, and her help in raising her step grandchildren Emily, Miles, and Henry Hubbard. She loved them like her own.

Barbara is survived by her Sister Kathryn K. Kirk and her Nieces and Nephews who she treated as her own children. Barbara Winter (Randy), S. Douglas Kirk (Carolyn), Todd Kirk (Karen), Kim Iverson (William), Bradley Patton (Sandi), Lisabeth Huston (Craig), Lynda Edmundson (Thomas), Richard Garman (Sandy) Bruce Garman (Teresa) Mont Garman (Amy), Nannette Needs (Melvin), Debbie Wells (Greg).



Barbara Kirk Hubbard
February 6, 1932 – December 12, 2023

Barbara is preceded in death by her Parents, Sherman and Alta (Roe) Kirk, her brother S. Duane Kirk and her sister Janice (Kirk) Garman.

The service for Barbara Hubbard will be held on Friday February 2nd, at 4:00 p.m. at the Event Center at Einar's Sunset Gardens in Richland Washington.

AT THE LIBERTY: "Seniors of the Sahara"

THE TIMES

DAYTON—Live production of "Seniors of the Sahara," directed by Bev Startin. Sylvia Goldberg, a respectable retired New Jersey school teacher, brings home more than just souvenirs upon returning from her grandson's wedding in Israel. Sylvie's troubles begin when she realizes that the old teapot she purchased at an outdoor market is actually a priceless relic. Keeping a secret from her three best friends, Mabel, Thelma and Fannie, proves to be nearly as difficult as protecting herself from a villain who follows Sylvie home and threatens her at knifepoint. Be careful what you wish for Sylvie Goldberg! You never know, it might come true. "Seniors of the Sahara" is a magical romantic comedy for seniors and "juniors" of all ages. Performances will be Jan. 26 & 27 at 7 pm, and Sunday Jan. 28 at 3 pm. Reserved seat tickets are \$12 - \$15 - \$18 at the Liberty Theater website at www.libertytheater.org

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KINDERGARTEN TO FOURTH GRADE STUDENTS PRACTICE BASKETBALL SKILLS

WAITSBURG—Chelsie Abel, with Katelyn Stall's and other volunteers' assistance, has been instructing Kindergarten through fourth-grade students in basketball skills.

Since November, over 40 kids have been practicing in Preston Hall on Thursday evenings. Kids from Waitsburg, Prescott, and Dayton learn ball handling skills, shooting form, and passing skills.

The group started with basketballs, volleyballs, and four-square balls for practice. Ten-foot baskets were a challenge for the little players. Abel contacted the school and received more basketballs, and then two portable adjustable-height basketball hoops were purchased for the program.

This is the second year Abel has organized the basketball program for young players to create a long-lasting interest in playing. The kids have all improved and enjoy playing.



Karen Huwe

Instructor Chelsie Abel leads ball handling skills with Grayson, Chloe (sitting by the wall), Law, Maeto, Harley, Landon, Israel, Ember, Blake, and Phoenix

MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL PLAY THEIR FIRST GAME

WAITSBURG—Waitsburg Middle School girls were able to play in their first game of the season on Monday, January 22. Their first scheduled game was canceled last week due to weather and is rescheduled for February 8 at Touchet.

The Cardinals' shots did not fall in the first half of their game with Liberty Christian of Walla Walla on Monday, January 22. LC took an 11-4 lead at half-time. The girls outscored LC 17-13 in the second half to close the gap but lost 24-21.

Olivia Kiefel scored eight points, rebounded eight, and had six steals to lead the Cardinals. Kaitlyn Paul scored seven and rebounded seven. Kayla Kuykendall, Lilli Carpenter, and Audrey Kiefel scored two points each. The young Cardinal team outrebounded the taller LC team 22-18.

The MS girls will not play again until Monday, January 29, at Dayton, as their January 24 game with Liberty Christian of Richland has been rescheduled for February 20.



Karen Huwe

Olivia Kiefel runs the offense for the Cardinals

CARDINAL BOYS ROUT PRESCOTT TIGERS

WAITSBURG—Waitsburg led 26-2 in the first quarter against Prescott in the varsity game on Monday, January 22. Ryland Kilts scored 15 points in the first quarter and Reuben Yutzy scored eight points in the quarter.

Prescott scored two points in the second quarter and then was held scoreless for the remainder of the game for a 62-4 loss.

Kilts scored 30 points, Yutzy 8, Jackson Karl 6, and Rollin Carpenter 5. Teammates Blake French 4, Jayton Gleason 3, Logan Seal 3, Lucas VanHoose 2 and Wyatt Booth scored 1 point.

The Cardinal girls team was tied with the Tigers, 5-5, after one quarter. The Waitsburg team fell behind 21-8 at halftime. Prescott scored 10 points in the third quarter, and Waitsburg scored nine. The Cardinals lost the contest 44-19.

Alyssa Hollingsworth scored eight points, rebounded six, and had five steals. Abbi Paolino scored four points, rebounded 10, and had six steals. Cheri Mathews scored four points, and Makenna Barron scored three. Addison Crenshaw had eight rebounds, Kaydence Tiner had five boards, and Sara Daves rebounded three for the Cardinals.

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TAKE NOTICE:
That Washington Depart-
ment of Natural Resources
of Ellensburg, WA on July
13, 2023 under Application
No. R3-30964 filed for permit
to store public waters of the
Columbia River (Lake Wallula)

in the amount of 30 acre-feet,
subject to existing rights.
The source of the proposed
impoundment is located within
the NE1/4SE1/4 of Section
15, Township 7 N., Range 31
E.W.M., in Walla Walla County.

Protests or objections to ap-
proval of this application must
include a detailed statement
of the basis for objections;
protests must be accompa-
nied by a fifty-(\$50.00) dollar
recording fee and filed with the
Department of Ecology, at the
address shown below, within
thirty (30) days from
January 25th, 2024

(Last date of publication to be
entered above by publisher)
STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY
WATER RESOURCES PRO-
GRAM - ERO

PO BOX 47611
OLYMPIA, WA 98504-7611
NOTICE

The Times
January 18th, 25th 2024
1-18-b

NOTICE OF SMALL WORKS ROSTER

Notice is hereby given that
Walla Walla County Fire
Protection District No. 4 main-
tains a Small Works Roster
for public works pursuant to
RCW 52.14.110(2) and RCW
39.04.155. All licensed and
registered contractors who are
interested in quoting prices for
materials, labor and equipment
for such work from time to
time by said District should
notify the District in writing at
the address set forth below.

The work subject to this Small
Works Roster relates to work
of more than \$30,000.00 but
less than \$350,000.00.
Walla Walla County
Fire Protection District No. 4
2251 S. Howard
Walla Walla, WA 99362
Rocky Eastman
Secretary
Published January 18 & 25,
2024

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January 18, 25 2024
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NOTICE OF VENDOR LIST

Notice is hereby given that
Walla Walla County Fire
Protection District No. 4 main-
tains a vendor list pursuant to
RCW 52.14.110(2) and RCW
39.04.190(2). All vendors who
are interested in quoting prices
for materials, supplies and
equipment purchased from
time to time by said District
should notify the District in
writing at the address set
forth below. The purchases
subject to this Vendor List
relates to purchases of more
than \$40,000.00 but less than
\$75,000.00.

Walla Walla County
Fire Protection District No. 4
2251 S. Howard
Walla Walla, WA 99362
Rocky Eastman
Secretary
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Superior Court of Washington, Walla Walla County

No. 23-4-00225-36
Probate Notice to Creditors
(RCW 11.40.030
In re the Estate of Anthony M.
Hepler, Deceased.

The personal representative
named below has been ap-
pointed as personal represen-
tative 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 in which
the probate proceedings were
commenced. The claim must
be presented within the later
of: (1) thirty (30) days after
the personal representative
served or mailed the notice
to the creditors as provided
under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c);
or (2) four (4) months after
the date of first publication
of the notice. If the claim
is not presented within this
timeframe, 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 non-probate assets.

Date of First Publication: Jan-
uary 11, 2024
Christopher M. Hepler, Per-
sonal Representative
Attorney for the Personal
Representative:
Lenard L. Wittlake, PLLC,
WSBA #15451
P.O. Box 1233
Walla Walla, WA 99362
(509) 529-1529
Court of Probate Proceedings:
Walla Walla Superior Court
315 W. Main
Walla Walla, WA 99362
The Times
January 11, 18 and 25, 2024
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DAYTON CITY COUNCIL

111 S. 1st Street
Dayton, WA 99328
ROGER TRUMP, MAYOR
AGENDA SPECIAL MEETING
Wednesday January 31, 2024
5:30 p.m.

January 31st, 2024 Special
Meeting will be held at 111 S.
1st Street, Dayton, WA 99328
1. CALL TO ORDER
A. Roll Call
2. AGENDA -

A. Executive Session to dis-
cuss pending litigation in which
the City is involved pursuant to
RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). Estim-
ated time 20 minutes.
B. Request from Councilmem-
ber Aukerman pursuant to
RCW 4.96.041 to cover her
legal expenses in Eier v. City
of Dayton et al, United States
District Court Case No. 23-2-
00790-36.

3. ADJOURN
City of Dayton is inviting you to
a scheduled Zoom meeting.
Topic: Dayton City Council
Special Meeting
Time: Jan 31, 2024 05:30 PM
Pacific Time (US and Canada)
Join Via Zoom Or in Person
Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87162098912>
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Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87162098912>
FPgm
Next regular meeting is at 6:00
p.m. TUESDAY February 13,
2024 @ 111 S. 1st Street, Day-
ton, WA 99328.
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January 25th, 2024
1-25-a

Public Notice

The City of Waitsburg has
declared the timing towers
and announcer booth at the
Fairgrounds to be surplus and
a safety hazard with no value
to the City.

In an effort to repurpose the
structures rather than dispose
of them in a landfill, the City is
offering the building materi-
als to anyone who wants to
salvage the items from the
structure until February 29,
2024. Anyone interested in
salvaging materials needs to
contact City Hall at 337-6371
or by email at administrator@cityofwaitsburg.com about
access and to fill out a hold
harmless agreement with
the City before removing any
items from the structure.
Waitsburg City Clerk
Randy Hinchliffe
The Times
January 25th, 2024
1-25-b

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME OF MINOR CHILD

State of Georgia, Coweta
County
Notice is hereby given that
Serena Laws has filed a
petition in the Superior Court
of Coweta County on 1/19/24
for the change of name of her
minor child from Lawrence J L
Smith to Lawrence J Laws.
Objections to this petition must
be filed with the court within 30
days of the filing date.
This notice will be published
in the Waitsburg Times on
1/25/24.

Serena Laws
96 Portico Pl.
Newnan, GA 30265
Phone: 404-507-2765
The Times
January 25th, 2024
1-25-c

Simply Sawdust will celebrate its grand opening on January 27

Gloria Wilson is Waitsburg's new Sawdust Therapy Specialist

By Mike Ferrians | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG – Gloria Wilson, the owner of Waitsburg's new makerspace, is new to the Touchet Valley, but not to the power of making things. In fact, she's an expert. The grand opening of her business, "Simply Sawdust," on Saturday, January 27, will give locals an inside look at all the shop at 101 Main Street has to offer.

"People have been so supportive in helping me to put the place together," she said.

With help from her niece Becky Wilson and builder Charles Stanger, she transformed the Main Street building into her version of a barndominium. It has retail space in the front, a dream workshop in the back, and a loft apartment for Wilson. The workshop is a testament to Wilson's 46-year career supervising manufacturing and research projects. She was also a mentor who developed and encouraged future makers in engineering, machining, and programming.

"I really think of myself as a maker," she said. "I don't have a degree. I got started in 1978 with a company called Tektronix. They offered a program for women that year to learn machine technology. You went to school on-site and got paid for it. And I will say it wasn't an easy road. It was me and 90 men."

Like baseball's Jackie Robinson, Wilson endured harsh treatment and ridicule for breaking barriers in the machine shop.

"I didn't have an agenda: I loved the work. I loved taking a block of material that had something in there screaming to get out."

After 14 years at Tetronix, Wilson was the top model maker of product prototypes when she took a job at Hewlett-Packard. There, she added computer programming and 3D printing to her skills, leading an R&D team of ten before retiring after 32 years at



Sawdust Therapy Specialist Gloria Wilson poses with a Stirling engine (left) which she manufactured in 2000, and an air engine (right) that she made in 1978. All parts were machined by Wilson.

the Vancouver division.

While at HP, she found a use for her interest in woodworking, creating unique intercompany gifts. These included wooden replicas of computer printers with compartments that opened into martini bars.

Teaching is a big part of her vision for Simply Sawdust. She looks forward to offering classes in basic woodworking. She prefers using reclaimed wood, saying "If you could bottle up the smell of 100-year-old fir, that would be the best thing in the world."

In a recent class, students repurposed wine barrel lids to create large serving platters with laser-printed designs and handles. By the end of each two-hour class, students will create something they will take home. Wilson said she wants to ensure participants feel empowered by taking away something they have made.

Simply Sawdust is a true makerspace, where Wilson will offer the tools and her experience to help creators in the community problem solve through their projects in and out of class.



Mike Ferrians

Students of Gloria Wilson's classes are provided a toolkit to use while making their projects.



A digital mock-up of how Simply Sawdust will look when Wilson's work on the Main Street building is complete.

Since arriving in Waitsburg in 2020, Wilson has built friendships and partnerships with other local makers. Products, including soaps, jewelry, knits, and local honey, will be sold alongside Wilson's reclaimed wooden charcuterie platters, spoons, and stickers. Or, as Wilson describes Simply Sawdust retail, "wood goods, local goods, vintage goods, and tasty goods."

The community can drop by Simply Sawdust from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. for refreshments, shop tours, and demonstrations. The front space at 101 Main Street has a wood stove, walls covered with sentimental collectibles, and a welcoming greeting, "Yay! You're here!"

Wine of the Week

Josh Cellars 2021 Cabernet Sauvignon

By Paul Gregutt | THE TIMES



a storm of Josh-related posts followed. In truth, these wines are a notch better than most of the competition and easy to find. Prices swing a bit, but hover around \$14 for the regular (not reserve) reds. There's a full lineup, but start with the Merlot and/or the Cabernet. These are full-bodied, dry, and smooth California blends. They have particular appeal for anyone named Josh.

www.joshcellars.com/product/josh-cellars-cabernet-sauvignon/



Josh Cellars wines have been around for the past two decades, but suddenly they have memed themselves into the sales stratosphere. Are they dramatically different than before? Better? Cheaper? Benefitting from a savvy marketing campaign? Nope. They are just the latest beneficiaries of the always unpredictable and meme-driven impact of Tik-Tok and X (formerly Twitter). Kicked off by a tweet that advised followers to "grow up and leave Barefoot and Stella [two other cheap but popular brands] alone,"

WALLA WALLA DANCE COMPANY PRESENTS

The Spinderellas

CHOREOGRAPHY BY NANCY WELLS, JENNIFER CLARK, JUSTINE CLARK, GRACE PODOLSKI AND GUESTS

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Mass Sunday 5 p.m.
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Fr. Steve Werner

Waitsburg Presbyterian Church
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Worship 10:00 a.m.
337-6589
Pastor Stan Hughes

Waitsburg Chapel
320 W. 2nd
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship 6 p.m.
Bible Study
Wednesdays 7:30 p.m.
337-6235
Rev. Jimmie Daves

Waitsburg Christian Church
604 Main St
Worship 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Each Sunday
337-8898
Pastor Cameron Hedges

FUN & GAMES

The Friendly Forest

By Jimmyle L. Turner



Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



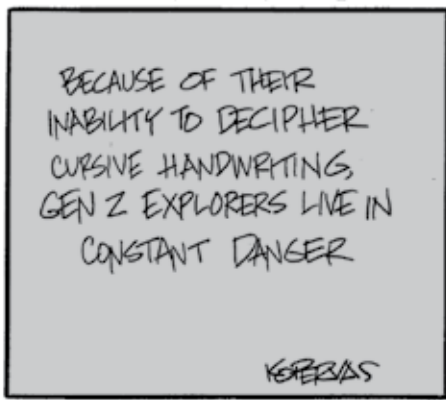
GRIN and BEAR IT



"Oh, WE'RE fine, but our spouses need some counseling."

Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



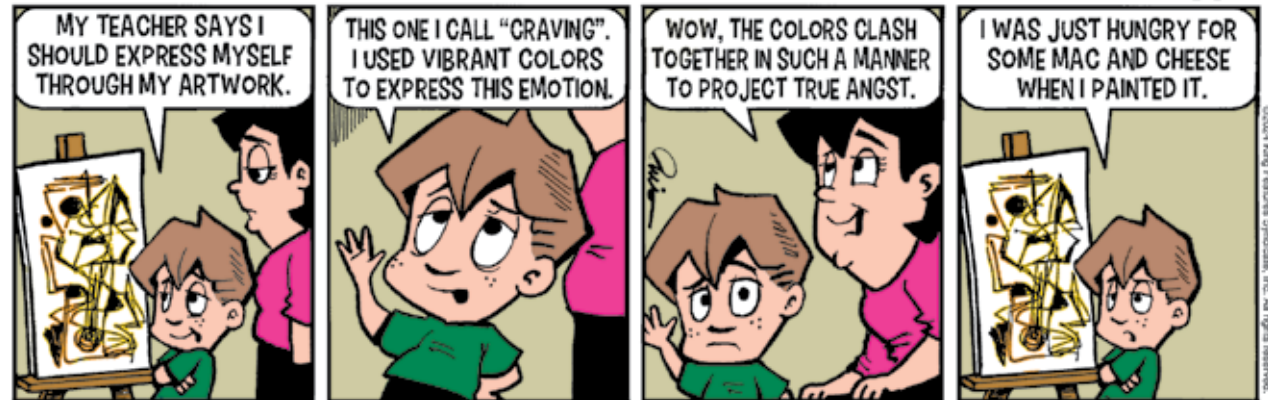
The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



PIONEER PORTRAITS

Ten years Ago

January 23, 2014

Local dancer Morgan Breland and her mother, Cara Watts, celebrated New Years Day in London this year. Breland – a 15-year-old-sophomore at Walla Walla High School – auditioned at a Universal Dance Association camp last August to perform in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. Instead, she was invited to travel to London to perform in front of more than 200 million television viewers and a half million people lining the streets in London's New Year's Day Parade. Watts and Breland traveled to Seattle on December 26, where they joined the rest of the Universal Dance Association performers. Breland was the youngest performer of approximately 115 dancers and 1,300 cheerleaders.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

January 28, 1999



[Photo caption]Justina Ryckman leaps high as she takes a solo lay-up to the bucket with Prescott Tiger Rosalea Froelich in pursuit, following a Beth Abbey steal and fast break. Ryckman scored eight in Waitsburg's 70-20 win over the Tigers Saturday.

Fifty Years Ago

January 24, 1974

Mrs. Linda Chromy, is the new preschool teacher. She is 22 years old and is married to Don Chromy the Waitsburg band music director. She was born in Seattle, went to college at Western Washington State College in Bellingham. She says that Waitsburg is small but she likes it. This is her first year in teaching and she is now preparing for the classes which began on January 23. The first day of kindergarten opened Wednesday morning with 22 bright-eyed 5-year olds on hand.

Seventy-Five Years Ago

January 28, 1949

Vicki Gohlman daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Gohlman, celebrated her 2nd birthday at a party last Friday, January 21. Guest included Susan Hawks, Jacqueline Ganguet, Linda Shumway of Milton, Bobby Butler, Jimmey Tuttle, Pete Ramsey and Greg Bichsel.

Members of the Ladies Bible Class of the Christian Church were honored for their loyalty to church and Sunday School. Mrs. Lyda Conover has been a member for 72 years: Mrs. Lee McKinney and Mrs. Frank Vining, 50 years; and Mrs. Minnie Kinder for 46 years.

One Hundred Years Ago

February 1, 1924

John Danielson has replaced his Cadillac touring car with a 1924 model Buick sedan.

Mrs. D. P. Bailey was hostess to the ladies of the Willing Workers Society Wednesday afternoon at her home on Preston Avenue. This meeting which proved to be a real party was devoted to a social and literary program with Mrs. Emerson Wood and Mrs. Orville Fullerton in charge. Vocal solos were given by Mrs. D. S. Kerr and Miss Isla Hales. Mrs. Fullerton played a solo on the violin. Piano solos by Naomi Pollard and Mrs. Chester Buroker and a reading by Mrs. C. Thalman. Following the program, the hostess served and elaborate lunch assisted by Mesdames C. Thalman, Ira Bloor, Orland Phipps and Bloyd. There were 45 guests in attendance.

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago

February 3, 1899

The Walla Walla Produce Co. shipped by express Saturday several cases of spinach and green onions. This is the earliest shipment made of the kind on record for the Walla Walla valley.

Elworth Thorp son of Mrs. J. W. Thorp while playing in the school yard at Huntsville last Friday, fell in such a way as to break both bones of his left forearm.

Eugene Taurick, proprietor of the Walla Walla Steam Laundry was in the city Sunday.

The Waitsburg Band gave an open air concert on Main Street last Saturday afternoon which attracted a large crowd of listeners.

Lunches

WAITSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT

Thursday, Jan. 25

Breakfast
Pancakes
Lunch
Corndogs & Fries Carrots & Celery Applesauce

Friday, Jan. 26

Breakfast
Scrambled eggs & Sausage
Lunch
Pepperoni Pizza Caesar Salad Pears

Monday, Jan. 29

Breakfast
Breakfast Cookie & Yogurt
Lunch
Chicken Sandwiches Brynne's House Salad Cucumbers, Fruit Cup

Tuesday, Jan. 30

Breakfast
Biscuits & Gravy
Lunch
Crispitos Pepper Strips, Oranges Black bean salsa

Wednesday, Jan. 31

Breakfast
Cinnamon Rolls
Lunch
Ham & Potato Casserole Green Beans, Apples Warm Roll



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Community Calendar

WAITSBURG MONTHLY MEETINGS



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

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

Waitzburg School Board

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

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

Waitzburg Historical Society

Third Tuesday of the month @ 6:00 p.m. @ Weller Public Library

Waitzburg Booster Club

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

Waitzburg Parks and Recreation Public Meeting

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

Weller Public Library

Board of Trustees
Second Tuesday of the month, 6 p.m. at the Weller Public Library, 212 Main St.

Friends of the Weller Public Library
New Meeting Time - Second Tuesday of the month @ 7 p.m.
Weller Public Library, 212 Main Street, Waitzburg

Waitzburg Commercial Club

Last Thursdays of the month @ Ten Ton Coffee @noon. Zoom info is available by emailing waitzburgcc@icloud.com

Waitzburg Resource Center

Community Food Bank

106 1/2 Preston Ave
Thursdays, 2 – 4 p.m.



DAYTON & COLUMBIA COUNTY MEETINGS

Board of Columbia County Commissioners

Regular meetings - First and third Monday of each month @ 9 a.m.
Work sessions - Second and fourth Monday of each month @ 9 a.m.
Call-in information available at <https://www.columbiaco.com/114/County-Commissioners>

Dayton City Council

Second Tuesday of every month @ 6 p.m.
Call-in information available at <https://www.daytonwa.com/54-inside-city-hall/city-council>



Dayton School Board

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

Columbia County Public Hospital District Board of Commissioners

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



Dayton Memorial Library Board of Trustees Meeting

Delany room and Zoom Meeting ID: 852 3836 3787

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85238363787>

Dayton Kiwanis Club Meeting

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

STARBUCK MEETINGS

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

PRESCOTT MEETINGS

Presscott City Council



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