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Bill Rodgers

Although winter is starting to melt away, remnant drifts remind us of our recent big snow and decorate the hills with elegant accents. Driving back from "town" via Spring Creek on Monday was a feast for the photographer's eyes. This scene was shot from Ferris Road near its intersection with Middle Waitsburg Road - which some day may actually reopen for through traffic!

THIS WEEK



Bulldog Brigade rides to the rescue of area youth. (see page 3)



Outdoors Palouse: Weathering the storm. Join author Bradly Trumbo at The Royal Block wine bar for a book signing on Feb. 11. (see page 5)



My Recipes: Naan Flatbread (see page 7)

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Waitsburg Commercial Club plans for future at Jan. 27 meeting

Mark your calendars for the annual awards dinner on April 12. Details to be announced

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—The Waitsburg Business Commercial Club met Thursday, January 27, for a regular meeting. Led by former president Joy Smith, the meeting focused on financials, bylaws, and moving forward.

Smith provided a brief banking update for the club. The club is currently waiting for the final decision for at least one grant, and a small donation to the Walla Walla County Sheriff's Foundation was outgoing, as was voted on at the last meeting. Smith said that nearly \$2,500 in dues had been collected over the last month. Meeting attendees did have access to view financial information, and Smith said that membership information could be provided if requested.

New directional signage that will be placed throughout Waitsburg has been ordered from Integrity Design, Smith said, and other deductions including small office-related purchases have been made.

Smith said the commercial club's phone is again available, and explained that she owned the phone, but the plan is paid for by the commercial club. She said that the phone is connected to the number that is published online as the Commercial Club's point of contact. Though the phone was not active for over 65 weeks, only 15 calls had been missed.

Kim Smith, of Prescott, Cindy Daves, of Waitsburg, volunteered to review and revise the club's bylaws. The bylaws will be ready for approval by the next meeting, they hope.

The Commercial Club is accepting nominations for President and Secretary, as well as directors. Representatives from local organizations, including the school district, farmers market, Friends of the Library, and Parks and Rec, were suggested. Kim Smith expressed interest in the president's position, with one condition, that Joy Smith remain involved with the club for at least one more year to help guide her. Officer positions were not voted on at the meeting.

Upcoming dates to mark on your calendar include February 22: the next meeting. Commercial Club meetings start at 12:00 p.m., location to be announced. April 12 will be the annual awards dinner and membership meeting, held at American 35 (former Anchor Bar in Waitsburg).

The commercial club members in attendance approved a \$100 donation to Bill Moran, to help recover some of the cost he incurred earlier this month while removing snow from Main Street. The Lions Club will also make a contribution, Kevin House shared.

Dayton School Board special meeting to assign duties, hear from DSD lawyer

By Justin Jaech | THE TIMES

DAYTON - The Dayton School Board held a special meeting at 6 p.m., January 26, 2022, to complete business from last week's regular meeting. Due to increased community COVID-19 cases, the regular meeting had been limited to consideration of bills and vouchers requiring council approval.

As a part of board organization, the first order of business was to appoint board members to sundry additional duties. The board elected Aneasha Dieu to the Legislative Representative position without opposition.

The Board Chair made the following appointments for the rest of the positions:

- Zac Fabian - Washington Interscholastic Activities Association (WIAA) and Dayton/Waitsburg Athletic Combine Representative
- Grant Griffen and Zac Fabian - Facilities Representatives
- Korinda Wallace - Curriculum Representative
- Grant Griffen and Korinda Wallace - The Budget and Finance Representatives
- Jeffrey McCowen and Zac Fabian - Community Outreach and Public Relations
- Zac Fabian - Custodial Contract Negotiations
- Jeffrey McCowen - Classified (non-teacher staff) Negotiations
- Aneasha Dieu and Grant Griffen - Certificated (teachers) Negotiations

The board approved the Consent Agenda, which comprised the minutes from Board meetings on December 15, January 5, and January 19, and mileage reimbursement rates.

The ASB president reported that basketball spirit week was cut short because the secondary school returned to distance learning this week. The ASB has plans for activities promoting kindness and positivity and some Valentines Day activities in February.

Learning Center Teacher Jeanne Walter gave a slide presentation about the Dayton ASB Robotics Club. The club is a joint venture with 4-H. Despite COVID-19, the club was able to travel to three competitions in the state. Each year, these competitions offer a specific challenge, and clubs have a year to design and program their robots to meet the challenge. Walter said the activity was about innovation, fun, discovery, and community service. Walter hoped that the school might offer programming courses as the members are now self-taught.

School District Attorney Rockie Hansen hosted a question-and-answer session.

Superintendent Strot asked, "From a legal standpoint, what is the role of a school board member?"

"The role of an individual school board member is to be part of the team; no member has a role outside of their role as a member of the school board team," said Hansen.

She explained that the board primarily has a policy-making role; it guides and elects, whereas the administrative team's role is to administer and operate.

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THE TIMES

Sing 2 - The new chapter in this animated franchise returns with big dreams and spectacular hit songs as koala Buster Moon and his all-star cast of animal performers prepare to launch their most dazzling stage extravaganza yet. There's just one hitch: They first must persuade the world's most reclusive rock star (played by legendary music icon Bono) to join them.

Buster (played by Matthew McConaughey) and his cast have turned the New Moon Theater into a local hit. Still, Buster has his eyes on a bigger prize: Debuting a new show at the Crystal Tower Theater in glamorous Redshore City.

But with no connections, Buster and his cast—including harried mother pig Rosita (Reese Witherspoon), rocker porcupine Ash (Scarlett Johansson), earnest gorilla Johnny (Taron Egerton), shy elephant Meena (Tori Kelly), and, of course, porcine provocateur extraordinaire Gunter (Nick Kroll)—have to sneak their way into the world-famous Crystal Entertainment offices, run by a ruthless mogul wolf named Jimmy Crystal (Emmy winner Bobby Cannavale).

In a desperate attempt to get Mr. Crystal's attention, Gunter spontaneously pitches an outrageous idea that Buster quickly runs with, promising that their new show will star lion rock legend Clay Caloway (Bono). Problem is, Buster has never met Clay, an artist who shut himself away from the world more than a decade ago after the loss of his wife and hasn't been seen since.

Sing 2 has added other new characters played by music superstars Pharrell Williams and Halsey, Black Panther's Letitia Wright, and comedians Eric Andre and Chelsea Peretti.

Sing 2 combines dozens of classic rock and pop hit songs, electrifying performances, breathtaking artistry, and Illumination's signature humor and heart into the definitive feel-good cinematic event of 2022. Rotten Tomatoes rates this at 68% favorable by the critics and 98 % by the audiences. This movie is rated PG for some rude material and mild peril/violence. The runtime is 110 minutes.

The seats in the front row of the Liberty Theater balcony have been removed temporarily because of safety concerns and lack of compliance with our rule of no children in the front row under age 13, with or without a parent. We are trying to keep people safe, so we have taken this temporary action.

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SING 2 Rated PG

BIKE THEFTS UP IN DAYTON

THE TIMES

DAYTON—The Columbia County Sheriff's Office has recently experienced an increase in reported bike thefts, with their weekly log for January 24 showing at least one new theft per day.

The Sheriff's Office encourages cyclists and bike owners to properly secure their bikes while parked. They recently offered these tips to lessen the chances of getting your bike stolen:

1. Use your locks or lock chains
2. Make your bike unique (example stickers, baskets, attached lights, etc.)
3. Secure your bike inside a garage, house, or fenced area.
4. Write down the make, model and serial number to your bike. This will help identify your bike if it's recovered.

BLUE MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY FOUNDATION IS NOW ACCEPTING SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—Blue Mountain Community Foundation is accepting scholarship applications for the 2022-2023 academic year. The application is available online at www.bluemountainfoundation.org. The deadline for applications is March 7th at 11:59 p.m.

While individual scholarship criteria vary, all applicants must be either a current senior or graduate of a high school in Walla Walla, Columbia, Garfield, or Umatilla counties or have been a resident of one of the above counties for at least three years. Scholarships are available for undergraduate and graduate-level study at any accredited college, trade school, or community college within the United States. By completing the 2022 Common Application, applicants are considered for up to 53 scholarships. In 2021, over \$447,000 of scholarships was awarded to students throughout the valley.

For questions about the application process or available scholarships, please contact Liz McClure, Scholarships Manager, at liz@bluemountainfoundation.org or (509) 529-4371.

WILLIAM AND DELORA HARPE SCHOLARSHIP ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—The William & Delora Harpe Scholarship is currently accepting applications. Current high school seniors or previous graduates of Waitsburg High School, Touchet High School, Columbia-Burbank High School, and Prescott High School are encouraged to apply. Preference is given to students pursuing a career in teaching. The application is available online at www.bluemountainfoundation.org. The deadline for applications is March 7 at 11:59 p.m.

The scholarship can be used at any accredited college, community college, or trade school in the United States in the 2022-2023 school year. As part of their application, students must submit two letters of recommendation. Over \$39,000 has been awarded to students over the last five years.

For questions about the application process or available scholarships, please contact Liz McClure, Scholarships Manager, at liz@bluemountainfoundation.org or (509) 529-4371.

IN RESPONSE TO TAPIO'S LETTER

Character assassination? Let's examine what character assassination looks like. During the last campaign, followers of your conservative group used images of me in the Sheriff's Office to depict me as rummaging through the desks of deputies and stealing. This was deliberate and calculated. It was so egregious that our Sheriff and our Prosecuting Attorney had to issue a community wide statement correcting the attack on me. It was done to show me in a less than honest light, to attack my reputation and character. So please, spare me the whining that I used character assassination in a letter regarding Commissioner Amerein's no-vote on broadband.

I used no underhanded or dirty tactics in my letter regarding Amerein's no-vote. And as a voter, I have every right to disagree as I see fit, whether you or any other CCC member likes it.

Cheers!

Vicki Zoller
Dayton, Wash.

VOTE YES FOR WAITSBURG'S CHILDREN.

Letter to Editor

When recruiting new businesses or new community members, it is important to have several critical tools in your economic development tool box; for Waitsburg Commercial Club, one of the tools that makes Waitsburg a great place to work and live is our award winning school district.

On February 8, a Replacement Levy is on the ballot to maintain school programs and services that are not covered by state funding.

This is not a new tax; it will replace the existing tax of approximately \$3.50 per thousand dollar property assessed value. Due to the current state levy lid, it is likely that Waitsburg's tax rate will DECREASE to \$2.50 per thousand dollars.

The community of Waitsburg always steps up to support our children. Waitsburg Commercial Club Board of Directors asks for your continued support by voting YES for this replacement EP&O levy on February 8.

VOTE YES for Waitsburg's Children.

Joy Marie Smith,
President of Waitsburg Commercial Club
And Board Members

BIRTHDAYS

February 3: Ryan Neal, Ben Turner, Norman Hansen, Robert Weller, Eric Rohde, Mike Gauch, Joe Watson and Chris Walker.

Feb. 4: Morgan Baker, Chelsey Smith, Meredith Huwe, Stacey Bennett, Mathew Akers, Renee Bailey, Robert Bailey, Matthew Lyons, and Elaine Till.

Feb. 5: Tim Abel, Andrea Tuttle, Mary Phillips, Loretta Hunt, Janet Hart, Jack and Jim Hubbard, Helen Richardson, Chad and Nicholas Pearson.

Feb. 6: Aidan Larsen, Jena Worth, Lorene Wood, Sueann Neace, Crystal Werner, Teresa Luders, George C. Robinson, Shawn Davis, Lloyd Walker, Jade Alleman and Mike Bergevin, James Harri.

Feb. 7: Wendy Cobb, Thomas Reese, Melvin and Michael Newbill and Connie Wyrick.

Feb. 8: Talen Larsen, Doug Beckel, Betty Klundt, Penny Jones, Karen Hansen, Jani Jansen, Judy White and Judy Helm Gross.

Feb. 9: Gabe Hofer, Thomas House, Jasper Streeter Hubbard.



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Thursday, February 17
6:30 p.m.
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This is a 21+ only event

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Bulldog Brigade sets sights on student needs

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

'If you see a need, plant a seed' has become the driving force behind Dayton's Bulldog Brigade. Organizer Peggy Eakin was the speaker at the January 27 Dayton Kiwanis Club, and she is on a mission to gather volunteers for just about everything in Dayton.

Eakin started her presentation emphasizing community support, expressing her excitement to speak to club members who had once made it possible for her granddaughter to visit Washington D.C, take her first flight, and see the world outside of Eastern Washington.

Eakin, a former employee at Rainier Bank in Dayton, and her husband, Ray, moved back to the area in 2017 to be closer to their grandchildren. Upon her return, Eakin said she began attending Coalition for Youth and Families meetings, and it wasn't long before she started going to community forums at the Dayton School District. She was immediately concerned with the disconnect between the schools and the community.

"I wanted to fill that gap," Eakin said at the January 27 Dayton Kiwanis Club. "I came up with the Bulldog Brigade because I had a fire burning beneath me."

The first real spark was stoked during a non-school meeting. During a Coalition meeting, Eakin said she was heartbroken to listen to Sheriff Joe Helm tell the story of a middle-school-aged boy who would rather sit in the sheriff's office than go out and cause trouble or go home.

"He needed somewhere safe, where he could sit and talk to someone," Eakin said. "That about ripped my heart out."

Some of her personal life experiences were fueling her drive, too. She recalled when she and her husband welcomed a young family member into their home. Eakin said that their young houseguest didn't know how to drive, fill out a job application, and lacked some essential life skills, even though they were of age to have learned.

As she ventured out into the community with the idea of a volunteer-based organization, Eakin said she quickly learned that her family member was just one of many young adults who have not been taught the basic skills of adulthood. It was clear that many in the community could benefit from a group like the Bulldog Brigade.

She set up a booth at the 2021 Columbia County Fair, where she presented the idea for the organization and asked for volunteers to sign up for various tasks. The booth was very well received, and she walked away from the three-day event with two applicants.

"The kids also stopped by, and they would tell me what they needed," Eakin shared, mentioning that many of the kids who stopped by were in the middle school age range. "One little boy said he was willing to do litter patrol. It was encouraging that they would even stop and visit me."

Since setting up that booth, the Bulldog Brigade has grown to 91 members, and Eakin is always willing to take more. Eakin said they have set up a Facebook page, and they are sharing various volunteer opportunities, including coaching positions for local t-ball leagues, Eagles membership opportunities, and YoungLife needs.

Opportunities for classroom volunteers and sporting event referees are now on the group's Facebook page. An online Bulldog Brigade membership application can be found on their Facebook page posted on January 17, 2022. They are also available at Elk Drug Store in Dayton.

So far, the Bulldog Brigade is off to a wonderful start. Once struggling to find enough volunteers, shifts for the Upper Deck Dinners during sporting events are being filled. New members have joined as mentors and positively influence students while they are at school.

"We needed to have a group of people who are willing to come together as volunteers to fill any need," Eakin said. "We don't need to be a certain age, and it certainly won't cost you anything."

She said she would like to meet with all parts of the community, including the Chamber of Commerce, to see what is needed. Visit their Facebook page to become part of the Brigade.



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Regarding board members sitting in on union negotiations, Hansen said their role is as liaisons to the entire board. Liaisons are only a conduit for information to other board members. They cannot make decisions or offers independent from the Dayton School Board.

The same principles would apply to board members acting as liaisons to the Budget and Finance Committee; they cannot inject their personal opinions into the discussions. Instead, they only serve as an information conduit to the entire board.

The last question posed by Strot was whether a board member could express a dissenting opinion in a board vote to which that board member voted in the minority. Hansen said the board is not acting judicially, and members are part of a team. A good board member accepts that the board's vote represents the district's position. In some cases, the State requires school boards to approve specific policies.

Hansen was asked if a board member may be involved in the procedural changes implemented to carry out the board's policies. Hansen said the board's role is to provide oversight and seek input on progress made.

A board member asked Hansen what local powers the board has, should he feel their hands are tied? Hansen spoke at some length on the matter. Her answer seemed distilled down to this fact: the state legislature endows powers granted to local school boards; therefore, the legislature may override those powers.

The Athletic Director Sam Korslund reported on Secondary School sports' status, but the bulk of his information will be moot by the time this article is published. The Athletic Director said Spring sports are still scheduled to commence on February 28, 2022.

In the Elementary Principal's report, Amy Cox emphasized the critical work of the school counselor but mentioned she is spread very thin between the elementary, middle, and high schools.

Cox described professional training the school's teachers have undergone on student early release days. The training is facilitated by personnel from ESD 123. Some of the training helps teachers clearly convey learning targets to the students to understand the purpose of their studies.

Some elementary staff is working on how to implement restorative practices as applied to student discipline. Restorative practices seek to prevent discipline infractions from being repeated and involve discussions with the students involved and ties to use natural consequences to address behavior problems.

The superintendent reported the secondary school still expects to return to in-person learning on Tuesday, February 1, 2022.

He said that as of the meeting date, the State Department of Health requires basketball players to wear masks while practicing, but not during games. Testing need only be done before each game. This announcement seemed to surprise and disappoint many members of the board. The superintendent said COVID-19 protocols for sports are ephemeral, and it is difficult to predict what they will be from week to week.

Currently, the district will have to make up one snow day. The union will decide which day they would like added to the school calendar in a proposal to the administration for School Board approval.

The superintendent discussed plans to establish a sex-education committee before the fall to approve a curriculum, as required by law. The committee's composition is the intended topic of discussion during the next community forum penciled in for 6 p.m. on February 8, 2022.

At 7:30 p.m., the board adjourned to hold an executive session, expected to last about 45 minutes, with no action to be taken afterward. The reason provided for this executive session was, "To discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to agency enforcement actions, or to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency. RCW 42.30.110"

The next regular Board work session is scheduled for February 2, 2022.

Community Calendar

Waitsburg Monthly Meetings

Waitsburg City Council

Third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m.

Waitsburg School Board

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

Waitsburg Commercial Club

Last Thursday of each month
January 27, 12:00 p.m.
McGregor's Conference Room, 115 Garden Street, Waitsburg
Zoom info available by emailing waitsburg-cc@icloud.com

Waitsburg Gun Club

TBA-General Membership / Board Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.

Walla Walla County Commissioners

Every Monday and Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m.
Call-in information is available at https://www.co.walla-walla.wa.us/government/commissioners/2020_agendas.php

Friends of the Weller Public Library

4th Monday of each month at 7 p.m.
Weller Public Library,
212 Main Street, Waitsburg

Waitsburg Parks and Recreation Meeting

Third Thursdays, 6:30 p.m.
Lions Club, Waitsburg Fairgrounds
January 27, 2022 will be the first meeting.

Weller Library Book Club

February 15, 2022, 7:00 p.m.
at Weller Public Library

Waitsburg Celebration Days Meeting

TBA
Location to be announced

Dayton & Columbia County Meetings

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

Board of Columbia County Commissioners work session meetings Second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 9 a.m.
Call-in information available at <https://www.columbiaco.com/114/County-Commissioners>

Dayton City Council

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

Dayton School Board

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

Columbia County Public Hospital District Board of Commissioners

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

Dayton Memorial Library Board of Trustees Meeting

Every month on the Third Monday at 7:00 PM
Zoom Meeting ID: 852 3836 3787
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85238363787>

Dayton Kiwanis Club Meeting - Online

Second and Fourth Thursday at Noon
Zoom Meeting ID: 559 815 3650
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5598153650>

Starbuck City Council

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

WAITSBURG SENIOR CENTER

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Tuesday, February 8

Meat loaf
Potatoes
Vegetable
Bread
Fruit
Cookie

WAITSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT

Thursday, Feb. 3

B: Breakfast Pizza
L: Corn Dog
Curly fries
Baked Beans
Fruit

Friday, Feb. 4

B: Waffle & sausage
L: Turkey sub- Lettuce-tomatoes-pickles
Chips
Fruit
Cookies

Monday, Feb. 7

B: Omelet, hashbrown, sausage
L: Chicken cordon bleu
Mashed potatoes & gravy
Veggie
Fruit

Tuesday, Feb. 8

B: Biscuit & gravy
L: Uncrustables
Chips
Veggie
Fruit

Wednesday, Feb. 9

B: Cinnamon roll
L: Sweet & sour chicken
Rice
California blend veggie
Fruit
Fortune cookie



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

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Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Each Sunday
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SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR WALLA WALLA COUNTY

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

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

Date of first publication: January 20, 2022
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January 20, 27, February 3, 2022
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

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

In re the Estate of CHARLES P. DARCY, Deceased.
The personal representative named below has been appointed as personal representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided by RCW 11.40.070 by serving or mailing to the personal representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim

must be presented within the later of:

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Personal Representative
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WAITSBURG JOINT SCHOOL DIST. 401 & 100 WALLA WALLA COUNTY, WASHINGTON

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY (VACANT PROPERTIES) NOTICE IS HERBY GIVEN

that the Board of Directors (the "Board") of Waitsburg School District, Walla Walla County, Washington (the "District") has resolved to sell two adjacent parcels of certain vacant real property located off of E Third Street and Coppei Ave., in the City of Waitsburg, WA 99361 (the "Vacant Properties") which are no longer required for school district purposes. The Vacant Properties have the following legal descriptions: (a) abbreviated legal description 11-9-37 TAX 40, Tax Parcel No. 37-09-11-34-0012; and (b) abbreviated legal description 11-9-37 TAX 145, Tax Parcel No. 37-09-11-34-0025, both in Walla Walla County, Washington. The Board will accept offers to purchase either or both of the Vacant Properties by closed bid at the District Administration offices at the location of 184 Academy Street, Waitsburg, WA 99361. All bids are due no later than February 28, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. For further information, please contact Mark Pickel, Superintendent, at Tel. 509-337-6301.

WAITSBURG JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 401 & 100,

WALLA WALLA COUNTY, WASHINGTON

/s/ Mark Pickel,
Superintendent and Secretary of the Board
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COLUMBIA COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Library Board Vacancy

Each spring one Library Board member's term ends, including this year. Anyone interested in serving on this Board may apply for a five-year term. Download the online form or contact the Columbia County Commissioners' office to apply. The current Trustee is eligible for reappointment and is planning to reapply.

Online form: <https://www.columbiaco.com/DocumentCenter/View/6106/Board-Application>
For questions about serving on the Board and application deadlines, contact Karin Spann, Board Chair, at trustees@daytonml.org.
The Times
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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON FOR CLARK COUNTY

NO. 22 4 00106 06
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of WILLIAM LLOYD THOMPSON,
Deceased.

The personal representative named below has been appointed as personal representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the personal representative or the 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 the 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.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA
No. 22 4 00008 36
PROBATE NOTICE OF CREDITORS

In Re the Estate of JOYCE C. BRENDEL, Deceased.
The Personal

Representative named below has been appointed as Personal Representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the Personal Representative or the Personal Representative's attorney stated below a copy of the claim and filing of 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 days after the Personal Representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice.

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Personal Representative: DANIEL BARRETT BRENDEL

Date of First Publication: January 27, 2022
/s/ DANIEL BARRETT BRENDEL,

Personal Representative of the Estate of JOYCE C. BRENDEL

Attorney for the Personal Representative and address for mailing and service:

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THE WALLA WALLA COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT (WWCCD) IS ISSUING A REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ)

for engineering services on the RCO 18-2089P plan, Cottonwood Creek Design. This reach includes two segments of Cottonwood Creek in Walla Walla totally approximately 1.15 miles. One is located upstream of Powerline Rd, and one is located downstream.

Major elements of this project include:

Preliminary designs with design report and modeling developed for RCO review panel approval followed by a final design incorporating their comments. Designs will include a series of post assisted log structures, engineered log structures, and riparian plantings to benefit juvenile and adult mid-Columbia summer steelhead. The project will need to include an evaluation of a suitable reference site with similar morphology and modeling of anticipated hydrologic shear. The necessary permit applications will also be expected.

Proposals must include the following components and will be ranked accordingly: Qualifications of Key Personnel (90 pts), Relevant Project Experience (90 pts), Experience with RCO Salmon Recovery state review process (30 pts), Previous Performance (90 pts). The RFQ can be obtained by email or through the WWCCD office by appointment. For questions, please contact Joanna Cowles Cleveland at (509)956-3760 joanna.cowles@wwccd.net or Renee Hadley at (509) 956-3756 renee.hadley@wwccd.net.

WWCCD retains the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive minor irregularities in the selection process. Documents must be received at the WWCCD office (via email or in-person delivery) before 4 p.m. Thursday, March 3, 2022.

Walla Walla County Conservation District
325 North 13th Ave.
Walla Walla, WA. 99362
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA

In the Matter of the Estate of

David L. Donnelly
Deceased
NO. 22 4 00007 36
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS
RCW 11.40.030
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'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 this notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both decedent's probate and non-probate assets.

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Palouse Outdoors: Weathering the Storm

By Brad Trumbo | THE TIMES

Ali and I had been looking forward to our winter vacation since we booked the flights in October. Heading south for a week of good food and scenic beaches ranks high among the options for properly ringing in the new year. But Mother Nature had bigger plans, as she often does.

Airlines were strained by the volume of holiday travelers and our beloved COVID “Omicron” variant sweeping through flight crews. Hence, it was no surprise that our flights were canceled with no opportunity to rebook as feet of snow deposited across the Northwest. On the bright side, we weathered the storm on the homestead rather than a cold concourse at LAX.

While I didn’t care for ten below zero, I found the snow calming and appreciated the landscape transformation. Flakes gently fall and settle silently, masking the drab terrain with a pristine veneer. Everything appears smooth and delicate, and trees and wildlife contrast beautifully with the bright white. Although sushi on the beach would have been equally welcomed, sipping coffee, and watching quail each day offered its own rewards.

Songbirds, quail, and pheasant all hunker closer to food when the snow begins to build. Every brush pile surrounding the house held a covey who remained mostly within the confines. The blackberries along the road sheltered a covey that visited the bird feeders several times each day. I placed a game bird feeding block beneath a songbird feeder, and as the snow deepened, the quail would excavate down to the seed source. They dug around the block what resembled a moat surrounding a castle, and at times, only the tip of their little black top knots could be seen bouncing as they scuffled their feet to uncover seeds.

Pheasant are ever-present over winter, but when the snow reached a foot deep, a half dozen roosters and a sole hen arrived to feed with the quail. They never missed a meal at the deer feeder, which scattered scratch grains morning, noon, and night. Similar to the quail, the pheasant dug their way beneath the feeder until only tail tips could be seen and the occasional top of the head as the birds popped up to check their surroundings. Pheasant are dazzling birds in general, but their colors pop radiantly against fresh snow.

As the second front moved in, a bald eagle and ravens camped on the edge of the property. “Blue tongue” and epizootic hemorrhagic disease ravaged



Right: An Oregon junco returns an inquisitive stare while resting among lilac branches.

Below: California quail emerge from a brush pile to stretch during a break in the storm.

the white-tailed deer herd this past September, and the scavengers reaped the benefit. It’s a rare winter when these birds and the coyotes fare well with easy pickings.

White-crowned sparrows joined the onyx-capped Oregon juncos and rosy House finches around the bird feeders while olive-backed goldfinches pecked at weed seeds. The white-crowned sparrow was late to the party, but announced its arrival with an unusual high-tailed scurry between feeders and the game bird block.

The chickens never left the roost, which suited me fine. The missus loves her roving gang of fowl that bully the songbirds and quail. On the other hand, I have a distaste for the feathered filth as they defecate across every inch of our yard, porch, and driveway. Between bouts of fertilizing the lawn, they work to unearth the foundation of the house, digging for dry soil in which to dust bathe. I appreciate their foolishness when they do emerge from the roost. Twilight lingers with snow, throwing off the chicken’s sense of time. A few failed to make roost before the solar door closed them out. Unfortunately, the great horned owls missed their opportunities.

A plastic tote on the porch (among other things) marks ours the home of the hillbillies, but it affords our inherited outdoor tortoiseshell tabby a windbreak with cozy swaddling and a pressure-triggered heat mat, which she greatly appreciates. Her vacancies were rare with snow on the ground, and it was good to be home to keep her fed and in fresh water through the worst of it. By the looks of her girth and robust winter coat, I would say this winter has been particularly easy on her. Perhaps she is getting spoiled.

My only gripe was the eight inches of heavy almost-rain that piled up on the second go-round. My little thirty-horse John Deere did what it could, which was more than I expected, but a shovel and creativity



were commonly needed to keep it moving. The road slopes away from the driveway, and at one point, as I attempted to turn around at the top, I slid out into the road with no hope of clawing my way back in. Wheel speed is important to keep traction and momentum, so I wrenched the gearbox into “high range,” shifted in high gear, and dumped the clutch. Upon speeding down to Stonecipher Road, I threw the little green machine into a slide, spun a U-turn, and fish-tailed my way back up the hill. I impressed even myself by timing the driveway entrance and speed perfectly, lowering the bucket, and clearing the last strip clean before escaping the path of the County plow truck.

Drifts still linger as they had grown to over four feet high, but with temperatures back to normal, life on the homestead has returned to routine. Still, something is soothing about warm beverages and viewing wildlife in the snow and dashing across the lawn in my shorts to photograph a sunrise as it warms on the frozen horizon. I may be crazy, but I hope winter offers one more chance to weather the storm before trout season.

TIMES WRITER PUBLISHES BOOK OF ESSAYS ON EASTERN WASHINGTON BIRD HUNTING

THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—Biologist, award-winning author, and *The Times* columnist Brad Trumbo shares his love of grand Eastern Washington terrain and the flush of upland birds over pointing dogs running big on the prairie.

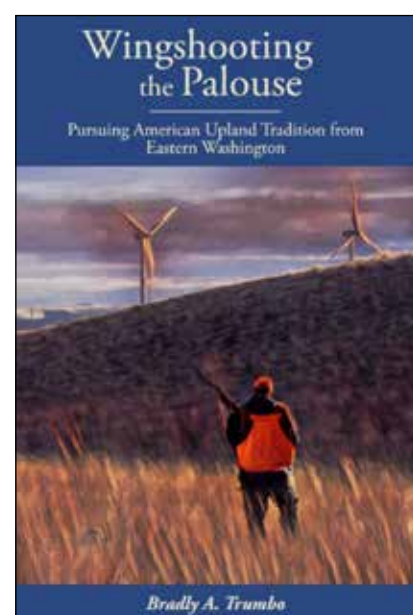
Wingshooting the Palouse is a heartfelt collection of essays on upland bird hunting with Llewellyn setters running the grasslands of Eastern Washington and beyond. From covey birds on the sage-steppe to forest grouse, the author presents grand vistas, high-tailed points, and the explosive flush of some of America’s most sought-after upland game birds in ornate detail. Passionate upland pursuits place the reader in the scene to experience the colors of the landscape, the giddy anticipation

of the flush, and the heart-stopping rush of wingbeats. Building the hunter/canine partnership, tasting wingshooting perfection, enjoying mystifying mistakes, and embracing cultural history make up a fraction of the ground covered among the pages of this collection that is sure to resonate with any upland hunter.

Dennis Dauble, author of *Chasing Ghost Trout* said, “Trumbo’s love for his setters comes through in vivid detail, as does his passion for open spaces and the hunt itself. His impressive descriptions of the landscape complement the intensity of his dogs on point, before the eruption of wings takes your breath away.”

Visit with author Brad Trumbo, Friday February 11th from 5:30-8:00pm for a book signing event in the beautiful Royal Block wine bar on Mainstreet in Waitsburg. Enjoy fine wines, art, and causal discussion of literature and upland hunting in this spacious and comfortable setting.

Books will be available from www.amazon.com, www.keokeebooks.com, www.barnesandnoble.com, and at Ten Ton Coffee, Waitsburg.



Benefit Book Event at Royal Block Feb. 17

THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—Grab a glass of wine at the Royal Block and join local author Charles Potts for a benefit book reading on February 17, 2022.

The Walla Walla based, award-winning author will share his newest book, *The Fifth Convulsion: The Structure of American History* and his 1993 book, *How the South Finally Won the Civil War*.

He has been writing and publishing since he was a teenager. Potts said that during his youth, he was reading and writing all of the time, and at one point, was living in his aunt’s coal bin to avoid rent, reading two or three books a day.

His love for literature has earned him a Distinguished Professional Achievement Award from the Alumni Association and the College of Arts and Sciences at Idaho State University in 1994. In 2008, he received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Washington Poets Association.

Potts was a self-proclaimed Berkeley radical in the 60s and 70s and later served on the Executive Committee for the Democratic Party in Washington State. His political thoughts, combined with his profound interest in history, have influenced much of his work.

After traveling extensively, including a year in Ja-



Beka Compton

Charles Potts will be reading excerpts from his newest book, *The Fifth Convulsion*, at the Royal Block on February 17. The front cover artwork was done by local artist Martha Mason.

pan and several years in Mexico, California, and Utah, Potts said his Washington home best suits him. On top of his writing, Potts owns and operates Blue Creek Appaloosas, one of a few breeding ranches for Foundation Appaloosas.

All proceeds from the February 17 reading will benefit the Weller Public Library. There is no ticket or cover charge for the event, which starts at 6:30 p.m.

To learn more about Charles Potts and his books, visit <https://charlespotts.com>

MOBILE MARKET BRINGING FREE GROCERIES TO DAYTON

THE TIMES

DAYTON—A mobile food distribution event will be happening at HomeStreet Bank on February 10, the first of many times that 2nd Harvest will bring free groceries to residents of Dayton throughout the spring. No identification is required.

This drive-through event will be limited to 250 families, and current CDC COVID-19 guidelines will be followed.

Mobile Market will provide the groceries with the help from 2nd Harvest and plenty of volunteers from Dayton to hand out items. Thank you to the Community Food Bank of Dayton members, the Dayton Kiwanis Club, and HomeStreet Bank for volunteering.

2nd Harvest will be visiting Dayton a total of four times between the February 10 event and June 1. Future dates will be announced at a later time.

MOBILE MARKET **FREE FOOD DISTRIBUTION**

Home Street Bank
427 E. Main Street.
Dayton, WA 99328

Thursday, February 10th
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Drive-Thru event up to 250 families

FUN & GAMES

R.F.D. by Mike Marland

...AND NOW HERE'S DAVE WITH THE FORECAST...!

NOT SURE I LIKE THIS NEW WEATHER GUY...

HE SAYS WITH ALL THE ACCESS TO WEATHER DATA WE HAVE THESE DAYS THERE'S NO REASON FOR HIM TO GET TOO DETAILED.

TODAY: BAD. TOMORROW: NOT MUCH BETTER. WEDNESDAY: SORTA OKAY. THURSDAY: KINDA SO-SO. FRIDAY...

The Friendly Forest By Jimmye L. Turner

I SOMETIMES LOOK DOWN AT THE TOWN AND WONDER WHAT THEY'RE DOING.

THEY'RE LOOKING UP HERE AND WONDERING WHAT WE'RE DOING.

Out on a Limb by Gary Kopervas

THE TAN VOLVO...

DOG PARK

Amber Waves by Dave T. Phipps

WE CAN'T PLAY VIDEO GAMES. MY MOM WANTS ME TO GET SOME FRESH AIR.

I DON'T GET IT. THE AIR OUT HERE SEEMS JUST THE SAME AS IT IS IN THE HOUSE.

YOUR MOM SAYS THE SAME THING. I THINK THIS IS SOME KIND OF CONSPIRACY.

WHATEVER IT IS MUST BE EXHAUSTING AS SHE ALWAYS FALLS ASLEEP WHEN I LEAVE.

POPEYE

MOOCHING POPEYE WAS A WASHOUT!

AHA! BUT BRUTUS APPROACHES WITH WHAT APPEARS TO BE A COMESTIBLE

WHAT HAVE YOU THERE, BRUTUS?

AN APPLE PIE FROM THE FOOD DEPOT

A COMMERCIAL PIE? DO YOU REALIZE WHAT YOU ARE INGESTING?

DO YOU WISH TO CONSUME APPLS TREATED WITH SULFITES... HYDROXYLATED LECITHIN AND HYDROGENATED SOYBEAN OIL...

...BAKED WITH FERROUS SULFATE, MALTODEXTRIN AND SODIUM STEAROYL...

...NOT TO MENTION CELLULOSE GUM?

GOOD GOLLY, NO!

ALLOW ME TO RELIEVE YOU OF THAT FOUL MESS!

GEE... T'ANKS, WIMPY!

Touchet Valley Weather Feb. 2, 2022

Waitsburg's Seven Day Forecast

Day	Forecast	High	Low
Wednesday	Mostly Cloudy	37	28
Thursday	Mostly Cloudy	36	30
Friday	Mostly Cloudy	44	33
Saturday	Partly Cloudy	46	29
Sunday	Mostly Cloudy	45	30
Monday	Mostly Cloudy	48	34
Tuesday	Mostly Sunny	46	30

Weather Trivia

Why does salt keep snow from turning to ice?

Answer: Salt water needs to be much colder to freeze.

Weather History

Feb. 2, 1952 - The only tropical storm of record to hit the United States in February moved out of the Gulf of Mexico and across southern Florida. It produced 60 mph winds and two to four inches of rain.

Local Almanac Last Week

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip
Tuesday	31	29	43/32	0.00"
Wednesday	31	29	43/32	Trace
Thursday	30	29	43/32	Trace
Friday	31	24	43/32	0.00"
Saturday	31	26	43/32	0.00"
Sunday	43	27	43/32	0.09"
Monday	44	33	43/32	0.00"

Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Wednesday	7:14 a.m.	5:00 p.m.	8:35 a.m.	6:57 p.m.
Thursday	7:12 a.m.	5:01 p.m.	8:59 a.m.	8:12 p.m.
Friday	7:11 a.m.	5:03 p.m.	9:19 a.m.	9:24 p.m.
Saturday	7:10 a.m.	5:04 p.m.	9:38 a.m.	10:34 p.m.
Sunday	7:08 a.m.	5:06 p.m.	9:57 a.m.	11:41 p.m.
Monday	7:07 a.m.	5:07 p.m.	10:17 a.m.	Next Day
Tuesday	7:06 a.m.	5:09 p.m.	10:39 a.m.	12:48 a.m.

PIONEER PORTRAITS

Ten Years Ago
February 2, 2012
 To say the City of Waitsburg is stumped by the future of the collapsed bunk house east of the McGregor plant is putting it mildly. No one came forward to put in a salvage bid for its materials. The fire district doesn't want to burn it as part of a training exercise because it contains hazardous materials. And now it appears the city is in violation of its own code by just letting it sit there. "It's been a worrisome issue," said Mayor Walt Gobel. "We may need to bite the bullet and get it squared away."



[Photo Caption] Kids walk and skateboard home after school in Waitsburg last Monday.

Twenty-Five Years Ago
February 6, 1997
 Citizens of Waitsburg sweated out another high-water incident last week as high temperatures and rain, after a period of chilly temperatures and snowfall, sent runoff rushing downstream. Weather forecasters on Wednesday called for unseasonably high temperatures in the higher elevations and around one inch of rain for the latter part of the week.

Fifty Years Ago
February 3, 1972
 Jim Burres of Waitsburg was elected to head the Walla Walla Cattlemen's Association at the annual meeting held last Thursday in the Marcus Whitman Hotel. Jim, who has served as the organization's vice president, takes over the leadership from Joes Herres who has held the office for the past two years. Joe Chvatal was named vice president and Bill Stonecipher will serve as secretary. Bob Kibler will be the treasurer and Doug Warnock recording secretary. Jim Kibler and Bill Stonecipher will serve on the board of directors with Tom Bergevin who was elected for the first time as director.



Seventy-Five Years Ago
February 7, 1947
 Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hansen who are living at the C. N. Eaton farm while the Eatons are in Olympia, were honored at a charivari Wednesday night by their family and friends.

Capt. and Mrs. Chas. Nielson are the parents of a son, Michael Allen born Jan. 25th at Fort George Wright hospital in Spokane.

Ira Chew was honored at a surprise birthday party held at the Chew home Thursday evening when 20 guests assembled to greet the honored guest. Mrs. Jess Craig provided the angel food birthday cake while the hostess was assisted by Mrs. Emma Florea and Mrs. Helia Powers.

One Hundred Years Ago
February 3, 1922
 The local Legion recently organized a basketball team which promises to give a good account of itself before the season is over. The new team is composed of Harold Roberts, Fred Ogden, Irvin Adams, Alpha Fox, Herman Taylor, Guy McLoughlin and Joe Free.

The new \$20,000 Starbuck school gymnasium building was formally opened Saturday night with a basketball game and music.

The following girls will probably start in the basketball game against Endicott: Captain Mabel Groom, center; Lola Danielson and Nellie Harrington, forwards; Bernice Cline and Blanche Stonecipher, guards; Lois Dixon, side-center with Bessie Barnes, Lillian Callahan, and Martha Phillips likely to enter the game at any time.

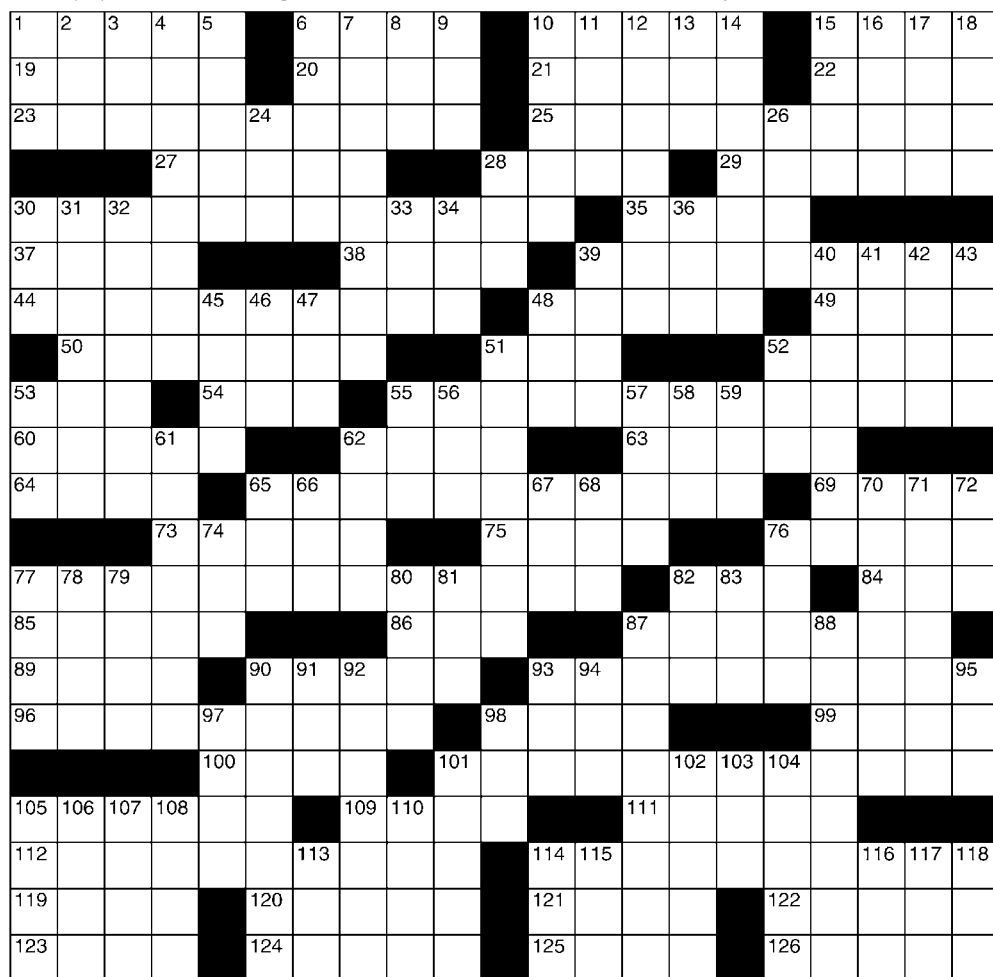
One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago
February 5, 1897
 Tying-room at the hitching racks was at a premium last Saturday. Everybody turned out in sleighs. While C. M. Taylor was away from home a large straw stack, on his farm in Wilson Hollow, fell during a heavy wind and killed four of his finest horses. Miss Cynthia Russell, a young lady of 27 living in Dayton, was committed to the insane asylum at Medical Lake this week. The Dayton Courier says that the chief cause for her insane condition was laid to the reading of so many trashy novels, which is one of hundreds of cases attributed to this cause.

PUZZLES & LIFESTYLES

Super Crossword

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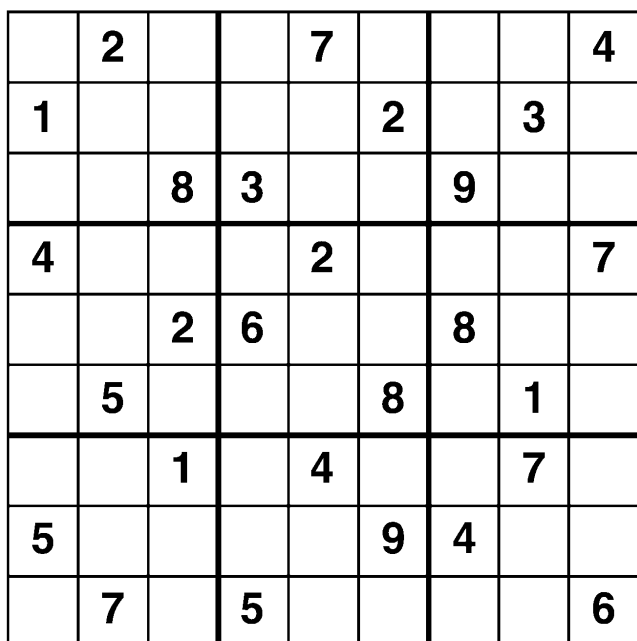
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- 1 Uncertainty
 - 6 Home to the Taj Mahal
 - 10 Sporty Mazda
 - 15 Pats gently
 - 19 Mistake
 - 20 Co. bigwigs
 - 21 Tunesmith Harold
 - 22 Opera solo
 - 23 Denim pants that rise up to the navel?
 - 25 Illusions a postman performs with his letters?
 - 27 Astrologer Sydney
 - 28 Small dent
 - 29 Discusses at length, with "over"
 - 30 Bet taker who's great with scissors?
 - 35 Weed-nixing tools
 - 37 — B'rith
 - 38 "— afraid of that"
 - 39 Baffle a lecherous fellow?
 - 44 Actor Crystal playing a high-ranking policeman?
 - 48 Ship spars
 - 49 Margarine, quaintly
 - 50 Pants lines
 - 51 Ump relative
 - 52 Ridicule
 - 53 Busy crawler
 - 54 Phone bug
 - 55 Violent guys on a Greek island?
 - 60 "Can — witness?"
 - 62 Abbr. on a bank door
 - 63 Eagle's nest
 - 64 Make anew
 - 65 Add cornstarch to spiced tea?
 - 69 Sitarist Shankar
 - 73 Appeals
 - 75 Debt memos
 - 76 Involving warships
 - 77 Bloated dancer?
 - 82 Genetic helix
 - 84 Sugar suffix
 - 85 Florida Air Force Base
 - 86 Realty unit
 - 87 Uses logic
 - 89 Kingly Norse name
 - 90 Seismic event
 - 93 Romantic song sung with an audience watching?
 - 96 What might result in an octuple bogey?
 - 98 Arizona tribe
 - 99 Oscar — Renta
 - 100 Currency unit of 11-Down
 - 101 Solution to rinse partially closed eyes?
 - 105 Akron native
 - 109 Sale caveat
 - 111 Olive-green songbird
 - 112 Supermarket vehicles within easy reach?
 - 114 Cornic
 - 115 Fox being shamelessly bold?
 - 119 Longish skirt
 - 120 Kellogg's waffles
 - 121 City in central Poland
 - 122 Beast of Borden
 - 123 Plumlike fruit
 - 124 Tending to ooze
 - 125 Comply with
 - 126 Ford fiasco
 - 4 Cowboys' neck cords
 - 5 "Go ahead, I'm listening"
 - 6 Sour-tasting
 - 7 Transmission lubricants
 - 8 "Hellboy" star
 - 9 Beast of burden
 - 10 First lady Eisenhower
 - 11 Persia, now
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 - 15 Lectern spot
 - 16 Shoe part
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 - 24 Pantry item
 - 26 Scraping file
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 - 30 Ottawa-based TV network
 - 31 Disconnect, as a door
 - 32 Sullied
 - 33 Barn hooter
 - 34 Eloise creator
 - 36 Ump's cry
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 - 40 Musical period since the 1950s
 - 41 Balm additive
 - 42 Deborah of "Quo Vadis"
 - 43 Huge spans
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 - 61 Best-of list countable on one hand
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 - 65 Actor Danson
 - 66 Possesses
 - 67 — Valley, San Francisco
 - 68 Mongrel dog
 - 70 "Anne of Green Gables" town
 - 71 Feudal tenants
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 - 74 Actor Cariou
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 - 78 Aptly named hybrid fruit
 - 79 Custard tart
 - 80 Deer cousins
 - 81 "Annabel Lee" poet
 - 82 Wildlife lair
 - 83 Arrest
 - 87 Enter hostilely again
 - 88 Europe, Asia and Africa
 - 90 Pear relatives of the stage
 - 92 Like fugitives
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 - 97 Talk to God
 - 98 Command ctrs.
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 - 102 Fluster
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 - 107 —-Chinese
 - 108 Pooch in "Garfield"
 - 110 Knock off
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

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MY RECIPES Luke Chavez

Naan Flatbread



Luke Chavez

As we trudge through the gloomy cold days of late winter, my kitchen has been keeping us warm with a steady rotation of favorite soup recipes. With these simmering pots of comfort, I am always looking for the perfect thing to serve on the side for dipping, dunking and sopping. Homemade fluffy focaccia, crusty bread, cornbread, and biscuits have all been tried. Naan, a flatbread from India, is a leavened option that is relatively quick to produce, and cooks beautifully on the stovetop. Finished with melted garlic butter, this delightful bread holds up to the heartiest of soups and stews, making it a current obsession.

Ingredients:

- ½ cup plus 2 tablespoons milk
- 2 teaspoons sugar, divided
- 2 teaspoons dried active yeast
- 1-pound (about 3 1/3 cups) all-purpose flour
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 2 tablespoons neutral oil, plus more
- ¾ cup plain yogurt
- 1 large egg, lightly beaten
- ¼ cup butter
- 3 garlic cloves, minced (optional)
- Flakey sea salt

Directions:

In a small saucepan, scald milk by bringing it almost to a boil, then take it off the heat, cool to lukewarm. Place warmed milk in a small bowl and add the yeast with one teaspoon of the sugar. Stir to combine, then set aside for 15 to 20 minutes or until the yeast has dissolved and the mixture is frothy.

In a large mixing bowl, sift together the flour, salt, baking powder and remaining teaspoon of sugar. To the dry ingredients add the yeast mixture, oil, yogurt, and the egg. Mix well to form a ball of dough.

Turn dough out on a clean work surface and knead for about 10 minutes, until dough is smooth and elastic. Form dough into a ball. Lightly oil a large bowl and roll the ball of dough around in the oil. Cover and set aside in a warm spot until the dough has doubled in size, about 1 hour.

Place a baking sheet in oven and preheat oven to 200 degrees. In a small saucepan melt the butter with the garlic and a pinch of salt. Keep warm.

Uncover the dough and punch down. Turn it out on work surface and lightly knead it again until smooth. Divide the dough into 6 equal balls and dust each with flour. Roll each ball out into an oval about 5 by 8 inches.

Lightly oil a cast iron skillet and heat on stovetop over high heat until almost smoking. When pan is ready, cook one naan on first side for about 1 minute. The bread will puff and bubble while the bottom starts to brown. Flip and cook for another minute or two, until cooked through. Don't worry if it gets charred in spots. Brush top with garlic butter, sprinkle top with a flourish of flakey salt, and transfer to tray in warm oven. Continue to cook the remaining naan in the same manner. When they are all cooked and ready to serve, wrap naan in a clean tea towel and place in a covered dish to keep warm on the table.

Notes:

Common throughout Central Asia, this version of naan comes from Northern India where it is served with virtually every meal, a natural accompaniment to curries and pots of spiced lentils. This chewy versatile flatbread is also wonderful to dip in any array of your favorite soups, stews or chilies. Also, lovely for flatbread sandwiches or alongside a Mediterranean mezze platter.

The melted butter on top can be left plain with just salt, but the garlic is an added delight. Experiment with different finishing spices sprinkled on top such as cumin, nigella seeds, crushed chili flakes or sumac.

In India this bread is traditionally cooked in a wood fired tandoori clay oven, giving it characteristic black charred spots. The hot skillet will create these spots of dark brown to almost charred, which add to the flavor.

I recently served this bread with a rich chicken curry, garam marsala simmered vegetables, and basmati rice. An exotic meal that warmed my guests on a particularly frigid winter night. Enjoy!

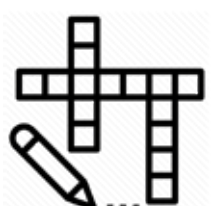
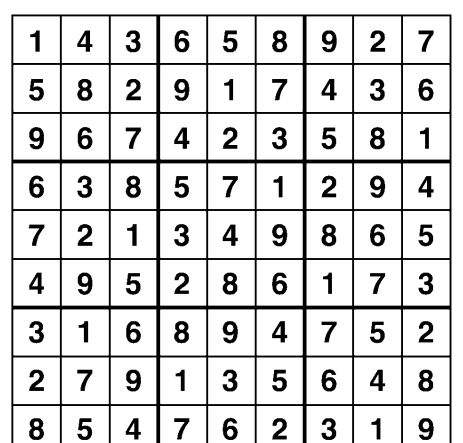
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SPORTS & NEWS

Super Bowl LVI – Cincinnati Bengals vs. Los Angeles Rams

By Eric Umphrey | THE TIMES

This year's Super Bowl will be played at SoFi Stadium in Inglewood, California, on February 13 at 3:30 p.m. on NBC.

The Rams are favored to win by four points since they are playing in their home stadium. This is only the second time a team has played the Super Bowl on their home field. The first time happened last year with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

Cincinnati has only been in the Super Bowl twice, both times in the eighties. In Super Bowl XVI, the Bengals lost to the 49ers 26-21, and the MVP went to Joe Montana. In Super Bowl XXIII, the Bengals again lost to the 49ers 20-16, with Jerry Rice chosen MVP. Only three players currently on the Bengals roster were born before Super Bowl XXIII offensive tackle Riley Reiff, long snapper Clark Harris, and punter Kevin Huber.

Los Angeles has been to four Super Bowls. Recent-

ly, in 2019, they lost to the Patriots 13-3. The Rams' only Super Bowl win was in 2000 against the Titans. They won 23-16 in a game that went to the final play where the Rams stopped the Titans at the one-yard line as time ran out. Rams quarterback Kurt Warner was the MVP. Going into that season, the Rams had the longest odds to win the Super Bowl since 1977. The second-longest odds since 1977 are this year's Cincinnati Bengals. A bet of \$100 at the start of the season would return \$10,000 should the Bengals win this year's game.

Standout players to watch on the Cincinnati team include Joe Burrow. The quarterback had a breakout season in his second year with the Bengals. He was the overall first-round pick for Cincinnati in 2020. Among quarterbacks, Burrow was eighth in touchdowns with thirty-four and sixth in yards with 4,611 and first in completion percentage at 70.4%.

The Bengals have two 1,000+ yard receivers with J'Marr Chase and Tee Higgins. Chase ranks third in the NFL with six hundred fifty-one yards after the

catch. He also ranks third in touchdowns with thirteen.

At running back, the Bengals' Joe Mixon finished third in the NFL in rushing yards with 1,205 and an average of 4.1 yards per carry. His thirteen touchdowns ranked fourth among rushers. Evan McPherson ranks in the top third of field goal kickers in the NFL, but he has a perfect 12-12 in field goals and 4-4 in extra points in the playoffs.

Players to watch for Los Angeles include Matthew Stafford, who was one of the top quarterbacks in the NFL this season. He was second in touchdowns with forty-one, third in passing yards, and fourth in quarterback rating with 63.8. Like Burrow, Stafford was also an overall first-round pick back in 2009.

At wide receiver is Eastern Washington's own Cooper Kupp, who was the top wide receiver in the NFL this year. He led the league in yards 1,947, touchdowns with sixteen, and eight hundred forty-six yards after catch. Expect Kupp to get some MVP votes.

On defense, Aaron Donald has 12.5 sacks on the season and is one of the top defensive players in the league. Finally, Matt Gay is one of the most accurate kickers in the league. He missed only two field goals and one extra point during the regular season.

The only way I see the Bengals winning this game is if their defense forces several turnovers, so I'll take the Rams as the home team for the win.

Schools, sports resuming planned activities

THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—As the number of COVID-19 cases associated with local schools dropped this week, the Dayton and Waitsburg School District superintendents made the calls to bring back in-person learning starting February 1.

The Dayton School District announced the switch to remote learning for all secondary students on January 25 after the rapid rise of student cases in grades 6-12, paired with many of the staff and teachers out sick, forced the decision. The district continues to monitor COVID-19 cases in the school and community.

As of Monday, January 31, there were 19 active cases in Columbia County, down from 55 last week.

The Waitsburg School District announced the transition to remote learning on January 26, citing similar reasons as their neighbor across the county line. After COVID-19 cases had increased for students and teachers and a lack of substitute teachers, the district sent all students back to online instruction for three days.

Superintendent Mark Pickel said that there were up to six confirmed cases and close contacts associated with the school community. Still, he expected everyone to be back in the building by the end of the week.

Both schools returned to in-person learning on February 1.

Dayton-Waitsburg Athletics has been cleared to resume their regular schedules. The high school basketball teams will close the season by hosting River View High School on Thursday, February 3, and Warden High School on Saturday, February 5. Visit www.dwsports.org for up-to-date schedules.

Thursday's game against River View will be Senior Night at the Dayton High School Gym. Head out and give outgoing players a little extra support at one of their last home games.

Middle School Girls basketball will have their first game of the season on Wednesday in Waitsburg against Liberty Christian Walla Walla, starting at 4 p.m.

NEW MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS NUMBER IN COLUMBIA COUNTY

THE TIMES

DAYTON—As of February 1, 2022, the new behavioral health crisis line for Columbia County is (509) 876-0626, as Comprehensive Healthcare begins providing behavioral health crisis services to Columbia County.

"Comprehensive Healthcare has been delivering services for 50 years, and in that time, we have been able to build a strong network of providers and community partnerships," said Jodi Daly, Ph.D., President and CEO. "By expanding that dynamic, high-quality care to Columbia County, we are able to support individuals experiencing a behavioral health crisis and connect them with vital resources to provide ongoing support."

Blue Mountain Counseling has provided crisis services to Columbia County for many years. It has been working closely with Comprehensive Healthcare to make the transition to new crisis line services smooth.

"We are very grateful for the assistance and value Blue Mountain Counseling's community partnership. We look forward to their ongoing support

and expertise provided to Columbia County residents as we will be connecting individuals to their outpatient behavioral health services," said Daly.

According to their organizational values, Comprehensive Healthcare is committed to increasing access to care in all parts of the region, regardless of the size of the community. Noting the significant Veteran populations throughout Eastern Washington, as well as families and school-aged children, Comprehensive Healthcare representatives say no individual should be overlooked, and everyone deserves access to a high level of behavioral health care.

Since 1972, Comprehensive Healthcare has provided behavioral health services to the South-Central region of Washington state, including Walla Walla County since 2014. Offering a broad range of support and care options for mental health and substance use disorder, their services range from secure inpatient and stabilization facilities to family and youth programs, therapies for opioid use disorder, and more.

To access crisis services in Columbia County, call the crisis line at (509) 876-0626. If you are interested in learning more about Comprehensive Healthcare and the services they provide, visit comphc.org, or call their main number at (509) 575-4084.

UPDATED SKI DAY DATES FOR WAITSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT

WAITSBURG—In last week's edition of *The Times*, school ski days were included in the Waitsburg School Board meeting article. Since printing, the dates have changed to the following

Feb. 2 - 5th and 6th grades ski day

Feb. 9 - 5th and 6th grades ski day

Feb. 16 - 5th grade ski day

6th grade will remain at school

Feb. 17 - All school ski day (grades 6, 7, and 8)

Feb. 23 - 5th and 6th ski day.

If you are experiencing thoughts of suicide, or wanting to harm yourself call

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