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Waitsburg second grader and Walla Walla Swim Club member Sydney Smith competed in the 50-yard butterfly at the 2025 Storm Swim Meet in Walla Walla.

THIS WEEK



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WAITSBURG YOUTH SWIMMERS HAVE SUCCESS AT WINTER MEETS

By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — Waitsburg Elementary School students Sydney and Cooper Smith made the Walla Walla Swim Club in 2024. The pair's parents, Kortney and Greg Smith are proud of their second and third-graders, who have made quite a splash in recent competitions with the swim club.

On December 6 through 8, 2024, Sydney and Cooper competed in the 2024 Spokane WAVES Aquatic Team (SWAT) Winter Invite at Whitworth College. Sydney competed in six events and won the High Point Award in the 8-and-under (8U) girls' category. Brother Cooper competed in five events and took home a personal best in the 100-freestyle. This year's SWAT Winter Invite hosted nine teams for the event.

The Smith kids have continued their success with the swim club competing in the 2025 Storm Swim Meet at Whitman College's Harvey Pool on January 4 and 5.

Cooper competed in the 9-10 age group at the Storm Meet and dropped seven seconds for a personal record (PR) in the 50-yard freestyle. He also had a PR by dropping 19 seconds off his 100-yard freestyle time. Cooper also competed in the 50-yard breaststroke, 50-yard backstroke, and the 50-yard butterfly. His 10U team placed first in the 200-yard freestyle relay.

Sydney competed in events in the 8U group and two 10U relays. She placed first in the 25-yard backstroke (PR), 100-yard back, 100-yard freestyle, and 100-individual medley (PR). She competed in the 50-yard freestyle, 25-yard butterfly (PR), 25-yard breaststroke (PR), 50-yard backstroke (PR), and the 50-yard butterfly.

The Storm Swim Meet hosted ten teams, with almost 200 swimmers participating. Teams came from Moses Lake, Wenatchee, Pasco, Richland, Walla Walla-Waitsburg, Yakima, LaGrande, Lewis Clark, and Ellensburg.

Congratulations to Cooper and Sydney Smith on their swimming success. Anyone interested in competitive swimming and the Walla Walla Swim Club can visit www.gomotionapp.com/eam/iewwsc/page/home for more information.



Karen Huwe

Cooper Smith (top) dives at the start of the relay with his motto "Eat my bubbles" painted on his back.

Bertha Clayton sworn in for WWCC, District 1

By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA — Bertha Clayton was sworn in as Walla Walla County Commissioner for District 1 on Tuesday, December 31, at the Walla Walla County Commissioner's office in Walla Walla.

Clayton, an attorney and the Office of Agricultural and Seasonal Workforce Services director, unseated incumbent Jenny Mayberry in November's general election. A Waitsburg High School graduate, the first-time elected official unseated Jenny Mayberry in the November elections.

Before being sworn in, Clayton thanked all involved in her successful campaign, many of whom were in the room of over 60 attendees. As she said in her campaign, she promised always to be prepared and informed, be kind, and be a champion for the services the county provides its citizens.

Walla Walla Superior Court Commissioner Patricia Fulton swore in Clayton. Fulton was elected as the first Walla Walla County Superior Court Judge, and her Investiture Ceremony will take place on Friday, January 10 at 4 p.m. at the Walla Walla County Courthouse at 315 W. Main Street, Walla Walla. Fulton will start her duties on January 13.



Karen Huwe

Commissioner Bertha Clayton is sworn in by judge-elect Patricia

Cardinal High School Basket- ball back from break

THE TIMES

WAITSBURG–The Waitsburg Cardinal High School basketball teams learned how hard it is to compete after a two-week break, dropping the girls' and boys' games at Dayton on Friday, January 3.

Before the break, the boys finally saw many good things happening. Coach Westin Wallace hopes his team will hold themselves accountable and keep working.

Logan Seal scored nine points. Dayton won 66-24.

The girls fought hard, but early foul trouble kept key players out of the game, said Coach Kira Waggoner. "We played solid defense. We will keep working and look forward to playing the Bulldogs on our home court," she added.

Alyssa Hollingsworth scored 14 points in the 57-20 loss.

The Cardinals' JV team played two quarters of basketball against the Bulldogs and won 12-9 on a buzzer-beater three-point basket by Tyler Coulston.

NEWS BRIEFS

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AT THE LIBERTY: "Gladiator 2"

THE TIMES

DAYTON — From legendary director Ridley Scott, Gladiator II continues the epic saga of power, intrigue, and vengeance set in Ancient Rome. Years after witnessing the revered hero Maximus's death at his uncle's hands, Lucius (Paul Mescal) is forced to enter the Colosseum after his home is conquered by the tyrannical Emperors who now lead Rome with an iron fist. With rage in his heart and the future of the Empire at stake, Lucius must look to his past to find strength and honor to return the glory of Rome to its people.

"Gladiator 2" has received a 71% favorable rating from critics on Rotten Tomatoes. They say the movie is "an action extravaganza that derives much of its strength and honor from Denzel Washington's scene-stealing performance." With an audience rating of 88%, one contributor said it is "an exciting sequel. It picks up the story with intense action and emotional depth".

The movie is rated R for bloody violence, and its runtime is 148min.

Following "Gladiator 2" on January 10 through 14 is "Sonic the Hedgehog 3" from January 17 through 21, the live production of "The Witch in 204" from January 24 through 26, and "A Complete Unknown" on January 31 through February 4.

The theater will hold an information meeting for the "Songs of the Elements" Variety Show on Wednesday, January 8 at 6 p.m. in the Liberty Theater Annex. Auditions will be on Thursday, January 9, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Liberty Theater Annex and Saturday, January 11, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the theater auditorium

"The Witch in 204" is an entertaining and hilarious story of ageless romance and true love between a cast of lively seniors (55+.) Tickets are on sale now for the live production at libertytheater.org and at the theater's box office on Tuesdays and Fridays between 2 and 5 p.m., in person or by phone (509)382-

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January 10-14

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BIRTHDAYS

January 9: Jarod Gag- January 13: Wes Ronon, Jennifer Nichols, mine, Janine John, Me-Angela Crawford, Tim Estes, Nicholas Carpenter, Gail Thames, Gerri Glover, Trevor McGee, and Jarod Gagnon.

10: January Caden McCaw, Todd Harris, Cynthia Graham, Roddy Krause, Andy Hermanns, Kimberly Neal, Kyle Huwe, Amanda and Ashley Danforth, Kelly Zuger, and Denise Winnett.

January 11: Krista McKinley, Bettina Anderson, Raymond Reed and Jay McKinley, Deborah Larsen.

January 12: Scott Reese, Alice Davey, Ron Miller, Yvonne Gusse, Nicholas Leid and Molly Payne.

gan Withers, and Kevin House.

January 14: Maxine Cecil, Janice Davis and Greg Smith, Jaylee Dunleavy.

January 15: Kayla Turner, Allene Severtsen, Baker, Wade Glenn Done, Melinda Lambert, Justin Kirk, Jesse Archer, and Jack Sherlock.

January 16: Colleen Mc-Coy, Patty White, and Rueben Stokes.



SNOW THROWER SAFETY TIPS: KEEP BEST PRACTICES IN MIND THIS WINTER

THE TIMES

ALEXANDRIA, VA - The Outdoor Power Equipment Institute (OPEI) reminds users that clearing snow and ice from driveways, sidewalks, and parking lots is no small job. Many rely on outdoor power equipment, and keeping safety in mind is essential. The OPEI offers safety tips on its website, opei.org.

"Weather today is unpredictable. You need to have your snow thrower serviced and ready to power up," says OPEI President and CEO Kris Kiser. "Review your owner's manual to use your equipment safely," Kiser says preparation is key and that home and business owners should consider the following:

Review your equipment's owner's manual for safe operation. If the manual cannot be found, look it up online and store a copy on your computer so it's available for reference in the future. Review how to operate controls. Be able to shut off equipment quickly.

Check your equipment. Snow throwers should be powered off when being inspected. Adjust all cables and check the auger.

Maintain and charge batteries. Locate the batteries for your snow thrower and charge them fully before it snows.

Purchase the correct fuel for equipment. Be sure to use the proper fuel recommended by the equipment's manufacturer. For most gasoline-powered snow throwers, that is E10 or less. Fuel stations are often closed after a storm, so buy gasoline before storms. Fuel that is more than 30 days old can have phase separation causing operating problems. For more information on fueling properly visit www. opei.org/programs/ethanolwarning/.

Store and use fuel properly. Place gasoline in a proper fuel container and label it with the date purchased and the ethanol content. Store fuel safely and out of the reach of children. Fill the fuel tank outside before starting the engine and while the engine is cold. Never add fuel to a running or hot engine.

Snow can sometimes hide objects. Doormats, hoses, balls, toys, boards, wires, and other debris should be removed from areas to be cleared. When run over by a snow thrower, these objects may harm the machine or people.

Prepare appropriate clothing and safety gear. Locate safety gear ahead of time and place it in an accessible closet or location. Wear safety glasses, gloves and footwear that can handle cold and slippery surfaces when operating the snow thrower.

Key safety tips: Never put your hands inside the auger or chute. Use a clean out tool to unclog snow or debris from the snow thrower. Your hands should never go inside the auger or chute.

Turn off the snow thower to clear clogs. If you need to remove debris or unclog snow, always turn off the snow thrower. Wait for all moving parts to come to a complete stop before clearing any clogs or

Always operate snow throwers and other clearing quipment in good visibility and light.

Never throw snow toward people or cars. Keep children or pets inside and away from your snow thrower when it is operating.

Use caution when changing directions on slopes. Do not attempt to clear steep slopes.

If using an electric powered snow thrower, be aware of where the power cord is at all times. Avoid tripping.



RED CROSS: HELP PREVENT BLOOD SHORTAGES IN 2025 BY GIVING BLOOD NOW

Donors have a chance to win a trip to Super Bowl LIX during National Blood Donor Month

THE TIMES

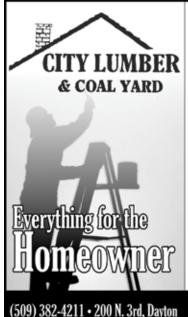
KENNEWICK, WA — The American Red Cross urges donors to make an appointment to give lifesaving blood in the new year to help keep the blood supply strong this winter. Type O-negative blood donors and those giving platelets are especially urged to give now to keep critical blood products on the shelves for needy patients.

The start of the new year is one of the most challenging times to collect blood products as the threat of severe winter weather builds and can often lead to widespread blood drive cancellations. An active cold and flu season may prevent people from keeping donation appointments as they rest and recover from illness. During National Blood Donor Month, the Red Cross celebrates those who generously roll up a sleeve to help save lives and urges those feeling well to make and keep donation appointments to help the blood supply stay on track throughout the

Don't sit on the sidelines - kick off 2025 with a blood donation. To book an appointment to donate, visit RedCrossBlood.org (https://tinyurl. com/4br8jrcn), download the Red Cross Blood Donor App (www.redcrossblood.org/blood-donor-app. html), or call 1-800-RED CROSS.

For the sixth year, the Red Cross and the National Football League are partnering for National Blood Donor Month in January to invite football fans and blood donors to join our lifesaving team and score big for needy patients. As a special thank-you to donors for helping address the need for blood during the critical post-holiday time, those who come to give Jan. 1-26, 2025, will be automatically entered for a chance to win an exciting Super Bowl LIX giveaway. The trip includes access to day-of in-stadium pre-game activities, tickets to the official Super Bowl Experience, round-trip airfare, three-night hotel accommodations (Feb. 7-10, 2025), plus a \$1,000 gift card for expenses. For full details, visit RedCross-Blood.org/SuperBowl.





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Holiday trees will go to build bird habitats

Festival trees will be re-purposed by Pheasants Forever

By Lane Gwinn | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG - Nicole Abel and her Waitsburg Ariculture Education students offer fresh cut trees to local businesses and clubs to decorate for the Festival of Trees. The students put up the trees before Hometown Christmas and pick them up again after New Year's Day.

The trees are decorated with battery powered lights and unbreakable but creative ornaments to bring color and cheer to the downtown streets. Trees also compete for recognition as the Hometown Christmas fan favorite. The trees were covered with flags, bovine, bagels, lights, daisies, cardinals, and fire retardants. This year, one of the most cleverly decorated tree was by the Waitsburg Fire

Department. It was partially burnt and decorated with a fire extinguisher under

On Monday, January 6, the trees were picked up by Abel, Ag Power and Technology students, and Pheasants Forever volunteer Eric Hockersmith. The kids loaded the trees into Hockersmith's trailer to become part of a bird habitat created by the Walla Walla chapter of Pheasants Forever.

The Blue Mountain Chapter of Pheasants Forever serves Columbia, Walla Walla, and Umatilla Counties. It is dedicated to habitat conservation, education, and local youth. The organization is preparing for its 34th Annual Banquet. The event will offer raffles and games, including the JROTC Raffle, Wall of Guns, Shotgun Pull, 50/50 Raffle, Live and Silent Auctions, and our Grand Prize Raffle. There are only 400 dinner tickets this year, and they will not be available at the door. Tickets are offered at the Pheasants Forever events page at https://tinyurl.com/3eaussmx.



(above) Members of Blue Mountain Pheasants Forever use holiday and other discarded fresh-cut trees to create bird habitats.

(below) Waitsburg High School Ag. Power and Technology class helped pick up this years Fesitval of Trees with the help of advisor Nicole Abel and Eric Hockersmith. All of the agriculture education classes participate in the Festival of Trees project for leadership experience.



Waitsburg High School Ag. Power and Technology class (I-r) Blake Benavides, Jared Hankins, Logan Seal, Tyler Coulston, Victor Whitmore, Chasity Paddock, Marion, Duncan, Connor Goulette, and Ryan Meier in front of collected trees.

Six Year Waitsburg Anniversary

By Vicki Sternfeld-Rossi | THE TIMES

Six years and counting. I think I'm a bit of an outlier; I am not a big Wicked fan. But a lyric keeps playing in my head, "Who can say if I've been changed for the better? But because I knew you, I have been changed for good." And that is how I feel about my move

here. I happily say, "I have no regrets."

That being said, I recently drove to Tri-cities to have heels put on two pairs of shoes. When I lived in Los Angeles, this was a five-minute walk to my neighborhood shoemaker. I never paid more than \$10 per pair in Los Angeles; the bill was \$35 per pair in the Tri-cities. The cost of gas and repairs was probably more than the shoes were worth. At least the no-traffic drive and Costco trip were reasonable compensation.

The mice have returned to the house, even though it's not yet that cold. They seem to be scouting out warm locations for the winter, and I've been relentless; my new middle name is "rodent

My garden has the winter blues. There are dead daylily leaves, cherry tomatoes left in the planters, and sage and rosemary hanging on by a thread. This week, we finally had to buy tomatoes, though we still have parsley, thyme, and oregano from our garden and a "field" of arugula on the side patio. All in all, it was pretty impressive for a December in the PNW.

My car has snow tires, and I am ready for winter driving. So far,

other than a few foggy days, my drives to Walla Walla have been easy. At some point, I may need to miss a tennis game or two to avoid black ice or icy fog.

Luckily, if I am temporarily housebound, I have my Mirror so I can work out at home with Mugsy to cheer me on. And in a pinch, I'm sure I'll find some binge-worthy shows on our various streaming apps. My knitting is also calling me.

I did a successful trial run of Albertson's delivery service and annual subscription app, so now, at the first sign of bad roads, I will be ready. Hopefully, grocery shopping online will lessen impulse buys. I usually shop after playing a few hours of tennis, and we know what happens when we shop hungry. Everything looks good, and it winds up in my cart. Restraint is not my MO.

My thermal underwear is unpacked, my warm fluffy socks are handy, and although not his favorite look, Mugsy's warm coat is hanging by his leash.

Meanwhile, the holidays here in Waitsburg include parties, such as Thanksgiving dinner with friends and open holiday houses. We hosted a Christmas and Chanukah dinner; with Daniel working long hours delivering packages, I did more of the cooking. And I managed not to accidentally poison anyone or burn the house down in the process.

Living in Waitsburg continues to be an adventure. It continues to bring new challenges and achievements—last year's challenge: a sinkhole developed in our backyard. Qualified people have looked at it, and right now, it will be sidelined, along with my seeds, gardening tools, sun dresses, and hats, until spring. We will wait to see what transpires and hope Mugsy or I don't fall in before it is resolved. A snow-filled sinkhole rescue for either of us is not something I want to add to my Waitsburg adventures.

Happy and healthy New Year to all, and stay safe!

405 W. Fifth, Waitsburg 382-2311 Fr. Steve Werner Waitsburg Presbyterian Church 504 Main Sunday School 8:45 a.m. Worship 10 a.m. 337-6589 Pastor Heidi Lum 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

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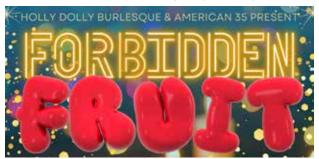
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Holly Dolly Burlesque & American 35 will present a burlesque and cabaret show designed to fulfill the secret wishlist you never received on Xmas! Tickets available at www.hollydollyburlesque.com



WALLA WALLA

Mythical / Movable **Blue Mountain Bluegrass Jam**



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Sunday, Jan. 19



FUN & GAMES

The Friendly Forest

By Jimmye L. Turner



Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps





"Unlike me, he's becoming more and more unbearable!"

Lunches

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504 Main Street 11 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Tuesday, January 14
Sloppy Joe
Fruit

Corn Salad



Thursday, Jan 9

Breakfast French Toast & Bacon

Lunch Teriyaki Chicken & Rice

Roasted Broccoli Mandarin oranges

Friday, Jan. 10 Breakfast

Breakfast Sandwich Lunch

Turkey Sub sandwich Caesar Salad Carrots, Apples

Something crunchy

Monday, Jan. 13

Breakfast

Pancakes & Sausage

Lunch

Pepperoni or Cheese Pizza Caesar Salad Carrots, Pineapple

Tuesday, Jan 14

Breakfast Biscuits & Gravy

Lunch Beef Nachos Fresh Toppings

Black Bean Salsa Apples

Wedneesday, Jan. 15Breakfast

Combo Bar & Biscuit

Lunch Chicken Sandwich

French Fries Caesar Salad Oranges



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LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR CHANGE/TRANSFER OF WATER RIGHT UNDER ONE (1) SUPERSEDING SURFACE WATER CERTIF-ICATE

TAKE NOTICE:
That Tom Bergevin of Walla
Walla, WA, on February 14,
2023 has made application for
change/transfer of water right
in order to change the place of
use as granted under
Superseding Surface Water
Certificate No. 10734(A).
That Superseding Surface
Water Certificate No. 10734(A)
authorizes the diversion of
1.847

cubic feet per second (cfs), 809.09 acre-feet per year, each year for the irrigation of 299.73

acres. (1.746 cfs from April 1 to July 1 and 1.847 cfs from October 1 to April 1, each

That the authorized point of diversion is from the Walla Walla River (BWOL Ditch) a tributary to

the Columbia River within the SE'\(^1\)NW'\(^4\) of Sec. 35, T. 7 N., R. 34 E.W.M., Walla Walla

WA. That the authorized place of use is within that portion of the W½ of Section 26, T. 7 N., R 34

E.W.M., lying north of US Route 12. That he proposes

to change a portion of the place of use of 18 acres to Lot Nos 2 and 3 of Survey File No. 2017-08573, recorded at the office of the Walla Walla County Auditor in Book 13 of Surveys at Page 54 (E1/2 of Sec. 34. T. 7 N., R. 34 E.W.M.) and 5.47 acres within the West 250 feet of the North 1900 feet of Parcel 1 of Survey File No. 2017-08573, recorded at the office of the Walla Walla County Auditor in Book 13 of Surveys at Page 54 (W1/2W1/2 of Sec. 35, T. 7 N., R. 34 E.W.M.) Walla Walla County, Washington, All within Walla Walla County, Washington. Protests or objections to approval of this application must include a detailed statement of the

basis for objections; protests must be accompanied by a fifty-(\$50.00) dollar recording fee and

filed with the Department of Ecology, at the address shown below, within thirty (30) days from

January 16, 2025. STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY WATER RESOURCES PRO-GRAM - ERO PO BOX 47611, OLYMPIA, WA 98504-7611 The Times Jan 9, 16, 2025

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA NO. 24 4 00289 36 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS In re the Estate of KATHERINE HOWELL WE-INGART.

Deceased.

The personal representative named below has been appointed as personal representative

of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim

would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the

manner as provided by RCW 11.40.070 by serving or mailing to the personal representative's

attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with

the court in which the probate proceedings were com-

presented within the later of: (1) Thirty (30) days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) Four (4) months after the date of first publication of this notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051, and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims

menced. The claim must be

assets.
Date of first publication: December 26, 2024
Personal Representative:
Michael E. de Grasse, 59 S.
Palouse Street, P. O. Box 494
Walla Walla, WA 99362
Walla Walla County Superior
Court Cause No.: 24 4 00289

against both the decedent's

probate and nonprobate

/s/: Michael E. de Grasse, Personal Representative The Times Dec 26, Jan 2,9, 2025 12-26-a

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PIONEER PORTRAITS

Ten Years Ago January 9, 2015



[Photo Caption] New Whiskey Creek Sports Bar & Grill general manager Gary Bales (l) stopped for a quick photo with restaurant investor Ken Cole, Jr. before heading to the work site to check on construction progress. The Whiskey Creek Sports Bar & Grill is right on track to open early this spring.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

January 6, 2000

The Washington wheat industry is keeping a close eye on Zak, a promising newcomer among soft white spring wheat varieties.

Zak's credentials look hard to beat. It has outstanding end-use quality, is tolerant to the Hessian fly, is resistant to stripe rust, and has higher yield potential than Wawawai, the main variety it is expected to replace in eastern Washington's high rainfall zones, which receive 20 inches or more of moisture a year.

Fifty Years Ago

January 6, 1975

Representatives of the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation will present a current status report on the Touchet Division of the Walla Walla project in Dayton on Thursday evening, January 9, at 7 p.m. in the exhibit building of the fairgrounds.

The original bill, introduced in 1964 by Sen. Henry Jackson, estimated the project cost at about \$16 million, but inflation has driven that figure past a later \$23 million projection.

In a preliminary announcement this past week, Perry Harrison, resources planner for the Bureau, said that his office will recommend reducing the height of the dam by 13 feet and cutting the capacity down to 45,000 acre feet. Another projection is to eliminate the fish passage facilities in favor of catching and transporting migratory fish. Harrison commented that even with the changes, the estimates of cost area now in the \$40 million range.

The project, as planned will provide irrigation water for about 13,000 acres of cropland, as well as provide significant protection against flooding in the Touchet Valley.

Seventy-Five Years Ago

January 13, 1950

N. B. Atkinson will be honored on his 91st birthday Sunday, January 15, at a family dinner at the home of his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Ray.

Rufus Emery Butler, MD. Age 93, died Tuesday night at Dayton Hospital where he had been ill for the past 17 months. Servies will be held Friday afternoon. He is survived by two sons and four grandsons.

Starlight Bluebirds met Monday night. We made paper beads and finished our Nature scrap books. Joan Otterson was snack hostess.

One Hundred Years Ago

January 16, 1925

The sexton's cottage at the Odd Fellows Cemetery occupied by Samp McCown caught fire Saturday afternoon about 2:30 presumably from an overheated stove. The blaze was extinguished before anything but the roof had been very badly damaged.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Bachman of Wilson Hollow entertained a number of relatives and friends at a turkey dinner Sunday honoring Miss Josephine Forgette. Other guests were Mrs. Kate Buehrer and Edward; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Jordan, Edward and Marion; Mr. and Mrs. Ad Clark; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bachmann, Frederic, Margaret and Barbara Ann; Newton Dumond, Violet and Labert Land; and Mrs. Riley Wise.

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago

January 19, 1900

C. W. Wheeler, this week sold his place just east of the city known as Rose Glen to Mr. Gustave Vollmer, of Umatilla, Ore. Mr. Vollmer, who is a well-to-do farmer will take possession in thirty days and will move his family here and make this place his permanent home.

Mrs. L. Sutherland, the elocutionist from College Place, did not give her entertainment under the auspices of the Methodist Church on Monday evening as advertised, owing to the precautionary measures taken by the city authorities to prevent the spread of smallpox.

PUZZLES & LIFESTYLES

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Luke Chavez

Skillet Apple Upside-Down Cake

Since moving to Waitsburg, we have been slowly remodeling our older home one room at a time. Finally, the end is in sight with the biggest project, a planned complete overhaul of our kitchen, scheduled for later this year. In anticipation of this, we have getting by with the aging components of our current kitchen, making piecemeal repairs to buy us time until we eventually replace everything. Lately, it seems that as soon as we fix one problem the next one pops up. First, it was the dishwasher that was on the fritz. As soon as we got it back



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and running, the garbage disposal failed. Once that was repaired, less than a week went by before the oven, which might be older than me, went out with an actual bang. Yikes!

So, for the time being, any recipe testing that involves the oven will be (pun intended) on the back burner. Thankfully, I came across an interesting recipe for skillet cakes that are cooked on the stovetop. By covering the pan with a lid, the cake cooks with steam resulting in a velvety soft texture, a cross between a Dutch baby and English steamed puddings. Here, apples, cranberries and a simple caramel sauce are started in the pan before the batter is added, creating a scrumptious upside-down cake, perfect for entertaining.

Ingredients:

1/4 cup sugar, plus 1/3 cup, sugar

Zest of one lemon

2 eggs

1/4 cup vegetable oil

2 tablespoons plain yogurt

1 teaspoon vanilla extract ²/₃ cup all-purpose flour

1 ½ teaspoons baking powder

½ teaspoon salt

2 apples, such as Granny Smith or Golden Delicious

4 tablespoons butter

1 teaspoon ground cinnamon

½ teaspoon ground ginger Pinch of ground nutmeg

½ cup frozen or fresh cranberries (optional)

Directions:

First, prepare the batter. In a large mixing bowl, add the lemon zest to ½ cup of the sugar. Whisk the zest around to release oils into the sugar. Add eggs and whisk until creamy, then pour in the oil, whisking to incorporate. Next whisk in the yogurt and vanilla until combined. Mix in the flour, baking powder and salt, just until a smooth batter forms. Set aside.

Peel and core the apples, and slice into ¼-inch thick slices.

In a heavy bottomed 10-inch cast-iron skillet, melt butter over medium heat. Add the remaining 1/3 cup sugar with a pinch of salt and continue to cook, stirring frequently with a wooden spoon, until sugar dissolves and turns a rich caramel color. Be careful not to burn! Remove pan from the heat, and decoratively arrange the apple slices over the caramel. If using the cranberries, arrange them to fill in the gaps between the apple slices. Over the fruit sprinkle the cinnamon, ginger, and nutmeg

Next pour the batter over the top of the fruit, and gently spread evenly with a rubber spatula. Place skillet over low heat and cover with lid. Cook for 20 to 25 minutes, until cake is set, and a toothpick inserted in center comes out clean, or a thermometer reads at least 180 degrees.

Take off the heat and allow to rest for 5 to 10 minutes. Place a large serving platter over the skillet, carefully and quickly flip and invert the cake out. Serve warm.

This cake recipe can be easily adjusted to feature various fruit combinations. Instead of apples try it with pears. In the summer, fresh plums and peaches would be fantastic. Instead of cranberries try adding cherries or chopped nuts. Dried fruits or fresh figs would be divine. Pineapple or banana would create a tropical flair.

This delightful cake makes a light dessert, served warm with a scoop of vanilla ice cream. Try serving it with a brunch spread as an alternative to pancakes or waffles. Also, lovely as a sweet treat as part of a tea service.

Enjoy!

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Community Calendar

WAITSBURG MONTHLY MEETINGS

Waitsburg City Council

Third Wednesday of each month @ 7 p.m. at City Hall. Next meeting

Planning Commission

Second Friday of the month @ 10 a.m. @ City Hall and on Zoom.



Waitsburg School

Board

Third Thursday of every month @ 6 p.m. Zoom info is available by emailing waitsburgcc@

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

Waitsburg Historical Society

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

Public Library

Waitsburg Booster Club

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

Waitsburg Parks and Recreation Public Meeting

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



Weller Public Library **Board of Trustees**

Second Tuesday of the month, 6 p.m. at the Weller Public Library, 212 Main St.

Friends of the Weller Public Library Second Tuesday of the month, @ 7 p.m.

Waitsburg Commercial Club

Last Thursdays of the month @ Ten Ton Coffee @noon. Zoom info is available by emailing waitsburgcc@icloud.com

DAYTON & COLUMBIA COUNTY MEETINGS

Board of Columbia County Commissioners

Regular meetings - First and third Monday of the month @ 9 a.m. Work sessions - Second and fourth Monday of each month @ 9 a.m. Call-in information available at https://www.columbiaco.com/114/County-Commissioners

Dayton City Council

Second Tuesday of the month @ 6 p.m.

Call-in information available at https://www.daytonwa.com/54-inside-city- hall/city-council



Dayton School Board

First and third Wednesday of the month @ 6 p.m. @ Dayton High School auditorium

Columbia County Public Hospital District Board of Commissioners

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

Dayton Memorial Library Board of Trustees Meeting

Third Monday of the month @ 7 p.m. Delany room and Zoom Meeting ID: 852

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Columbia County Parks and Recreation Pool District

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

Dayton Kiwanis Club Meeting

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



PRESCOTT MEETINGS

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



STARBUCK MEETINGS

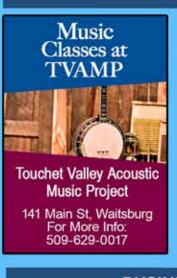
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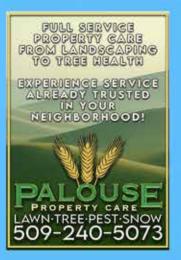
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