

## Whoopemup Hollow Cafe closes doors for good

By Dena Martin | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG – A Feb. 15 post on the Whoopemup Waitsburg and Whoopemup Walla Walla Facebook pages confirmed recent rumors that the popular Cajun-inspired Whoopemup Hollow Café, with stores on Waitsburg’s and Walla Walla’s Main Streets has closed its doors for good.

“We would like to extend our heartfelt love and appreciation to our Whoopemup family, friends, and customers. As they say on Broadway, it was a good run of the play! Whoopemup Hollow Café 2005-2019,” reads the succinct Facebook post.

Pastry chef Valerie Mudry attributed the closure partly due to the lack of business in the winter season, especially with the recent cold weather and icy roads. The restaurant had not been open since Feb. 5.

“We are heartbroken. They say when one door closes, another one opens. We shall see about that.

Right now we are taking a moment to grieve,” Mudry told The Times.

The owner-operated Whoopemup Hollow Café opened its doors in Waitsburg in 2005 with a menu that features “a northwest take on foods of the American South. In 2016, the partners opened a second location at 113 East Main Street in Walla Walla.

When they opened the second location, former partner Ross Stevenson told The Times that the owners knew that, in a town of 1200 people, a restaurant would have to be a “destination” that offered something different.

And that it did. The north end of Waitsburg’s Main Street was often filled with out-of-town vehicles during The Whoop’s (as locals refer to café) open hours.

The café was originally opened by partners Valerie Mudry, Bryant Bader, Leroy Cunningham and Ross Stevenson who ended his involvement with the restaurant in 2017.

In addition to creative events such as its New Year’s Eve and Mardi Gras celebrations, the Whoopemup Hollow Café was a local favorite for birthday celebrations, business meetings and the popular Whoopemup Wednesday community dinners.

“We want to particularly thank the folks in Waitsburg who have supported us all of these years, especially for the Whoopemup Wednesday events. We will really miss our Whoopemup family!” Mudry said.

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-Valerie Mudry  
Whoopemup Cafe

### A PAIR OF POSERS



Photos by Vicki Zoller

Dayton photographer Vicki Zoller captured this pair of robins out playing in the snow in her backyard last week.

## Randy Hinchliffe will fill school board vacancy

By Dena Martin  
THE TIMES

WAITSBURG – The Waitsburg School Board voted unanimously to appoint Randy Hinchliffe as a new school board member at their Feb. 13 regular meeting. Hinchliffe will replace Russ Knopp who moved from the district and is no longer eligible to serve.

The position was an at-large position and open to any candidate residing in the Waitsburg School District. Hinchliffe will fulfill Knopp’s term which expires Dec. 2019.

“I decided to apply because I want to help out the school and the community where I can



Randy Hinchliffe

and thought I could be a good addition to the school board,” Hinchliffe told The Times.

Hinchliffe, who is also the Waitsburg City Clerk, has two children in Waitsburg schools and his wife, Stephanie, teaches in the elementary school. He was the sole applicant for the vacancy.

## DAYTON NEGOTIATES LAND DEAL FOR WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT SITE

*Citizen’s Academy is generating interest in Search & Rescue and Reserve Deputy Programs*

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—Items on the agenda at last week’s city council meeting included an update on the city’s Wastewater Treatment Plan Project.

“We’re getting closer in negotiations with some land owners,” said Mayor Craig George.

He said there will be an executive session to discuss property acquisition for the proposed Wastewater Treatment Plant Project at the March 13 city council meeting.

George said a land swap is being conducted between the city and the county.

He said the city will swap land owned near the golf course sheds at the Touchet Valley Golf Course, in exchange for the land beneath the Flour Mill Park

restrooms.

In December, some of the property owners in the Cornaggia Addition, a housing development in Dayton, came before council to request the city’s involvement in maintaining the streets, there.

At last week’s meeting George said the city will not be maintaining private drives in the Cornaggia Addition.

Last month the city’s application for an Inert Waste Site Permit was sent to the Department of Ecology, but there has been no response from them, yet, George said.

Councilwoman Kathy Berg said the Dayton Chamber’s Brix and Brew auction fundraiser will be held in the Fairgrounds Pavilion on March 15.

A new chamber assistant will be hired within the week, she said.

Sheriff Joe Helm said some changes in policies and procedures are underway in the Sheriff’s Department, and that the deputies are working on some really big cases.

“They are really making some progress and are making a dent,” he said.

Helm said the Citizens’ Academy is generating interest from the public in volunteering in the Search and Rescue Program and in the Reserve Deputy Program.

Councilman Dain Nysoe challenged Helm about his decision not to enforce I-1639, a new law increasing firearms restrictions.

Helm said he is willing to discuss the matter with members of the public by arranging a time to meet with him.

“I’m glad to always have one-on-one discussions,” Helm said.

Planning Director Meagan Bailey said the Planning Commission will begin finalizing updates for the 2019 Comprehensive Plan Update and she said the Plan is on target for the June deadline.

The Dayton City Council adopted the following at last week’s meeting:

**Resolution No. 1366:** Adopting the City’s 2019-2024 Capital Improvement Plan, which identifies long-term funding requirements for maintenance

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## Series of Fires plague Dayton, none are deemed suspicious

Cause of Innovatio fire is officially 'undetermined'

By Dena Martin | THE TIMES

DAYTON – Columbia County Fire District #3 quickly extinguished a house fire in the 700 block of East Main Street on Tuesday night. The fire is one of several blazes over recent weeks.

At approximately 8:30 p.m. on Feb. 18, Fire District #3 responded to a report of a structure fire and requested mutual aid from Fire District #2. Sheriff's deputies were first to arrive on the scene and were able to use a fire extinguisher to slow down the fire, which was inside the wall, according to District #3 officials.

Fire crews opened the wall and were able to extinguish the fire before it reached the attic. The fire is believed to have started from a pellet stove. The fire is just one of several blazes attributed to heating stoves this winter.

At approximately 3:30 a.m. on the morning of Feb. 13, Fire District #3 responded to a report of a house fire on Wolf Fork Road. The home owner and a neighbor were able to keep the fire, which was located in the back wall of the residence, from spreading and kept damage to a minimum. Fire crews opened the wall and extinguished remaining hot spots.

In early hours of Jan. 7, a home on 740 S. 4th street in Dayton, was completely gutted by a fire attributed to a wood stove.

At approximately 2 a.m. on the morning of Jan. 29, fire crews responded to a fire in the Innovatio test facility's ag-residue pulping research complex located at 606 Wagon Road in Dayton.

Columbia County Fire Marshal Clint Atteberry says he will file a report stating that, following investigation, the cause of the Innovatio fire remains undetermined and the point of origin is unknown.



Times file photo Bob Patton models the "Frisbee" hotcakes mentioned in the Pioneer Portraits photo caption from Feb. 20, 1969.

## PIONEER PORTRAITS

Ten Years Ago  
February 26, 2009

Two of Waitsburg-Prescott's quick guards were honored as selections to the Blue Mountain Conference All conference First Team. Stacy Potter of the WP Lady Cardinals, and Jeff Hofer of the WP Cardinals were among the top five selections name b Blue Mountain Conference coaches recently.

Crews were busy in the frigid cold last Friday, installing a new surface-bypass temporary spillway weir (TSW) in Spillway Bay 1 at Little Goose Lock and Dam. The modification to the spillway increases survival rates of anadromous fish passing downstream via the spillways.

Twenty Five Years Ago  
February 17, 1994

The Harlem Globetrotters will play in Walla Walla at the community college campus on Friday, Feb 25 at 7: 30pm . The world famous Globetrotters basketball team is beginning its 68th season of entertaining crowds with their on-court antics and basketball skills..

There are two things Mogens Lassen of Denmark likes-traveling and agriculture. So when 27 year old Lassen was given the opportunity to come to the U.S. to learn about the agriculture chemical industry, he jumped at the chance. Since the end of November, Lassen has been working for the McGregor Company at the Waitsburg plant. He will return to Denmark later this month.

Tom Foley, the 5th Congressional District representative and Speaker of the House, crossed generational lines Tues, Feb 15, in Dayton by first meeting with a group of high school students and later addressing Dayton's Kiwanis Club

Fifty Years Ago  
February 20, 1969.

Photo Caption: The 1969 WAITSBURG CARDINAL BASKETBALL TEAM-South Eastern Washington Class A Champions, left to right-Martin Huffman, Jim Leid, Frank Reser, Marc Zuger, Gary Pierson, Scott Cresswell, coach Mel Cox, Andy Maib, Jerry Miller, Mike John, Jack Roberts, George Bodman, Dan Henze

Photo caption: Jack McCaw was harmonizing when he should have been watching hotcakes on the griddle last Sunday, and the result was a set of hotcakes suitable for patching shoes, or even for use as a navel protecting armor as modeled here by Bob Patton. Those four hotcakes made excellent "Frisbees," too.

Older persons would receive greater out-patient drug coverage in the Medicare program through legislation co-sponsored today by Senator Warren G. Magnuson D, Wa, and Joseph Montoya, D. New Mexico. "This has proved to be one of the worst oversights in the original Act.: Magnuson pointed out. And a special Tasks Force has recommended that Congress fill this need for Medicare recipients without delay". "Making the matter worse, our older Americans must meet markedly higher drug expenses with markedly lower income and resources. I am convinced that something simply must be done"

Seventy-Five Years Ago  
February 25, 1944

The Progressive Cub gave it annual guest day party at the home of Mrs. Marcus Zuger on Feb 22. Over 50 members and friends were greeted at the door by club officers, Mrs. Clyde Florea, Mrs. Wes Lloyd, and Mrs. Frank Danielson.

The bright sun of the last few days is bringing to life the early spring bulbs which are already showing above the ground.

The war food administration has announced plans to import from 12000 to 15000 Mexican nationals to overcome farm labor shortage this year in the Northwest.

One Hundred Years Ago  
February 28, 1919

Shooting in a whistling wind and flurries of snow, the local scattergun artists broke 110 targets in Sunday's Spokesman Review event, defeating Odessa in the team match, their score being 99 out of 125 targets.

Wanted – A good wife, between the ages of 35-40 years, must be good cook and good worker. Can give best reference. Good home for the right woman. Inquire J. Lacey just outside city limits.

Chas. Leid reports that the directors of the Huntsville school district are making some noticeable improvements around the school property just now. A big garage is being constructed so that the pupils who drive to school in an auto will be able to put them in out of stormy weather.

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago  
March 2, 1894

The Ladies Aid of the Christian Church held their monthly meeting at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Brown on Thursday afternoon and evening and made clothes for the orphan Hupp Children. Such acts are true Christianity and will be rewarded by the great Judge above.

The proposition to levy a tax of \$10 a year on bachelors between the age of thirty and sixty years is meeting with general favor throughout the U. S. Delinquents would be sold for taxes at public sale and old maids could there bid for them at ten cents each, or three for a quarter.

J. M. Currie made this office a pleasant visit on Monday. He said he wished somebody would whisper to the editor of the W. W. Union that there is nothing to be gained by so continuously abusing the Democrats.

### Touchet Valley Weather

Feb. 20, 2019

#### Waitsburg's Seven Day Forecast

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Snow Likely	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Scattered Snow	Scattered Snow	Isolated Snow	Partly Cloudy
High: 31 Low: 20	High: 30 Low: 17	High: 32 Low: 25	High: 36 Low: 24	High: 34 Low: 22	High: 31 Low: 19	High: 29 Low: 21

#### Weather Trivia

Are cities struck by lightning more than surrounding areas?  
Answer: Yes, by about 20 percent more times.

#### Weather History

Feb. 20, 1987 - A storm system over Arizona spread heavy snow from the southern Rockies into the Southern Plains region. Thunderstorms in central Texas produced golf ball size hail about the same time north central Texas was being blanketed with up to eight inches of snow.

#### Local Almanac Last Week

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Precipitation
Tuesday	47	20	45/32	Trace	0.55"
Wednesday	42	25	45/32	0.42"	0.43"
Thursday	30	25	46/32	0.02"	+0.12"
Friday	39	25	46/32	0.04"	30.6°
Saturday	33	27	46/32	Trace	38.9°
Sunday	34	25	46/32	0.07"	-8.3°
Monday	32	24	47/32	0.00"	

Data as reported from Walla Walla

#### Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Wednesday	6:47 a.m.	5:26 p.m.	7:03 p.m.	7:43 a.m.
Thursday	6:46 a.m.	5:27 p.m.	8:22 p.m.	8:14 a.m.
Friday	6:44 a.m.	5:29 p.m.	9:37 p.m.	8:43 a.m.
Saturday	6:42 a.m.	5:30 p.m.	10:50 p.m.	9:12 a.m.
Sunday	6:41 a.m.	5:32 p.m.	Prev Day	9:41 a.m.
Monday	6:39 a.m.	5:33 p.m.	12:00 a.m.	10:12 a.m.
Tuesday	6:37 a.m.	5:35 p.m.	1:07 a.m.	10:47 a.m.

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### HELP WANTED

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

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# TOUCHET VALLEY LIFE

## Reader photo of the week



Photo by Bill Rodgers

"Snow in Waitsburg". Waitsburg's grain elevator, looking north from Highway 124. "We live in a beautiful place - I live in photographer's heaven," said Waitsburg photographer Bill Rodgers.

## WWCSO PRESS BOARD

### February 2

Theft of parts from an ATV in the 1000 block of Preston Avenue.

### February 8

Generator stolen sometime during the night of 02/07/19 in the 60 block of East Maple in Waitsburg.

### February 13

Male subject stated he had been in jail and just got out and noticed some property missing from a house in the 200 block of N. "B" Street in Prescott.

### February 24

Waitsburg resident reported being scammed out of \$2,000 for trying to purchase some dogs.

## NEWS BRIEFS

## LAHT NEPPUR TAKES THIRD AT PALOUSE CABIN FEVER BREW FEST

PALOUSE, Wash. – Laht Neppur nabbed another win at the Palouse Cabin Fever Brew Fest on Feb. 9 where it took third place with its Spiced Peaches and Cream ale.

Conditions this year were brisker-than-usual at the popular indoor/outdoor event but that didn't interfere with sellout sales of 650 tickets. The benefit is put on by the "Brew Crew" to raise money for the Palouse Community Center.

Laht Neppur is a repeat favorite at the event and has taken home the Best Cure for Cabin Fever trophy more than once. This year, Laht Neppur competed against 10 breweries and 33 craft beers.

Laht Neppur took its Piper Canyon Scotch Ale, Waitsburg Winter Warmer (spiced ale) and earned third place with its Spiced Peaches and Cream Hefeweizen. The Best Cure for Cabin Fever award went to Rants & Raves Brewery with its Anonymous IPA. Mountain Lakes Brewing Company took second place with its Maple Bar ale.

## DAYTON LIONS CRAB FEED

DAYTON – The Dayton Lions club will hold their annual crab feed on Sat. March 9 at the Columbia County Fairgrounds. Doors open at 5 p.m. with dinner served from 6-7:30 p.m.

The crab dinner fundraiser raises money to be used in the community for vision and hearing assistance for the needy, contributions to youth and other community services.

Dinner is \$30 and includes over ¼ lb of fresh Dungeness crab (no shell) plus large shrimp, coleslaw, baked beans, pasta salad, fruit, garlic bread, coffee, iced tea and dessert. Beer, wine and soda are available for purchase.

Daniel Fallor will provide entertainment with his Texas country and light rock dance music performed at a level that still allows for pleasant dinner conversation. The evening will include door prizes and drawings.

Tickets are limited and must be purchased by March 1 at Dingles or from a Lions Club member.

## EMMA PHILBROOK ACHIEVES ACADEMIC DISTINCTION AT WHITMAN

WALLA WALLA – Waitsburg High School graduate Emma Philbrook earned academic distinction for the most recent semester at Whitman College. This recognition is given to students who have completed a minimum of 12 credits, passed all credits attempted, and have earned a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher on no fewer than nine graded credits during the semester.

## WAITSBURG SNOW MAKE-UP DAY

WAITSBURG - The make-up day for the Feb. 15 snow day cancellation will be Fri., March 8. That day was originally marked in the calendar as a No School day, but was reserved as a make-up day in the case of a snow day. There will be school on March 8.



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

### Friday, 22

B - French toast; L - Pizza, baby carrots, garden salad, pineapple

### Monday, 25

B - Muffin & yogurt; L - Ham & cheese rippers, cucumbers, garden salad, cantaloupe

### Tuesday, 26

B - Biscuit & gravy; L - Beef rib sandwich, pasta salad, chips, baby carrots, pears

### Wednesday, 27

B - Long John; L - Straw hat, pepper strips, cauliflower, oranges

### Thursday, 28

B - Breakfast pizza; L - Pulled pork, baked beans, coleslaw, peaches

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## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### THURS. 21

**Friends of the Col. Co. Fairgrounds**  
211 E Clay Street  
7 p.m.

### FRI. 22

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

**Coffee, Cookies and Coloring**  
Dayton Memorial Library  
3-5 p.m.

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

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

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

### SUN. 24

**Farewell Potluck for Bret & Bethany Moser**  
Waitsburg Presbyterian Church  
Noon  
All are welcome.

### MON. 25

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

### TUES. 26

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

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

### WED. 27

**Toddler Story Time**  
Dayton Memorial Library  
10 a.m.

**Presbyterian Youth Group**  
(Every Wednesday)  
Waitsburg Presbyterian Church (504 Main)  
5 p.m. middle school;  
6:45 dinner/high school

**Celebrate Recovery, Dayton**

Catalyst Church (311 S. 4th)  
6:30 p.m.

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

### THURS. 28

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

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

**Prescott School Board**  
(Fourth Thursday)  
District Boardroom  
6 p.m.

**Columbia County Health System Board**  
(Fourth Thursday)  
Dayton General Hospital Admin Board Room  
6 p.m.

### FRI. 1

**Shamrock BINGO**  
Waitsburg Elementary School Multipurpose Room  
6-8 p.m. Doors open at 5:15.

## EVENTS

### Wednesday, February 27

Pizazz, Paint and Pizza Party  
Waitsburg Town Hall  
6 p.m.  
Find Tickets on Eventbrite.com

### Friday, March 1

**Shamrock BINGO**  
Waitsburg Elementary School multipurpose room  
Doors for the American Cancer Society Fundraiser open at 5:15 p.m., games run from 6-8 p.m.

### Saturday, March 2

Frenchtown Spring BBQ and Dance  
155 Lower Dry Creek Rd., Lowden  
6 p.m. - midnight

### Saturday, March 9

Dayton Lions Crab Fundraiser Dinner  
Columbia County Fairgrounds  
5-8 p.m.  
Tickets are \$30 and must be purchased by March 1 from Dingles or a Lions Club member.

## BIRTHDAYS

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

**February 22:** Cheri Maxwell, Gerald Morgan, Charles Morgan, Tristien Cook, Alexandra Bloor, Betty Crabtree, Nicole Eastwood.

**February 23:** John A. Reese, Jay Thomas, Jane Conover Waldher, Jason Cook, Becky Harshman, Margaret Gibson, Heidi Sickles and Brandon Cole.

**February 24:** Susan Segraves, Jason Wheeler, Helen Porter, Eric Nunn, Wanda Gales, Dane Henze, Misty Reid, Andy Maib, Martha Kenney, David Danforth, and David Baker.

**February 25:** Diane Dill, LeAnne Piersol, Lana Herrera.

**February 26:** Jayton "JJ" Gleason, Dena Martin, Alisha Marshall, Dorothy Hall, Wayne Emerson, Walter White, Emilie Baker, Jeff Jameson, Sally Harmon and John Garrett.

**February 27:** Rylan Lybecker, Jerry Baker, Larry Land, Bill Broadhead, Jane Schulke, Katy Pearson Zemke.

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Tues., Feb. 26 6:30  
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**Waitsburg Presbyterian Church**  
504 Main  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Worship 11 a.m.  
337-6589  
Rev. Bret Moser  
**Waitsburg Chapel**  
320 W. 2nd  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Worship 11 a.m.  
Evening Worship 6 p.m.  
Bible Study  
Wednesdays 7:30 p.m.  
337-6235  
Rev. Jimmie Daves  
**Waitsburg Christian Church**  
604 Main St  
Worship 10:00 a.m.  
Each Sunday  
337-8898  
Rev. Matthew Wyatt



## Growing Resistance to Corporate Incentives

By Don C. Brunell

The circumstances leading to Amazon's decision to scrap its New York City project are trends corporate leaders need to examine closely. There are cultural and political shifts in America which are changing the way business is done.

Amazon walked away from its deal struck with New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo and New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio which would create 25,000 new jobs and added \$27 billion in new city and state tax revenue. In return, Cuomo and de Blasio, who actively courted Amazon, promised \$3 billion in government incentives---a lightning rod among opponents.

The selection came after an extended close-guarded process in which more than 230 North American cities bid on Amazon's HQ2. To the amazement of many business analysts, Amazon selected New York City and Crystal City, Virginia as the winners.

New York opposition came swiftly as details emerged particularly from union leaders (Amazon is non-union). Vocal politicians, such as newly elected Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-Queens) and Democrats in the state senate fought back by nominating an outspoken opponent to a state commission which could single-handedly squash the agreement.

Even though opinion polls show New Yorkers favored the deal. "Support for the new headquarters was strongest in communities of color and among working people who too often haven't gotten the economic opportunity they deserved," de Blasio said in arguing for Amazon to stay the course. But Amazon pulled the plug.

While Amazon will find more friendly digs, what is happening in New York should not be ignored. There is a growing backlash to corporations among liberals.

Veteran Wall Street Columnist Peggy Noonan sees a larger trend developing which is bad for our private, market-based economic system.

Noonan believes the Democratic Party is going hard left for the foreseeable future. Pew Research shows Democrats began lurching to the left beginning in 2009. Gallup says the percentage of

Democrats calling themselves liberal has jumped 23 points since 2000.

Noonan adds: "Millennials, the biggest voting-age bloc in America, are to the left of the generations before them. Moderates are aging out. It is a mistake to dismiss their leaders as goofballs who'll soon fall off the stage. They may or may not, but those who support and surround them are serious ideologues who mean to own the future."

Joe Parilla, a fellow at the Brookings Institution's Metropolitan Policy Program, told the Associated Press that Amazon's high-profile bidding process may have stoked the backlash. Companies usually search for new locations quietly, in part to avoid the kind of opposition Amazon received.

"There are two very energetic forms of populism in the U.S. right now, one on the left and one on the right, and neither likes Amazon that much," said Brayden King, professor of management at Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management. "For both, Amazon is becoming a whipping boy," King told the Wall Street Journal.

Hopefully, the lesson learned from Amazon's misfire will resonate with corporate executives. It is not enough to roll into town and tell government leaders to give them their best offer of tax incentives in exchange for new jobs and an increase in tax revenues. A nine-fold increase in revenue is a pretty good return, but hard economic facts were overshadowed by the resentment of providing any government incentive.

Corporate leaders must engage community and political leaders regardless of their views and slug through the approval process. It is not easy and there will be bumps and bruised feelings. But just as roadbuilders carefully engineer, excavate and pave the highway before opening it to traffic, companies have to build the foundation for their projects. That's reality today.

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### NEWS BRIEFS

#### RIVER RESTORATION NORTHWEST FILM FESTIVAL

WALLA WALLA - The 5th Annual "Stories of our Watersheds: River Restoration Northwest Film Festival" will take place at Gesa Power House Theatre on Thurs., March 7 at 7 p.m.

The Walla Walla, Touchet and Tucannon basins are currently undergoing large-scale river restoration efforts to restore the endangered and extirpated salmon and steelhead runs. The River Restoration Northwest Film Festival consists of 12 short-length films featuring river restoration supported by local communities throughout the Pacific Northwest and beyond.

The event is sponsored by Kooskooskie Commons and the Snake River Salmon Recovery Board and will include posters and representatives from local river restoration projects in our local communities.

Reserved seating tickets (\$8 in advance, \$12 at the door) are available online at [www.phtww.com](http://www.phtww.com) or by calling the box office at 509-529-6500. A full list of films is available at [www.rrnw.org](http://www.rrnw.org).

#### PINTS FOR A PURPOSE

WALLA WALLA - The Exchange Club of Walla Walla and M.T. Head Brewing Co. will hold a Pints for a Purpose fundraiser on Thurs., Feb. 21 from 4-7 p.m. to help the Sheriff's Office acquire a new K9. The event will be held at M.T. Head Brewing Company located at 325 A St. in Walla Walla.

One dollar of every beer purchased will be donated to help the County Sheriff's Office acquire a new Deputy K9, needed as a result of the untimely and recent death of Deputy K9 Gudy. Food will be available for purchase. M.T. Brewery is cash only but an ATM is available on site. 21 and over, only.

#### PIZZA, PAINT, PIZAZZ PARTY

WAITSBURG - Join the Waitsburg Commercial Club for pizza and painting on Wed., Feb. 27 from 6-9 p.m. at Waitsburg Town Hall. Tickets include a paint-by-number kit, pizza and fun. Just bring your own pizzazz! Adult beverages will be available for purchase. Tickets are available at [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com) and sales close Feb. 23. Tickets are \$30, plus fee on Eventbrite or \$35 if RSVP'd to (509) 316-1488.

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### Americanisms



"I am not ashamed of my grandparents for having been slaves. I am only ashamed of myself for having at one time being ashamed."

— Ralph Ellison

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# ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT



## SHEETS OF PAPER ART SHOW AT STUDIO TWO ZERO TWO

By Brianna Wray | THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—Through their show, Sheets of Paper, resident artists at Studio Two Zero Two and Morell Family Wines are inviting the community to overcome the winter doldrums and experience new works.

The show, on display through the month of February, unites three artists: Augusta Sparks Farnum, Penny Michel and Squire Broel, who typically work in different mediums to a relatable challenge: conquering a massive empty space.

For a writer, a standard eight and half by eleven-inch sheet would be enough to induce stress. These artists have dominion over five feet by seven feet; totaling thirty-five square feet of ground to cover. They're looking at it as a chance to start fresh, taking advantage of the hibernation energy in the air.

In this show, the artists gave themselves permission to do something that would be considered outrageous to their primary practice.

With her piece, titled Undercurrents, Augusta Sparks Farnum utilizes shellac and palladium to create a swirling vortex which acts as a metaphor for the grieving process. Sparks is daring in her approach, "I like to go a little farther than what's beautiful...to see more."

On white paper, some of the materials were nearly invisible as the work was created. Without visual feedback, Sparks engaged muscle memory to cultivate the imagery. She said, "It was like recording a dance."

Walla Walla native Squire Broel, whose other recent works range from small geometric drawings to monolithic sculptures, used the opportunity to step out of his comfort zone, within reason. Broel imposed time constraints on his work as well facing the challenges of navigating such a large piece.

"Using quite a lot of charcoal, then burnishing it into the surface, I did the entire thing on the floor. Usually I would have it on the wall, but I didn't want the charcoal to filter down. Then I got into it and decided not to put it on the wall at all. Installing it here was outrageous because I had never seen it."

Career sculptor, Penny Michel's approach is entirely different. Rather than tackling one large sheet, she cut the paper down to three strips and used oil pastels to pull narrow figures forward in space.

The trio of figures have lean limbs, that read as a blur, as though they are in motion.

"The trick is knowing when to stop," said Michel finishing decidedly.



Courtesy photo  
(l to r) Augusta Sparks Farnum, Penny Michel, Squire Broel



Photos by Brianna Wray

Clockwise from top left: Penny Michel puts finishing touches on her trio of figures in the Sheets of Paper show at Two Zero Two Studio in Walla Walla.

Squire Broel installed his burnished charcoal piece on the floor rather than on the wall. He says it is something he hasn't seen done before.

Augusta Sparks Farnum used shellac and palladium to create the swirling vortex she titled 'Undercurrents.' She describes the piece as a metaphor for the grieving process.



The Sheets of Paper reception featured gallery talks by each artist, providing some context, was well attended.

"People really appreciated the efforts and the thought we put into the work," Broel said.

Studio Two Zero Two is an art gallery and tasting room for Morell Family wines. The studio's goal is to offer casual encounters with art. Their winter hours are Wed. from 11:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Thurs.- through Fri. from 11:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Guests are invited to be comfortable and spend time.

"We want the gallery to be intentional," Sparks Farnum said.

"Something we're really trying to do with the space is create an opportunity for people...to better understand the thought process and emotional process of making artwork, encountering artwork and thinking about artwork.

Art is often relegated to simply just decoration," continued Broel. "And while I love decoration... there is more to it from a maker's perspective."

Art is a relationship that is developed over time. Visit these Sheets of Paper by February 28th.



## SEATTLE ROCK ORCHESTRA TO PLAY GESA POWER HOUSE

WALLA WALLA – The Seattle Rock Orchestra (SRO) returns to the Gesa Power Houes Theatre to play the music of Led Zeppelin on Sat., March 23 at 7 p.m.

In this concert, Seattle Rock Orchestra dives deep into Led Zeppelin's discography, performing songs from the surprisingly folky *Led Zeppelin III*, as well songs from the mature heavy rock of *Led Zeppelin IV*. Featured songs include "Going to California," "Immigrant Song," and of course, the one and only: "Stairway to Heaven."

Beer and wine will be available for purchase and may be taken into the theater.

Reserved seating tickets (\$50-\$40) are available online ([www.phtww.com](http://www.phtww.com)) or by calling the box office at 509-529-6500.

## WALLA WALLA SYMPHONY PRESENTS 'THE EIGHT SEASONS' ON MARCH 5

Walla Walla, WA – On March 5, 2019 at 7 p.m. in Cordiner Hall, experience the four seasons in both hemispheres at "The Eight Seasons"! Soloist Tomás Cotik, violin, will join the Walla Walla Symphony to perform Vivaldi's classic *The Four Seasons* along with *Estaciones Porteñas* (The Four Seasons of Buenos Aires) by Argentine composer Ástor Piazzolla. This concert will also feature the world premiere of *Air and Ground* by Walla Walla native John Jamison.

An "Inside the Music" Pre-Concert Talk begins shortly after 6 p.m. in the lobby of Cordiner Hall. Before the concert, and during intermission, enjoy a glass of wine from featured wine sponsor Reasons Wine for \$5 a glass (all proceeds benefit the Walla Walla Symphony). A variety of sweet treats and CDs from Tomás Cotik will also be available to purchase in the lobby.

"The Eight Seasons" is sponsored in part by Ashby Law.

Single tickets are \$18-29 for adults, \$10-16 for university/college students (with ID), and \$5 for youth 18 & under. Tickets can be purchased online ([wwsymphony.org](http://wwsymphony.org)), by calling (509) 529-8020, by visiting us at the Symphony office at 13 1/2 E Main St., Suite #201 or at the door.

## AAUW PRESENTS PUBLIC BROADCASTING PROGRAM

WALLA WALLA – The local branch of the American Association of University Women and the Walla Walla Public Library will present a free public program, "The Past, Present and Future of Public Broadcasting," on Thurs., Feb. 28 from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Walla Walla Public Library, located at 238 E. Alder.

Speaker Kerry Swanson is the Radio Station Manager for Northwest Public Broadcasting, which serves the greater Walla Walla Valley on KWWS 89.7FM and KFAE 89.1FM. He has been in public broadcasting 34 years.

His early days in radio include working as a country music disc jockey at KXLE-AM/FM in Ellensburg and working in Top-40 and Oldies radio at KNBQ-FM and KBSG-FM in Tacoma.

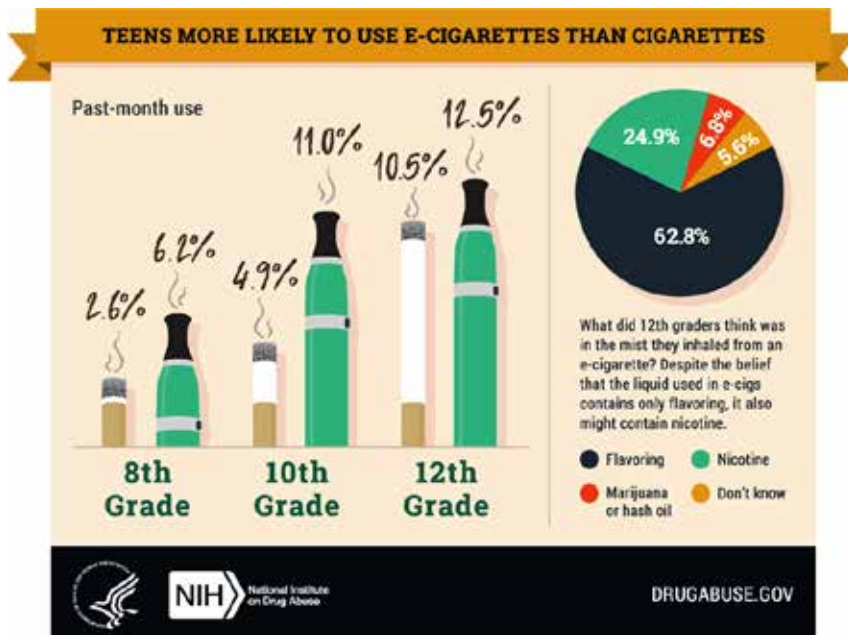
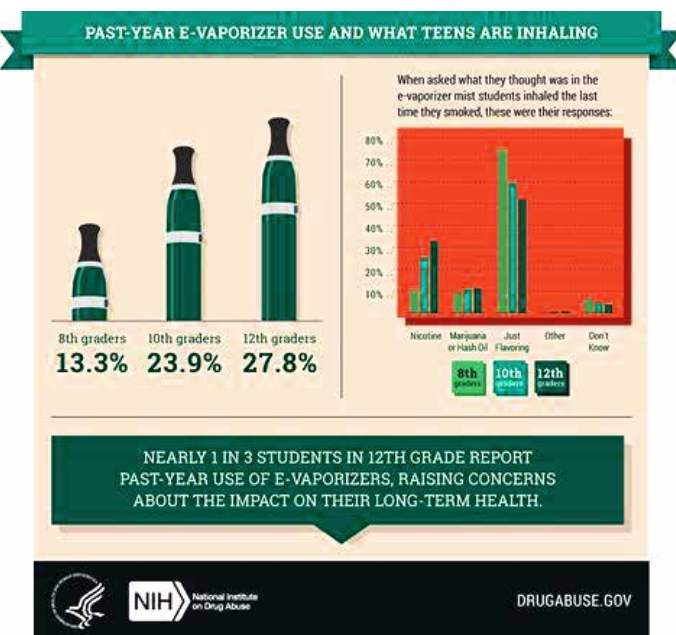
His career accomplishments include leading some of the early development and vision of digital and new-media applications for public broadcasting, developing and building two broadcast facilities, establishing several new stations and launching Jazz24.org.



Kerry Swanson

Images courtesy of the National Institute on Drug Abuse

Studies show that many teens are unaware that vaping tools contain highly addictive nicotine and instead believe the juices are just flavorings. E-cigarettes are more popular among teens than cigarettes. They were first developed in China to help people stop smoking, but the juices contain up to 24 mg. of nicotine. New to the scene are products containing nicotine salts which contain between 40-60 mg. of nicotine.



## VAPING E-CIGARETTES CAUSE NICOTINE ADDICTION AND OTHER HARMFUL EFFECTS

*Study shows two-thirds of teens don't know vaping devices contain nicotine*

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—"They make them in fun, flavored colors. They are very easy to use and are very discreet, too," said Chelsey Eaton, a county public health program coordinator.

Eaton was talking about "vaping," or smoking e-cigarettes, and why that practice isn't as harmless as it appears.

Eaton said e-cigarettes were first developed in China to help people stop smoking and they arrived in the U.S. in 2007.

"At that time they were using simple juices. They weren't yummy. They weren't colorful," said Eaton, pointing to an array of attractive devices, some in the shape of pens or erasers, and to the nicotine solutions referred to as "juices," which are used in the devices for vaping.

The juices have attractive names like 'Taste the Rainbow' and 'Afternoon Delight,' Eaton pointed out.

According to the National Institute on Drug Abuse, two-thirds of U.S. teens don't know the vaping device Juul contains nicotine, Eaton said.

"It has been found that nicotine is one of the most highly addictive substances in the world," she said.

For instance, one pack of cigarettes contains 59.9 mg of nicotine, which is enough to kill an adult. Some of the e-cigarette juices contain up to 24 mg, she said.

New on the scene are products containing nicotine salts, which have between 40-60 mg of nicotine in them.

Eaton said these products are so new that much is unknown about them, including where they are manufactured and what ingredients are in

the juice. She said one compound used in a solution mimics the buttery flavor in popcorn, but has harmful consequences when vaped.

"It is okay to eat. It's okay to digest, but the second you turn it into a vapor, it turns your lungs into popcorn," said Eaton. "It literally pops your lungs."

Nicotine can affect the learning, memory, and attention centers in the developing brain, she said.

So far the FDA has not regulated e-cigarettes and their nicotine solutions, other than to say they cannot be sold to people under the age of eighteen.

Obtaining them is easy, Eaton said. "You can order them online," she said. "You can go to PDQ and buy them."

This spring the health department plans to conduct a survey of all the local stores to gain a better understanding of their protocol in selling them and to educate store owners and clerks about the legal aspects of selling e-cigarettes.

Eaton said she met with a group of Dayton High School teachers, in January, to share information with them about e-cigarettes and their harmful effects.

"They were surprised and inquisitive," she said.

Because of their discreet appearance, and the fact there is little noticeable vapor from the devices, there is a strong likelihood they won't be detected by staff during school hours, or at home, by parents. And because nicotine is a central nervous stimulant, vaping to deal with anxiety, depression, or to deal with problems at home, or at school, is counterproductive, Eaton said.

"They are thinking about feeling good for the next ten minutes, rather than how they will feel tomorrow," she said.

There is help for youth, who want to kick the habit, and for parents, who suspect e-cigarette use.

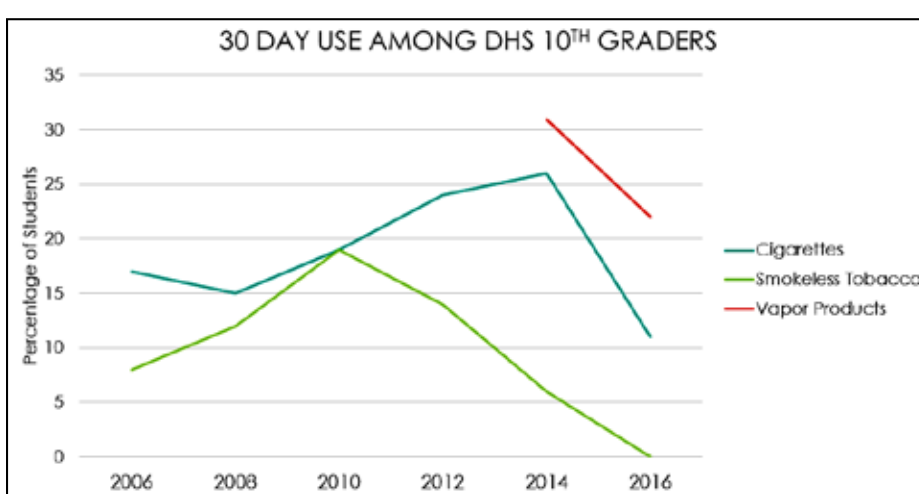


Image courtesy of Dayton Schools

Above: A survey of local Dayton High School 10th graders shows vapor products are more popular than cigarettes or smokeless tobacco.

Photo by Michele Smith

Left: Vaping tools and juices are often colorful, attractive and appealing to teens. Some devices are made in the shape of pens or erasers which make detection by parents and teachers difficult.

"Definitely, kids are going to be more apt to talk about it if parents are approachable," said she.

Eaton said exploring the underlying reasons for e-cigarette use is worthwhile. Parents and youth can reach out to school staff, seek counseling services with Blue Mountain Counseling, or seek services through the Dayton General Hospital.

She said there is also a private counselor operating out of an office at the

Port's administration building.

There are online resources as well. Eaton said youth can find apps, a set of guidelines for quitting, and a texting service to help them at: Youth Smart Quit.com.

Information is available for parents who suspect nicotine addiction at: The Tobacco Talk.com.

Another good source of information for both parents and youth can be found at: The Truth Initiative.com.

### COUNCIL - FROM PAGE 1

and improvement of the city's infrastructure, including streets, parks, water and sewer, flood mitigation, the cemetery, and general services.

**Resolution No. 1367:** Authorizing engineering services with Anderson Perry & Associates, Inc. for 2019-2021.

**Resolution No. 1368, 1369, and 1370:** Authorizing personnel contracts with city employees; Jim Costello, Deb Hays, and Trina Cole.

**Resolution No. 1371:** Adopting updated county-wide planning policies, which are the "starting point for everything planning", according to Planning Director Meagan Bailey.

Bailey said the planning policies were outdated and she is asking

the Town of Starbuck, Columbia County and the City of Dayton for formal support of the updates.

**Resolution No. 1372:** Authorizing support for the county's intention to create a Flood Control Zone District (FCZD).

The beneficiaries are the Town of Starbuck and the City of Dayton," said Meagan Bailey.

Bailey said there are three levees in the county. She said county road funds have been diverted for maintenance of the levee in the unincorporated area. Funds generated by the FCZD would be utilized for maintenance of the levy in Dayton, and for the levy in Starbuck.

So far the Town of Starbuck is not supporting the idea, she said.

"I think Starbuck thinks they are getting



Courtesy Photo

This table of weapons was displayed at the Feb. 15 Citizen's Academy program in Dayton. The topic of the evening was Officer Defensive Tactics and Use of Force. The table is filled with actual weapons that have been used to confront local officers in the performance of their duties.

Thirty-two citizens are participating in the class that runs for 11 weeks from Feb. through April. Sheriff Joe Helm said the class has stirred interest in bringing back the Search & Rescue and Reserve Deputy programs.

money diverted. They would actually lose out if they didn't do it," said Mayor George, who plans to discuss the matter with Starbuck mayor Richard Ells.

**Resolution No. 1373:**

Adopting amendments to the Master Fee Schedule for changes to building permit fees and charges. The intention is to adopt the county fee schedule, eliminating multiple fee schedules,

said Meagan Bailey. Permit fees are based on project valuations, and the fees will go down, generally, she said.

Also adopted, was an agreement with the state Transportation Improve-

ment Board for reimbursement of funds for the conversion of lights on Main Street to LED lights. Dayton has been selected by the state for the Relight Washington Program.

# Switchgrass Delta bluegrass band to visit Ireland

*Homestay music study and an Irish bluegrass festival performance are on the agenda*

By Dena Martin | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG – Waitsburg's resident bluegrass band, Switchgrass Delta, will head to Ireland this June to study traditional Irish music and to perform at an Irish bluegrass festival. The group is busy raising funds for the long-awaited international trip.

Nearly eight years ago, Chris Philbrook got Kate Hockersmith back in the bluegrass business when he knocked on her door saying he wanted to be a Troublemaker (a member the youth bluegrass band her son had participated in) and travel to Japan like they had.

That parent-led band played throughout the valley for years and traveled to Japan as part of the Walla Walla-Sasayama Sister City exchange program in 2007.

Hockersmith accepted the challenge by gathering musicians, teaching lessons and eventually forming the Touchet Valley Acoustic Music Project under the umbrella of the nonprofit Rural Youth Enrichment Services.

Switchgrass Delta, with members, Philbrook on banjo, Emma Philbrook on mandolin, Robert Walsh on standup bass and Kaleb Kuykendall on fiddle is her most experienced group. And, true to Philbrook's original desire, the group was set to visit Sasayama as part of a cultural exchange program that takes place every five years.

The band practiced, raised funds and was set to head to the airport on Oct. 10, 2017 when all plans went awry. Philbrook was injured in a football accident on Sept. 29 and informed at an Oct. 4 doctor appointment that he would need surgery to repair the injury. His fellow band members had the

option to make the trip without him but chose not to, saying they had started out as a band and would either go as a band or not at all.

The Walla Walla-Sasayama cultural exchange occurs only every five years and Hockersmith knew her young adult band members would be "scattered to the winds" before the next one came around.

"I felt bad because the kids had worked so hard. I wanted to take them on a trip, but didn't want to just take them on vacation," Hockersmith said. "We had trip insurance and got some of our plane fare back so we had some money to start working with."

Through her research, Hockersmith learned of a residential music school in Drumkeerin, Ireland called Homestay Ireland. She arranged for band members to attend a one-week music school, learning traditional Irish and Celtic music, while staying in Irish homes.

"The kids will stay in different homes of people connected to the music school just like they would have done in Japan. I think

that's really important to experience that total cultural immersion," Hockersmith said. "They will take one-on-one lessons every day and they'll get to tour and see a few things," she said.

They will also be able to attend the John McKenna Music Festival which takes place during their stay.

Hockersmith said she scheduled the trip for the first week of June because the school is near Westport where the annual Westport Folk and Bluegrass Festival takes place June 7-9.

Hockersmith contacted the festival organizer to see if the band could possibly participate in an open mic night or jam session.

"He said he'd love to have us be involved. Then, after he listened to their videos, he texted back and offered to put them on the stage," Hockersmith said.

"They're pretty tickled about it because Irish festivals are different than

**"Leave it to a bunch of musicians to go out on a high note."**

**-Emma Philbrook  
Switchgrass band member**



Photo courtesy of Kate Hockersmith

Waitsburg's popular bluegrass band, Switchgrass Delta, is made up of its original members. (l to r) Emma Philbrook on mandolin, Kaleb Kuykendall on fiddle, Robert Walsh on standup bass and Chris Philbrook on banjo and guitar.

ours. Rather than playing on one stage, acts are split into different venues such as pubs and churches and I think they get to play in an Irish pub," she added.

While one might not readily connect bluegrass with Celtic music, the Appalachian music has mixed roots in Irish, Scottish and English traditional music.

The Westport festival has featured acts from across America, the UK, continental Europe as well as Ireland.

While they have some funds from previous fundraising efforts the group is a couple thousand dollars short of having this trip covered, Hockersmith said. The band is planning a concert at Waitsburg's Plaza Theater but is also offering to provide entertainment for house concerts.

"If people are having a party with friends, they can have the kids play and just put out a donation jar. It would be a lot of fun, especially if we can get them playing every week between now and June," Hockersmith said.

Switchgrass Delta is made up of its original members. Emma Philbrook attends Whitman College and is currently applying to law school. Walsh attends Walla Walla Community College with plans to transfer to Central Washington University. Chris Philbrook is working full time and Kuykendall, a junior, is homeschooled.

"I am really excited to see the scenery and also to meet new people there and learn different kinds of music," Kuykendall said.

"Switchgrass has been such an adventure for me for such a long time. I'll be leaving for law school soon, so the Ireland trip is really just the last leg of a much longer and more exciting journey. Leave it to a bunch of musicians to go out on such a high note!" Emma Philbrook said.

To make a donation or book a party with Switchgrass Delta, contact Kate Hockersmith at 337-8789.

# Waitsburg School District sets superintendent search timeline

*Residents weigh in on priorities*

By Dena Martin | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG – The Feb. 13 Waitsburg School Board meeting was preceded by a superintendent search community input session facilitated by education consultant Dr. Bill Jordan.

Jordan said applications and job postings are going out now, with an application close date of March 29. Jordan will vet applicants and perform background checks before bringing the applications to the board on April 8. On that day, the board will choose five to seven applicants for preliminary interviews.

Those interviews will take place on April 16-17. A panel of staff, community members and students will observe the interviews and offer feedback once they are complete. (This panel will not ask questions.)

Up to three applicants will be invited back for day-long final interviews to be held on April 23-25. Those interviews will also include time for the community to meet each applicant.

"We are hoping the board will be in a position to name a superintendent by the end of April," Jordan said.

Jordan's company, Northwest Leadership Associates, was hired in 2017, to facilitate the search for a superintendent to replace Dr. Carol Clarke who retired with the close of the 2017 school year. That search resulted in the hire of Superintendent Jon Mishra who has submitted his resignation effective June 30.

The contract with Northwest Leadership Associates included a clause stating that if it became necessary to perform another search within two years, that service would be provided at no charge other than coverage of expenses such as travel and meals.

"Dr. Jordan has good insights and we would be wise to take advantage of his services as it is a big savings to the District," Board Chair Ross Hamann told board members. Hamann said he believed the District originally paid approximately \$9,200 for search services.

"The board reached consensus and agreed to take advantage of the opportunity to have a search performed by a professional firm to see what kind of candidates we could get. We left it open that, if we did not find a suitable candidate from a normal search, we will entertain bringing on an interim superintendent candidate," Hamann said.

Since then, Jordan has met with board members, students and staff. On Feb. 13, he welcomed community members to weigh in on the process. Below are the summary responses to the questions Jordan posed.

**What do you consider the greatest strengths of the district?**

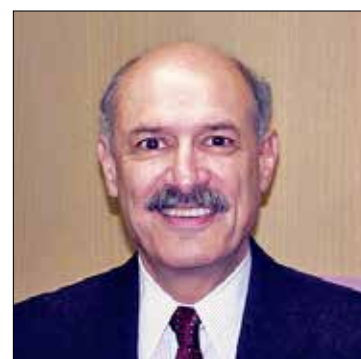
- A smaller district and class sizes mean more personal attention
- Genuinely caring staff and administration
- Strong community support
- Community members remain involved/supportive of district even when they don't have children in the schools

**What do you consider the most important challenges facing the district?**

- Need to increase academic performance
- Lack of offerings such as welding, art, etc.
- Losing students to Running Start and SEA-Tech

**What do you consider the most important professional qualities of a superintendent?**

- Someone with teaching experience or who has been "in the trenches" rather than only in administration



Courtesy photo

Dr. Bill Jordan of Northwest Leadership Associates will facilitate Waitsburg School District's search for a new superintendent. If a suitable candidate is not found, the board will hire an interim.

- Less concerned about a degree than an ability to be relational
- Someone who is a problem-solver, which may not show up through textbook learning
- A leader, not necessarily a career school administrator

**What do you consider the most important personal characteristics of a superintendent?**

- Supportive of staff
- Open communicator
- Someone who will do the job rather than passing duties off to others
- Thrifty/financially responsible
- Someone familiar with small town America, who is willing to wear a variety of hats, even if that means shoveling the sidewalk or changing a tire

Jordan said that the job is posted primarily in the Pacific Northwest, with about 30,000 notices going to school districts, colleges, universities and superintendent programs. He said that every state is notified of the opening and the last search resulted in applicants from Florida and Iowa.

"I've already been getting some calls about the position," Jordan said.

# SPORTS

## CARLOS NORRIS REPRESENTS DAYTON TO GO 2-2 AT STATE WRESTLING TOURNAMENT

*Norris has overcome multiple challenges and hopes to place at State in 2020*

By Dena Martin | THE TIMES

TACOMA, Wash. – Dayton Bulldog wrestler Carlos Norris found himself bypassing regionals and heading directly to state competition when snowstorms across the state made roads unsafe and resulted in the WIAA canceling the regional elimination round of wrestling competitions. Instead, the WIAA added an additional round to the finals at the Mat Classic XXXI wrestling tournament at the Tacoma Dome on Feb. 15 and Feb. 16.

Norris, a junior, competed at state last year where he took fourth place in the 132 lb. bracket. This year, he went 2-2 in the 138 lb. bracket, but failed to place.

In his first match, Norris was pinned by Joseph Monchack of Darrington. Norris was the victor in his next two matches, pinning Scott Kuntz of Tonasket in 2:45 and taking down Ira Reynolds of Rainier in 2:38.

Norris was taken out of state competition by Chase Clark of Kettle Falls who won in a 17-2 technical fall.

Norris said that regionals being canceled, the bracket size doubling from



Courtesy Photo Norris takes on an opponent at the 2018 Pomeroy Christmas Tournament.

12 to 24 and bumping up a weight class all factored in to a bad case of nerves.

“I don’t feel I performed the best I could have. Nerves had a lot to do with it. I didn’t keep calm, cool and collected. The competition was a lot bigger and I’m not good at dealing with that kind of pressure. I had a hard time wrapping my head around it,” Norris said.

Norris started wrestling with the Waitsburg MatBirds at age five and continued until age 14 when, as an eighth grader, he competed on the Waitsburg Cardinal high school wrestling team.

Coach Lanny Adams was in his fifth year as Waitsburg’s wrestling coach and there were eleven wrestlers in the program in 2016. Norris claimed the spot of number one district seed in the 113

lb. class that year and had high hopes for state, but a knee injury knocked him out of regional competition.

The summer before his freshman year, Norris suffered a severe head injury in a swimming accident. He tried wrestling in two matches with Waitsburg in 2017 but didn’t feel well and his family reluctantly decided to call it a season.

Unfortunately, Carlos was the only wrestler to sign up in 2018 and Waitsburg was forced to drop its wrestling program.

Norris attends school in Dayton and the Dayton School District agreed to pick up the program to allow him to compete as a sophomore in 2018. Norris, the only Dayton wrestler, worked

under Coach Tracy Pearson and managed to take fourth place at the state level despite practicing alone.

“We did a lot of cardio that year,” Norris said.

This year, Dayton offered the program again and Norris was able to co-op with Pomeroy which has seven wrestlers. His dad, Buck, signed up as a volunteer coach and drove Norris to practice in Pomeroy every day.

“They have a good program and their coaches are great. I really want to thank Brian, Ben, and Matt Slaybaugh and Austin Reisdorph for all their help and support. They were really big role models to me and opened my eyes on how to handle myself off the mat as well as on,” Norris said.

Norris is hopeful that Dayton will continue to offer the program through his senior year and that he can participate with the Pomeroy team again.

“Each year it’s been a little bit of a battle to get the school to keep a program for just one kid. Having teammates to practice with and offer support is so important. We really won’t know until next year if Carlos will be able to compete again or not. The Dayton superintendent and principal have been very supportive,” said Norris’ mother, Lisa.

As for Norris, he said he plans to keep on working and “hopefully improve a lot more.”

## Tiger boys beat Pomeroy but fall to Gar-Pal in district playoffs

By Dena Martin | THE TIMES

COLFAX, Wash. – After being forced into the Southeast 1B playoffs loser bracket with a 57-45 loss against Oakesdale on Feb. 9, the Prescott Tigers boys basketball team extended district play with a 66-44 win over Pomeroy on Thurs. Feb. 14.

The Pirates looked hot at the bell, dunking two treys in the first minutes of the game. Prescott quickly retaliated, ending the first half with a 27-23 lead.

The Tigers continued to play hot and ended the game with a 68-44 win.

Jose Gonzalez scored a game high 15 points with Miguel Ayala scoring 13 and Fernando Lopez bringing in 12.

The win kept Prescott in the running for the last remaining SE1B seed in the District 7/9 crossovers scheduled for Sat., Feb. 16 at Deer Park High School. Unfortunately, that was not to be.

### Prescott vs. Garfield-Palouse

The Tigers took a 44-64 loss against Garfield-Palouse, here, on Fri., Feb. 15 to end their season. The Tigers were behind by only six points as they went into the fourth quarter, but Gar-Pal played their highest-scoring quarter of the game to win 64-44.

Jose Gonzales wrapped up his senior year with a team high of 16 points, while Jonathan Cardenas brought in 14 points.

### Prescott vs Pomeroy on 2/14/2019 in loser out district playoffs

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Pomeroy	7	16	11	10	44
Prescott	19	10	23	16	68

### Tigers 68, Pirates 44

POMEROY (44) — J. Gwinn 15, Berglund 14, T. Gwinn 10, Alvarez 3, Bartles 2.  
 PRESCOTT (68) — Gonzalez 15, Ayala 13, Lopez 12, Rosales 8, Ju. Iglesias 7, Cardenas 6, Velazco 5, Garcia 2.

### Prescott vs. Garfield-Palouse on 2/15/2019 in district playoffs

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
GP	6	21	13	24	64
Prescott	14	9	11	10	44

### Vikings 64, Tigers 44

PRESCOTT (44) — Gonzalez 16, Cardenas 14, Velazco 5, Ju. Iglesias 4, Rosales 4, Lopez 1.  
 GARFIELD-PALOUSE (64) — A. Jones 23, Sanderson 19, T. Anderson 13, El. Hawkins 3, B. Jones 2, J. Anderson 2, Pedersen 2.



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## Modern Baseball Statistics (Part Two: Base Running)

A column by Eric Umphrey

This is part two of a series of articles I'm writing to introduce some of the newer statistics announcers are using in broadcasts. Last time I covered Park Factor and how it affects hitters. This time I'm going to discuss BsR. BsR is a base running statistic created by Fangraphs. I'll get the formula out of way and then breakdown the components.



Rating	BsR
Excellent	+8
Great	+6
Above Average	+2
Average	+0
Below Average	-2
Poor	-4
Awful	-6

Here is a list of a few players with their career BsR numbers:

Player #1	BsR Career	Years	BsR/Yr
Player #1	144.4	25	5.7
Player #2	100.4	23	4.4
Player #3	96.0	18	5.3
Player #4	35.3	10	3.5
Player #5	-76.6	20	-3.8

Players #1 and #2 are in the Hall of Fame. Players #3 and #5 will both likely be elected once they are eligible. Player #4 is second on the Mariners all-time list for BsR.

Player #5 is David Ortiz. He is fourth worst all-time for BsR. I wanted to add a well-known player with a large negative score for context. Player #4 is Julio Cruz, a good base stealing second baseman for the Mariners in the seventies and eighties. Player #3 is Ichiro. He is the Mariners' BsR leader and he is third on the BsR all-time list. Ichiro's best year for BsR was in 2006 when he posted an 11.3. Like most players his numbers were better during the earlier portion of his career. Player #2 is Tim Lincecum who had 808 stolen bases at an 84.7% success rate. Player #1 is Rickey Henderson, who remarkably never had a negative BsR season in a 25-year career. I saw him late in his career, in a Mariner uniform, steal a base after the Oakland A's thought they had caught him in a rundown.

$$\text{BsR} = \text{wSB} + \text{UBR} + \text{wGDP}$$

wSB stands for weighted stolen bases. It estimates the number of runs a player contributed to or took away from his team by stealing bases. I won't get into the formula for this statistic, but a player's stolen base percentage is important. A success rate below 67% will result in a negative number for this statistic. For example, a player stealing 9 out of 10 bases is more valuable than a player who steals 20 out of 40 bases.

UBR is ultimate base running. It is for non-stolen base plays. It estimates the number of runs a player contributed for doing things like going from 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> on a single. Tagging up and advancing on an out. It penalizes for not advancing or getting thrown out. Basically, this is the smart base running measure. UBR data started in 2002, no data is available before then.

wGDP is weighted grounded into double plays. This measures the ability of a player to avoid hitting into a double play. It doesn't include line drive double plays. So mostly this is a measure of a player's speed or ability to not hit the ball on the ground with a runner on first.

Before we discuss some players here is a table from the Fangraphs site to give you an idea of what the numbers for a single season would mean.



Photo courtesy of Kate Hockersmith

The cougar shown above was captured on a game camera located on property belonging to Eric and Kate Hockersmith on Jasper Mountain.

## COUGAR COUNTRY

By Dena Martin | THE TIMES

WASHINGTON STATE - The story of Colorado jogger Travis Kauffman, who managed to win out in a bare-hands battle against a mountain lion earlier this month, has taken the media by storm.

Cougars don't typically attack humans and some accounts surmise that this may have been a starving, young mountain lion that had become separated from its mother. Regardless, Kauffman's self-defense response was impressive.

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) website states that there have been 125 reports of cougar attacks on humans in North America in the past 100 years. However, more attacks have documented in the western United States and Canada over the past 25 years than in the previous 75, according to the website.

Cougar sightings are relatively common in the Touchet Valley and while it is highly unlikely that a cougar would attack a human, experts recommend following Kaufman's example and fighting back if faced with an aggressive cat.

**The WDFW offers the following tips for those recreating in cougar habitat:**

- Hike in small groups and make enough noise to avoid surprising a cougar.
- Keep your camp clean and store food and garbage in double plastic bags.
- Keep small children close to the group, preferably in plain sight just ahead of you.
- Do not approach dead animals, especially deer or elk; they could have been cougar prey left for a later meal.

**In case of a cougar encounter:**

- Stop, stand tall and don't run. Pick up small children. Don't run. A cougar's instinct is to chase.
- Do not approach the animal, especially if it is near a kill or with kittens.
- Try to appear larger than the cougar. Never take your eyes off the animal or turn your back. Do not crouch down or try to hide.
- If the animal displays aggressive behavior, shout, wave your arms and throw rocks. The idea is to convince the cougar that you are not prey, but a potential danger.
- If the cougar attacks, fight back aggressively and try to stay on your feet. Cougars have been driven away by people who have fought back.

The Department of Fish and Wildlife responds to cougar and bear sightings when there is a threat to public safety or property. If it is an emergency, dial 911.

### WAITSBURG SCHOOL BOARD UPDATE

FEBRUARY 13, 2019

#### Secondary Principal Report (Mrs. Wooderchak)

-Bluewood Ski days for Preston Hall and WHS are being organized.

-A Running Start information night will take place at WHS on Mon., March 4 at 6 p.m.

-The junior class and Dayton ASB are working together on a combined prom to take place at the Dayton Fairgrounds on April 20.

-WHS will travel to the state Knowledge Bowl competition in Yakima on March 23.

-Mr. Leahy, Ms. Ball and Mrs. Wooderchak will travel to Spokane to attend a job fair on March 13 in hopes of encouraging educators to explore Waitsburg School District as a place of employment.

#### Athletic Director Report (Mrs. Wooderchak)

-High school basketball is complete.

-Spring sports practices begin Feb. 25

-The Feb. 11 combine advisory meeting has been postponed due to weather.

#### Facilities/Maintenance/Transportation Report (Colter Mohney)

-Roof leaks associated with the newly installed HVAC units have been discovered and Preston Hall classrooms are not keeping to temps. Mohney will work to see that post-construction updates are complete.

-The gym roof has exceeded its life and is in need of replacement. The district is seeking multiple bids.

-Mohney is preparing a request for proposal for alarm pads and security cameras.

-The district has a shortage of bus drivers and discussed options for recruitment, including signing bonuses, paying for training and/or pairing with a para-pro position.

-Mohney is investigating a supervisor vehicle

purchase.

#### Elementary Principal Report (Jon Mishra)

-Students have participated in a Tears of Joy assembly, Heart Challenge, JJ Harrison bullying assembly and the 5<sup>th</sup> grade has started the ski program.

-First round peer (teacher) observations have begun.

#### Superintendent Report (Jon Mishra)

-A new district web page and app are set to roll out in March.

-Discussed WASA Hold Harmless provisions

-Discussed potential impacts of McCleary levy cliff

#### Old Business

-Enrollment: Enrollment dropped from 275 in January to 272 in February

-Discussed possibility of Prescott offering ECEAP pre-school on its own next year. The district is working with ESD 123 to determine impact. Currently, ECEAP class has five Waitsburg students, 13 Prescott students, one Dixie student and one Dayton student.

-Discussed high school 2019-20 schedule and program offerings. Board requested that Wooderchak return to the next meeting with a modified block schedule that would allow for more electives.

-Discussed the superintendent hiring process. (See Page 7).

#### New Business

-The free Safe Schools Reporting System is being tested and will be ready to go live in the near future.

-Accepted resignation of Food Service Assistant Bitsy Vawter

Executive Session followed by appointment of Randy Hinchliffe to school board seat vacated by Russ Knopp. (See story on Page 1)

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## An old gardener learns some new tricks

A column by Michele Smith

Because most of my gardening experience has been in the desert, the prospect of getting to grow an English-style cottage garden when we moved to Dayton, in 2012, was beyond my wildest dreams.

Little did I know there would be a constant running battle with the wildlife for dominance, beginning with the squirrels and deer.

The squirrels made quite a summer production out of tearing the immature walnuts off the tree in the back yard, and chewing them, and spitting them, and running around burying them in the yard for later.

We had many little walnut trees popping up everywhere, but nary a nut for ourselves.

And they attacked every bird feeder we had with a ferocity one has to see to believe.

Having tried every remedy we finally purchased a "squirrel proof" feeder.

It was quite a sight to see one of them squeeze himself inside the cage of that feeder, to get at the tasty morsels inside.

Then there are the does, and their offspring, who take up residence in the woods behind the house.

I love the English roses, particularly the David Austen roses and so, apparently, do the deer.

I looked out the window one day and there was Bambi happily munching away.

Last month I decided to naturalize the area between the back yard fence and the woods with daffodils and grape hyacinths. I turned my back, and one of the does had her nose in the bucket looking for a treat.

I said "shoo" and she slid back into the woods, but I know she watched, and she knows where I planted every one of those bulbs.

We had a pair of raccoons that made their nightly sojourn through the yard.

Tomatoes and apples would go missing in the night.

We have a very old hardly productive cherry tree. One spring the tree was full of cherries until a flock of cedar waxwings came, from God knows where, and ate them.

Did I mention voles?

I planted fifty red tulip bulbs and none survives today.

They also wreak havoc with the iris that my husband arduously cares for.

He is usually mild mannered, but I have seen him apoplectic with rage over the damage they cause.

One morning he was trying to drown them with a hose.

Let's talk turkey.

We didn't have any in our part of town until three years ago.

It began with one hen. Then there were eight. Then there were sixteen. This year there will be thirty two, and so on.

If necessity is the mother of invention then I now have some remedies.



Photo by Michele Smith

This Cedar Waxwing made itself happily at home in the author's cherry tree where it helped itself to many a meal.

A big wind blew the top out of the walnut tree, so we removed it. We replaced the faulty fence with orchard fence.

We put stove pipe around the fruit trees so the critters can't get a grip.

We put a bell system on the bird feeders so the squirrels can't get up to the feeder.

We apply Chile powder to the vole holes. (Thanks to Deb Callahan for that tip.)

Now I understand which plants are deer resistant, plants like; hibiscus, currant, quince, elderberry, and lavender.

We spray the other plants with a concoction of deer-proof spray. Recently, the garden catalogues have begun to arrive in the mail.

This is always a favorite time for gardeners, especially with snow on the ground.

I have been looking closely at plants that might fill out an ornamental bed in the front yard, and I have to say, for the first time in seven years, I am feeling a little smug.

### BRIEFS

#### GARDEN CLUB COFFEE SWAP

WAITSBURG – The Waitsburg Garden Club will kick off the season with catalog and seed swap at 10 Ton Coffee on Sun., Feb. 24 at 11 a.m.

Everyone is welcome. Bring 2019 seed catalogues to share an inspire as well as any seeds you would like to swap. Members with pending orders can combine with others to help defray shipping costs.

To learn more about the Waitsburg Garden Club contact Susan Donegan at sadonegan52@gmail.com

### SEED DONATIONS ACCEPTED

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### Fish and Wildlife Habitat Meeting

The Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation cordially invite members of the community to an open house to discuss future fish and wildlife habitat projects planned for the North and South Touchet Rivers and Rainwater Wildlife Area.

The meeting will be held in the Delaney Building at the Dayton Public Library at 7 pm on Thursday, February 28, 2019.

Light refreshments will be provided.  
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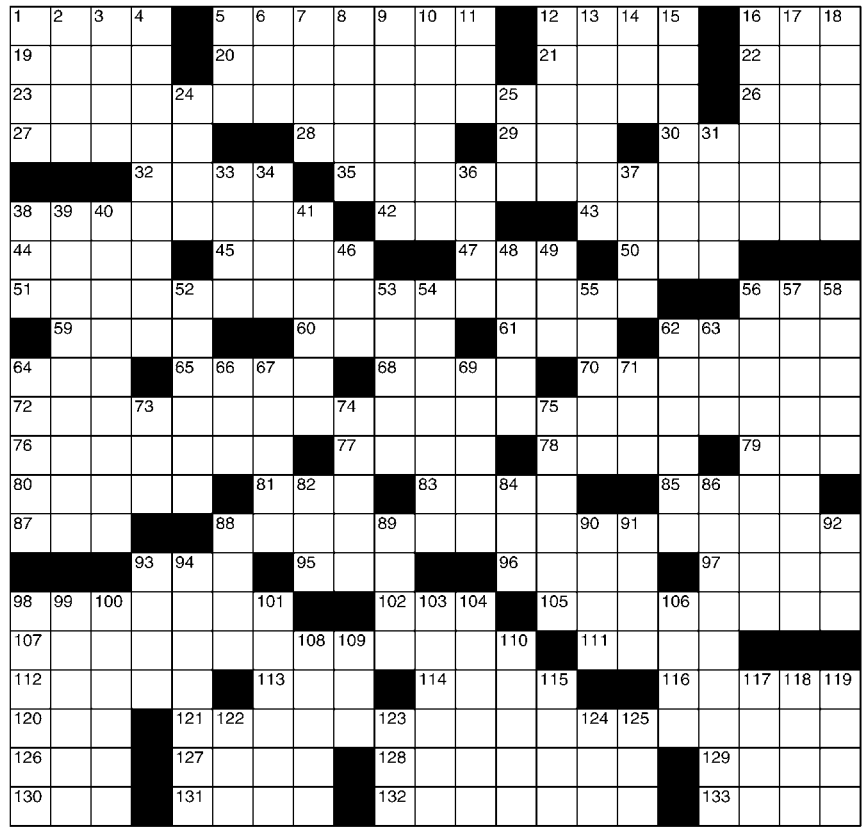
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  - 5 Spa offering
  - 12 Tartan weaver
  - 16 Second afterthought in a letter, for short
  - 19 Work for Barber's tool
  - 21 Made cloth
  - 22 Arena cry
  - 23 Ghost of a bricklayer?
  - 26 A bit more than zero
  - 27 Kitchen range brand
  - 28 "— never fly"
  - 29 Toronto's prov.
  - 30 Fall bloomer
  - 32 Passport stamp
  - 35 Put herbs and spices on a James Bond actor?
  - 38 Greek vowels
  - 42 Mr., in Mysore
  - 43 Ideal
  - 44 Deicing stuff
  - 45 Stable baby
  - 47 JFK's weep
  - 50 Suffix with final or novel
  - 51 Comfort given by the last Stuart monarch?
  - 56 Sponge (up)
  - 59 Yeats' "— and the Swan"
  - 60 Tyne of TV
  - 61 108-card party game
  - 62 Gray shade
  - 64 Weaken
  - 65 609-homer
  - 68 Lovers' deity
  - 70 Person hugging, say
  - 72 Has an affinity for people who are calming influences?
  - 76 Food, archaically
  - 77 "— it a pity?"
  - 78 "Cheerio!"
  - 79 "Norma —" (1979 film)
  - 80 Pencil wood
  - 81 Lilt syllable
  - 83 Backpack fill
  - 85 Fine spray
  - 87 Naval acad. grad
  - 88 More rational
  - 93 Decide on, with "for"
  - 95 See 64-Down
  - 96 Henchman helping Hook
  - 97 Blogger Klein
  - 98 Grassland
  - 102 Certain hosp. test
  - 105 Most meager
  - 107 Hasty, sloppy application of talc?
  - 111 Arduous walk
  - 112 Taunting remarks
  - 113 Eternally, to bards
  - 114 Post-op areas, often
  - 116 Qdoba dip
  - 120 Year, to Pedro
  - 121 Stupefying someone with liquor away from a horse-racing venue?
  - 126 Sea, to Pierre
  - 127 Gloomy
  - 128 Entered furtively
  - 129 Ohio or New York county
  - 130 Zine team
  - 131 Modern "Seize the day!" for short
  - 132 Gives a nod
  - 133 Performs like Kanye West
  - 34 After a while
  - 36 Grain tower
  - 37 Sheriff
  - 38 Atty.'s name
  - 39 He
  - 40 co-founded Microsoft with Bill Gates
  - 41 Light shoe
  - 46 Grassland
  - 48 Pink wine
  - 49 Mo. #1
  - 52 Suez Crisis figure
  - 53 Tons
  - 54 Serum injector
  - 55 Winter drink
  - 56 Really big
  - 57 Collect-call connectors
  - 58 In itself
  - 62 Dojo mat
  - 63 Gray shade
  - 64 With
  - 95-Across, wide keyboard key
  - 66 Fess (up to)
  - 67 Brief quarrel
  - 69 River romper
  - 71 Ton
  - 73 Singer
  - 74 Forest vine
  - 75 Does some harping?
  - 82 Polish, e.g.
  - 84 Stubborn equine
  - 86 Rink athlete
  - 88 Move slightly
  - 89 Attracted
  - 90 Mo. #9
  - 91 Bosc, e.g.
  - 92 Rebellion figure
  - 93 Seine feeder
  - 94 Study of poetic rhythm
  - 98 Minecraft, e.g.
  - 99 Wrecked
  - 100 Shady spots
  - 101 Impressive sight
  - 103 Mandates
  - 104 Some lizards
  - 106 Repose
  - 108 — Canada (oil biggie)
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  - 117 Turkish money
  - 118 Cut, as hair
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  - 123 Simile center
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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ◆◆◆

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## GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

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

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## TEENY MCMUNN: MY RECIPE BOX

# Chocolate Chunk Coconut Banana Bread

How many different versions are there of banana bread? I found this some time ago and knew I had all the ingredients, then put it off thinking I needed coconut. I wasn't crazy about the thought of chewy coconut in soft banana bread, similar to those who eat Milk Duds in their popcorn. When I went back thru the recipe, I realized it was coconut oil.



I bought these interesting mega chunk chocolate on a 50% off sale so I got two bags. Then realized the 50% off made them the same price as regular chocolate chips. The brand was Enjoy Life and the description was "premium chocolate, derived from sustainable harvested cocoa beans" I had to open one of the bags to see what they were and taste them. BIG MISTAKE. I went thru the whole bag, a quarter cup at a time, tasting it. You know, it's like once the bag was below a cup left, one might as well finish it. So for the banana bread, I only used a cup of the second bag, meaning there is another cup to tempt me.

The comment on this banana bread was 'it is healthy-ish', using honey instead of sugar, and whole wheat flour.

### INGREDIENTS:

- 4 medium overly ripe bananas, mashed (about 1 1/4 c. mashed)
- 1/4 c. coconut oil melted
- 1 tsp ground cinnamon
- 1 c. semi-sweet or dark chocolate chunks
- 1/4 c. honey
- 2 eggs
- 2 tps vanilla extract
- 1 1/2 c. whole wheat pastry flour or all-purpose flour
- 1/2 tsp kosher salt
- 1 1/2 tsp baking soda

### INSTRUCTIONS:

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Grease a 9 x 5 pan. In a large mixing bowl, stir together the mashed banana, coconut oil, honey, eggs, and vanilla until combined. Add the flour, baking soda, cinnamon and salt. Mix until just combined. Fold in the chocolate chunks.

Pour the batter into the prepared bread pan. Bake for 50-60 minutes or until center is just set. Remove and let cool for at least 30 minutes before cutting or just eat it warm with a smear of butter and drizzle of honey.

### MY NOTES:

It is in the oven so I will report at the end. I had 3 large bananas frozen that were really ripe. When I unfroze them, they were mushy of course, but watery. The dough still seemed to be thick enough. I used whole wheat all-purpose flour, but added 2 tablespoons of cornstarch. The formula is to take 2 tablespoons of flour out and add the cornstarch for cake flour, but I kept the extra 2 tablespoons in. I also added about a tablespoon of chia seeds because I had them on hand, but have to warn Joe so he doesn't think they are bugs in the bread.

Report: It is good. The banana flavor comes thru and it's not very sweet, more like a bread, than a sweet bread. The chocolate does not seem to overpower the bread. I also put in walnuts so that's an option.

We made the Valentine Steak for dinner tonight. I'd give it a 3 star. It was flavorful but not as wonderful as the review. ENJOY

## LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS:

### Super Crossword

#### Answers

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### Weekly SUDOKU

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## NEW AT THE LIBRARIES

### Dayton Memorial Library

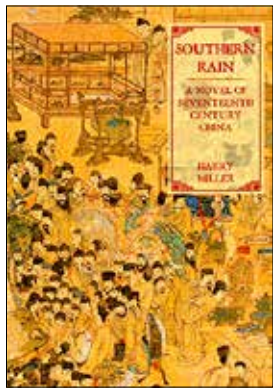
111 S. 3rd Street, Dayton  
Hours: Mon., Wed., Fri., 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.;  
Tues. & Thurs., 12-8 p.m.; Sat., 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
Storytime: Wed., 10 a.m.

**Okay for Now**, by Gary D. Schmidt (Young Adult) — In this companion novel to *The Wednesday Wars*, Doug struggles to be more than the “skinny thug” that some people think him to be. He finds an unlikely ally in Lil Spicer, who gives him the strength to endure an abusive father, the suspicions of a town, and the return of his oldest brother, forever scarred, from Vietnam. Schmidt expertly weaves multiple themes of loss and recovery in a story teeming with distinctive, unusual characters and invaluable lessons about love, creativity, and survival



### **Southern Rain : A Novel of Seventeenth Century China**, by Harry Miller (Fiction) —

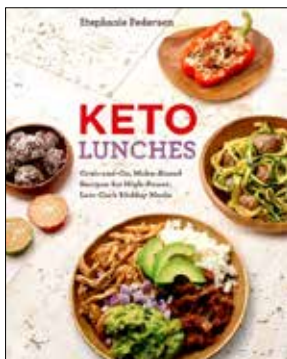
As China's once-glorious Ming dynasty tears itself apart, a young man and woman struggle to stay together. Set before the backdrop of one of the great upheavals in Chinese history, *Southern Rain* is the story of a carpenter's son who falls for a brilliant Buddhist nun just as she is set to become a powerful man's concubine. Their adventures lead them north to Beijing and south to the Yangtze valley, as art, theater and poetry give way to foreign invasion, banditry and chaos. In a world of turmoil, their search for freedom and safety comes to mirror China's own.



**Only Ever You**, by Rebecca Drake (Fiction) — Jill Lassiter's three-year-old daughter disappears from a playground only to return after 40 frantic minutes, but her mother's relief is short-lived—there's a tiny puncture mark on Sophia's arm. When doctors can find no trace of drugs in her system, Jill accepts she'll never know what happened, but at least her child is safe. Except Sophia isn't.

### **Keto Lunches : Grab-and-Go, Make-Ahead Recipes for High-Power, Low-Carb Midday Meals**, by Stephanie Pedersen —

Keto eating is one of today's hottest trends—but lunch can be especially challenging for those on this popular diet. What should you prepare? And how can you find time to make it? Fortunately, this cookbook has you covered with more than 100 simple, quick recipes, from twists on traditional lunches like wraps, sandwiches, and pizzas to grain bowls, stir-fries, curries, and yummy snacks to keep your energy high. There are even vegan variations for many of the recipes, and all the dishes are perfect for anyone on a high-fat, low-carb diet—including Atkins, South Beach, and Paleo. Renowned food writer and nutritionist Stephanie Pedersen also provides advice on outfitting your kitchen for success, stocking your fridge, and the building blocks for meal-prepping a host of fantastic keto-approved lunches.

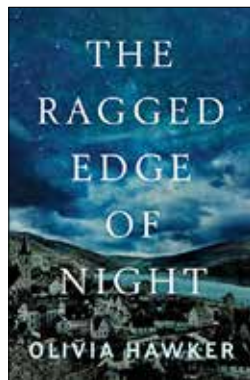


### Weller Public Library

212 Main Street, Waitsburg  
Hours: Mon. and Thurs. 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. (closed noon - 1 p.m.)  
Sat. 10 a.m. - noon  
Storytime: Mon. 10:30 a.m.

**The Storytellers Secret**, by Sejal Badani (Fiction) — Nothing prepares Jaya, a New York journalist, for the heartbreak of her third miscarriage and the slow unraveling of her marriage in its wake. Desperate to assuage her deep anguish, she decides to go to India to uncover answers to her family's past.

Intoxicated by the sights, smells, and sounds she experiences, Jaya becomes an eager student of the culture. Through her courageous grandmother's arrestingly romantic and heart-wrenching story, Jaya discovers the legacy bequeathed to her and a strength that, until now, she never knew was possible.



### **The Ragged Edge of Night**, by Olivia Hawker (Fiction) —

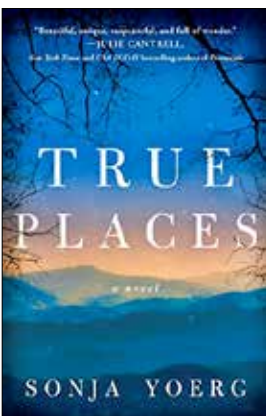
Germany, 1942. Franciscan friar Anton Starzmann is stripped of his place in the world when his school is seized by the Nazis. He relocates to a small German hamlet to wed Elisabeth Herter, a widow who seeks a marriage—in name only—to a man who can help raise her three children. Anton seeks something too—atonement for failing to protect his young students from the wrath of the Nazis. But neither he nor Elisabeth expects their lives to be shaken once again by the inescapable rumble of war.

**True Places**, by Sonya Yoerg (Fiction) — A girl emerges from the woods, starved, ill, and alone...and collapses.

Suzanne Blakemore hurtles along the Blue Ridge Parkway, away from her overscheduled and completely normal life, and encounters the girl. As Suzanne rushes her to the hospital, she never imagines how the encounter will change her—a change she both fears and desperately needs.

Suzanne has the perfect house, a successful husband, and a thriving family. But beneath the veneer of an ideal life, her daughter is rebelling, her son is withdrawing, her husband is oblivious to it all, and Suzanne is increasingly unsure of her place in the world. After her discovery of the ethereal sixteen-year-old who has never experienced civilization, Suzanne is compelled to invite Iris into her family's life and all its apparent privileges.

Now Suzanne can't help but wonder: Is she destined to save Iris, or is Iris the one who will save her?



## LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA NO: 17-4-00177-3 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS RCW 11.40.030

In re the Estate of: DONALD EDWARD SPERBER, 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 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 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. 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 RCW

11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets. DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: February 7, 2019. Jeremy Hyndman, Member of Basalt Legal, PLLC, Personal Representative Attorney for Personal Representative: Jeremy Hyndman, WSBA #44320 Basalt Legal, PLLC 6½ N. Second Avenue, Suite 200 Walla Walla, WA 99362 509-529-0630 The Times Feb. 7, 14, 21, 2019 2-7-b

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