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Bill Rodgers

"Touchet Snow Scene". Snow put a whole different look on this favorite scene on Lower Hogeye Road, shared in this space several weeks ago. We may dislike driving in and shoveling the stuff, but it certainly dresses up a landscape.

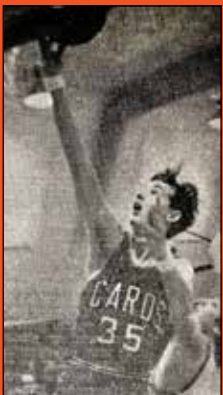
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County awards \$90,000 for Broadband

THE TIMES

DAYTON—Support for the Port of Columbia's broadband infrastructure project is crucial to providing high speed, reliable, up to date internet to the residents of Dayton and Columbia County.

Anne Walsh, speaking on behalf of the Dayton Chamber of Commerce, spoke at a December 14 meeting, encouraging the commissioners to support the project, which is being overseen by the Port of Columbia. The total cost of the project totals \$2.5 million, and could provide reliable, high speed internet to more than 1,200 homes and businesses in Dayton. The Port has a \$2 million grant from CERB, with \$500,000 required as local matching contribution. The project has received additional grant funds to extend the project out to Huntsville, nearly to the county line, contingent on the required match funds being secured.

The Port of Columbia would not provide internet service, but would build and maintain broadband infrastructure for local providers to use for their customers.

To date, the Port of Columbia has committed \$20,000, and received \$335,000 from the City of Dayton, \$20,000 from Sherwood Trust, \$15,000 Warren Community Fund, \$13,500 from Dayton-Columbia County Fund, totalling \$403,500.

"They are short \$96,500, to make this \$2.5 million project go forward for our citizens," Walsh said. "The Chamber is here because we feel really strongly that it is important for our existing residents to have this service, and to also draw new businesses, and new people, to our community."

Walsh stressed that the existing businesses need the reliable internet in order to expand and offer services online.

"We are a small, rural community. For us to survive, especially when people are shopping online and in other places, our local businesses need to expand by offering their services on the internet, especially in a time where many people are just shopping online," she explained.

She referenced the owner of Carloyn's Cafe, who has successfully sold and shipped her cinnamon rolls all over the country, and explained that other businesses could follow her lead if they had the broadband capacity.

"When a new business looks to relocate, or people that are working remotely, what are they going to ask? They want to know what the schools are like, and if there is a rural hospital. They also ask 'do you have high-speed internet?' It's one of the key things new businesses or remote workers will look for when looking for a new home in a rural community," Walsh said.

Walsh also pointed out that the county's birthrate is lower than the death rate, meaning that the county was shrinking. She noted that the lack of future generations means that the county will not be able to maintain tax needs, and will heavily impact the schools, and the services that they will be able to offer.

"Kids who live here now- if they get a remote job and can work from home, they won't stay if they don't have the high-speed internet that they need, and they will go elsewhere," Walsh said.

She spoke on her personal experiences with her job, sharing how frustrating it is trying to work with an unreliable, slow internet connection that she experiences in the area.

Another local business owner, Bo Stevenson, who owns a screen printing and graphic design business, and operates a cafe with his partner, Alicia Walker, on Main Street, spoke in support of the project. He said that the internet connection gets so bad that they are unable to process transactions. He shared that it can take up to 15 minutes to upload files at home, whereas in Walla Walla, it takes him a mere couple of seconds.

Vicki Zoller, tuning in online, said that she is in the same boat as Stevenson. Zoller, who often uploads art, photos, and other large files, said that she has had to wait overnight for files to upload.

Columbia County Sheriff's Office hosts Town Hall

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

DAYTON—New policing laws and how they affect local law enforcement was the topic at a town hall presentation by Columbia County Sheriff's Office on Tuesday and Wednesday nights last week. The discussion offered an in-person and an online option for all attendees., and the same information was shared both nights.

Columbia County Sheriff Joe Helm and County Prosecutor Dale Slack led the discussion both nights to explain the recent legislation HB 1310 and HB 1054. The bills were passed to create a statewide standard for the use of force by law enforcement in Washington state. Some agencies, including Columbia County, have been left unsure of how to respond to certain calls, and frustrated with restrictions on how they are able to respond to others.

At the beginning of the meeting, Slack clarified that the legal opinions shared were his, and his alone. Both Helm and Slack expressed some disagreement with the new laws but made it clear that the sheriff's and prosecutor's offices would follow and enforce the new laws.

Under the new legislation, the Tactics and Equipment section has barred law enforcement officers from using neck restraints and chokeholds under any circumstances, even as an alternative to lethal force, Slack shared at the Wednesday night Town Hall.

Officers may not use tear gas outside of corrections facilities to quell a riot without getting permission from the highest elected official in the jurisdiction: For cities, that official is the mayor. For counties, the highest elected official is the chairman of the county commissioners, or the county executive, if applicable.

"We don't have any tear gas, we have no plans to get any tear gas," Slack said. "In fact, tear gas is actually illegal internationally to use against enemy combatants. I don't think anyone here wants to use tear gas against our own citizens."

Slack added that he wished that tear gas had been outlawed all together. He said the county and the sheriff's offices have no issue with this provision, instead, the issue lies within the checks and balances laid out within the state's constitution.

"The problem with that is the Washington State Constitution has a system of checks and balances, and it enumerates what the county officers are, what their powers are, and how they can perform checks on one another," Slack said. "There is no provision in the Washington State Constitution that makes any kind of a super county official that can tell the sheriff how to do their job."

In Slack's opinion, this part of the law violates the system of checks and balances laid out by the state constitution by requiring a person holding a non-constitutionally created office (mayor, commissioner) to oversee the sheriff's statutory obligations. He said that there are currently lawsuits against the state to try and get this verbiage overturned.

"The reason for that is not because we want to be able to use tear gas unchecked, but because we do not want to create a system, later on, to say that the chair of the county commissioners has some sort of special ability, that was not granted to them under the constitution, to approve or disapprove of how other elected officials do their job," Slack explained. He added that Columbia County was involved in the legal battle.

Slack said that the last part of this section of the law bans police forces from obtaining and using military equipment, defined as 'firearms and ammunition of .50 caliber or greater, machine guns, armed helicopters, vessels, vehicles, aircraft and tanks, and armed or armored drones, long-range acoustic hailing devices, directed-energy systems, rockets, rocket-launchers, grenades, missiles.'

Slack shared that the confusion is mostly derived from the 'firearms and ammunition of .50 caliber or greater' line.

Sheriff Helm explained that this verbiage takes away the use of most

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NEWS

NEWS BRIEFS

AT THE LIBERTY:

House of Gucci

THE TIMES

DAYTON—House of Gucci is inspired by the family empire behind the Italian fashion house of Gucci. Spanning three decades of love, betrayal, decadence, revenge, and ultimately murder, the film reveals what a name means, what it's worth, and how far a family will go for control.

The critics at Rotten Tomatoes rate this movie 60% favorable, but the audience is more satisfied with it and gave it an 83% favorable rating. The critics and the audience have indicated much of the movie is slow paced, but both groups agree that Lady Gaga gives an impressive performance.

This movie is directed by Ridley Scott and stars Lady Gaga, Adam Driver, Jared Leto, Jeremy Irons, Al Pacino and Salma Hayek. It is rated R for language, some sexual content, brief nudity, and violence. It has a runtime of 2 hrs. 37 minutes. The House of Gucci shows on Dec. 31-Jan.2, and Jan 4. Show times are Friday and Saturday at 7:30 pm, Sunday at 3 pm, and on Tuesday at 6:30 pm (not 7:30).

Please note: the seats in the front row of the balcony have been removed temporarily because there is a safety issue in the front row and we have not been able to get the public to comply with our rule of no children in the front row under age 13, with or without a parent. We are trying to keep people safe, so we have taken this temporary action. We are currently trying to secure a grant to enable us to rebuild the balcony as soon as possible to address the safety concerns in the front row, as well as to make the entire balcony more useable and comfortable for our guests.

Online advance seat purchase is preferred, but tickets will be available at the door, if any remain. Masks are required.



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PRESTON PARK RESTROOM CLOSED FOR PAINTING

THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—The public restroom at Preston Park will be closed for painting starting December 28.

The restroom's walls, ceilings, and floors will be receiving a new coat of paint, as a new coat of epoxy. The restrooms will reopen once the epoxy is cured and set.

MESSAGE FROM THE WAITSBURG GUN CLUB

THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—If you live in Walla Walla, the annual Christmas Tree Collection by Boy Scout Troop 305 will be on January 15 and 16, 2022. Have your completely undecorated (no tinsel!) tree waiting in front of your house for pick up on those days. The trees are re-purposed for wildlife habitat at Bennington Lake. If your tree has not been collected by 3:00 pm on the 16th, send an email totreepickup@troop305.net. No charge, but donations (used for camps, activities, and equipment for the Scouts) are appreciated!

Brrr... today's high, we hit a balmy 15 with the wind chill bringing us down to 8! It appears winter is here to stay. A steamy bowl of clam chowder from Mo's or Dooger's on the Oregon Coast sounds good right about now.

Although the range is open, just imagine how much colder the range is as wintertime does not provide much sun on the range due to our backstop on the hillside!

Please be careful and dress for the weather if you venture to the range. With these freezing temperatures, frostbite and hypothermia can occur and much faster.

We have wood split for the woodstove if you feel inclined to ring in the New Year letting some brass fly, which is stacked behind the tractor shed.

As we close out this year, we want to thank you for being part of the Waitsburg Gun Club. We look forward to having events return next year and will share as they come!

Donations are always welcome to help with future projects (getting the electronic gate installed, lights on trap range, lights in range house - just to name a few) as well as to the Waitsburg Gun Club Youth Fund, which supports youth and youth shooting programs.

Stay safe, stay warm, and as always, any questions, holler!

MARRIAGE ANNOUNCEMENT



Congratulations to Cheyenne and Devin Gusse who were married December 27, 2021 at 5pm at the Walla Walla courthouse. Those in attendance were Cheyenne's grandparents John and Susan Kenney, Devin's grandparents Scott and Lynne Branson, Cheyenne's parents Matthew Frohreich and Dorothy Castelow, Cheyenne's sister and brother-in-law, Timber Frohreich and Chase Lopez.

COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS THROUGH JANUARY 11

THE TIMES

SPOKANE—Innovia Foundation is currently accepting applications through its Community Grants Program. This grant program is open from December 6, 2021, through midnight PST on January 11, 2022. The Early Bird deadline is January 5, 2022 (by midnight PST).

The Community Grants Program comprises more than 90 funds established by donors whose generosity has given Innovia Foundation the flexibility to make funding decisions that accommodate changing needs and capitalize on timely and compelling opportunities in our 20-county region. Grants are awarded for one year and typically range between \$2,500 and \$15,000, with the maximum being \$20,000.

Funding is available for nonprofit organizations serving communities in Innovia's 20-county service area of Eastern Washington and North Idaho. Grant awards are available in the following impact areas: arts and culture; education and youth development; quality of life; health and well-being; and economic vitality. A complete overview of the grants and application guidelines can be found at Innovia's website innovia.org/nonprofits/apply-for-a-grant. For questions about this grant program, please contact Lauren Nissen at lnissen@innovia.org.

Innovia Foundation ignites generosity that transforms lives and communities so that every person can thrive. As the community foundation for Eastern Washington and North Idaho, they partner with people who want to make the world better. They work to address and solve the region's problems, help those in need, identify and respond to the greatest opportunities and leave a lasting impact. Innovia Foundation invests over \$10 million into local communities through grants to nonprofit organizations and scholarships to local students each year.



BIRTHDAYS

December 30:

Bob Collins, Megan McKinney, Henry Hubbard, Krista Houle.



January 1:

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

January 2:

Joy Hill.

January 3: Mary Olona, Guy Antonius.

January 4:

Meagan Zajac, Logan Harshman, Andrea Payne, Ben Kiefel, Carol Clarke.

January 5:

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

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Student Achievement Specialist | Prescott Junior Senior High School
 WSU Tri-Cities GEAR UP is seeking a Student Achievement Specialist at

Prescott Junior Senior High School with a work location in Prescott, WA. Position has the responsibilities of tutoring, advising and mentoring students to include assessing participants' needs and creating individual action plans. Provides student and academic support services to increase college and career readiness, guide students with college and career exploration, support in planning and supervising field trips to college campuses. Position requires a Bachelor's degree and two (2) years of professional work experience in student services or related education/experience. A Master's degree in a related field may substitute for one (1) year of professional work experience. Any combination of relevant education and professional experience may be substituted for the educational requirement on a year-for-year basis.
 Apply online by January 3, 2022 at <https://hrs.wsu.edu/jobs/>. WSU is an EO/AA educator and employer.

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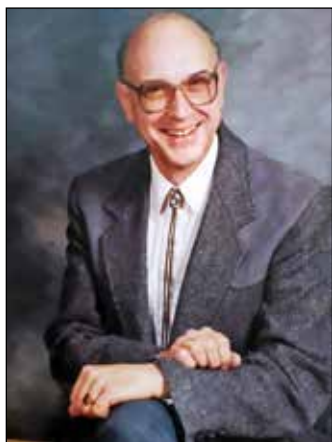
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Byron Gene Kaczmariski

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Byron Gene Kaczmariski
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Byron Gene Kaczmariski, 75, of Dayton, Washington, passed away December 19, 2021, at Brookdale Assisted Living in College Place, Washington. Byron was born December 31, 1945, in Pettibone, North Dakota, to James & Irene (Aichele) Kaczmariski. He grew up and attended school in Pettibone and, following high school graduation, attended the University of North Dakota, where he received his MBA degree in Accounting. Byron moved to Portland, Oregon, where he began his career with Haskins and Sells accounting and later with the United Way. Byron moved to Montana, living in Missoula for a time where he met Dave Frame, who invited him to work for American Energy, Inc., in Dayton, Washington. It was then that Byron moved to Dayton, where he has made his home since. Byron married Holly Anderson in Dayton at Redeemer Lutheran Church on June 12, 1999. Byron enjoyed the outdoors, especially fishing, hunting, and trap shooting. He also enjoyed art, especially paintings that friends and family made. Byron was a member of the Redeemer Lutheran Church in Dayton as well as the Dayton Lions Club, serving as Treasurer for many years. He is survived by his wife Holly at the Dayton home and a brother Wally (Mary) Kaczmariski. The memorial service will be planned for February of 2022 in Dayton. Hubbard Rogg Chapel has been entrusted with arrangements.

Eaton resigns from Public Works resignation

THE TIMES

DAYTON—Public Works Engineer and Director Charles Eaton submitted his resignation during an executive session with the Columbia County Commissioners on December 20.

Returning from the session, the commissioners accepted Eaton's resignation, and all thanked him for his service to the county.

Eaton signed on with Columbia County in November 2018 and began working in December of that year after he and his wife, Nancy, relocated from the Portland area. Before his job in Dayton, Eaton was the Engineering Director for the City of Milwaukee, Ore.

In an interview with The Times, Eaton shared that his specialty was building roads and bridges. His experience



Beka Compton

Charles Eaton, former City of Dayton Public Works Engineer and Director

has helped lead many road and bridge repair projects throughout the small county in his three years as Director.

Eaton also served as the Flood Control Zone District manager and helped make solid financial decisions with the City of Dayton and Columbia County during the repair and mitigation efforts from the February 2020 flooding.

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shotguns, which are bored larger than a .50 caliber. This would remove the ability to use even less-than-lethal projectiles, including pepper spray for barricaded subjects, including hostage situations, and other projectiles that are used to subdue subjects in dangerous situations.

"40mm rubber rounds, 37mm launchers for OC spray, those sorts of things that we normally launch into a house, are all considered larger than .50 caliber," Helm said. "According to this law, we are not allowed to use those things."

He said many local and state law enforcement agencies are removing shotguns from their inventory because they are illegal under the new laws.

Slack and Helm moved on to defining probable cause, which is required for law enforcement to hold someone, instead of reasonable and articulated suspicion.

Probable cause is determined by an officer at the scene, not by information gathered after the incident. It is defined as 'facts and circumstances based on reasonably trustworthy evidence, that is sufficient to cause a reasonable person, and a reasonably cautious person, to believe that a crime has been committed and the suspect is the person who committed the crime.' Probable cause is restricted to what an officer sees at a crime scene.

Reasonable and articulated suspicion is defined as 'when specific and explainable facts lead an officer to make a rational inference that a crime has been committed, and that the suspect may be the person who committed it,' according to Slack.

With the higher standard of probable cause, officers are no longer able to detain an individual on just suspicion.

Vehicle pursuits were another topic that the Sheriff and Prosecutor tackled. Another change from the

legislation is that probable cause is now required for all vehicle pursuits.

Aimed at reducing dangerous, high-speed pursuits, the new law states a pursuit may only take place if the pursuing officer has probable cause to believe the fleeing suspected has committed, or is committing, a violent offense, sex offense, or and escape. Pursuits may also take place if the officer has reasonable and articulable suspicion that the suspect is driving under the influence.

"In addition to that, the pursuit has to be necessary to identify or apprehend the fleeing suspect, and, in addition to that, the fleeing suspect has to pose an imminent threat to the safety of others, and that threat has to be greater than the safety risks the pursuit," Slack said. "And the law enforcement officer has to receive authorization to engage in pursuit from a supervisor, and that supervisor has to control the pursuit."

If all requirements are not met, the pursuing officer must end the pursuit.

No-knock warrants were addressed, as well. Such warrants cannot be issued by a Washington State judge and officers may not perform no-knock warrants. There are no exceptions to this rule, Slack said. Officers must knock and announce their presence before they enter a property on a warrant.

"It's kind of a mixed bag," Slack said. "No-knock warrants have been abused by police departments in the past. Every month or so, you hear some kind of horror story about officers who negligently go to the wrong address to execute a warrant. They get the warrant on probable cause, it turns out to be faulty, and that's when people get hurt."

Slack said the downside to this rule is it could allow someone to arm themselves, and harm someone in the building or outside of the building. It could potentially allow occupants of a building to destroy evidence. Slack used the example of flushing narcotics

before the police can enter the building.

Slack recognized that no-knock warrants have been widely abused, and that while he could see the potential for problems, the warrants had to be addressed.

"If you weigh all the circumstances, I don't know what the right answer is, as far as whether no-knock warrants are a good thing or a bad thing. Certainly, there are a lot of horror stories, so that is something that needs to be addressed in one way or another."

Slack answered a community-wide elephant, explaining why he cannot just do things the way that he used to. He said that, as an attorney, he will not tell anyone to go against the law.

Another reason, Slack said, is that all justice systems and programs are required to uphold and comply with the law, saying that all in the justice field have a higher duty to comply with all of the laws. Failure to do so could result in licenses being revoked, including the sheriff's license and ability to practice law enforcement.

"If officers violate these laws, they (Criminal Justice Training Commission, the certifying office within Washington State) could come down, hand me a piece of paper and say 'hey, by the way, your deputy is now suspended, or their certification is now revoked. They are no longer allowed to practice law enforcement."

Currently, Columbia County Sheriff's Office has nine office employees, with one reserve employee. It costs roughly \$309 per county resident to fund the office's budget.

Community Calendar

Waitsburg Monthly Meetings

Waitsburg City Council
Third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m.

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

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

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

Friends of the Weller Public Library
TBA Weller Public Library,
212 Main St., Waitsburg

Waitsburg Celebration Days Meeting
TBA
Location to be announced

Dayton & Columbia County Meetings

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

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

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

Dayton School Board
Third Wednesday of every month at 6 p.m.at

the Dayton High School auditorium

Columbia County Public Hospital District Board of Commissioners
Fourth Wednesday of every month at 1:30 p.m. Call (509) 382-2531 for information.

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

Dayton Kiwanis Club Meeting - Online
Second and Fourth Thursday at Noon
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Starbuck City Council
Second Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. at Starbuck City Hall

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She also spoke about telehealth, and how reliable internet is critical to keeping up with appointments for better healthcare.

"For our healthcare, it's something for the future," Zoller said. "When we think about building something like this in a rural community, it isn't just about today. These comments, that it's a want and not a need, is us failing to see farther down the road. It's us failing to provide something for the future. I think that it is the responsibility of our community leaders to think ahead."

Sean Thurston, from Elk Drug, spoke on healthcare, focusing on aging and long term care and on the telehealth models that would allow aging individuals to receive healthcare while staying home.

He added that having high speed internet at his place of work has allowed the pharmacy to partner with Providence St. Mary and Garfield County.

Chelsey Eaton, who works at Columbia County Public Health, spoke as well. The Eaton's opted to live in Pomeroy and commute daily, because of the poor internet connection in Dayton.

"Being a young family, it kind of deterred us from moving to Dayton," she said, of the internet connection.

Zoller asked the commissioners to explain what is holding up the process, after the matched request had been 'kicked down the road' for several months.

Commissioner Ryan Rundell explained that there is currently a project related to the HVAC system at the courthouse. The commissioners have been waiting for final numbers on that project before committing money anywhere else. The county has received a historical building grant for the HVAC project, but it may cost more than the grant will cover.

Rundell said that the broadband project is worth doing, and whether the county could cover the full ask amount, or just give part of it, the county should provide some money.

In a later discussion amongst the commissioners, Commissioner Charles Amerein said there were a lot of other needs that should be addressed before the internet, including the city wastewater treatment plant. Commissioner Hall reminded him that the county could not influence or change what the City of Dayton needs.

"These are people that, their idea of what need versus a want is, in my mind, a little bit skewed," he said.

Commissioner Hall stated that the county cannot just close their eyes and ignore the issue.

"We already heard that they expanded down to Huntsville, and that was without any action on our part," Amerein said. "Eventually, if it is important enough to business, business will come here on its own without us having to pay. This is, in essence, again, a public subsidy for private profit. We will be donating county money to build infrastructure for private business to come in. They will still be selling

it to a private business. They will still be making a profit."

"Which is exactly what happens when you build a road," Hall reminded him. "The UPS guy drives on the road to make deliveries and makes a profit. You drive down it to get back and forth to your house."

Hall said that he would like to see the internet providers put something into the match funds, but reiterated that the county should provide some funds, regardless.

Amerein remained adamant that the county did not need the broadband to continue forward, and that the internet issue was not what was holding the county back. He said that he had concerns about becoming a zoomtown.

"There are also concerns about becoming a ghost town," Hall said.

Amerein said that because the government (state, county and local) is the biggest employer in the county, and with Dayton being the county seat, there wasn't really a concern of the town going away.

"Ten minutes ago, we were talking about affording deputies," Hall said. "We might be one of the biggest employers, but we are not future-proof."

Rundell said the healthcare benefits were incredibly beneficial, as many providers are utilizing telehealth options. He added that if all of the surrounding towns have the internet, and Dayton does not, he saw businesses and residents choosing towns that had the internet option over a town that did not.

"Time and history move past places that are willing to stay up with the times," Rundell said. "There are lots of towns around that used to be thriving, and used to be nice places to live, that are now just white spots in the world."

Amerein referenced the changes in California over the past 40 years, and said that if the commissioners don't think carefully about changes, they could end up with another version of California.

Amerein stood firm that improved access to the internet would not increase business in the area, despite hearing from business owners and operators who expressed frustration with slow transactions and upload speeds. He said broadband would change the nature of the county more than supporters of the project realized.

"I am a refugee. I tell people that all of the time. I am a refugee from a place that has been colonized. Something I work very hard to see not happen again," Amerein said. "I can make my arguments, but you guys can vote the way you want to vote."

He said that he is only echoing the concerns that have been voiced to him but recognized that the other commissioners were doing the same.

The Columbia County Commissioners voted 2-1 to award \$90,000 to the Port of Columbia for the broadband infrastructure at the December 20 meeting. Commissioners Hall, Rundell, voted in favor, with Amerein against.

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA NO. 21 4 00265 36 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In re the Estate of DOUGLAS B. HARVEY, Deceased.

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Touchet Valley Weather

Dec. 29, 2021

Waitsburg's Seven Day Forecast

Day	Forecast	High	Low
Wednesday	Scattered Snow	20	7
Thursday	Snow Likely	30	11
Friday	Scattered Snow	20	6
Saturday	Mostly Cloudy	26	17
Sunday	Mostly Cloudy	33	25
Monday	Rain & Snow Possible	38	31
Tuesday	Scattered Snow	36	27

Weather Trivia

What is the most snowfall recorded over a 24-hour period?
75.8 inches.
Answer: On April 14th and 15th of 1921, Silver Lake, Colorado had

Weather History

Dec. 29, 1830 - A very heavy snowstorm ushered in the "winter of the deep snow". The storm produced 30 inches of snow at Peoria, Ill. and 36 inches at Kansas City, Mo. The snow continued until the middle of February, causing great suffering among pioneers.

Local Almanac Last Week

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Precipitation
Tuesday	29	23	40/29	Trace	0.09"
Wednesday	51	27	40/29	0.01"	Normal precipitation 0.54"
Thursday	49	36	40/29	Trace	Departure from normal -0.45"
Friday	45	37	40/29	Trace	Average temperature 32.8°
Saturday	44	34	40/29	0.00"	Average normal temperature 34.5°
Sunday	35	17	40/29	Trace	Departure from normal -1.7°
Monday	21	11R	40/29	0.08"	Data as reported from Walla Walla

Sun/Moon Chart This Week

	Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset	
New 1/2	Wednesday	7:35 a.m.	4:15 p.m.	2:38 a.m.	1:03 p.m.	Full 1/17
	Thursday	7:35 a.m.	4:16 p.m.	3:59 a.m.	1:33 p.m.	
	Friday	7:35 a.m.	4:17 p.m.	5:23 a.m.	2:12 p.m.	
	Saturday	7:35 a.m.	4:18 p.m.	6:44 a.m.	3:04 p.m.	
	Sunday	7:35 a.m.	4:19 p.m.	7:56 a.m.	4:09 p.m.	
First 1/9	Monday	7:35 a.m.	4:20 p.m.	8:54 a.m.	5:26 p.m.	Last 1/25
	Tuesday	7:35 a.m.	4:21 p.m.	9:38 a.m.	6:47 p.m.	

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Putting the Garden to Bed

By Alexandra Fitzgerald | THE TIMES

The garden got the better of me this year. I always start out optimistic and start way too many seeds and then pack them into every square inch of the garden. In blissful denial about how many weeds could creep in after the first good rain, I slack on putting down any mulch or weed barrier fabric, thinking I'll have time to get it down in time. Spoiler: I never do.

This year the tomatoes grew into a veritable jungle. I pruned them back a bit, but eventually, they got out of hand as well. Soon the mulched paths between the raised beds looked like a scene out of Jumanji. You know, the one where the vines shoot out of the walls and try to shoot Robin Williams with venom while dragging him into the jungle. Yeah, pretty much like that.

I threw in the towel and waited for a hard freeze to clean things up a bit so I could see what carnage remained. It'll make a pain of a cleanup in the spring, but I've still got a few months to stall. I threw a bunch of scratch grains in the garden and turned our roving gang of chickens loose to clean what veggies and bugs they could find while knocking back some of the smaller weeds.

A few weeks ago, the fridge looked bare, and I was getting desperate, so I bundled up to head for the garden to see what bounty might remain. I had spotted some scarlet kale the chickens couldn't reach, so I knew I'd at least have something leafy to show for my effort. Wandering around, I spotted a decent patch of carrots poking through the soil. I dug those up thinking they might have frozen but nope, still perfect! After freezing my fingers digging for carrots (the garden



Alexandra Fitzgerald

trowel had been lost to the jungle earlier in the summer), I moved to the kale. A few feet down the row, I found 15 forgotten leeks. They had a bit of freeze damage but were still salvageable.

Hands full, I tossed everything in a bucket for more efficient carrying.

The kale was the best treasure of the winter garden. Kale gets a bad rap, probably by folks who've had one-too-many kale smoothies or chips. They haven't gotten it fresh from the garden after some freezing nights. Kale (among other frost-hardy veggies) becomes incredibly sweet after being subjected to cold temperatures.

My favorite variety is scarlet kale. In winter, it becomes an incredibly dark, almost eggplant purple. It seems to be less attractive to aphids and cabbage worms, so I consider it basically maintenance-free. I took two kale plants along with my bucket of veggies and headed for the house with a quick detour to the chicken coop for a few eggs. Between my harvest and the generous box of potatoes gifted by our neighbors over the hill, we had a hearty potato leek soup with some bonus veggies thrown in. And it was delicious enough to get me eyeballing the seed catalogs that have started filling the mailbox. We'll see if I keep my resolution of not buying more seeds for 2022.

My Third Waitsburg Anniversary

By Vicki Sternfeld-Rossi | THE TIMES

As I've frequently written, I am not a reflective person. However, I do appreciate traditions. Therefore, as I did columns for my first and second anniversaries in Waitsburg, I decided to make it tradition and do a third-anniversary column. First, I am still amazed that my original attempt at a column was published; that the column continues is still beyond me. Full disclosure, after reading my initial essay, my first English class professor immediately sent me to the remedial class. Questionable punctuation, run-on sentences, and a lack of organization were just the beginning of my shortcomings.

My life has had some interesting twists and turns since those college days, and a good many of those have been in the past three years. These past three years have been marked with several significant milestones. I moved to Waitsburg in December 2018, which was the coldest and snowiest winter in 15 years. I spent most of 2019 remodeling my house, adopting Mugsy, making new friends, and traveling back and forth to Los Angeles to visit clients, family and eat sushi.

In 2020, Daniel and I reconciled, and he moved to Waitsburg, and two weeks later, so did COVID-19. We had a lot of instant togetherness (after ten years of aloneness). We continued remodeling by finally attacking the kitchen and landscaping. And we gardened relentlessly and competitively.

In the spring of 2021, we bought the Weinhard Café in Dayton, and a whole new chapter began. It's been an exciting ride! Our timing seemed perfect; the pandemic was subsiding, mask mandates were lifted, vaccines became available, and life started to normalize.

The café was doing well, people could travel, and we could even host friends from the East Coast. Our garden suffered a little with us doing more, but it was a minor sacrifice for all the positive things happening.



Then came the Delta variant, which reinstated masking, staff shortages, and COVID-19 precautions. Now Omicron is looming on the horizon. It's times like these that I am happy we live in Wine Country!

So, enough reflection and on to 2022!

I am cautiously optimistic that COVID-19 and its variants will subside. Learning the entire Greek Alphabet is not a class I want to take.

Winter is here, and the snow is falling. Being the eternal optimist, I've already ordered seeds for spring planting. A catalog came in the mail on Friday; my order was in by Saturday.

Foolishly optimistic, I hope that when we re-open the café in January, it will be less stressful, fully staffed, and even profitable.

We will change the menu and operation to offer prix fixe dinner and lunches, continue with Take & Bake options, and some winemaker dinners are on the horizon, or just more wine, I'm not sure yet.

If nothing else, these past three years have taught me that adaptability is essential. Having good neighbors is an extraordinary bonus, especially with snow blowers and jumper cables. Snow tires are crucial. Good socks are worth their weight in gold. Boots need to be higher than ankle height. Thermal underwear is great. Zoom does get easier to navigate, and a clean house is over-rated.

Having a "guest house/man cave/studio" and living with a chef who can turn anything into a good dinner are two luxuries I am thankful for every day. And sleep is easier now with our new mattress. Unfortunately, making the bed is a challenge as it's 33" above the floor. Gymnastics lessons may be the next class I take in 2022!

The proof is in the dish

THE TIMES

Since Teeny McMunn's retirement earlier this year, Luke Chavez has been sharing his recipes with readers each week. The Times enjoys hearing recipe feedback, and learning about ways that each reader customizes the dishes. Enjoy this review of a dish featured in the June 24, 2021 edition.

Dear Luke:

I saved your recipe from the *Waitsburg Times* of June 24, 2021, for the above referenced item. I finally made it last night for dinner and invited two good friends over to share the experience. Luke, it was one of the most delicious meals to grace my table here in San Francisco. I was fortunate enough to have a couple of jarred sun ripened tomatoes from the local farmers market, so I used the tomatoes and their juices along with about 1/2 can of regular diced tomatoes. Two more variations: I used only 1 tablespoon of capers; I added 8 jumbo prawns to the stew, and I made shrimp stock from the shrimp shells. The salmon, scallops and shrimp were well suited to the wonderful broth (big chunks of sourdough bread sopped it up). Thanks for sharing your "simple" recipe that you somehow managed to pull from your pantry and garden. It's a winner!



Submitted Photos

I am in the middle in the above picture. I am having the leftovers tonight for dinner. Cheers!

Jack Hubbard
San Francisco, CA



Walla Walla honored by American Bicyclists

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—The League of American Bicyclists has again named Walla Walla as a bronze-level Bicycle Friendly Community alongside 497 other cities nationwide. Walla Walla was first named a Bicycle Friendly Community by the organization in 2016.

From the League of American Bicyclists website:

The League of American Bicyclists leads the national movement to create a Bicycle Friendly America for everyone. With a history dating to 1880, the League is committed to engaging diverse communities and building a powerful, unified voice for change around protecting and promoting the rights of people who bike.

Our Bicycle Friendly Community awards reflect local leaders' ongoing work to build better places to bike and evaluate those efforts as part of a national movement. Each of the five levels of the Bicycle Friendly Community award, diamond, platinum, gold, silver, and bronze, plus an honorable mention category, provides a clear path for communities to continuously improve. Visit bikeleague.org/community to learn more about the BFC program.

SPORTS & NEWS

Golden Days Era Committee selection - Jim "Kitty" Kaat

By Eric Umphrey | THE TIMES

The Golden Days Era Committee voted on the following players for induction into the Baseball Hall of Fame this year: Dick Allen, Ken Boyer, Gil Hodges, Jim Kaat, Roger Maris, Minnie Minoso, Danny Murtaugh, Tony Oliva, Billy Pierce, and Maury Wills. The four players who received the necessary seventy-five percent of the vote to get in are Gil Hodges, Minnie Minoso, Tony Oliva, and Jim Kaat.

Let's take a look at the career of Jim Kaat and compare him to other pitchers in the Hall of Fame. Kaat's career started in 1959 with the Washington Senators and ended in 1983 with the St. Louis Cardinals. He won two hundred and eighty-three games during his twenty-five-year career, had a career 3.45 ERA and 2,461 strikeouts. He made three all-star teams and won sixteen gold gloves. Only Greg Maddox has more gold gloves than Kaat.

Kaat made it to the World Series two times in his career. The first was in 1965 as

a member of the Minnesota Twins facing the Los Angeles Dodgers. In game two, Kaat faced off against Sandy Koufax and gave up only one run in nine innings as the Twins defeated the Dodgers 5-1 for a 2-0 lead in the series.

Kaat would pitch against Koufax two more times in the series. However, he was replaced before the fourth inning in both games. Kaat picked up the loss in both games as Koufax pitched two shutouts in a row making the Dodgers World Series champions.

The second time Kaat pitched in the World Series was in 1982 with the St. Louis Cardinals. As a relief pitcher, he made four appearances as the Cardinals defeated the Milwaukee Brewers in seven games.

Whenever Kaat was on the baseball writers Hall of Fame ballot, he never received more than 29.6% of the vote. Some of the lack of support from the writers could be because he never hit any of the "magical" milestone statistics for a pitcher like 300 wins or 3,000 strikeouts. Using the Wins Above Replacement (WAR) as a comparison, Kaat falls far below the average Hall of Fame pitcher. Kaat's WAR number is 50.5 compared to the average Hall of Fame pitcher's WAR of 73.0.

Mariner's fans will recognize two names with similar WAR totals to Jim Kaat. Felix Hernandez has a career WAR of 50.2 in a fifteen-year career and Mark Langston's total is 50.1 in sixteen years. This year, Billy Pierce who was on the same ballot as Kaat has a 53.4 WAR in an eighteen-year career.

So, if we are strictly looking at Kaat as a player, he probably doesn't make the cut. However, if you consider his additional twenty-two years as a sportscaster for the New York Yankees and the Minnesota Twins, perhaps his induction makes sense. From 1997-2005, Kaat won seven Emmy Awards for excellence in sports broadcasting and was still on the air last year for the MLB Network.

Next week I'll review another Golden Era Committee Selection - Tony Oliva.

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WWCSO

December 14

A package was picked up by the wrong person at the post office. Main Street, Waitsburg

December 16

Deputies investigated a reported residential burglary. Fair Acres Lane, Walla Walla County

December 19

A hit-and-run collision occurred in the county. Highway 12, Touchet

December 22

A death was reported in the county. Preston Ave, Waitsburg

December 25

A package was stolen containing approximately \$1,000 in pool cues. Kooskooskie Road, Walla Walla County

CCSO

December 20

Accident, injury unknown. Highway 12
Unwanted person. Main Street
Animal call. Vine Street

December 21

Theft. Main Street
Accident, non-injury. Highway 12
Malicious mischief. Willow Street

December 22

Burglary attempted. Main Street
Welfare check. Touchet Road
Accident, non-injury. Highway 12

December 23

Accident, non-injury. Touchet Road
Traffic call. Payne Hollow
Lost property. 4th Street

December 24

Animal call. Chandler Road
Citizen contact. Kellogg Hollow
Violation of court order. 5th Street

December 25

Welfare check. Day Street
9-1-1 call. Lower Weinhard

December 26

Traffic call. Highway 12
Accident, unknown-injury. Touchet Road
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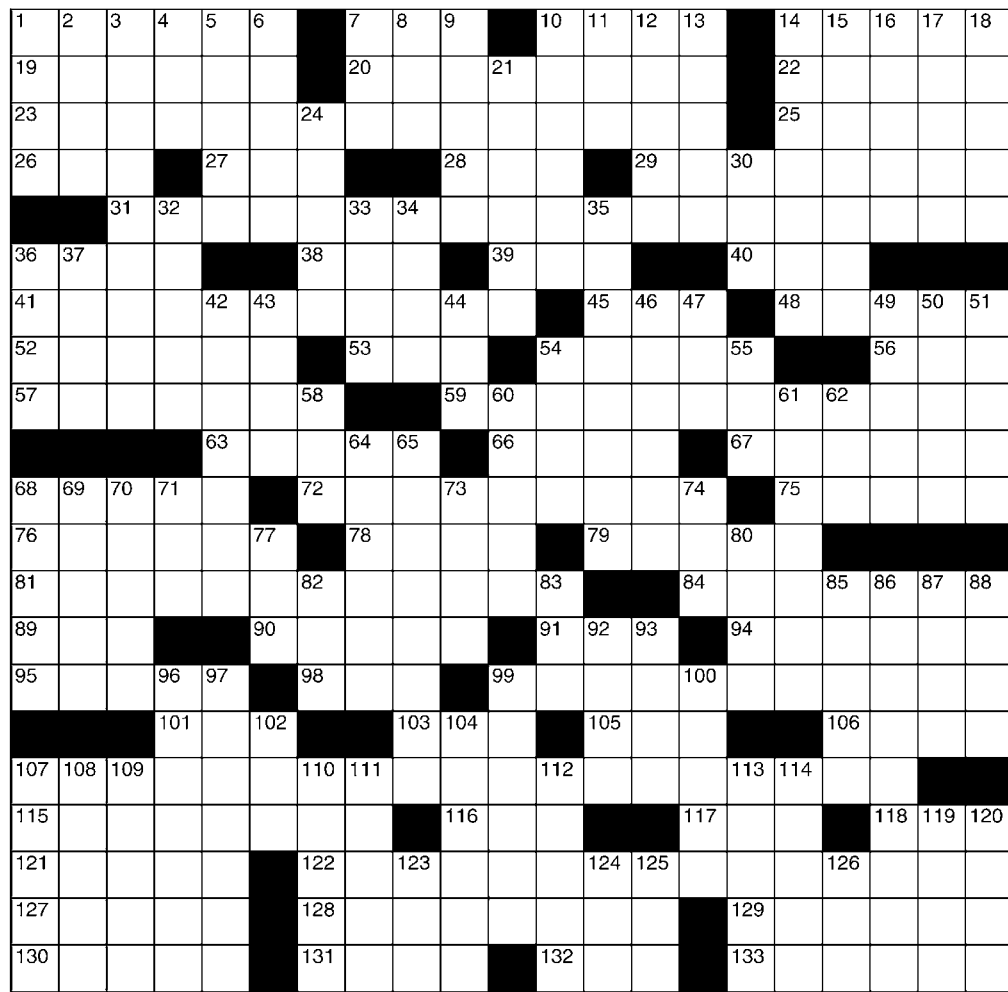
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10 Mosque minister
14 Stallone role
19 Large lizard
20 Shirt-pocket audio player
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23 Gasohol, e.g.
25 Italy's largest port
26 Apartment, e.g.: Abbr.
27 Sculling need
28 That, in Spanish
29 America's Cup sport
31 Passed-on value system, say
36 Ever and —
38 "The Fresh Prince of — Air"
39 Volkswagen hatchback
40 Ellipsis bit
41 Serious moral offense
45 Big Apple airport code
48 Superbright colors
52 "Relax, Gil!"
53 — Kippur
- 54 Song of thanksgiving
56 Drink sample
57 Tattoos and piercings
59 Journalistic profession
63 Childbirth assistant
66 Two-spinoff CBS series
67 Quit sleeping
68 Very manly
72 Like gross profits ... or how the ends of eight answers in this puzzle might appear
75 Digital greeting
76 Illicit love affairs
78 Helen's city
79 4-point Scrabble piece
81 Events to move merchandise for charity
84 Redgrave of film
89 Ending for Canton
90 Leg bone
91 Pro hoops gp.
94 Tested the weight of by lifting
- 95 Take hold
98 Flanders on "The Simpsons"
99 Bucolic byway
101 Here-there linkup
103 Madam's partner
105 Plains tribe
106 Shady giants
107 Earnings not allocated for necessary items
115 Very brave
116 Adam's partner
117 Suffix with northwest
118 Provided with a meal
121 Razor-honing band
122 It may be trespassed on
127 Move around like a baby
128 Bristlecone, for one
129 "Tru" subject
130 Made of turf
131 River through Flanders
132 37-Down part: Abbr.
133 "Neighbor on 'Seinfeld'"
- DOWN**
- 1 Perjurer, e.g.
2 Leer at
3 Earned more points than
4 — Bo (fitness system)
5 Register, to a Brit
6 Rushed toward
7 Pimple
8 Start for dermis
9 Many a fiction book
10 Newborn
11 Egyptian — (certain cat)
12 In the blink of —
13 Grinding tooth
14 "You said it!"
15 Transparency film
16 "MIB" part
17 Ride to bust
18 Plains tribe
21 Fashion
24 Caribbean isle
30 "Ei —" (1961 epic film)
32 Oct. 24 observance
33 Count (on)
34 Besides that
35 Boisterous merriment
- 36 Hail — (yell "Taxi!")
37 Western mil. alliance
42 Dancer Duncan
43 Roman despot
44 Global financial gp.
46 Reaches
47 Jacuzzi sigh
49 Honshu port
50 Saltpeter
51 Fork out
54 Purple-brown
55 School lobby gp.
58 Soaking spot
60 One way to serve ham or pastrami
61 "It's Pat" star
62 Tic-toe linkup
64 Leaves alone
65 "Yes, sorry to say"
68 Former fillies
69 Entertain
70 Tailed orbiter
71 Engine noise
73 Dancing girl in "Return of the Jedi"
74 VII times II
77 Boss of a cpl.
80 Actor Bert of "The Wizard of Oz"
82 A, to Wilhelm
- 83 — cone (frozen treat)
85 Actor — Zimbalist Jr.
86 Robbed
87 Stitched line
88 Counts up
92 Wave-tossed bobber
93 Voting "no"
96 Exclusive group of people
97 Lack of a response
99 Fancy tie
100 Copier ink
102 Agent, for short
104 "The nerve!"
107 Wafers, e.g.
108 Prelim
109 Fine fiddle
110 Prone to tilt
111 "The Wire" actor
112 Trendy again
113 Earthen pot
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MY RECIPES Luke Chavez

Dill-Lightful Deviled Eggs



Luke Chavez

Of all the holiday parties, one of my favorites to host has always been New Year's Eve. Combining the effervescent excitement of counting down to midnight with my love for fancy finger foods and sparkling wine makes for memorable entertaining. To counter those extra pours of tiny bubbles, it is important to offer your guests a varied selection of satisfying nibbles that are easy to eat with one hand while mingling. Cured meats, cheese boards, olives, shrimp cocktail, oysters, and gougères, will all delight and impress. An old favorite that always goes quickly are my deviled eggs, which have an unexpected kick from capers and fresh dill.

Ingredients:

- 6 large eggs
- 3 tablespoons mayonnaise
- 1 teaspoon dijon or spicy brown mustard
- 1/2 teaspoon red wine vinegar
- 1 tablespoon fresh dill, minced
- 1 tablespoon capers, chopped
- Pinch of cayenne pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon fresh ground black pepper
- Salt to taste
- Paprika for garnish
- Dill for garnish

Directions:

Place eggs in a small saucepan big enough to hold them in a single layer. Cover with cold water and set over medium high heat. Bring to a rolling boil, then turn off the heat and cover tightly with a lid. Let eggs sit for 10 to 12 minutes. Drain and run under cold water until cool enough to handle then crack and peel shells. Set peeled eggs on plate and cool in refrigerator for at least 20 minutes.

When fully chilled, slice eggs in half lengthwise, and carefully remove yolks with a small spoon. Set egg white halves back in fridge while making the filling.

In small mixing bowl, combine yolks, mayonnaise, mustard, and vinegar. Use a fork to mash the yolks and mix together ingredients. Keep mashing and whisking with the fork until the mixture is uniformly smooth. Next, add the dill, capers, cayenne, black pepper, and season to taste with salt. Recipe can be done ahead up to this point. Keep the egg white halves, and the filling covered and chilled in the refrigerator, then assemble the deviled eggs right before serving.

Using two small spoons or a pastry bag with a decorative tip, fill each egg white half with about 1-1/2 teaspoons of the filling. Use up all the filling evenly between all the halves. Take care to keep the whites clean and the filling visually appealing. Sprinkle each half with paprika, and garnish the top with a little dill frond. Arrange on platter and keep chilled until ready to serve.

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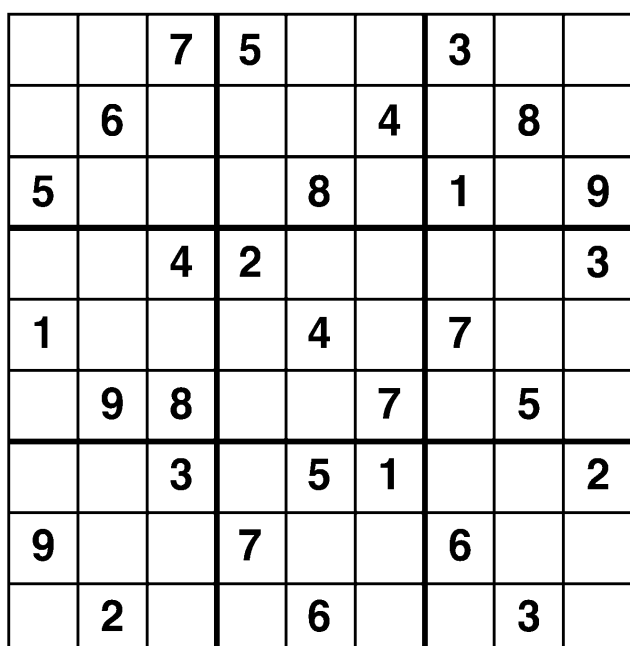
Classic recipes for deviled eggs generally call for mayonnaise, mustard, and chives with a dash of tabasco sauce. Using that as a starting off point, there are endless ways to experiment and make your own versions. Soft herbs such as tarragon, chives, basil, and dill pair beautifully with eggs. Alternatively, you could also try mixing in a tablespoon or two of pesto for a flavorful and beautifully green deviled egg. Scallions or minced shallot can add a welcomed bit of zing, while smoked paprika or chilies in adobo can give a unique spicy twist. I have also tried fantastic deviled eggs made with grated horseradish or wasabi.

It is said that the first bite is taken with the eyes, so have fun when garnishing or presenting bite-sized hors d'oeuvres. Fresh herbs, slivers of bright red peppers, or crispy fried shallots make lovely toppers. For an elegant dazzler, top deviled eggs with a little dollop of sturgeon caviar or salmon roe.

Wishing my readers a happy and delicious New Year. Enjoy.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

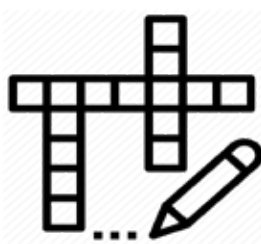


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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

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- ♦♦ Challenging
- ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Super Crossword

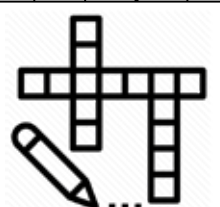
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Weekly SUDOKU

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FUN & GAMES

LAFF-A-DAY



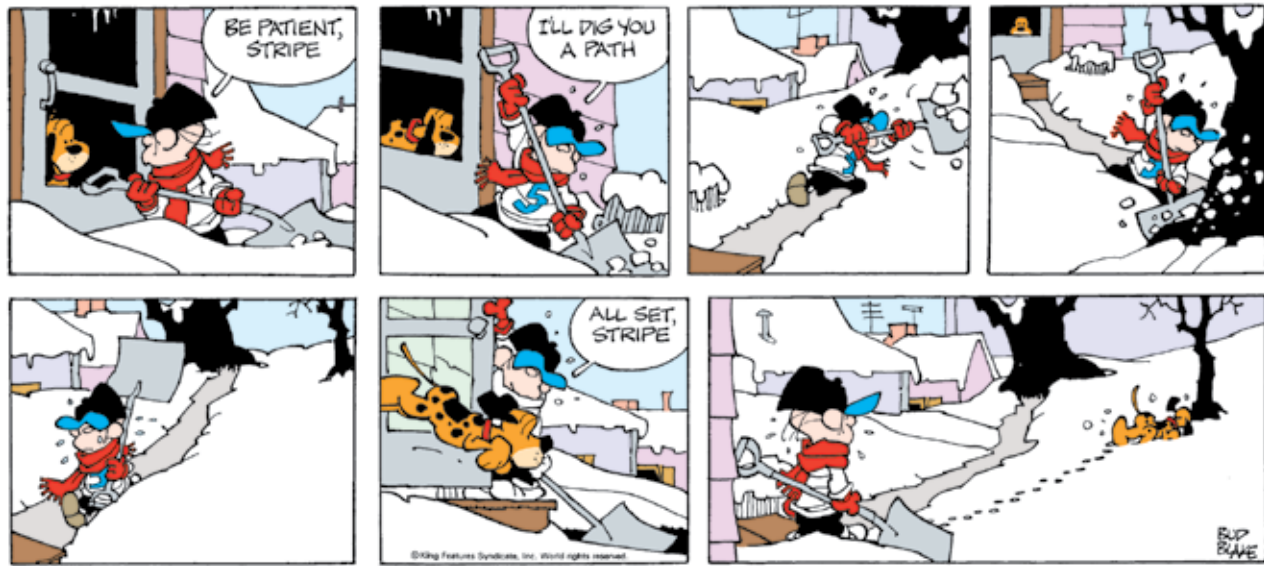
"Don't pet either one. They both bite!"

CRIM and BEAR IT



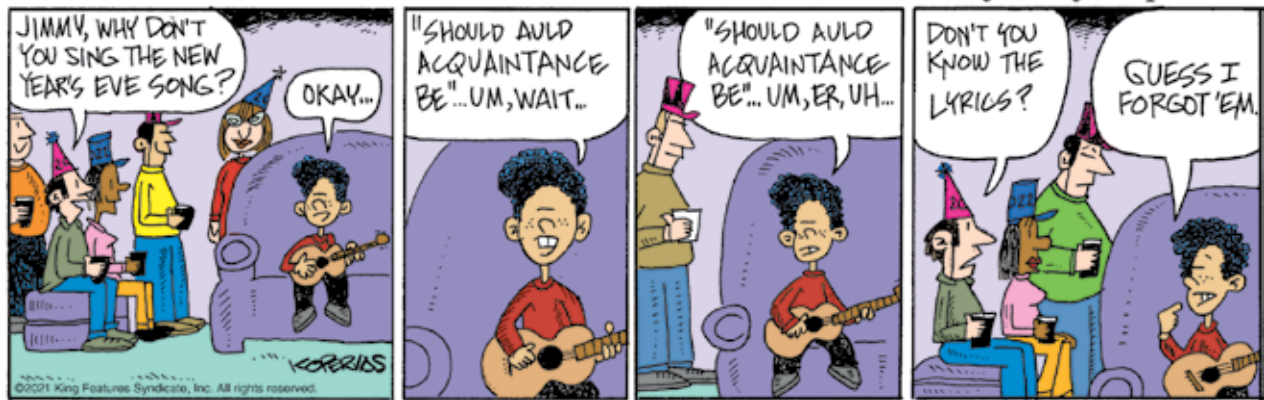
"It's the new flat-screen crystal ball."

TIGER



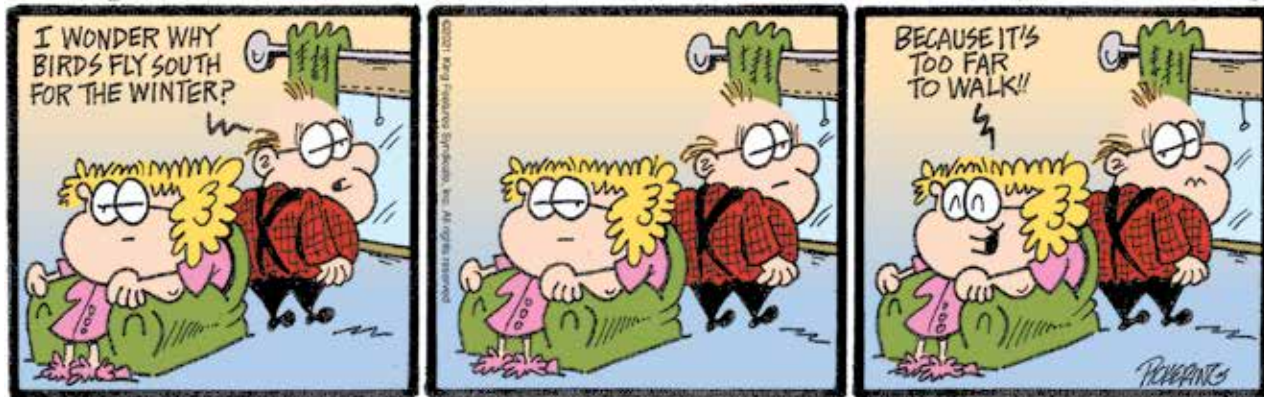
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Out on a Limb



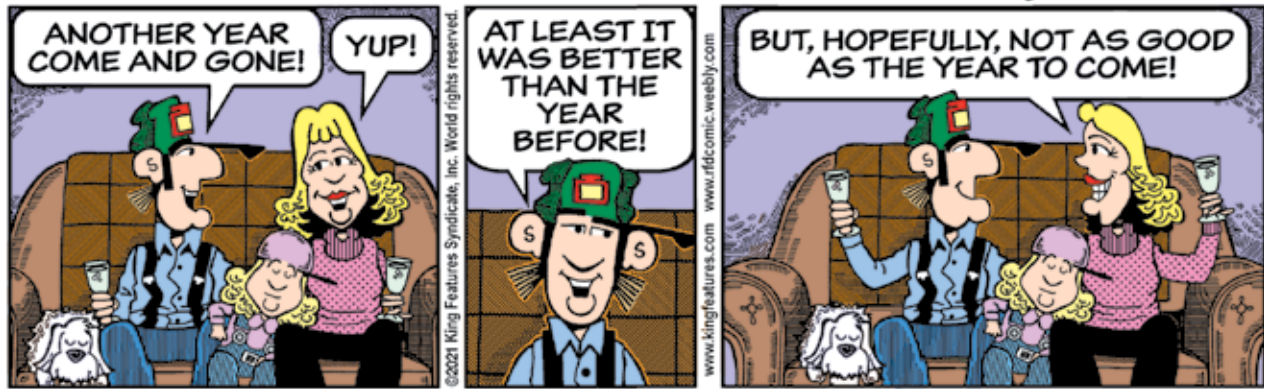
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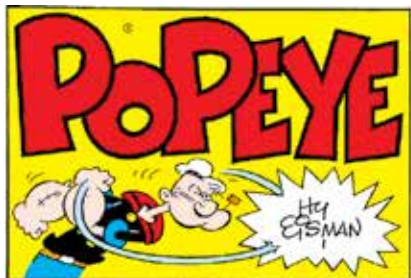


by Jeff Pickering

R.F.D.



by Mike Marland



PIONEER PORTRAITS

Ten Years Ago

December 29, 2011

A group of Waitsburg residents wants to resurrect the town's defunct flood control district, a prospect city officials say they welcome. "We want to keep Waitsburg safe and beautiful," said Allison Bond, who spearheaded a recruiting effort that has yielded the required number of volunteers to serve on the district next year. "There are a lot of people willing to put the time in," she said. "And they have great ideas." Citing concerns about the stability of the levees along the local rivers, the ongoing risk of decertification by the U.S. Corps of Engineers, consequences for homeowners' flood insurance premiums, and the health of salmon habitat on the Touchet River, Bond said she began talking to fellow residents and soon found a number of others who wanted to become active in a district.

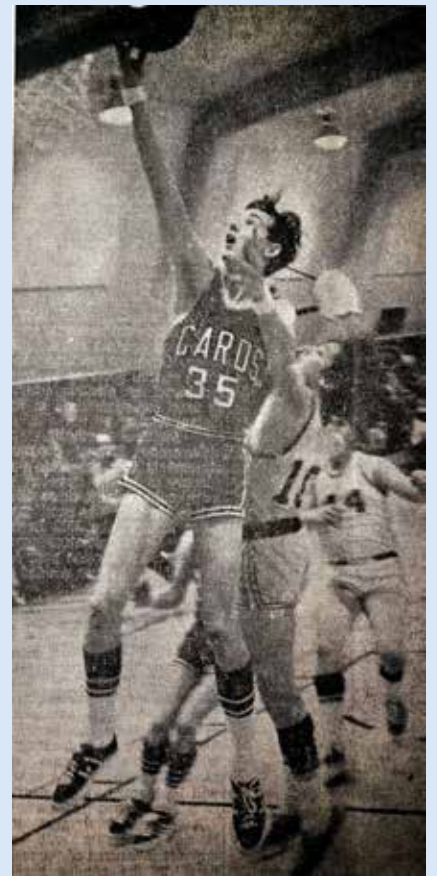
Twenty-Five Years Ago

January 2, 1997

When a cold air mass turned a Christmas Eve freezing rain to snow, it brought to the area what Bing Crosby always dreamed of – a White Christmas. But in the back of everyone's minds was the all too real potential of what a beautiful blanket of frozen moisture can lead to: flood. With the warming trend and rain which arrived in Waitsburg Monday, City of Waitsburg officials have been keeping an alert eye on stream levels in the Touchet River and Coppei Creek. The warm air mass and rain which accompanied it raised the levels of both the Touchet River and Coppei Creek Monday night. The Touchet rose steadily until about midnight and has remained fairly stable into Tuesday morning.

Fifty Years Ago

December 30, 1971



[Photo Caption] Neil Carpenter stretches for two points against the Prescott Tigers with Ed Gerkey (10) trying to defend against the shot.

Seventy-Five Years Ago

January 3, 1947

Bob Wardrip started the New Year in an auspicious style by earning for himself the coveted "W" club award, voted annually to the most inspirational player on the football squad by his teammates. Last year's honor went to "Muff" Dunn while his brother, Bill, rated the recognition the season before that.

Capt. Fred Bachmann received his student's certificate for flying and took his first solo flight at the Touchet Valley Airport while on leave during the holidays. Lawrence Huwe also soloed this week.

Margaret Ann Reed entertained Kay Hermanns, Betty Clark and Elaine Land at a slumber party New Year's Eve.

One Hundred Years Ago

December 30, 1921

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Dunlap accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Bruce, drove to Mikkalo, Ore. The forepart of last week and returned home Sunday. While at Mikkalo they were the guests of Mr. Arthur Weatherford, brother of Mrs. Dunlap and Mrs. Bruce.

Under the auspices of the Attalia farm bureau a big Attalia rabbit drive is being planned for next Sunday, New Year's Day, with F. C. Lettner in charge. The territory to be covered in the drive extends from Attalia to the Walla Walla-Columbia river gap.

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago

January 1, 1897

Will Segraves has been very low with typhoid fever for the past week but is a little better at the present writing and hope is entertained for his recovery.

Huntsville had a union Christmas tree at the Methodist church on Christmas eve; all the churches of that town putting their presents on one tree. It was a grand success, and the tree was literally covered with presents.

The Academy and the public school football teams played an exciting game of football on the football grounds Christmas day in which the Academy boys gained a decisive victory the score standing 10 to 0 in favor of the Academy eleven.