



Karen Huwe

The morning preschool class performed in its first winter program, joining Waitsburg Elementary School students to entertain friends and family.

THIS WEEK



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Waitsburg winter music programs warm the season

Waitsburg Students brighten the holiday season with music

By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — Waitsburg Elementary School held its winter program at the high school auditorium on Thursday, December 18.

Students from preschool through fifth grade performed to the delight of a house packed with family and friends. The preschool students were directed by their teacher, Eleanora Montgomery. Music Director Elizabeth Jagelski directed the kindergarten through grade five students.

- Preschool's morning class sang – "We All Hold Hands Together" and the afternoon class sang "I am a Little Star."
- Kindergarten – "The Dreidel Song" and "Must be Santa"
- 1st grade – "Jingle Bells/Hear the Sleigh Bells" and "Candy Cane Lane"
- 2nd grade – "A Holly Jolly Christmas" and "Hot, Hot Chocolate"
- 3rd grade – "African Praise Noel" and "It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas"
- 4th grade – "All I Want for Christmas" and "Rise Up"
- 5th grade – "A La Ninita Nana" and "Where Are You Christmas"

The elementary school program finished with all the students singing "In This House Tonight."

Three Waitsburg High School students performed a winter recital for family and friends on Wednesday, December 18, in the high school band room.

Student musicians Sarah Daves, Leif Heckman, and Ellie Teal showcased their musical talent under the direction and accompaniment of Music Director Elizabeth Jagelski.

The trio played the following songs:

- "Jingle Bells"
- "Shalom Chaverim"
- "Grant Us Peace" (Dona Nobis Pacem)
- "Go For Excellence"
- "Frosty The Snowman"
- They performed two medleys: Christmas Overture Medley – "Away In a Manger" "O' Christmas Tree"
- Christmas in Concert Medley – "Hark The Angels" "The First Noel"
- "O Come All Ye Faithful"

Daves, Teal, and Jagelski performed "Carol Of The Bells" to wrap the evening's performance.



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High School students Sarah Daves, Leif Heckman, and Ellie Teal gave a winter band recital.



Port receives rail line valuations

By Justin Jaech | THE TIMES

DAYTON – The Port of Columbia Board of Commissioners held its December meeting on December 18, 2024, at 5 p.m. Commissioners Seth Bryan, Johnny Watts, Mike Spring, and Executive Director Jennie Dickinson were at the port's conference room.

The meeting began with a public comment period where county residents, including local farmers, questioned selling the port's railroad and right-of-way. Concerns included the possible adverse effects on grain transport should the Snake River dams be removed.

A county resident asked what motivated the idea of a sale, saying it was evident that the board was serious since they spent 40k for an appraisal. He wondered if the port's executive director had recommended the sale. He asked if the commissioners had an agenda to sabotage the port.

Bryan said the rail operator had approached the port several years ago about a sale. Since then, the port has been looking into it. He said the board had not made a decision; however, he gave a long list of why he thought it should be sold to operator. He also said he was approached by many people in the county who want them to sell the property.

Gerry Kaiser, who spoke at the last meeting, asked the commissioners to pass a resolution directing the port staff to seek and apply for Federal transportation grants.

There was a general agreement that an operational railroad was necessary for the county. Still, there was also concern about the impact a sale would have on the long-term sustainability of the rail line.

Spring said he also wants an operational railroad, and would love to see tourist trains come through, but it costs money. He said there are grants available, but he knows the operator did not apply for grants until he was asked. Spring felt the operator was trying to devalue it to get the best price.

Spring said the port could operate the railroad for profit; other ports do. He is afraid it could be dismantled if they sell the line.

After public comment, the commissioners handled administrative items and heard from Dickinson that the port received a \$1.69 million grant to improve the crossing at Bowles Junction and Highway 124. She reminded the board that the port has been awarded many grants to improve the rail line. She said improving it to a passenger line would be cost-prohibitive, and she doesn't see that happening anytime soon. Dickinson wanted to ensure that the board knew that nothing was keeping the line from making money or being operational at this time.

Dickinson introduced representatives from R.L Banks & Associates, Inc. and Gary R. Anglemyer and Associates, LLC, who assessed the rail line for the port.

Charles Banks and Keith Bruno from R.L Banks Associates discussed the assessment of the rail line, and Gary Anglemyer presented his firm's evaluation of the real estate underlying the railroad.

Keith Bruno from RLBA said they broke the project into three tasks:

- Task 1:** Net liquidation value (NVL) of the track assets informed by a site inspection
  1. Value after removing the track = \$2.9 million
  2. Value keeping the track in place = \$5.3 million

**Task 2:** Appraisal of the real estate underlying the track assets.





# NEWS BRIEFS

## NEWS BRIEFS

### AT THE LIBERTY: "MOANA 2"

THE TIMES

DAYTON — "Moana 2" will be shown on December 27, 28, and 29. The movie will not be shown on Tuesday.

The movie follows Moana after receiving an unexpected call from her wayfinding ancestors. She must journey to the far seas of Oceania and into dangerous, long-lost waters for an adventure unlike anything she's ever faced.

"Moana 2" is still going strong after being the biggest Thanksgiving Day opening in history with a massive \$386 million box office. Don't miss "Moana 2" on this second and final weekend at The Liberty. The movie is rated PG for action/peril and has a runtime of 100 minutes.

Following "Moana 2," the theater will present "Wicked" on January 3 through 7, "Gladiator" on January 10 through 14, and "Sonic the Hedgehog 3" on January 17-21.

The theater hosts an East Coast New Year's Eve on Tuesday, December 31, at 6:30 p.m. The celebration starts with the 2007 movie "The Bucket List" starring Morgan Freeman and Jack Nicholson. Tickets are \$25 per person for the movie, hors d'oeuvres, and champagne or cider for a New Year's toast. Admission for the movie only is \$6.

Tickets for the event are available at libertytheater.org or the theater's box office on Tuesday and Friday between 2 and 5 p.m.

January will bring a live performance of "The Witch in 204," a comedy by Barbara Pease Weber, to The Liberty. It will run on January 24, 25, and 26 at 7 p.m. The production will be directed by Bev Startin and stars local performers, including Kim Boggs, Dale Slack, Samantha Steinhoff, Jae Goodridge, Deb Forner, Kris Takemura, Roz Edwards, and Fred Crow.

Tickets are on sale now for "The Witch in 204" at libertytheater.org and at the theater box office on Tuesdays and Fridays between 2 and 5 p.m. in person or by phone at (509) 382-1380.

#### THE LIBERTY THEATER - DAYTON



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### PORT - FROM PAGE 1

1. Net Liquidation Value - Real estate liquidated as non-rail use, based on Surface Transportation Board guidelines = \$2.5 million
2. Corridor Value - Real estate sold as intact corridor for continued rail use = \$8.4 million

**Task 3:** Preliminary rail feasibility analysis of the line in its current state.

Summary of Valuation and Costs	
Item	Value/Cost
Net Liquidation Value of Track (removed)	\$2,857,000
Net Liquidation Value of Track (in place)	\$5,326,400
Underlying Real Estate proceeds (NLV)	\$2,510,000
Underlying Real Estate cost (Corridor Value)	\$8,398,000
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Total Proceeds (NLV Real Estate + Track Removed)	\$ 5,367,000
Total Proceeds (NLV Real Estate + Track In Place)	\$ 7,836,400
Total Value of Corridor Value with the track removed	\$11,255,000
Total value of Corridor Value with the track In place	\$13,724,400

The comprehensive presentation is included in the December port meeting's recording and is available at [portofcolumbia.org](http://portofcolumbia.org).

In her update on the Mainstem Malt/Grain Cluster, Dickinson said equipment was in the purchasing process. She asked the board to sign a letter of support for the project to assist Mainstem Malt in obtaining a bridge loan as they wait for funds from an approved grant.

Dickinson reported the results of the federal audit showed no deficiencies.

In public comment, Dave Harvey, owner of Red Band Cellars, said after looking into property records along the Touchet River for possible fishing access, he discovered that Watts owned property adjacent to the railroad right-of-way. He said he did not mean to imply any impropriety but felt Watts should abstain from voting on the issue since it would open the port to potential lawsuits.

The meeting adjourned just after 7 p.m. The next port meeting is scheduled for 5 p.m. on January 8, 2025, in the conference room and on Zoom.

## Times Travelers



Submitted photo

Mary Denault and Margaret Umphrey in snowy Grand Forks, North Dakota.



Submitted photo

Times subscriber, Kathy Oman enjoying the beach and sun in Loreto, Mexico.

### ZAC FABIAN RESIGNS DAYTON SCHOOL BOARD

By Justin Jaech | THE TIMES

DAYTON — The Dayton School Board met in the high school library at 6:30 p.m. on December 18, 2024. Superintendent Jeremy Wheatley, Business Manager Jana Eaton, and Student Representative Lila Hutchens were present. Board Chair Jeffrey McCowen and board members Aneesha Dieu, Grant Griffin, and Ryan Paulson were present; Paulson attended using Zoom. Zac Fabian was not present.

The board passed the consent agenda, which included surplus items and approval of a \$1,000 grant from NW Grain Growers for a new baseball/softball scoreboard.

An ASB representative recapped recent and upcoming student activities, including a trip to Bluewood on January 25 and to the Quake family fun center in Kennewick.

Dayton students who attended the FAA convention in Indiana reported on their experience, which was very positive. It appeared the students who attended had a great time, saying it was "a really cool experience."

School staff Jami Rushing and Wendy Richards gave an in-depth briefing on the Title 1 process and programs. Title I, Part A: Closing Educational Achievement Gaps is a federal program designed to provide customized instruction and curricula that help students meet academic standards. Sarah Reser also briefed the Board on the process and intervention to ensure students are on a graduation pathway.

Amy Cox, the K-12 principal, said there was overcrowding in classrooms, particularly in second and fifth grades, with 28 students to one teacher. The established standard is no more than 26 students to one teacher. It was decided that the two affected teachers should be given additional pay to cover the extra administrative time.

Cox said Horizon and Elevate sponsor a S.T.E.A.M (Science Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) club for middle school students. Elementary teacher Amber Olson and Food Services Director Allicia Stapleton provide guidance for the club. Currently, the club has about ten members.

Wheatley addressed the closure of the district's schools on Friday, December 13. He said school absences of ten percent and over must be reported to the Columbia County Public Health Department. On Thursday, they exceeded seventeen percent, and the county health department closed the schools. Students will probably make up the day in March.

Eaton said an elevator had been funded and installed to provide disabled access to the second-floor auditorium. It will be in service after the state inspectors certify it.

The board had two action items on the agenda, both approved. The first was approving the resignation of Zac Fabian from the school board for unstated reasons. A search for a new board member will begin soon.

The second decision concerned changing the meeting schedule for January 2025. The scheduled workshop on January 1 was moved to January 9. The regular meeting was rescheduled to January 22, 2025.

The regular meeting was suspended at 8:22 p.m. so that the board could enter an executive session. The stated reason for the session was to review a complaint against an employee or official in the district. The regular meeting was resumed at 9 p.m. after the executive session ended. The meeting adjourned without further discussion or action.

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# Lady Cardinals Get Two Wins over last three games

By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — The Lady Cardinals won two of three basketball games last week. The girls beat the Touchet team 39-34, beat St. John 44-23, but lost to Tekoa-Rosalia 61-15.

At Touchet on December 17, the girls played their best game of the season and came together as a team. The Cardinals came from behind in the fourth quarter to get the win. Alyssa Hollingsworth led the team, scoring 27 points. Hannah Perez played a key role in defense, being aggressive and getting steals.

"It was a fun game with the girls cheering each other on and really connecting on the court," said coach Kira Waggoner.

On December 20, the Cards played Tekoa-Rosalia in Waitsburg. The girls struggled against T-R's full-court press defense, losing 61-15. Coach Waggoner plans to work with her team on their press breaks over the winter break and said things will look different in the next game. Hollingsworth scored nine points in the loss, Jessika Lambert scored two and rebounded four, Perez scored on two free throws and rebounded five, and Olivia Kiefel made two free throws.

On December 21, the team played at St. John in a game Coach Waggoner said was fun, and the girls worked hard for a 44-23 win.

The team got into foul trouble, so all the girls got a lot of playing time. Hollingsworth had 22 points, and Perez had 13 points.

The girls' next game will be in Dayton against the Bulldogs on January 3.



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Cardinal Cheri Mathews making a shot against Tekoa-Rosalia

# Cardinal Boys show wins and growth

By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — Waitsburg's boys varsity basketball team lost at Touchet on December 17, 59-29. The team had difficulty adjusting to the Redhawks' defensive pressure. JJ Gleason led the team with 15 points, scoring 12 in the first quarter.

In Waitsburg on Friday, December 20, the varsity team beat Tekoa-Rosalia in a close game, 35-33. Coach Wallace said it was the best his team has looked offensively all season.

"It was a beautiful game to watch. We played hard on both ends, got steals, transition baskets, good ball movement, but we did not rebound well, keeping the game competitive," said Wallace.

Blake Benavides had an amazing game. Defensively, he was all over the place, getting steals and pressuring the

ball. He even took a charge. Benavides played with confidence and scored 12 points for the Cardinals. Coach Wallace was super proud of him. Another standout player in the game was Logan Seal, who added 13 points.

The JV boys beat Tekoa - Rosalia, 29-23. Jake Lynch led his team in scoring with 10 points, Alex Zuniga rebounded 10, and Fredy Chavez had five steals.

On Saturday, December 21, the Cardinal varsity team lost at St. John, 71-58. The team could not swing the momentum their way, and the Eagles were shooting the lights out.

The team improved on spacing, positioning themselves to move the ball and push the pace, said Wallace. Logan Seal had his best offensive game of the season, scoring 26 points.

"Overall, I am very proud of the boys this first half of the season as I have seen so much growth," said Wallace.

The JV boys hope to avenge their loss to St. John when the Eagles come to Waitsburg on January 24.

The Cardinals will return to basketball action on Friday, January 3, at Dayton.



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Blake Benavides, #3, on defense with Jack Karl #21

# Events, Film, Performance, Live Music

## WAITSBURG

### AMERICAN 35

**December 27**  
**Friends of the Devil**  
 Grateful Dead-centric band will play on American 35's stage. The band's name is a nod to its Grateful Dead-centric playlist; you'll also hear music by Bob Dylan, Neil Young, and other band favorites.



**December 28**  
**Pizza Class with Simply Sawdust**  
 "The Ultimate Pizza-Making Experience" (<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1083763548949?aff=oddtcreator>)

**BURLESQUE @ AMERICAN 35**  
**"Forbidden Fruit: Your secret wishlist fulfilled through Burlesque!"**  
 Saturday, January 11, 2025  
 8 p.m. - 10 p.m.  
 American 35  
 Main Street, Waitsburg  
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## ROYAL BLOCK WAITSBURG

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## BIRTHDAYS

**December 26:** Sandra Farley, Sydney Claire Brookshire, Jennifer Nielsen, and Margie Douglas.

**December 27:** Everett Wright, Laura Keyser, Veronica Hartwell, Adam Branson, and Marcus Mead.

**December 28:** Brendan Donovan, Peggy Baker Mudd, Marie Leonard, Nancy Otterson, Jo Ann Perry, Scott Huwe, Gail Harshman, Sarah Chromy, Kelly Jo Lyons, Christopher Danforth, Richelle Coleman, Jayce Gleason, and Jay Dimak.

**December 29:** Jared Kibler, Betty Rollins, Linda Anderson, Howard Laughery, Miles Hubbard, Holly Menino, Kevin Blair, and Colby Mayberry.  
**December 30:** Bob Collins, Megan McKinney, Henry Hubbard, Krista Houle.

**December 31:** Janice Ford, Beth Tietjen, Gail Leid, Eva Leroue, Nancy Engels, Gannon Grende, and Barry Hulce.

**January 1:** Jerry Baker, James Estes, January Pietila, Kyle Perry, Caitlin Bales, Sonia Crawford, Jeana DeWitt, Josh Largent, Bill Bloor, and Teeny McMunn.

## Mythical / Movable Blue Mountain Bluegrass Jam



Friday, Dec 27  
 R & B BBQ @ 7 pm  
 232 Main St.  
 Dayton, Wash.

*Church Directory*

**St. Mark Catholic Church**  
 405 W. Fifth, Waitsburg  
 Mass Sunday 5 p.m.  
 382-2311  
 Fr. Steve Werner

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**Waitsburg Presbyterian Church**  
 504 Main  
 Sunday School 8:45 a.m.  
 Worship 10 a.m.  
 337-6589  
 Pastor Heidi Lum

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**Waitsburg Chapel**  
 320 W. 2nd  
 Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
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 Rev. Jimmie Daves

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# FUN & GAMES

## The Friendly Forest

By Jimmye L. Turner



## Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



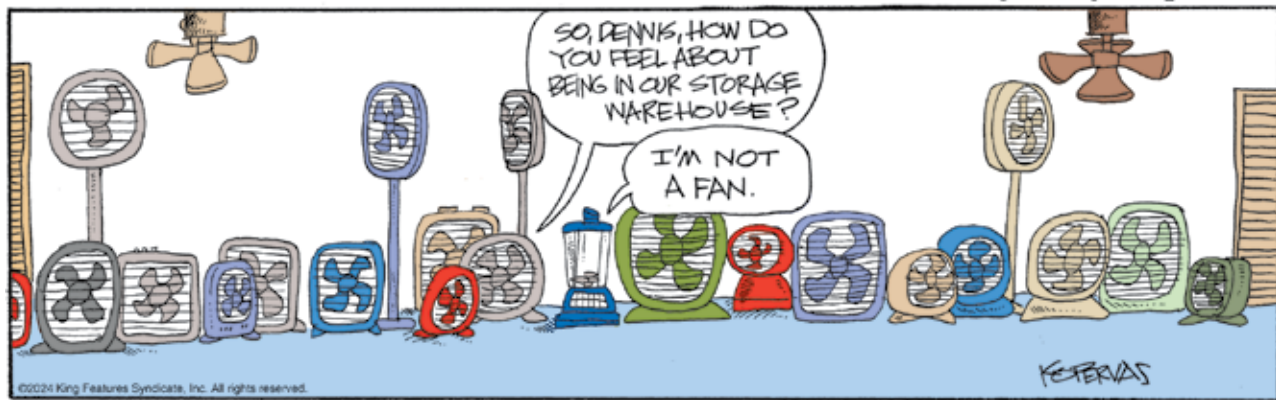
## GRIN and BEAR IT



"My diet was going well until I had those visions of sugar plums."

## Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



## LEGALS

### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF KING  
NO. 24-4-06745-8 SEA  
In Re the Estate of OWEN R. ROBERTS, Deceased.  
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS [RCW 11.40.030]  
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vided under RCW 11.40.020(l)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the Decedent's probate and non-probate assets.  
Date of first publication: December 19, 2024  
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December 19, 26, January 2, 2024  
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### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA  
NO. 24 4 00289 36  
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
In re the Estate of KATHERINE HOWELL WEINGART, Deceased.  
The personal representative named below has been appointed as personal representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided by RCW 11.40.070 by serving or mailing to the personal representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty (30) days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to creditor as provided under RCW

11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) Four (4) months after the date of first publication of this notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051, and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.  
Date of first publication: December 26, 2024  
Personal Representative: Michael E. de Grasse, 59 S. Palouse Street, P. O. Box 494 Walla Walla, WA 99362  
Walla Walla County Superior Court Cause No.: 24 4 00289 36  
/s/ Michael E. de Grasse, Personal Representative  
The Times  
Dec 26, Jan 2, 9, 2025  
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## PIONEER PORTRAITS

Ten Years Ago  
December 25, 2014



[Photo Caption] Eight-year-old Kailee is blind but loves to snuggle in the beard of the only Santa she's ever known. Waitsburg Santa, Skip Winchester, made a pre-Santa-season trip to New York to visit some of his special friends.

Twenty-Five Years Ago  
December 23, 1999

Outdoor Christmas light displays are very prevalent around town this year, with more than seventy light displays to be seen. Outstanding and sweepstakes winner is the home of Steve Huxoll, 141 West Third, which along with an abundance of lights, has a very lovely manger scene. Other winners were Marty and Becky Dunn on West Seventh Street; Lyle and Lillian Judd, 208 Bruce Street; and the Gary Thomas home on Coppei Avenue. Every street has displays: Main Street, Coppei Avenue, and Orchard, running north and south. Then there are the east and west streets, i.e., the Record home on Willard; the Mason, Lambert, and Otterson homes on West Fourth; and the Thompson home on Orchard Street – all old hands at decorating for Christmas.

Fifty Years Ago

December 26, 1974

Waitsburg City Council adopted a budget for 1975 of \$484,622, an increase of nearly \$86,000 over the 1974 figure. The \$214,000 to complete the new water reservoir is the main item in the new projection.

J. W. "Bill" Thompson, representing the Waitsburg Lions Club, discussed possible improvements in various city facilities that could be helped by Lions. Some plans for 1975 are another picnic shelter in Preston Park, an extension on the river fence at the north side of the park, and a possible marquee for downtown Waitsburg listing various community activities coming up.

The Council approved the three suggestions, and also commented that the Lions could possibly help in moving the Waitsburg City Library to its new quarters.

Resolution 236 was adopted, transferring \$60,000 from the Water and Sewer Fund to the 1974 Water System Fund.

Two building permits were approved One to Cecil Mawell for an \$800 storage shed; and one to Melvin Vance for a \$2,500 shop.

Council directed City Clerk Joan Hays to write letters to owners of abandoned cars in the city to have the old bodies removed.

Seventy-Five Years Ago

December 30, 1949

Over 350 children were given treats of candy last Friday at the community Christmas tree on Main Street. Due to a lack of snow Santa was noisily escorted from the city limits in the Waitsburg fire truck.

Miss Mazel Travis of Waitsburg and Sheldon Hawes of LaGrande were united in marriage Sunday, December 18, following services at the Christian Church at 12 noon with Rev. Harry Anderson officiating.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Pollard of Renton are parents of a daughter born December 22. She has been named Julia Ann.

One Hundred Years Ago

January 2, 1925

Lawrence Michelsen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Michelsen and formerly of this city, joined the navy about two months ago and is in training in San Diego.

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago

January 5, 1900

Elmer Stonecipher bought three spring calves of Chas. Sanders last week for \$15 a head. Mrs. Stonecipher received a fine guitar as a Christmas present.

Married – In Dayton, Wednesday, December 26, 1899, Miss Jennie Blacktard and Mr. Frank Tewalt.

Last Saturday, the Pasig church bell, which members of Company K brought home with them from the Philippines and presented to the Waitsburg Academy was hung in the Academy belfry. Its musical chimes now call the scholars to school each morning.

## Lunches

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# PUZZLES & LIFESTYLES

## Super Crossword JANUARY 1 FUN

- ACROSS**
- 1 Drag race vehicle
  - 8 Schuss, e.g.
  - 11 Stinging flier
  - 15 Contributed
  - 19 Halloween mask feature
  - 20 Hoodwink
  - 21 Falco of TV
  - 22 Leave off
  - 23 Tendency toward chaos
  - 24 Fido's noise
  - 25 \* Star of the 1950s TV series "China Smith"
  - 27 BLT seller
  - 28 Naval forces
  - 30 — Field (Mr. Met's home)
  - 31 \* Getting tired
  - 34 Baby bird
  - 38 Evergreen with red arils
  - 39 Actress Polo
  - 40 Stephen of "V for Vendetta"
  - 42 Young moray, e.g.
  - 43 Cowl wearer
  - 45 \* Hope when the situation is desperate
  - 51 Mosque official
  - 54 Scrooge portrayer Alastair
  - 55 Minerals in thin sheets
  - 56 \* "Vanity Fair" novelist
  - 61 "One World" musician John
  - 65 Holders of frozen cubes
  - 66 Girl in the fam
  - 67 "Insecure" actress
  - 69 — Hawkins dance
  - 70 Astonishment
  - 73 E'en if
  - 75 Actor Bridges
  - 76 Fathers
  - 79 Auditing gp.
  - 81 Was disgusting to
  - 84 Deep desires
  - 85 \* Period superseded by auto-mobiles
  - 89 Ragtime pianist Blake
  - 90 Aficionado
  - 91 Large cut
  - 92 \* Three-part novel by Gertrude Stein
  - 98 Green-light
  - 102 Removal of restrictions, for short
  - 103 RV refuge org.
  - 104 Six-legged marchers
  - 107 Suffix with Carol
  - 108 How Alaska is populated
  - 111 \* Town crier's cry
  - 116 Cab cost
  - 117 "It takes two" dances
  - 118 Agents, in brief
  - 119 \* "The Price Is Right" host
  - 123 Happy dance
  - 124 Net, as earnings
  - 127 Ames' slate
  - 128 Saturate
  - 129 Bullfight yell
  - 130 Dissimilar
  - 131 Legal equal
  - 132 Brontë's Jane
  - 133 Despite this
  - 134 What the last four letters of eight key answers in this puzzle might be considered, cryptically
  - 6 Of Swiss mountains
  - 7 Playa del —
  - 8 Climb up
  - 9 Divided
  - 10 Get by logic
  - 11 Joins closely
  - 12 Org. for cavity fixers
  - 13 Thereafter
  - 14 Counterparts of manis
  - 15 Cousin of a chimpanzee
  - 16 Poehler of "Baby Mama"
  - 17 Fight (for)
  - 18 Zeta follower
  - 26 Pronounces
  - 28 "Just my opinion," in a text
  - 29 Supermodel Banks
  - 31 Fitness locale
  - 32 Early auto
  - 33 Award for U2
  - 34 All-time low
  - 35 Creeping vine
  - 36 Once called
  - 37 Fido's threat
  - 41 Intertwine
  - 44 Tartan skirt wearers
  - 46 Suffix with owl or wolf
  - 47 Vardalos of Hollywood
  - 48 Sierra, Yukon and Acadia
  - 49 Trendy berry
  - 50 Shells out
  - 52 Boggy areas
  - 53 Motorists' gp.
  - 56 Very thin, as clouds
  - 57 "It matters to me"
  - 58 Escorted from outside
  - 59 Org. with bag screeners
  - 60 The whole — and caboodle
  - 61 Fox-sighting cry
  - 62 Jagged, as a leaf's edge
  - 63 "When I Need You" singer Leo
  - 64 Hopper of old gossip
  - 68 Fake coins
  - 71 Not fooled by
  - 72 Previous to
  - 74 Globe
  - 77 Ergo
  - 78 Japanese noodle type
  - 80 In no danger
  - 82 Playwright O'Neill
  - 83 Links letters
  - 86 Dangerous
  - 87 Vetoing vote
  - 88 Genetic stuff
  - 89 Spider's hatching pouch
  - 92 NFL goals
  - 93 With it, in old slang
  - 94 Lyricist Gershwin
  - 95 Battle with spongy balls
  - 96 "So funny!"
  - 97 Light beams
  - 99 Actress Alley
  - 100 Even a single
  - 101 "— -haw!"
  - 105 Regal seat
  - 106 Playground fixture
  - 109 Wipe clean
  - 110 "Bad, Bad — Brown"
  - 112 Delight in
  - 113 Nimble
  - 114 Big name in thesauruses
  - 115 In a fitting manner
  - 117 Small kid
  - 119 Chip topper
  - 120 Fish spawn
  - 121 She-sheep
  - 122 Mug handle
  - 124 Bit of word wit
  - 125 Rap sheet abbr.
  - 126 Boomer's kid

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## MY RECIPES Joan Helm

# Peppernuts



Joan Helm

Pfeffernusse or Peppernuts are traditional German Christmas cookies. This recipe was submitted by Waitsburg resident Joan Helm in memory of her mother-in-law Aleda Helm.

"It is a family favorite," said Helm.

### Ingredients:

- ½ lb butter
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 1 cup molasses
- ½ cup dark Karo syrup
- 1 tsp ginger
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- 1 tsp salt
- ½ tsp cloves
- 1/8 tsp cayenne pepper
- ½ tsp edible oil of anise
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 5 cups flour
- 1 ½ cups finely chopped walnuts

### Directions:

Cream butter and sugar, add eggs, and mix well. Then add molasses, syrup, and oil of anise. Sift dry ingredients together. Add ½ to the first mixture, add the nuts, and then the remaining dry ingredients. (You may need to add a little more flour).

Let the dough age in the refrigerator for two weeks, tightly covered. Take a handful of dough and form into long strips, a little thicker than a pencil, by rolling the dough between the palms of your hands. Freeze strips overnight. Slice ¼ inch slices off strips while they are still frozen. Place on cookie sheet and bake at 350 degrees for 9 to 11 minutes. Must watch!

## Weekly SUDOKU

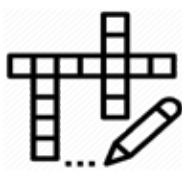
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦**

- ♦ Moderate
- ♦♦ Challenging
- ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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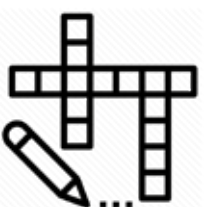
## Super Crossword

### Answers

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### Answer

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## Community Calendar

### WAITSBURG MONTHLY MEETINGS



**Waitsburg 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.

#### Waitsburg School Board

Third Thursday of every month @ 6 p.m.  
Zoom info is available by emailing [waitsburgcc@icloud.com](mailto:waitsburgcc@icloud.com)

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

#### Waitsburg Booster Club

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

#### Waitsburg Historical Society

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

#### Waitsburg Parks and Recreation Public Meeting

First Thursday of the month, 6 p.m. @ Ten Ton Coffee  
Info email: [info@waitsburgparks.org](mailto:info@waitsburgparks.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

Second Tuesday of the month, @ 7 p.m.

#### Waitsburg Commercial Club

Last Thursdays of the month @ Ten Ton Coffee @noon. Zoom info is available by emailing [waitsburgcc@icloud.com](mailto:waitsburgcc@icloud.com)

#### Waitsburg Resource Center

#### Community Food Bank

106 1/2 Preston Ave  
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### DAYTON & COLUMBIA COUNTY MEETINGS

#### Board of Columbia County Commissioners

Regular meetings - First and third Monday of the 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 the 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 the month @ 6 p.m. @ Dayton High School auditorium

#### Columbia County Public Hospital District Board of Commissioners

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

#### Dayton Memorial Library Board of Trustees Meeting

Third Monday of the month @ 7 p.m. Delany room and Zoom Meeting ID: 852 3836 3787  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85238363787>

#### Columbia County Parks and Recreation Pool District

Regular Board Meetings are held the last Thursday of each month, 5 p.m. at the Columbia County Fire District Conference Room.

#### Dayton Kiwanis Club Meeting

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



### PRESCOTT MEETINGS

Prescott Joint Park & Rec District (PJPRD) Monthly meetings for 2024 are 2nd Thursday of each month, @ 6pm



### STARBUCK MEETINGS

Starbuck City Council  
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