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Waitsburg Commercial Club sees leadership change

Members voted in new officers at the March 5th meeting, led by Jamie McMillen-Smit.

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—The Waitsburg Commercial Club has been under Joy Smith's leadership for nearly eight years. Last Thursday, Smith handed the reins off to Jamie McMillen-Smit, the owner of the Waitsburg Grocery.

Smith joined the Commercial Club in 2010, and she recalled that she accepted a spot with the board of directors within the first nine months of membership. In 2012, Smith was elected as the president, where she has served ever since. She has dedicated the past eight years to promoting the Commercial Club and the community of Waitsburg, building business relationships, and connecting businesses and the community.

"I am not walking away from the club. I am here for whatever resources they want to utilize, but I want them to put their own touch on it," Smith said, encouraging the new board to make their own mark.

While she would undoubtedly do it all over again, Smith said she is looking forward to spending more time with her grandchildren and her mother, who lives in the Tri-Cities.

"I get to travel to Boston this year," Smith said cheerfully. "That is something I haven't done in a while." One of Smith's sons lives in Boston, along with two of her grandchildren.

The Commercial Club, which was founded in 1912, serves Waitsburg as an economic development partner, a community event host and sponsor, and acts as a liaison between member businesses and our communities.

The new Commercial Club president, Jamie McMillen-Smit, has hit the ground running and is already making preparations for the club's upcoming annual Club Awards Banquet on April 17 at Town Hall in Waitsburg.

McMillen-Smit, who previously served as the second Vice President of the club, is looking forward to working with her new board and wants to focus on reviving Waitsburg's Main Street and the community's involvement.

"We want to boost local events," said McMillen-Smit. "We just want to make Waitsburg bigger and better. We also would love to make our awards banquet huge. We want to fill the Town Hall this year." McMillen-Smit plans to work with members and business to revamp some annual events to reflect their interpretation of what 'One of a Kind Waitsburg' means to them.

McMillen-Smit will serve alongside First Vice President Brooke Mikesell, owner



Beka Compton

Jamie McMillen-Smit, owner of Waitsburg Grocery and the new Commercial Club President, has a big goal for her role: above all, she wants to make Waitsburg bigger and better.

of Blush Salon & Spa, Second Vice President Bev Rising, Treasurer Becky Lynch, and Secretary Lynne Carpenter.

Together, the new officers bring years of community involvement and a variety of industry experience in areas including housing, banking, emergency response, and school involvement.

The Commercial Club is currently accepting nominations for their board of directors. McMillen-Smit hopes to have the directors selected and approved at their next meeting on March 26. The new officers have discussed moving the time and place of the meetings in order to better accommodate work schedules for members.

Attending club members offered a few suggestions for the future, including extending board members' terms and staggering elections, to provide greater continuity. McMillen-Smit later acknowledged the intrigue of longer terms, when she expressed that she feared she wouldn't be able to make the impact she hoped for in a single year.

The Commercial Club's next meeting is set for March 26, at the Karl Law Office, located at 145 Main Street, Waitsburg. Time TBD.

Washington Department of Health Guidelines for COVID-19

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

The Department of Health (DOH) advises taking the same preventative measures as those for the prevention of viruses during the regular cold and flu season, with the following guidelines:

The most important thing is to stay home if you are sick with symptoms such as sore throat, dry cough, fever and shortness of breath.

- Proper hand washing is essential. People need to wash their hands, including the back of the hands and between the fingers, for 20 seconds.
- Use alcohol-based sanitizers if soap and water are not readily available.
- Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue and throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect surfaces that are often touched.
- Take care of overall health, staying current on vaccinations. Eat well, and exercise.

Consult the Center for Disease Control and Prevention travel website at: cdc.gov/COVID-19 for travel advisories and restrictions, and take steps to protect yourself if you plan to travel outside the U.S.

Have 72 hours-worth of supplies on hand. This would include food and prescription medications.

People with cold or flu symptoms are urged to avoid large gatherings, avoid using public transportation, maintain a social distance of six feet, avoid sharing household items, like dishes, towels or bedding, and clean all commonly contacted surfaces, with ten parts water to one-part household bleach. People should also isolate themselves at home, and treat the symptoms with ibuprofen and hydration.

Health District has steps in place to deal with the novel coronavirus

Public Health Department taking questions from the public

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—Public Health Director Martha Lanman told the county commissioners on Monday that steps are in place to deal with a possible COVID-19 outbreak in Columbia County, and that her department is following guidelines issued by the State Department of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The Board of County Commissioners processed a request by Lanman, which will allow her to hire additional staff and acquire supplies as needed.

Lanman said one local person is in the process of being tested for COVID-19 and is self-quarantined at home, pending test results, which should be available later in the week.

That person, an unidentified woman, may have come in contact with the virus through travels outside the area, Lanman said.

Most people don't become seriously ill, but there is a challenge because most people have no built-in immunity to it.

According to the Washington State Department of Health, people most at risk of serious illness tend to be the elderly, people with chronic medical conditions, and pregnant women. Children do not appear to be as seriously affected.

The flu shot will not protect against this new virus, but it is important to get the shot in order for health officials to distinguish between flu and COVID-19 coronavirus.

Dr. Kyle Terry said the Columbia County Health System is working with the local health department, emergency providers and the University of Washington, following guidelines to prepare and do its part to prevent the spread of this "sneaky little virus".

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the World Health Organization, COVID-19 can cause mild symptoms and yet spread easily. Transmission is primarily spread through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes, similar to the spread of flu.

Facemasks are not recommended for healthy people to protect themselves from respiratory diseases including COVID-19, according to the CDC. Face masks should be used by people who show symptoms of COVID-19 to help prevent the spread the disease to others.

Terry said the incubation period is about five to fifteen days. It takes around two weeks to recover from mild infections, and three to six weeks for more severe infections.

He said testing for COVID-19 is limited to patients at high risk and who have severe symptoms, and not everyone can be tested.


Columbia County Health System's Booker Rest Home Update

Columbia County Health System's Booker Rest Home will follow Governor Jay Inslee's new rules to protect older adults in nursing homes and living facilities. For full guidelines, see article on page 4.

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TOUCHET VALLEY LIFE

FOCUS ON BUSINESS

NEWS BRIEFS

Jasper Mountain Window Cleaning

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—Have you ever walked down Main Street in Waitsburg and admired your reflection in a business' windows? If you nodded yes, you probably have Tim Warehime, the owner of Jasper Mountain Window Cleaning, to thank for those clean windows.

Warehime has been in the window cleaning business for nearly 30 years, and has been servicing both residential and commercial customers in the Waitsburg area for the last eight years, after moving back from Sun Valley, Idaho. He says that he enjoys working outside and working for himself.

"Window cleaning is an art form," Warehime said. "You have to be very detail oriented; super detail oriented." Warehime explained that learning how to properly wash windows is a unique process. He said that the skills are often taught by an industry veteran who is getting ready to retire.

Jasper Mountain Window Cleaning currently serves clients in Waitsburg, Dayton, and Starbuck, with a few customers in Prescott. The business also serves many farms in the area. Warehime says that he uses high-quality products and can tackle anything

from hard water stains to sticker residue left from vinyl lettering, using his "secret sauce" formula for the best results. One of his favorite jobs is cleaning the windows at the Dayton Historic Depot before events.

One of the trickiest parts of the business, according to Warehime, is getting over the fear of heights. He has a total of seven ladders he can use to reach different heights.

Cleaning rates for Jasper Mountain Window Cleaning vary from job to job.

"Each window is different, every house is different, same with each business. There are a lot of factors," Warehime noted. The best way to get a price point is to give him a call for a quote.

Warehime would like to extend a big thank you to his clients, many of whom have been using his services since he opened for business eight years ago. He looks forward to serving the area and providing crystal-clear windows for commercial and residential clients alike.

If you're gearing up for spring projects and want to have sparkling clean windows, Jasper Mountain Window Cleaning can be reached on Facebook by typing in the business name, or by calling Tim at (509) 876-7535.



Tim Warehime

Windows that were cleaned by Tim Warehime offer a mirror-like reflection on the second floor of a client's home. Warehime says he enjoys cleaning windows, working outside, and working for himself.

Touchet Valley Weather March 11, 2020

Waitsburg's Seven Day Forecast

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny	Scattered Rain	Snow Likely	Isolated Snow	Mostly Sunny	Sunny
High: 57 Low: 33	High: 54 Low: 37	High: 56 Low: 30	High: 39 Low: 21	High: 37 Low: 19	High: 43 Low: 25	High: 38 Low: 20

Weather Trivia

Which continent receives the least amount of precipitation?

Answers: Antarctica

Local Almanac Last Week

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Precipitation
Tuesday	59	43	51/35	0.00"	0.28"
Wednesday	55	38	51/35	0.00"	0.49"
Thursday	59	34	52/35	0.00"	-0.21"
Friday	56	44	52/35	0.00"	45.4°
Saturday	47	35	52/35	0.28"	43.6°
Sunday	50	34	53/36	0.00"	+1.8°
Monday	51	30	53/36	0.00"	

Data as reported from Walla Walla

Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Wednesday	7:12 a.m.	6:54 p.m.	9:45 p.m.	8:38 a.m.
Thursday	7:10 a.m.	6:55 p.m.	11:05 p.m.	9:05 a.m.
Friday	7:08 a.m.	6:57 p.m.	Prev Day	9:35 a.m.
Saturday	7:06 a.m.	6:58 p.m.	12:22 a.m.	10:08 a.m.
Sunday	7:04 a.m.	6:59 p.m.	1:35 a.m.	10:47 a.m.
Monday	7:02 a.m.	7:01 p.m.	2:43 a.m.	11:32 a.m.
Tuesday	7:00 a.m.	7:02 p.m.	3:42 a.m.	12:24 p.m.

TIME TO RECOGNIZE WAITSBURGS OUTSTANDING CITIZENS

WAITSBURG—The Waitsburg Commercial Club is now accepting nominations for Employee of the Year, Business of the Year and Community Service Awards. Please bring your letters of recommendation to Blush Salon, 214 Main St or Waitsburg Grocery, 200 Main St in Waitsburg by April 1st. The awards will be presented at this year's Waitsburg Commercial Club Awards Banquet on April 17, 2020.

BRIX & BREW RESCHEDULED

DAYTON—The Dayton Chamber's Brix & Brew fundraising auction has been postponed to May 8 due to health concerns regarding COVID-19.

Tickets previously purchased will be honored on May 8, or refunded.

COMMUNITY MEETING

WAITSBURG—Local citizen, Leroy Cunningham, arranged for a community meeting to discuss the current and potential impact of COVID-19 in our area. The meeting, held March 5 at Ten Ton Coffee, included concerned citizens as well as representatives from the City of Waitsburg, Waitsburg School District and the Columbia County Health System.

The event allowed citizens to ask specific questions concerning local government and health services planning and response to the virus. Dr. Kurt Frauenpreis, MD from the Columbia County Health System and the Waitsburg Clinic, reiterated the need to adhere to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines for containing the spread of the virus. Wash hands often with soap and water, use hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol, avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands and stay home if you are sick.

It was strongly advised that people should get current and accurate information on COVID-19 and its impact from the CDC at www.cdc.gov or Washington State Department of Health, www.doh.wa.gov.

BIRTHDAYS

March 12: Cherie Kurth, David Donnelly, Ben and Bill Brown, Susan Webber, Jimmie Young, Walt Warehime, Elizabeth Abbey, Teresa Johnson and Lory Duckworth.

March 13: Corey Puckett, Susan Watson, Kathy Logeman, Darla Fischer, Ryan Shweid, Dan Mortimore, Darin Groom, Louie Gagnon, Scott Hagerman, Mark Lanning and Larry Branson.

March 14: Jim Wilson, Rhonda Perry, Kathy Rose, Luanna Kalahale, and William Adams.

March 15: Drew Farley, Arvilla Cyr, Debra Olson, Stacey Mohny, Gage Baker, Sharon Puckett, Sara Payne Dimak, and Lolita Clayton.

March 16: Edna Clough, Mike Estes, Edith Largent, Carol Heilbrun, Michael Kerry, Guy Keeney, Chenae Dahlstrom, Megan Payne, and Carley Horlacher.

March 17: Joan Ruble, John Butler, Winton Lytle, Brian Doering, Kristi Unholz, and Matthew Wray.

March 18: Sherrie Larsen, Ben Daniel and Marisa Hoops.

WWCSO

February 19
The reporting party came into the Sheriff's Office to report a burglary and theft to her storage unit in the 700 block of Waitsburg sometime in July of 2019. Waitsburg, WA

February 26
Subject at an address in the 800 block of Mojonier Road wanted to turn over a jar of black powder for destruction. Walla Walla county.

February 28
The reporting party called to report that she had attempted to buy a Labrador puppy on-line. She later learned that it was a scam. Burbank, WA.

February 29
Missing property was returned to an address in the 1100 block of Milan Court, Walla Walla, WA

March 1
A woman was bit by a startled dog, in the 1200 block of Shelton Road in Walla Walla.

March 3
Theft of mail was reported at an address in the 1400 Wallula Ave. in Walla Walla, WA.

A motor vehicle was reported stolen at an address on Farmland Road in Walla Walla county.

March 4
Possible theft of a firearm at an address in the 300 block of Fourth Street occurred within the last year. Touchet, WA.

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TOUCHET VALLEY LIFE

Events Calendar

**THURSDAY
MARCH 12**

Blue Mountain Heritage Society Meeting

Dayton Memorial Library & Delaney Bldg.
111 S 3rd St.
Dayton, WA
9 a.m.

**FRIDAY
MARCH 13**

Walla Walla Home & Outdoor Show

The 6th Annual Walla Walla Home and Outdoor Show will feature vendors and products for home, outdoor, and lifestyle. Food truck vendors available. Walla Walla County Fairgrounds 363 Orchard St. Walla Walla, WA 12 - 5 p.m.

Popcorn Fridays

Fresh popcorn at the library with lots of toppings. Dayton Memorial Library & Delaney Bldg. 111 S 3rd St. Dayton, WA 3 p.m.



2020 Walla Walla Guitar Festival
3 days, 30 bands, in multiple venues

in Downtown Walla Walla! Tickets: <https://wallawallaguitarfestival.ticketbud.com/> - \$25-149 5 p.m. - 2 a.m.

Nature Poetry with Keetje Kuipers

An evening of art, wine, and nature-inspired poetry with a renowned PNW-based poet. Foundry Vineyards 1111 Abadie St. Walla Walla, WA 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Mythical / Movable Blue Mountain Bluegrass Jam

Free bluegrass jam for all ages. Ten Ton Coffee 216 Main St. Waitsburg, WA 6:30 - 9 p.m.

**SATURDAY
MARCH 14**

Walla Walla Home & Outdoor Show

Walla Walla County Fairgrounds 363 Orchard St. Walla Walla, WA 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Whitman Mission National Historic Site Film Series

30-minute films used at National Park Service sites followed by a Ranger-led discussion. Today: Fort Vancouver National Historic Site Whitman Mission National Park 328 Whitman Mission Road Walla Walla, WA 2 p.m.

2020 Walla Walla Guitar Festival

Tickets: <https://wallawallaguitarfestival.ticketbud.com/> - \$25-149 5 p.m. - 2 a.m.

**SUNDAY
MARCH 15**

St. Paddy's Day 5k, 10k & Leprechaun Lap

City of Walla Walla fun run. 9 a.m. - Check in opens at Amphitheater, 9:30 a.m., Leprechaun Lap (1k) for ages 10 and under. 10 a.m. - Beginning of 10k and 5k starting times Fort Walla Walla Pavilion 1199 Myra Road Walla Walla, WA 9 a.m.

Walla Walla Home & Outdoor Show

Walla Walla County Fairgrounds 363 Orchard St, Walla Walla, WA 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

2020 Walla Walla Guitar Festival

Tickets: <https://wallawallaguitarfestival.ticketbud.com/> - \$25-149 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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Tasting Room
43 E Main St.
Walla Walla, WA
12 - 4 p.m.

Walla Walla Choral Society's Good Vibrations

The Choral Society presents an evening of music from the 1960s including Aretha Franklin, The Beatles and The Supremes. Reserved tickets (\$17 Adults; \$12 under 18) online at (www.phtww.com) Gesa Power House Theatre 111 N 6th Ave Walla Walla, WA 3 p.m.

Live Cinema Series: Riverdance 25th Anniversary Show

Filed live in Dublin and rebroadcast for one night only to select theatres. Gesa Power House Theatre 111 N 6th Ave. Walla Walla, WA 7 p.m.

**MONDAY
MARCH 16**

Walla Walla Choral Society's Good Vibrations

Gesa Power House Theatre 111 N 6th Ave Walla Walla, WA 7 p.m.

**TUESDAY
MARCH 17**

Middle School Night

Open to those in grades 6,7, and 8. Karaoke, table games, Makerspace demonstrations, and more. The Club 528 W Cameron St., Dayton, Washington 99328 6 - 8 p.m.



4th Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner & Auction

Tickets available from any Town Hall board member and all proceeds benefit Waitsburg Town Hall's operation and maintenance. Donation \$15 per person 5 - 6 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY
MARCH 18**

Discovery Kids - Interactive Story Time

Dayton Memorial Library & Delaney Bldg. 111 S 3rd St. Dayton, WA 10 a.m.

Volunteer Orientation - Fort Walla Walla Museum

Welcome to volunteers old and new. Enjoy refreshments and join their volunteer team. Fort Walla Walla Museum 755 NE Myra Rd. Walla Walla, WA 10 a.m.

Storybook Art with Carnegie Picture Lab

For elementary-age children, the book *The Dot* by Peter Reynolds is featured. The lesson includes a monoprint art project. Walla Walla Public Library 238 E Alder St. Walla Walla, WA 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

DAYTON SENIOR ROUND TABLE LUNCH MENU

Dayton Senior Center
403 E. Patit St.
12 p.m.

Thurs., Mar. 12
Roast beef
Mashed potatoes & gravy
Fruit Jello | Milk

Tues., Mar. 17
Corned beef
Red potatoes
Cabbage
Sourdough bread
Fruit | Milk

WAITSBURG SENIOR LUNCH MENU

Waitsburg Senior Center
504 Main Street

Tues., Mar. 17
Corned beef & cabbage
Potatoes & carrots
Irish soda bread
MOW: Cucumber tomato salad



Meetings & Gatherings

Alcoholics Anonymous - Dayton: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7 p.m., Dayton First Congregational Church-UCC dining room, 214 S. 3rd St.

Alcoholics Anonymous - Waitsburg: Saturday, Monday and Friday, 8 p.m., Presbyterian Church basement, 504 Main St.

American Legion Post #35: First Monday, 6 p.m., Waitsburg Town Hall, 121 Main Street.

American Legion Post #42: Second and fourth Wednesdays, 7 p.m., American Legion Building, 211 E. Clay St., Dayton.

Bingo: Every Friday, doors open at 4 p.m. Bingo at 6 p.m. Dayton Eagles, 222 E. Main

Blue Mountain Heritage Society: Second Thursday, 9 a.m. Delany Building, 111 S. 3rd St., Dayton.

Blue Mountain Station: Tues - Sat. 10 a.m.-6 p.m., 700 Artisan Way, Dayton.

Book Chat: Third Saturday, 6ish-8ish, Delany Room, 111 S. 3rd St., Dayton.

Celebrate Recovery-Dayton: Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m., Catalyst Church, 311 S. 4th, Dayton.

Celebrate Recovery-Waitsburg: Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m., Waitsburg Christian Church, 604 Main St.

Columbia County Commissioners: First and third Mondays, 9 a.m., Commissioner's Chambers, 311 E. Main, Dayton. (Work sessions are the first and third Wednesday of each month.)

Columbia County Commissioners: Third Mondays, 6-7 p.m. public listening sessions. Commissioner's Chambers, 311 E. Main, Dayton.

Columbia County Health System: Fourth Wednesday, 1:30 p.m., Dayton General Hospital board room, 1012 S. 3rd St., Dayton. (May and Sept. meetings will be held at Waitsburg Town Hall.)

Columbia County Planning Commission: Second Monday, 5:30 p.m., 114 S. 2nd St., Dayton.

Columbia-Walla Walla No. 2 Fire Commissioners' Meeting: Second Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., Waitsburg Fire Department, 234 Main Street.

Columbia County Rural Library Board: Third Monday, 7 p.m., Delany Building, 111 S. 3rd St., Dayton.

Dayton City Council: Second Wednesday, 7 p.m., Dayton City Hall, 111 S. 1st. St.

Dayton Friends of the Fairgrounds: Second and fourth Thursdays, 7 p.m., American Legion Building, 211 E. Clay St., Dayton.

Dayton Friends of the Library: Second Friday, 10 a.m. Dayton Memorial Library, 111 S. 3rd St.

Dayton Kiwanis: Second and fourth Thursdays, Noon, Delany Building, 111 S. 3rd St.

Dayton Parent-Teacher School Association: Second Tuesdays, 7 p.m. Dayton Elementary Multipurpose Room, 614 S. 3rd St.

Dayton Planning Commission: Third Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., Dayton City Hall, 111 S. 1st St.

Dayton Senior Round Table: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 12 p.m., Dayton Senior Center, 403 E. Patit St.

Dayton School Board: Third Wednesday, 6 p.m., School Administration Building, 609 S. 2nd St.

Discovery Kids: Wednesdays, 10 a.m., Dayton Memorial Library, 111 S. 3rd St.

Friends of the Dayton Community Center: Last Tuesday, 5:30, Delany Building, 111 S. 3rd St., Dayton.

Friends of the Dayton Dog Park: First Monday, 6 p.m., Chief Springs, 148 E. Main, Dayton.

Memory Cafe: Second Wednesday, 10 a.m.-Noon, Moose Creek Cafe, 330 E. Main St., Dayton.

Prescott City Council: Second Monday, 7:30 p.m., Prescott City Hall, 108 S. "D" St.

Port of Columbia meetings second Wednesday at 3:30 p.m., Port Main Office 1 Port Way, Dayton.

Prescott School Board: Fourth Thursday, 6 p.m., District Boardroom, 207 S. "A" St.

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

Waitsburg Christian Church Youth Group: First and third Mondays, 6:30 p.m., Waitsburg Christian Church, 604 Main Street.

Waitsburg City Council: Third Wednesday, 7 p.m., Don Thomas Building, Fairgrounds.

Waitsburg Commercial Club: Last Thursday, Waitsburg Town Hall, Noon RSVP for lunch waitsburgcc@icloud.com or (509)316-1488

Waitsburg Parks & Rec. District Board: First and Third Thursdays, 6:30 p.m., WHS band room, 421 Coppei Ave.

Waitsburg Presbyterian Church Youth Group: Every Wednesday, Middle school 5-7:15 p.m., Dinner 6:45-7:15 p.m., High School 6:45-9 p.m.

Waitsburg Resource Center: Thursdays, 2-4 p.m., 106 Preston Ave. (side of Banner Bank).

Waitsburg School Board: Third Thursday, 6 p.m., Preston Hall Board Room, 605 Main.

Waitsburg Story Time: Mondays, 10:30 a.m., Weller Public Library, 212 Main St.

Waitsburg Senior Round Table: Tuesday, 11:30 a.m., Waitsburg Presbyterian Church, 504 Main St.

Weller Public Library Board Meeting: First Tuesday, 7 p.m. Weller Public Library, 212 Main St., Waitsburg.



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

Thurs. Mar. 12: B: Breakfast sandwich. L: Ham & potato casserole

Fri. Mar. 13: B: Pancake. L: Crisпитos, Spanish rice, seasoned corn, garden salad, pineapple

Mon. Mar. 16: B: Scrambled eggs & bacon. L: BBQ Pulled Pork, baked beans, cauliflower, and fruit cocktail.

Tue. Mar. 17: B: Biscuit & gavy. L: Irish with Irish soda bread

Wed. Mar. 18: B: Long John. L: Hot, ham and cheese, steamed broccoli, baby carrots, and oranges.

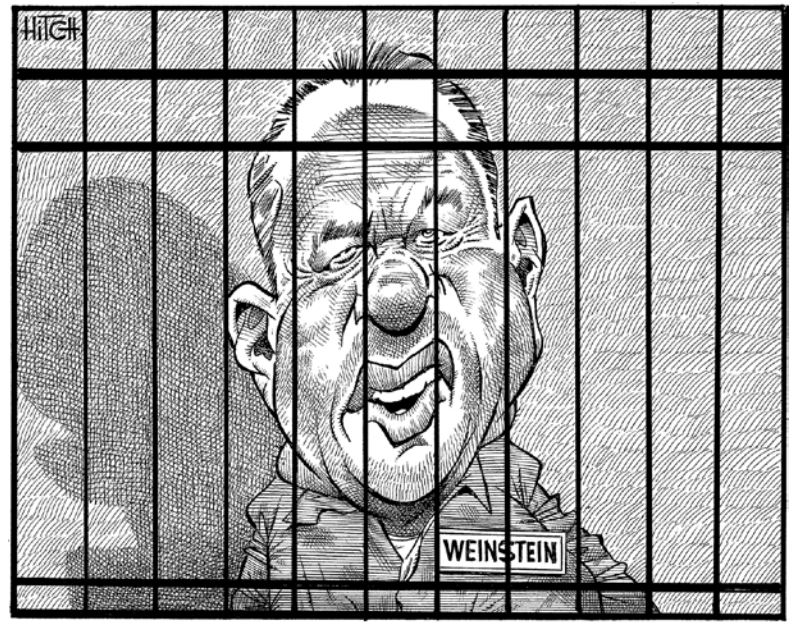
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Waitsburg Presbyterian Church
504 Main
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m.
337-6589
Pastor Stan Hughes

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

Waitsburg Christian Church
604 Main St
Worship 10:00 a.m.
Each Sunday
337-8898
Rev. Matthew Wyatt



SPEAKING OF CONTAINING A VIRUS

INSLEE ANNOUNCES SUPPORT FOR WORKERS AND BUSINESSES IMPACTED BY COVID-19

Gov. Jay Inslee announced the expansion of state policies today to support workers and businesses financially impacted by COVID-19 on March 10.

The governor and Suzi LeVine, commissioner of the Washington Employment Security Department (ESD), rolled out new rules to help alleviate the economic impact felt by businesses and workers.

These expanded policies complement the leadership large companies have shown to ensure their hourly employees and supporting businesses weather this difficult period.

Inslee also announced that all state employees impacted by COVID-19 will receive additional leave and telework options.

“Through careful planning and by working together, we can mitigate the economic hardships this situation is going to cause,” Inslee said. “Whether it’s businesses expanding their paid leave and telework options, support for state workers, unemployment insurance or Paid Family and Medical Leave, we can help provide individuals with additional security while they care for themselves and their families. I am also directing the state to look at ways to minimize impact for those impacted by self quarantine. We can also ensure employers retain their workers even if they need to slow down their business operations. On top of all that, we are expanding the ability of employers to retain their workers even if they need to slow business operations.”

ESD adopts emergency rules to strengthen programs

As a result of Inslee’s emergency proclamation, ESD developed rules to go into effect on March 10. These rules enhance the flexibility of the unemployment insurance program. The rules will help relieve the burden of temporary layoffs, isolation and quarantine by ensuring unemployment benefits are available to individuals whose employment has been impacted directly by COVID-19.

- Workers will be able to receive unemployment benefits and employers will get relief of benefit charges if an employer needs to curtail or shut down operations temporarily because a worker becomes sick and other workers need to be isolated or quarantined as a result of COVID-19.
- A worker that follows guidance issued by a medical or public health official to isolate or quarantine themselves as a result of exposure to COVID-19 and is not receiving paid sick leave from their employer, may be eligible to receive unemployment benefits.
- If a worker falls seriously ill and is forced to quit, they may qualify for Paid Family Medi-

cal Leave while ill under the existing program. Once recovered and available for work, they may apply for unemployment benefits.

- It removes the full-time requirement and expands standby ability to part time/less than full-time workers who are isolated.

“The first and best option for workers who need to miss work due to illness or quarantine is to use their employer-provided paid time off,” LeVine said. “When that is not an option, an ESD program may be able to help. Accessing unemployment benefits, which provide a partial wage replacement, to address these situations is not the first choice but it is a last resort that is available for many. The last thing people need to worry about when dealing with a health crisis is how they’re going to put food on the table. These new rules build on our state’s already strong foundation of support services.”

Providing leniency for those impacted by isolation or quarantine as a result of COVID-19

For workers: The new rules allow current unemployment claimants who are in isolation or quarantine as a result of COVID-19 more leniency about many unemployment insurance deadlines and mandatory appointments. This includes deadlines for applying for training programs or mandatory re-employment service appointments.

For employers: The rules also waive financial penalties for employers who file their tax reports late, pay their taxes late, or do not respond information requests in a timely fashion as a result of COVID-19.

ESD has created a new COVID-19 information page on its website that provides an overview of programs. These include unemployment benefits for workers whose companies close or experience a slowdown due to the outbreak; layoff assistance for businesses; and Paid Family and Medical Leave benefits for workers who get sick or need to care for a sick family member. The web page will be updated with new information as it becomes available.

INSLEE ISSUES NEW RULES TO PROTECT OLDER ADULTS IN NURSING HOMES, LIVING FACILITIES

Gov. Jay Inslee announced new rules on Tuesday, March 10, around nursing homes and assisted living facilities that focus on better protecting older adults – a population more likely to be hit by COVID-19 (coronavirus) – during the ongoing statewide, unprecedented health crisis.

Rule changes center around visitors, screening, and precautionary measures.

“The risk of severe illness and death from COVID-19 appears to be higher in people 60 years or older and in those with chronic health conditions,” Inslee said. “And we know there is an increased risk among people who live in congregated settings, such as long-term care facilities. We need to protect our older adults, and these rules will help.”

Cheryl Strange, secretary at the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services, joined the governor during the Olympia press conference.

Rules that go into effect today:

Visitors must be adults and the visit must take place in the resident’s room. This does not apply to end-of-life situations.

All visitors must follow COVID-19 screening and follow reasonable precautionary measures. Precautionary measures include, but are not limited to, wearing personal protective equipment, social distancing, or visiting in designated locations.

All visitors must sign into a visitor’s log. Owners and operators must retain that log for 30 days.

Employees or volunteers must be screened for COVID-19 symptoms at the start of each shift.

People who live in nursing homes or assisted living facilities and who test positive for COVID-19 must be isolated away from other people.

Owners, operators, staff and volunteers are prohibited from disclosing protected and confidential health information, except as otherwise provided by law or with the resident’s consent.

These rules remain in effect until midnight on April 9, 2020.

Inslee declared a state of emergency earlier this month because of COVID-19.



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OBITUARIES

Edward "Ed" Harri, Jr.

July 8, 1946 — March 1, 2020

Edward (Ed) Harri Jr. passed away in Salem, OR on March 1, 2020. Ed was born to Dr. Edward and Elsa Harri, in Duluth, MN on July 8, 1946, to Edward and Elsa Harri. The family moved shortly thereafter, and he was raised in Dayton, WA, with sister, Elizabeth, and brother, James.



Ed earned degrees from Walla Walla College (BA), Montana State University (MSAS), and Willamette University College of Law (JD).

In 1971, Ed and Patricia (Pat) Tonole were married. They were married for 48 years and raised three children, Ed (III), Elizabeth, and Erin.

Ed started his career as a law clerk for the Oregon Supreme Court. He served as deputy district attorney in Linn County, Oregon. In 1986, he began teaching at Willamette University College of Law, where he was a professor of legal research and writing for 34 years and assistant dean of student affairs for over 20 years. His work as a law professor was his true calling, where he could guide students and share his passion for the law. He was known for his high standards and high support for his students, which involved regularly spending late hours at the law school providing personalized help for each student. He was selected as teacher of the year in 1998 and 2014.

Ed also practiced as an attorney throughout his entire career and served on many college and statewide committees. In 2014, he was awarded the Oregon State Bar Membership Services Award for his extensive contributions to the field.

Ed's greatest passions were family, art, and cars. Ed and Pat opened Wenaha Gallery in Dayton, WA in 1993; everyone who knew him was aware of his unmatched passion for Cadillacs; and his favorite places to spend time were a family ranch in Dayton, WA and a family cabin on Fall Lake in northern Minnesota.

Ed is preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Elizabeth. He is survived by his wife, Pat; children Ed (Kathleen), Elizabeth (Rodney), and Erin; his brother, Dr. James Harri, (Mary); 5 granddaughters (Morgan, Abby, Sydney, Hailey, and Bailey); and 13 nieces and nephews.

Arrangements included a viewing at Virgil T. Golden Funeral Service (605 Commercial Street, Salem) on Thursday, March 5, from 1:00 - 5:00 PM and a memorial service on Friday, March 6, at 3:00 PM at Our Savior's Lutheran Church (1770 Baxter Road SE, Salem). Individuals wishing to send a memorial may donate in Ed's name to Blue Mountain Heritage Society, PO Box 163, Dayton, WA 99328.

WAITSBURG SCHOOL BOARD SELECTS NEW MEMBER

WAITSBURG—At a special meeting on Thursday, March 5, the Waitsburg School Board interviewed an applicant for the vacant District 1 seat. The board voted unanimously to appoint Sarah Boudrieau to the School Board.

District 1 covers the north end of Waitsburg, spanning north along Preston Avenue and Hwy 124, stretching from Taggart Road out to where 2nd Street merges into Hwy 124. Applicants for the positions had to reside within the district in order to be considered. The seat was vacated by Jason Kaehler towards the beginning of the school year.

Boudrieau is a mother of three who said she has always been very involved in her children's education, and is looking forward to being a part of making changes, with the goal of making things better for students, staff, and the district as a whole.

Boudrieau will be officially sworn in at the March 19 regular meeting, at the Preston Hall Middle School. The meeting will immediately follow the public hearing discussing leftover bond money. The hearing will begin at 6 p.m., in the Preston Hall science room.

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"Andy" Anderson

May 23, 1928 — February 28, 2020



Daniel "Andy" Lovett Anderson, 91, died on Feb. 28, 2020 at his home in Dayton, WA with his family nearby.

Andy was born May 23, 1928 in Dayton, WA to Gladys (McHargue) and Clarence Lovett Anderson. He attended schools in Dayton WA, graduating from Dayton High School with the class of 1946. Playing on the high school basketball team was one of his favorite high school memories.

He greatly admired his father and had a happy childhood with his parents.

He worked for the Columbia County Road Department after graduation, then worked for Vernon Smith farms in the early 50s.

In 1954 he started working for Columbia REA as a "grunt" (ground crew) - eventually advancing to the position of Line Foreman. After 41 years of power line work he retired in June 1995.

He married Carol C. Kurth in 1950. They had two sons, Brad (1953) and Kent (1956). They later divorced.

Andy married Carol J. Massey on Feb. 21, 1970 in Burbank, CA. They just celebrated 50 years of marriage. Together they had a son Robert "Rob" Anderson in 1972.

He was an accomplished "Do It Yourselfer" and took on several home remodeling projects, including building his own home in 1970. He occupied that home right up to the end of his life.

Family life was important to Andy. He was devoted to his sons and their interests. He encouraged all three sons to pursue higher education. For years one of the highlights was the family vacations to Twin Lakes WA. It was two weeks of waterskiing, exploring and evenings around the campfire.

In his late teens and early 20's he was the proud owner of a Luscombe 8E airplane. He spent many

hours flying over the Northwest. He had lots of stories of his adventures.

Outdoor recreation was important to Andy including skiing (snow and water), boating, steelhead fishing and snowmobiling. The mechanical skill he got from his father came into play with snowmobiling: it was ride for 4 or 5 hours and then work on the snowmobiles for the next 3 days.

He also built his own boat and taught himself and many others to waterski. He was an active snowmobiler until Bluewood opened as a ski area, then he became an avid snow skier. A favorite pastime was watching High School sports. His friends often teased him about his excellent skills as a snow and water skier when he was a senior citizen.

The family was host parents to several exchange students from Japan and Germany.

Upon retiring Andy & Carol liked to travel in their 5th wheel. They especially enjoyed visits to Long Beach, WA, Yellowstone and Canada, among other trips. They both rode their bikes exploring the local sights when camping.

Andy was an honest man, a good husband and father, who was well liked by his friends.

A major life sorrow was the death of his son Rob. He is preceded in death by his son, Robert "Rob" Ted Anderson in 2013, his father in 1990 and mother in 1994.

He is survived by his wife, Carol at home, and his two sons Brad Anderson (Kay) of Walla Walla, WA and Kent Anderson M.D. (Judy) of Lewiston, ID. Two grandchildren Sarah Hlebichuk (Adrian) and Tim Anderson. He has 3 great grandchildren - Hannah, Luke and Charlotte Hlebichuk

Funeral services will be Saturday, March 14, 2 p.m. at Dayton United Methodist Church.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be to Walla Walla Community Hospice, 1067 Isaacs Ave. Walla Walla, WA 99362 or Skyline Adventures - (which provides scholarships for those who otherwise wouldn't be able to experience skiing & snow boarding). P.O. Box 167 Dayton, WA 99328. Or donors may select a charity of their choice.

COLUMBIA-WALLA WALLA FIRE DISTRICT #2 COMMISSIONERS MEET

By Tracy Thompson | THE TIMES

The Columbia-Walla Walla County Fire District #2 held their monthly meeting last Wednesday. Topics on the agenda included the hiring of a designer for a new, more user friendly website for the district, the announcement of a schedule for training events to be held in Waitsburg, the continuing discussion about the scope of the Fire Chief position, and the completion of the first Federal Emergency Management Act (FEMA) 'mini grant.'

Commissioner Randy Charles of Waitsburg, stated that the grant application for a National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)-approved washer and dryer has been completed and will be submitted soon. The washer extractor and dryer cabinet combination are especially designed for turnout gear (the protective clothing firefighters wear on the job), and will cost approximately \$25-30k, with plans to provide the service to other districts. Charles noted "Even if we don't get it (the grant) writing it has been a good exercise and will ready us for the next cycle."

A bid for the development of a new website, on a website platform that is intuitive and easy to update, was shared with the commissioners. The bid includes training to manage the site on an ongoing basis. Fire District Clerk Ann Higgins reminded the commissioners that if there is not already a contractor on the small works roster for this function, it requires at least



three competitive bids. Other vendors for this service were discussed and the bids will be collected.

The salary and number of hours for the fire chief position was discussed again. Questions about budget capability and possible employment pool were addressed, with the commissioners setting an additional meeting date of Wednesday, March 18 to take a closer look at state and federal regulations and the district's budget. The merits of hiring a part-time Chief, versus a full-time Chief were discussed, as well.

Commissioner Charles noted the donation of a flat screen tv which has been placed in the front window of the fire station and noted that the double-pane window in front of it causes quite a bit of glare. Commissioners weighed the options of applying a film coating to the window or replacing the window for better visibility of this public communication tool.

Plans were discussed for participating in the annual Celebration Days parade on May 15, with interim Fire Chief Colter Mohny noting plans to have recruitment materials at the ready for the event.

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NEWS & LEGALS

Columbia County Hospital District update

Assisted living, dental clinic, Booker Rest Home Family Game Night

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—During the February meeting of the Hospital District commissioners, Columbia County Health System CEO Shane McGuire said John McLean of Blue Room Architecture in Spokane has submitted the sole bid for architecture services for the planned dental office project.

The dental clinic for Medicaid patients will be located at the Columbia Family Clinic, adjacent to the hospital. McGuire said construction bids will be solicited, shortly. The clinic should be operational at the end of 2020.

A new, ten-bed design is being reviewed for the proposed assisted living campus to be located at the north end of the hospital grounds, McGuire told the commissioners.

The homes will feature Craftsman, or Cottage style exteriors, he said.

"They are going to be homes," he said. "They are going to feel like homes."

Assisted living options will be unveiled at the hospital board strategic planning meeting, in April.

McGuire said Stephanie Carpenter, Chairperson for the Aging and Long-Term Care Advisory Council (ALTC) in Columbia County, and other members of an ALTC coalition from southeastern Washington recently met with Rep. Bill Jenkins, Rep. Skyler Rude and Sen. Maureen Walsh, in Olympia, to advocate for seniors, as part of the Senior Citizens Lobby.

The coalition is advocating for long-term care services and supports including the need to hire more case managers, dementia resource specialists, and ALTC agents to work with hospital discharge plan-

ners, Carpenter said.

She told the commissioners there is only one case manager for every eighty-five people in the state. The request is for \$3.9 million from the state's general fund for hiring additional case managers.

Carpenter said the Dementia Action Collaboration is asking for \$1.9 million to hire dementia resource specialists throughout communities in the state, who can provide people with early intervention education, legal education, and advanced behavioral and transitional care. Dementia resource specialists will also help advance Dementia Friendly Communities, she said.

McGuire said the lack of housing is sometimes a problem for people being discharged from the hospital.

"These early steps we are taking on assisted living can easily translate into other housing opportunities," he said. "I don't think we are done talking about adult family homes."

McGuire spoke about the hospital's partnership with Lewiston Orthopedics.

"Our partnership with Lewiston Orthopedics has started off very well," McGuire said.

The Lewiston Orthopedic team was introduced to the Dayton General Hospital electronic health record system on their first day at the hospital. They also treated four patients that day, and they treated nine patients at the next session.

McGuire said dermatology care is likely to be expanded from one day to two days at the Waitsburg Clinic.

He said the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) requires tracking for the time providers spend face-to-face with a patient, charting, and in "stand-by" mode, when there are no patients in the Emergency Department, and a new badge system to track providers' time is in place.

This is to ensure CMS is not being double billed. Negotiations are still underway with three Med-

icaid Managed Care Organizations to reach a settlement on underpayments to the hospital district, for swing bed care. So far Amerigroup, Molina and Coordinated Care are responding in good faith to resolve the collective total \$1.2 million owed to the Hospital District, McGuire said.

Eighty-five percent of Medicaid patients are being assigned to a specific managed care organization under the Affordable Care Act. There are five MCOs in Columbia County, he said.

The revenue cycle team has restructured the way they process insurance payments, and are specializing in insurance payers. Payers like Premera Blue Cross, and Regence Blue Shield all have unique processes.

"We think ultimately this will make things flow a lot better through the billing process," he told the commissioners.

McGuire said during the fourth quarter of last year the health district received almost \$200,000 from the Greater Columbia Accountable Communities of Health (GCACH) organization to advance population health and information technology initiatives, and to pay for provider service programs. Those funds also helped the District purchase a patient transportation van.

The grants have also paid for tele-hospitalist services, including the University of Washington tele-psychiatry services, upgrades to the web service hardware, and support for the Integrated Behavioral Health program, he said.

In 2019 the Hospital District received about \$800,000, from GCACH, and will continue to receive funds, for meeting certain milestones, in 2020.

McGuire also wanted to thank the population health committee, which is comprised of the following people; Dr. Kurt Frauenpreis, Kim Emery PA-C, Judy Miller, Clinic Director, Janet Ihle, Melissa Nesje, Erin Trump, and Minnie Smith for their work in this area.

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MEETING NOTICE

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Waitsburg, WA This is in addition to the normal scheduled monthly meeting.

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Recycling revival

By Vicki Sternfeld-Rossi | THE TIMES

A recent interview in *The Waitsburg Times* with Markeeta Little Wolf, managed to simultaneously inspire and embarrass me. It was a reminder of just how complacent I have become with recycling since moving here. In California we had curbside bins for glass, plastic, paper, yard waste, and regular trash. Recycling was easy! Although a bit more challenging here, Markeeta has inspired me to become more aware of the little things that I can do to make a difference.

California and Washington are similar in that they are “divided states.” Northern California has Silicon Valley, a snooty wine region, snowpack, and they consider themselves the elite region of the state, while Southern California proudly boasts movie stars, mansions in Malibu that burn, fall into the sea and get rebuilt, as well as cool muscle beaches. However, what both regions agree on are environmental issues and water conservation. During many drought years, the state motto was; “if it’s yellow, let it mellow, if it’s brown, flush it down.” Ok, not classy, but effective.

In Southern California we were only allowed to water lawns on select days of the week, which became contentious, to say the least. People would report their neighbors for watering an extra day, causing the culprit a fine. But, eventually most of us learned to live with dead grass, just don’t touch the swimming pool, that’s sacred!

As a newbie to Washington, my observation is that this state also appears to be divided. The “west side” has tech industry, sports stadiums, traffic, rain, and dictatorial recycling and composting rules, while the high desert east of the Cascades, has moderate climate, wheat, apples, great wine and no traffic. Yet, sadly, we have not conquered recycling here in Waitsburg and Walla Walla.

I **almost** feel guilty drinking wine and not having a convenient recycling center.



“Tikkun olam” or “repair the world”

However, I recently learned I could collect my bottles and bring them to Basin Disposal in Tri-Cities, (thank you Susan D). Since I go there weekly to play tennis, that’s the plan (aha! guilt free wine drinking, restored).

Recently I visited cousins in Seattle, and after brewing a cup of tea with a tea bag, I was instructed to separate the bag from the string and staple. The bag is compostable, the string, tag & staple are regular trash. Now, is that recycling at its purest; or overkill?

In California, the grocery stores incentivized us to use our own bags by charging for their bags (plastic or paper) and bestowing generous savings on gas. In Los Angeles, like swimming pools, cars and driving are sacred! Here, the stores shower you with plastic bags.

One major concept in the Jewish religion is “Tikkun Olam,” which basically translates to “repair the world.” We are taught that we should leave the planet better than we found it for future generations. We are encouraged to act compassionately to all people, and improve the welfare of society at large, to help perfect the world. So, I resolve to do better, however, it may not include separating tea bags into recyclable parts and trash.

Some easy lifestyle changes, inspired by Markeeta, that I resolve to try:

- Containers from store bought yogurt, sour cream, etc., will be washed and used for leftover storage, so they are not single-use and wasted.
- Buy as many products that are made from recycled material as possible. I just purchased 2 indoor-outdoor carpets for \$20 each from Costco made from recycled plastic.
- Always, take my own bags into the grocery store.
- Recycle bottles and check out Markeeta’s plastic recycle system.

I did try her homemade laundry detergent recipe, it’s a hit. Also, I taught her about bamboo paper towels. Shared knowledge and guilt free wine drinking, a good start to repairing my world.



Photos by Elvan C. McMillen

The Avett Brothers performing in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic on Feb. 28 (l-r) Bob Crawford, Scott Avett, Mike Marsh, Seth Avett, Joe Kwon, Tania Elizabeth.

Out & About: The Avett Brothers in the Dominican Republic

By Tracy Thompson | THE TIMES

Have you ever had a song grab you by the ears? I remember the moment I first heard the North Carolina group The Avett Brothers, (TAB) on a dark Thursday night in November listening to DJ Greg Vandy’s (online) radio show *The Roadhouse* on kexp.org. Featuring traditional bluegrass instrumentation, with an undercurrent of punk energy, the song was “Shame” from the Avett Brothers fifth independent release, *Emotionalism*. It had a propulsive beat and haunting lyrics and was located firmly in my favorite musical wheelhouse - acoustic-based Americana.



Scott Avett

Since that first listen in 2007, I have greatly enjoyed seeing TAB in concert a dozen or so times. With Scott Avett on banjo, vocals, piano and sometimes drums, younger brother Seth Avett on guitar and piano, bass player Bob Crawford, and Joe Kwon on cello, make up the core of TAB. Fiddle player Tania Elizabeth, drummer Mike Marsh and sister Bonnie Avett-Rini on piano fill out the touring roster and appear on the group’s latest release *Closer Than Together*, which came out in September, 2019.

So when the group announced their third At the Beach festival last winter, all of my Avett-fan related Facebook groups went crazy with anticipation.

The four-day festival had two previous outings, both held in Mexico, but the 2020 festival was scheduled for Punta Cana in the Dominican Republic. Thanks in part to the online fervor, I was seized by a “life is short” feeling and booked the trip.

And what a trip it was! Held at the fairly enormous Hard Rock Hotel, the rooms were spacious, the staff was gracious, and the white sand beaches were like nothing I’d ever seen before. There were snacks and cocktails available at check-in, and my fellow fans were as friendly as I’d come to expect from my many previous shows.

The festival kicked off with the American folk rock band Dawes, a group I’d only been lukewarm about before, but they performed with verve and seemed energized by the crowd. The Avett Brothers put on a blazing two-hour set to close the first night.

The schedule for the four-day event had a wonderfully relaxed pace with concerts at the Eclipse Pool stage starting at 2:30 p.m. featuring solo acts, 4 p.m. concerts at the stunning Beach Stage featuring smaller-sized bands, and the main stage concerts in the center of the complex starting at 8 p.m. Just to be clear, there were concerts one viewed while swimming (or standing) in a pool, and on a Caribbean beach!

Highlights from the festival included a rousing and dramatic performance by the band Shakey Graves, led by Alejandro Rose-Garcia of Austin, Texas. Previously a one-man band, his full line-up amplified his heartfelt lyrics and guitar playing. An amazing duet with his girlfriend closed the show and had the audience singing along, amusing fans to no end when they later realized it was a Backstreet Boys tune.

Two sets from the Beach Stage I loved, were the

Wood Brothers, comprised of guitar virtuoso older brother Oliver, and his bass-playing younger brother Chris, their harmonies, energy and musicianship were extraordinary. The duo Mandolin Orange, featuring Andrew Marlin on mandolin, and Emily Frantz on violin and guitar, played a lovely set with the waves lapping on the beach and my toes nestled in the sand.

A thoughtful, often-depressing (she cheerfully admitted) set from Emmy Lou Harris included a couple of tunes from Gram Parsons of Flying Burrito Brothers fame. A treat to hear from this mom who named a son Graham in his honor.

The highlight for the whole event was of course my beloved TAB. Scott’s energy, playfulness, banjo, guitar and piano playing along with his dramatic vocals—which include a warm bass range and a delicate falsetto, never fail to make me happy. Seth Avett’s voice is at times a siren, or a lullaby, a bright tenor in the fast songs and a yearning plea in such songs as “I Wish I Was” and “No Hard Feelings.” On acoustic guitar or truly rocking on electric, Seth’s musicianship, along with the rest of the bands’ playing, all coalesce with energy and feeling.

Although I would have appreciated just a touch more diversity in the line-up, the warmth and friendliness of my fellow fans was truly remarkable. In fact, most of the acts commented on what a warm welcome they had received, and how gracious the audience was.

Your chance to catch TAB in the Northwest include a show in Seattle on May 15, one in Portland on May 16, and in Boise, Idaho on May 19.

Talk about Art

By Carolyn Henderson

Money and time. Most people wish they had more of both. Rare is the person who feels they have adequate amounts of each.

But as important and necessary as money and time are, there are two elements that are just as, or even more important—two elements that we simply can’t get too much of:

Hope and encouragement.

Watercolor painter Shawna Wright focuses on these two elements in her paintings. The Milton-Free-water, Ore., artist, who began seriously painting five years ago, creates watercolor images of birds in nature. Integral to each image is a hand-written Bible scripture, generally one with a promise to the reader.

“Bible promises have been a key part of my life,” Wright says, explaining that the words of both Old and New Testament have brought comfort, hope, and happiness throughout both high and low times in her life. It is this comfort, hope, and happiness that she seeks to impart to others through her art.

“My goal is to encourage the discouraged, bring hope to the helpless, and comfort to the grieving.”

In addition to original watercolor paintings, Wright creates inspirational calendars featuring her artwork, as well as prints, note cards (she calls these “God Tweets”), and refrigerator magnets. Recently, she has published two interactive



journals – one for mothers of sons, and another for mothers of daughters – that incorporate her artwork, scripture promises, and pages for writing, or journaling, upon.

She creates big things in a small space, working out of a desk in her office where she tapes down her paper for each new project. But somehow, the art finds its way all through her house, resulting in a laundry room that is less focused upon storing stacks of folded clothes as it does art inventory. On the walls, branches and abandoned bird nests hang alongside Wright’s paintings.

“It’s my space. When I walk into it, it makes me happy.”

And that’s what she wants viewers and purchasers of her art to find: happiness through hope and encouragement.

“I enjoy going to retirement homes with my art; it’s fun to see the faces light,” Wright says.

“It fills my heart knowing that my artwork was a ray of sunshine to their day.”

Through April 4, Wenaha Gallery (219 E. Main, Dayton) is showcasing the inspirational watercolor artwork of Shawna Wright, as well as her cards, journals, magnets, and prints. The gallery is open Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

SPORTS



Photos by Eric Umphrey

Junior forward Sadie Seney (left) was named to the first team while junior guard Mackena Culley (center) and freshman forward Claudia Benavides (right) were named to the second team.

All-league basketball selections announced for the EWAC East

By Dave Schreindl | THE TIMES

The Eastern Washington Athletic Conference, which is at the 2B classification level, announced its all-league selections for its East Division.

The Dayton-Waitsburg girls received three selections. Junior forward Sadie Seney was named to the first team, while junior guard Mackena Culley and freshman forward Claudia Benavides were named to the second team.

The EWAC named Columbia-Burbank's Jadyn Johnson as player of the year. They also named DeSales coach Tim Duncan as coach of the year. Duncan is stepping down this year after 25 years of coaching Irish athletic teams. Liberty Christian earned the Team Sportsmanship Award.

Also named to the first team along with Johnson and Seney were Burbank's Jen Jacobo and Taelyn Dyer; Liberty Christian's Emma Reed and Kenna Buratto of DeSales.

Named to the second team along with Culley and Benavides were Morgan Thomas and Lesley Arceo of DeSales; Liberty Christian's Hannah Bush and Bur-

bank's Talayjha Talley.

For the boys' team, Mason Finney was named to the EWAC second team.

Dayton-Waitsburg's Head Coach Roy Ramirez said by the end of the season things were clicking and showing what the team is capable and what it will be capable of next year.

"The last few weeks of the season we finally started playing like the team I thought we were," Ramirez said. "I thought going into the season that we would compete and challenge all the time. That just didn't materialize, mostly because we struggled in the second halves of games. We made some changes to our half-time routine and that really seemed to help.

"We had some very exciting games at the end and the boys did a great job competing and staying in those games all the way to the end and giving themselves a chance to win those games," he said. "We think next year will be a really good one. We have some very committed players and they are willing to put in the work."

More awards will be announced for all Dayton-Waitsburg athletes at the Winter Sports banquet on Thursday March 12th at 6 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Waitsburg's Elementary multi-purpose room. Dinner will be served first.



#10 Mason Finney was named to the EWAC second team.

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SPORTS

Mariners fans will need to be patient with retooled team

By Eric Umphrey | THE TIMES

Even a die-hard Mariners fan may want to buy a baseball program this year. Between the trades made at last season's trade deadline, Mariner free agents that were not re-signed, and the pitchers the team picked up at the beginning of the year, there have been a lot of changes. Most projection systems place them at the bottom of the American League West with win totals in the 60s. Improving on that total will fall to the three new pitchers likely to make the starting rotation: Justus Sheffield, Kendall Gravemen and Taijuan Walker.



Justus Sheffield, part of the James Paxton trade, should make the starting rotation this year. Early reports out of spring training suggest that he is now throwing a two-seam fastball instead of a four-seam fastball and that he has good command of the new pitch. Sheffield's talent level has always been limited by his fastball. His slider grades out at excellent, but his four-seam fastball was always considered below average due to its low spin rate and his problems controlling it. Because of this several evaluators suggested he would be better suited for a bullpen role. If Sheffield can continue to make the adjustment to the two-seamer, the Mariners

may have unlocked mid-rotation starter potential the Yankees staff couldn't.

Kendall Gravemen is another pitcher looking to make the starting rotation for the Mariners. He has spent the last two seasons recovering from Tommy John surgery. An early sign that his arm has fully healed is his fastball velocity has returned. He hit 94 mph on the radar gun in a March 1st game against the Chicago Cubs. When he started for Oakland, he topped out at 97 mph. So, to be already up to 94 mph in a March spring training game is great news.

Taijuan Walker is back with the team on a one year deal. Walker has recovered from Tommy John surgery after having two lost seasons with the Arizona Diamondbacks. He has struck out four batters in three innings of work so far in spring training. Walker also has a new pitch in his arsenal, a spike curveball. He used a curveball before with the Mariners but is able to control this new pitch better. Walker has four strikeouts in three innings pitched so far in spring training.

Justin Dunn, a top prospect on the team, will likely start the season in the minors this year. He's been impressive so far in spring training with ten strikeouts in six and two thirds innings. If someone in the starting rotation gets injured, Dunn is among a short list of call ups for the Mariners.

While the new pitching staff has a potential to be a huge improvement over last year's team it's important to temper expectations for this year. Two members of the starting rotation are pitching their first full years after Tommy John surgery and a third will be a rookie looking to prove he can stick in the majors for a full season.

Sportsmanship shown by the area teams restores enjoyment of basketball

By Dave Schreindl | THE TIMES

As adults we sometimes get way too involved in our kid's athletic events. I know I have fallen down that rabbit hole a few times with my own kids and now again recently with my semi-adopted kids, the ones I cover as a member of the *Waitsburg Times* writing staff. I have had to remind myself that I need to be more neutral and objective, but it can be difficult when you really care about the players doing well.

Most of us have seen the stories with the out-of-control parent or the overly aggressive athlete or even former Indiana Coach Bob Knight's infamous toss of the chair across the court. The story that still hits home to me as a former baseball umpire is the 13-year-old umpire at a Little League game who made a call that parents and coaches disagreed with, resulting in a brawl in front the seven-year-old players. What outcome of an athletic contest can ever justify this type of behavior? Are we so obsessed with winning that we can allow ourselves to become monsters?

I quit following and having any interest in professional basketball back in 1999 after the basketball strike. It doesn't help that my favorite team, the Seattle Super Sonics, no longer exists, and no I'll never get on board the Oklahoma bandwagon. The other reason I tired of basketball and at times all sports, is the smack talk that seems to be going on, and even glorified at times because to me that behavior takes so much enjoyment away from the game itself.

One of the reasons I might have gotten too involved in a game early this season had a lot to do with the opposite of what I have described. I recently relearned to love basketball by returning to the reporter's chair and specifically from watching the Dayton-Waitsburg basketball teams. One of the first instances I witnessed good sportsmanship was my first game in the Dayton gym in several decades. I saw it time after time there would be bodies flying and someone on the D-W team would reach over and either apologize for the hard hit and/or help the player up off the ground. I also witnessed these behaviors from other

teams and their fans while on the road. It felt good to return home to good people.

But the event that really opened my eyes to the true character of the players in the Touchet Valley happened in late December, again in the Dayton gym. D-W played a very physical contest against visiting Riverview of Finley, Wash. They were clearly outplayed but the team never whined or complained or quit. Also, something took place that I felt was incredibly unsportsmanlike, it came from the play of the other team as they kept the full-court press on even late into the fourth quarter of the game up by over 20 points.

For me, as a witness, I felt kind of bitter towards the opposing team and felt the Dayton-Waitsburg boys' team could have been justified in holding a grudge. Yet, as I was standing outside the locker room waiting to interview the players and coach, I saw several D-W players saying kind words and well wishes to the other team as Riverview players exited the building. And while doing so they showed no bitterness or hard feelings. I felt humbled and amazed to learn such an amazing lesson at the feet of those I should be more of an example to.

By their example I truly learned the meaning of sportsmanship. I also learned the value of having the proper perspective on all athletic contests. Ideally, we'd like to win every game, but we also learn so much from adversity and losing as we do from victory. Over the season I have come to see many such examples of kind acts, kind words, and the value of what sportsmanship truly is and that it isn't always about winning but about improving as a person. It's also just about enjoying the experience and loving what you are doing.

I have come to really admire and enjoy the athletes of this Valley and look forward to watching many more contests in the future from these high-quality individuals who have been raised well.

Photo by Eric Umphrey

Evan Bartels of Pomeroy helps up Colton VanBlaricom after the two collided.



D-W TRACK SCHEDULE

Date	Day	Opponent	Location	Start time
3/20/20	Fri.	Wind Breaker (*)	Wahluke	3:30
3/24/20	Tue.	District 7/9 1B-2B	Clarkston I	3:00
3/31/20	Tue.	Small Schools Invite 1.0	Dayton	3:00
4/4/20	Sat.	4th Annual Clay Lewis Invite (\$)	Hanford Stadium	10:30
4/8/20	Wed.	SE WA Track Meet	Pomeroy	3:00
4/10/20	Fri.	K-Valley Rally (&)Kittitas	Kittitas	2:30
4/14/20	Tue.	EWAC League Meet	Columbia Burbank	3:30
4/17/20	Fri.	Sexton Memorial 1B-2B	Mabton	3:00
4/18/20	Sat.	MacDougal Invite (@)	Colfax	10:00
4/18/20	Sat.	Pasco Invite (!)	Pasco	9:30
4/25/20	Sat.	Prosser Rotary Invite (!)	Prosser	3:00
5/4/20	Mon.	SE WA Track Invite	Pomeroy	3:00

*Top 3 athletes in each event, 1 relay, top 2 in javelin and 400m

\$ Top 4 athletes in each event, 1 relay

& Likely entry limits

@ Top three athletes in each event, one relay

!Must meet high qualifying standards

PRESCOTT TRACK SCHEDULE

Date	Day	Location	Start Time
3/20/20	Friday	Wahluke	3:30PM
3/26/20	Thursday	Finley	3:30PM
4/2/20	Thur	Lapwai ID	3:00PM
4/14/20	Tuesday	Colfax	3:15PM
4/17/20	Friday	Mabton	3:30PM
4/21/20	Tuesday	Spangle	3:00PM
4/28/20	Tuesday	Clarkston	3:00PM
5/4/20	Monday	Pomeroy	3:00PM
5/12/20	Tuesday	Prescott	2:00PM
5/22/20	Friday	Spokane	4:00PM
5/23/20	Saturday	Spokane	12:00AM
5/28/20	Thursday	State Tournament	12:00AM



Dayton School Board examines grad requirements, coronavirus, and the mascot issue

By Dave Schreindl | THE TIMES

A normally low-key Dayton School Board meeting took a turn for the serious Wednesday Mar. 4 when talk of the coronavirus and the naming of the Dayton-Waitsburg athletic combine mascot came up after not being on the initial agenda.

With it being the overwhelmingly consuming news topic, it only seemed appropriate to discuss how the Dayton school district is handling the potential of threat of an invading illness. Currently the district has not seen an impact on attendance.

Superintendent Doug Johnson wanted to reassure the board and the public that the district is doing several things to keep the students safe and prepared. The first step has been to bring in extra janitorial staff during the week to thoroughly sanitize the schools frequently throughout the week. The other step the staff at the schools have been taking is both encouraging and teaching the students to regularly wash their hands. Johnson shared a story of how he overheard elementary aged students singing their ABCs in order to make sure they washed for the suggested 20 seconds.

Johnson stated the district has no plans to shut down the schools and will only do so if the county health board says they must. Johnson pointed out despite rumors and emails that there was no chicken pox outbreak.

News was also presented regarding the name of the mascot and the results of the D-W Athletic Combine Committee meeting. The message from the Dayton ASB was a resounding yes as to the fact the process of voting and choosing of a mascot was flawed. They felt the process was rushed.

Board member and Athletic Combine Committee member David Bailey said that they will undergo a new process and that he is determined to make sure this time they get it right, no matter how long it takes. Thus, it appears the next step is to take this back to the

D-W Athletic Combine Committee at its next meeting on Monday Mar. 16 at the Dayton School Board room. At that meeting more information should be provided as to how the process of naming the mascot will move forward and be completed. All those who wish to have a voice in the process are encouraged to attend.

The other two elements on the agenda were high school graduation pathways and facilities projects finished and upcoming. High school teacher and academic counselor Kristine Warren used an effective PowerPoint to visualize to the board the eight different "pathways" students can now take to graduate. She went into detail on each path and stated she starts working with students as early as eighth grade to start formulating plans to personalize the graduation plan for each student. Warren also discussed Open Doors, which is a program through Walla Walla Community College in which students who choose not to finish at Dayton can still get a high school diploma.

Johnson shared with the board updates on facility projects. The completed projects included the asphalt project at the elementary school loading zone; the boilers for the main campus, the shops and bus garage by Honeywell were repaired; the school's communication systems were updated by upgrading phones, speakers and warning lights by Tri Tech Communications; the high school roofs (both flat and sloped) were replaced by Garland and Company; the exterior doors were replaced campus-wide by Builders Hardware; and concrete repairs to the school's sidewalks were done by Summit Construction. The total cost was just over a \$1 million.

With about \$250,000 remaining, projects that can be possibly approved at the next board meeting on Wednesday Mar. 18 include roof repairs to the administration building, bus garage and agriculture shop; the covered elementary play area; irrigation for the football/track complex; additional surveillance cameras; electronic key access to doors; and the entry doors to the high school gym.

PIONEER PORTRAITS

Ten Years Ago
March 17, 2011

[Photo caption] The months-long logistical project for the components of the Lower Snake River Wind Energy Project in Garfield County has begun. Here, a transport of a nacelle makes its way through Waitsburg on Highway 12. It's the part that sits behind the three blades and hub, and generates the electricity from the mill's rotation. In all, truckers are making nearly 1,192 trips to bring the major components for 149 towers to their construction sites in Garfield County and will be coming through the Touchet Valley through June.

Main Street's new Anchor, seated on an original bar stool, project manager Jim German points to the first bay of the former American Legion building which owner Charles Smith is turning into a new "working man's bar."

In the footsteps of the Troublemakers, The up-and coming Rezonators perform a benefit for the aviary. "We wanted to follow in the footsteps of the Troublemakers," said 12-year-old Emily Adams of Waitsburg. And without hesitation, that's what they are doing.

Twenty-Five Years Ago
March 9, 1995

Bill Thompson, of Waitsburg, a member of the City Council since 1988, announced Tuesday that he won't seek re-election this year.

[Photo caption] Kyle Aronson and Stevie Harshman share a computer at the library in Waitsburg during an after-school program sponsored by Readiness to Learn.

Cardinal basketball player Eric Wyatt was named to the first team all-conference, it was announced last week.

The Waitsburg 4-H dog obedience club will hold their first spring meeting at Preston Park on Friday, March 10 at 5 p.m. Members are asked not to bring their dogs. Only the most obedient will be allowed.

Delbert Mock was nominated to fill the Waitsburg City Council seat being vacated by Bill Thompson. In fact, it was Thompson who nominated Mock at the city caucus.

Fifty Years Ago
March 12, 1970

Elmer Hazelbaker, long-time Waitsburg Fire Chief, was presented with a fishing pole at the Firemen's annual dinner last Saturday evening.

Jeff Broom arrived Monday from Champlin, Minn. to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Broom.

Bertha M. Estes, the first queen of the Pendleton Round-Up and a resident of Walla Walla since 1915, died Saturday evening at a local hospital. She was 81.

Small distributors who have had trouble breaking even under Washington's new wine law aren't the only people unhappy with it.

Seventy-Five Years Ago
March 16, 1945

A number of basketball fans from Waitsburg attended the University of Oregon-WSC basketball play-off at Pullman Saturday night. Kenneth Hays, a graduate of Wait-Hi in 1943, plays center on the Oregon team.

Regardless of whether the groundhog saw his shadow February 2 or not, spring is officially here, the weatherman and all other gloominaries to the contrary notwithstanding. Baseball has taken the place of basketball. Marbles have shared the limelight too, and the war cry of "gimme back my migs" has been the inspiration of many a violent verbal battle.

One Hundred Years Ago
March 19, 1920

A. J. Woodworth this week sold his confectionery and tobacco business, including all his fixtures and stock of goods to Merrill H. Cox of this city, and the new proprietor has taken possession.

Born last Thursday, March 11, to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph G. Lloyd a daughter weighing 9 ¼ pounds. This young lady is the first girl in the family so Mrs. and Mrs. Lloyd are "tickled to death."

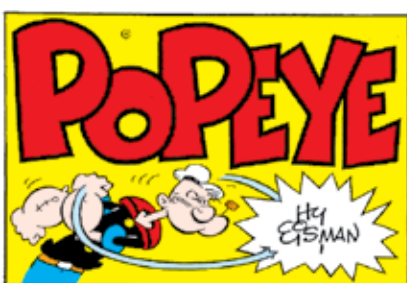
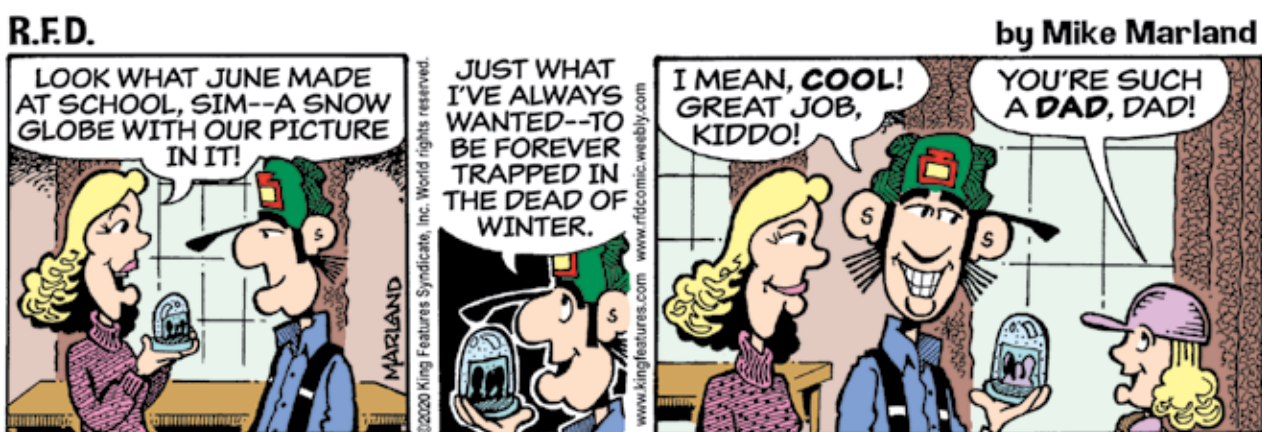
S. W. Hinchliffe and wife Eva Kahler and the hired man took a sleigh ride to J. W. Jones' on Strawberry Ridge Monday night and got in a snow drift and had to cut the fence and go through the field.

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago
March 22, 1895

Two train loads of clay are being hauled each day from Dixie for brickmaking at the penitentiary. A gang of twenty prisoners do the shoveling. They are securely shackled to prevent any attempt at escape.

Rev. W. G. M. Hays preached Sunday evening. There's a man that will be missed, for he is an active man of much ability, and all his talents are used in the right direction.

Fred Aldrich and his team had a little spat last Friday; but judging from Fred's head and the dilapidated condition of his buggy, the team did the biggest part of the spitting.

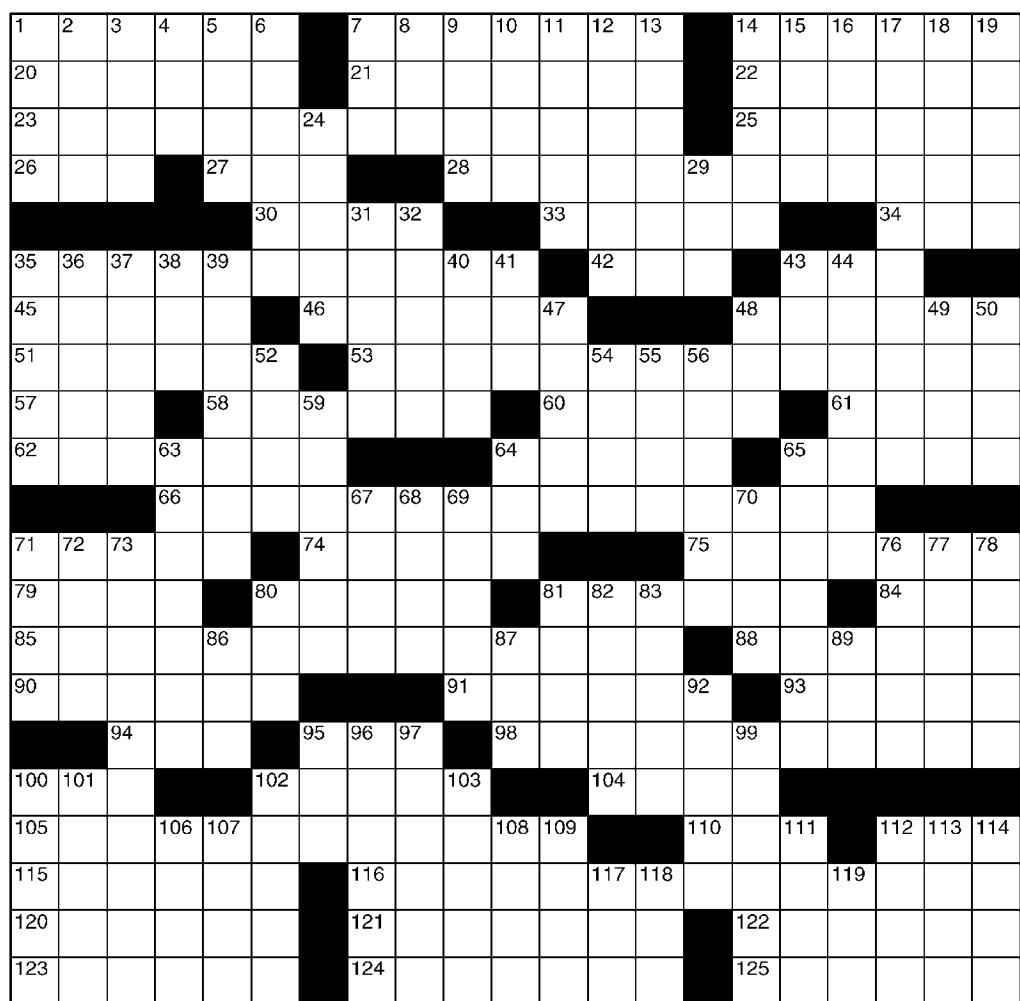


FUN & GAMES

"CAN'T YOU SEE I'M DIZZY?!"

Super Crossword

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- 1 Bar mitzvah language
 - 7 Its capital is Montgomery
 - 14 Old jazz buff
 - 20 Henry II player Peter
 - 21 Horse feed supporter
 - 22 106-Down on Cal Ripken's cap
 - 23 Amaze a Sherlock Holmes
 - 25 — acid (corrosive liquid)
 - 26 — -mo
 - 27 Brighton brew
 - 28 12-month famine?
 - 30 Trendy berry in juices
 - 33 Shire of film
 - 34 Goddess of the dawn
 - 35 Singer Brown got dressed?
 - 42 Gridiron gains: Abbr.
 - 43 Pen giant
 - 45 Make reparations
 - 46 Cosa — (Mafia's kin)
 - 48 Areas of expertise
 - 51 Provides party platters
 - 53 Determine which team scored?
 - 57 Supper scrap
 - 58 "Egypt — up like a flood": Jeremiah 46:8
 - 60 "NO TURN —" (traffic sign)
 - 61 Octa- plus one
 - 62 Relative of a résumé
 - 64 Judge on the bench, e.g.
 - 65 Bee creation
 - 66 Fact about a consolidation loan?
 - 71 Two-spot
 - 74 University in Atlanta
 - 75 In — (owing)
 - 79 Old science magazine
 - 80 Balance pan
 - 81 Pittsburgh's Carnegie — University
 - 84 Instructors' org.
 - 85 Sub-shop blaze?
 - 88 Relative key of B minor
 - 90 Michelangelo work
 - 91 California wine region
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 - 104 School in Berkshire
 - 105 Road named after singer Deanna?
 - 110 Seeded loaf
 - 112 — Alamos, California
 - 115 Thinking the world of
 - 116 What to do to socks that tear every 24 hours?
 - 120 Appear
 - 121 Asinine
 - 122 Late actress Brennan
 - 123 Hot- — (drag racer)
 - 124 Turn from a straight line
 - 125 Say "no" to
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- 1 Mortar trays
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 - 3 TV clown
 - 4 "Frasier" woman
 - 5 Jazz singer
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 - 8 Truckload
 - 9 Deadly pale
 - 10 Neuwirth of "Frasier"
 - 11 "If I Had —"
 - 12 American avant-garde artist
 - 13 Antediluvian
 - 14 Toyota rival
 - 15 Iroquois foe
 - 16 Falafel bread
 - 17 Amendment
 - 18 Samuel of justice
 - 19 PC whizzes
 - 24 Intel mission
 - 29 Hi- — (stereos)
 - 31 Positive pole
 - 32 Atlas feature
 - 35 Son of Isaac
 - 36 Video game name
 - 37 Catchphrase
 - 38 Phenyl ender
 - 39 Saw-toothed
 - 40 Ingrain
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 - 43 Jazz genre
 - 44 Limonite, e.g.
 - 47 Worship
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 - 49 Kin of -ess
 - 50 Don't depart
 - 52 Uses a stool
 - 54 Writer Blyton
 - 55 Grove plant
 - 56 Kind of tea
 - 59 — Field (Mariners' stadium)
 - 63 Most chancy
 - 64 "— will be done"
 - 65 Very irate
 - 67 Arabian Sea country
 - 68 Actor's part
 - 69 Long lock of hair
 - 70 Stomped
 - 71 Tip, as a hat
 - 72 Arab bigwig
 - 73 Frank and open
 - 76 Pear variety
 - 77 Corp. shuffling
 - 78 Mother of Isaac
 - 80 — -cone
 - 81 List of dishes
 - 82 Get hitched on the fly
 - 83 Maximum
 - 86 Post-OR area
 - 87 OR worker
 - 89 Before now
 - 92 Prettify
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TEENY MCMUNN: MY RECIPE BOX

Sheet Pan Brown Sugar Pork Chops

Joe fixed this for dinner and it is surprisingly easy and surprisingly good. A little bit of chopping and it's ready to go. The ingredients are simple and what we mostly had on hand. (I had to get some apples)



We had a butternut squash from the summer bounty that needed to be used. We used 3 bone-in pork chops, instead of 6 small boneless ones. If you don't have squash, I'm thinking Brussel sprouts would be good, potatoes, or any root vegetable

This does not, in my opinion, come off too sweet. The chili powder makes it a good balance, and also does not make it tangy.

INGREDIENTS:

- 6 boneless pork chops
- ¼ c. brown sugar
- 1 tsp chili powder
- 1 tsp garlic salt
- 1 tsp paprika
- ½ tsp kosher salt
- ¼ tsp pepper
- 1 apple sliced
- 2 c. butternut squash, diced

DIRECTIONS:

Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Mix all spice ingredients together in a mixing bowl (sugar through pepper)

Dip each side of the pork chops in the spice mixture and place on a sheet.

Toss sliced apples and butternut squash in spice mixture and pour into the sheet pan.

Drizzle pork chops and vegetables generously with olive oil. Bake for 25-30 minutes, depending on the thickness of your pork chops. You want the internal temperature to reach 140 degrees.

Note on recipe—I lined my sheet pan with parchment but you don't need to. In fact, I think you get more browning if you put it on a naked sheet pan.

MY NOTES:

I thought that the spices weren't going to be enough but it was though we had only three pork chops, fairly good sized. What was left was plenty for the vegetables.

We used smoked paprika because that is what we had. I cut up two apples because I like the apple/squash combination.

Joe's idea of "drizzle generously" and my idea is a ways apart, so we had extra oil in the pan after baking. But it did not taste oily. I believe there is an olive oil sprayer, right? That would be perfect.

We had a fair amount of vegetables left, so we're going to reheat them and have with chicken tonight.

ENJOY ☺

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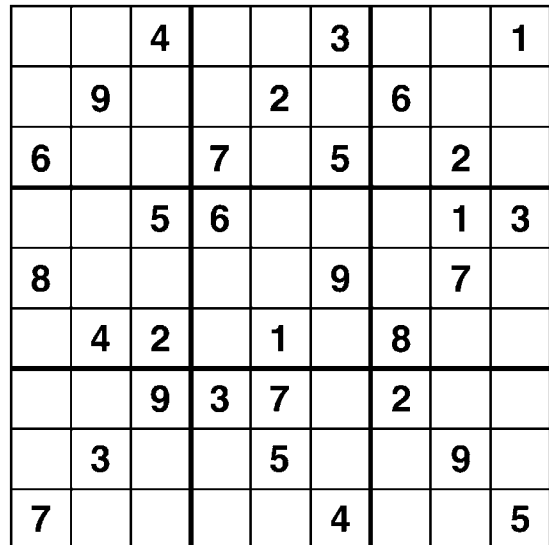
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

- ◆ Moderate
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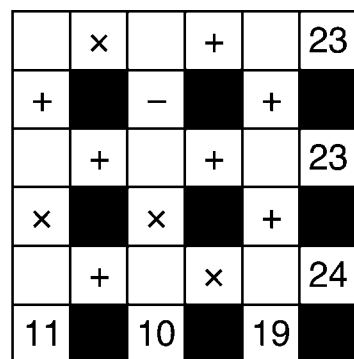
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WAITSBURG GUESS WHO

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.



DIFFICULTY: ★★★

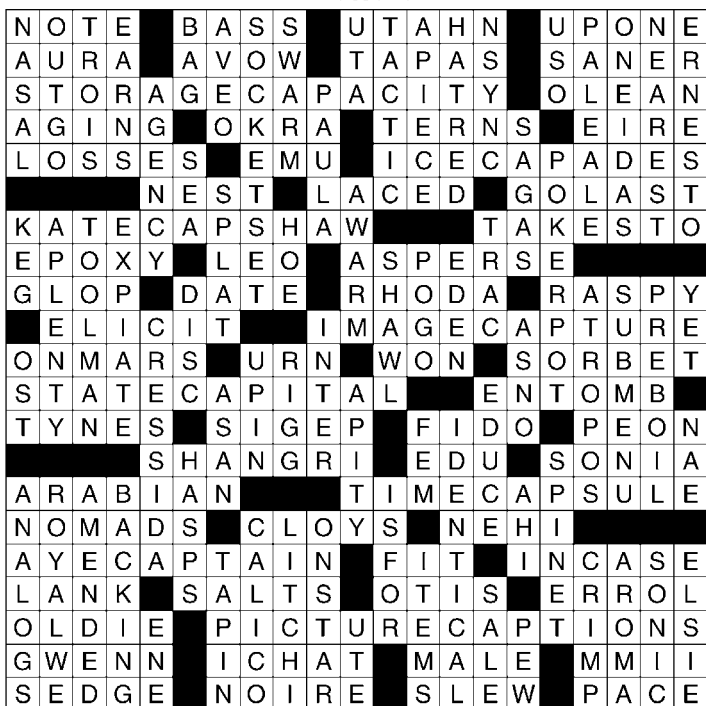
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- ★★ Difficult
- ★★★ GO FIGURE!

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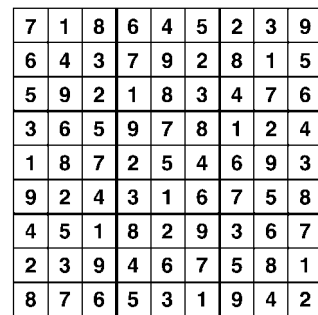
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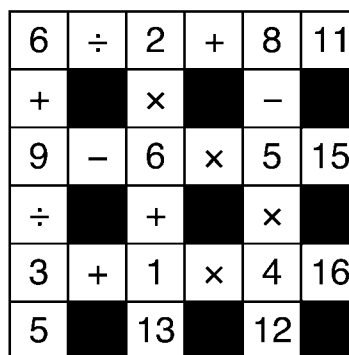
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Answer



Go Figure!

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Memories—the Liberty Theater’s 2020 Variety Show onstage March 21-23

Musical numbers from the theater’s history sure to recall good times

By Tracy Thompson | THE TIMES

Dayton’s Liberty Theater and the Touchet Valley Arts Council (TVAC) presents *Memories the 2020 Variety Show* on Friday, March 20 and Saturday, March 21 at 7 p.m. and on Sunday, March 22 at 3 p.m. Tickets are available at libertytheater.org.

This dynamic event will feature musical numbers from 18 of the Theater’s previous shows, with performers young and not quite so young, including eight-year-old Kayla Kuykendall and veteran performer Jack McCaw, a spritely 93.

The show this year is being co-directed by Peggy James and her daughter Cara James, with Peggy recreating her character “Queenie” as co-host of the performance, along with Mike Ferrians in the role of Theater Manager.

Peggy James noted that daughter Cara is taking the lead as director. “She is very energetic, she probably has got more musical and dance talent than I do, and

she has played the piano and is very motivated.”

Long-time piano accompanist Jim Thorn returns as he has for all of the previous variety shows. Costume designer Mary Luce is once again fashioning the costumes from previous shows, and Peggy notes, “She is very exact and very authentic, she likes things to be of the era and she has a beautiful, beautiful wardrobe of costumes.”

“The show is going to be a lot of fun and a lot of memories for a lot of people that have seen all the big shows, and definitely continue to support this wonderful little theater and the art we bring to the community and the amount of talent we have in the community,” said Peggy.

The mission of TVAC is to promote and preserve arts and culture in the Touchet Valley and beyond. TVAC believes that a community enriched with art and culture is a stronger, healthier, and more resilient one.

TVAC is underway with a fundraising effort to encourage people to support this vital community organization with a gift of \$20, \$200, or \$2,020 to their “2020 Celebration Fund.” TVAC also invites readers to share a story about how the Liberty Theater has enriched your life, contact them with your donation or story at info@libertytheater.org.



Photos by Michael Luce

Clockwise from the top: *Willy Wonka* (2018). Left: Sean Calvert as Willy Wonka. Front row Oompa Loompas: Isaac Jaech, Claire Calvert, (hidden) Kayla Kuykendall, Joel Calvert, Nina Jaech, Daniela Souza. Back row: Dawn Spitler, Sagelyn Kilts, Janae Helm, Jordyn Helm, (behind) Ellie Calvert, Alexxys Draper, Johanna Pitcher, Rebecca Smith, Melany Lane, and Heather Linn

Elizabeth Arebalos-Jagelski as Mother, Mike Ferrians as Old Man in a *Christmas Story* (2016)

From *Oklahoma* (2002)- seated: Roz Edwards as Aunt Eller. Standing: Mike Ferrians as Curly, and Shelly Froese Franklin as Laurey, with Randy Pearson at the piano.

Wizard of Oz (2015)- foreground: Chad Pearson as Tin Man, Savannah McFarland Vance as Dorothy, Cougar Henderson as Scarecrow background: Margaret Terry, Argina Williams and Melody Reeves as trees

Fiddler on the Roof (2008) starring Steve Edwards as Tevye.



STEPS IN PLACE - FROM PAGE 1

The University of Washington and two commercial labs are processing requests for tests.

Dr. Terry is advising people with fever, cough, and trouble breathing to call the Waitsburg Clinic at: (509) 337-6311 or the Columbia Family Clinic at: (509) 382-3200, if there are concerns.

“You will be asked a series of questions to determine your risks for COVID-19. You will then be given recommendations about where to go to access care,” he said.

Columbia County Fire District 3 is following the Washington State Department of Health protocols.

Fire Chief Jeromy Phinney at Columbia County Fire District 3, said Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) will utilize personal protective equipment when transporting people who have symptoms of COVID-19. This includes masks, goggles, and gowns.

Columbia County Health System CEO Shane McGuire said it is important that people who are experiencing respiratory distress, and who call 911 for help, communicate any COVID-19 concerns to the dispatcher, in order to protect the EMTs.

“As a community, they are a precious resource and if we had even one crew exposed, it could hamper their ability to respond to medical emergencies,” he said.

Dispatchers will have questions they will ask callers who suspect COVID-19, in advance of emergency personnel arrival.

Patients being transported to Dayton General Hospital will be met by staff in the parking lot, wearing proper personal protective equipment, and the patients will be brought to an isolation room for treatment, through an isolated entry.

Walk-in patients will be assessed for initial criteria and if COVID-19 is suspected they will be escorted through the isolated entry, and into the isolated treatment room, he said.

“We have added additional signage at the entrances, and have asked all staff, patients, and visitors to increase hand sanitization protocols,” he said.

McGuire said hospital staff may require visitors to the hospital to hand-sanitize before being permitted entry into care areas.

Doug Johnson, Superintendent of Dayton Public Schools, said students and parents are being educated in common preventative measures, and school custodians are implementing best practices for cleaning, disinfecting, and sanitizing every day.

“We have contacted our local Health Department for assistance and guidance. We will continue to communicate with them as long as needed,” he said. “In the event of an emergency, the District will collaborate with the community health officials to determine any actions to be taken, including the decision to close school,



Courtesy Photos

The isolation room at Dayton General Hospital where patients with novel coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms will be treated.

or to exclude students or staff from attending.”

Dr. Terry said, “Our local communities have shown a remarkable ability to work together in difficult times, like our response to the recent flooding. Working together we will get through this, as well.”

On Feb. 29, Washington Gov. Jay Inslee declared a state of emergency because of COVID-19, after a 50-year-old man in Kirkland, Wash. died after contracting the disease.

As of Tuesday of this week, the state death toll stood at 24, with 267 confirmed cases according to the state Department of Health.

Questions about COVID-19 can be answered by calling the Columbia County Public Health Department at: (509) 382-2181, or by calling the state DOH hotline at: 1-800-525-0127.

For accurate updates go to cdc.gov/covid-19 and www.doh.wa.gov.