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Beka Compton

The National Weather Service reported as much as 18 inches of snowfall in the last week of 2021. Bill Moran was busy removing snow from Main Street, driveways, and parking spaces so residents and visitors alike could drive safely through town.

THIS WEEK



Dayton Food Bank receives donation (see page 2)



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S'no problem in Waitsburg

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—It's been a chilly past couple of weeks, with temperatures dipping into the negatives and the National Weather Service reporting as much as 18 inches of snowfall at the end of December.

As a result, the streets of Waitsburg became packed with snow, which eventually turned into ice, making it difficult to leave the driveway and navigate the roads. According to Waitsburg City Administrator Randy Hinchliffe, the city does not provide snow removal services for several reasons. One is the cost to purchase snow removal equipment compared to demand due to the relatively low frequency of snowfall in the area. The state Department of Transportation (DOT) plows Coppei and Preston Avenues and W 2nd Street which are part of the highway system.

This leaves snow removal on Waitsburg streets to neighbors with tractors, four-wheelers, and other plow-wielding vehicles. This includes folks like Matthew Hamilton of Prescott, who offered to dig out driveways between Prescott and Day-

ton last weekend. Hamilton used his personal ATV and only requested a small donation to cover his time.

Doug Biolo, co-owner of Nancy's Dream Garden Center, was spotted on multiple occasions on his small John Deere tractor, clearing out parking spaces and other clogged-up areas along Main Street. There were countless kids and teenagers donning snow shovels, helping clear sidewalks to make a little extra money for a trip to Ski Bluewood or to put in their pockets.

The heavy lifting has been left to Bill Moran, who was out on the Alpine Industries front-end loader working late at night and early in the morning to clear Main Street and driveways of residents who became cut off from the road. He has made it safer for local traffic and provided easier access for travelers and residents to stop and visit local stores.

For years, Moran has provided our city with snow removal service, free of charge. Last year, the Waitsburg City Council voted to reimburse Moran for his fuel costs. This year, the city is unable to provide reimbursement for Moran, as snow removal had not been included in the annual budget.

Residents and business owners, including Lynne Carpenter, have taken donations to cover Moran's diesel fuel expense. If you would like to make a dona-



Luke Chavez

Doug Biolo clearing parking spaces in front of Main Street businesses.

tion, please contact *The Times* at editor@waitsburgtimes.com

Hinchliffe said Moran does the work on his own time, without any request from the city.

"His efforts are appreciated as the city doesn't have the equipment to do snow removal," Hinchliffe shared in an email.

Commercial Club reboot

THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—After almost two years of inactivity, the Waitsburg Commercial Club (WBCC) is taking steps to return to business, acting as the city's Chamber of Commerce and encouraging economic development. The club held two meetings in December.

In March 2020, just before COVID-19 changed the way the world does business, Commercial Club members gathered and held an election for officers and board members. Club members present at the meeting elected new officers for president and vice president, secretary, and second vice president. Two new members joined the executive board, and other seats remained empty.

According to Commercial Club bylaws, The President and the Vice Presidents shall be elected from the Executive Board of Directors. Officers shall hold office until the next annual meeting, or their successors are elected and qualified. The secretary and treasurer shall be appointed from the corporation's membership and shall be ex-officio members of the Board.

Unfortunately, pandemic restrictions prohibited most in-person gatherings, and the April meeting was not held. It would have been the opportunity to approve the minutes from the March meeting necessary to qualify the new officers. Approved minutes are also needed for the club's bank to transfer financial control to the new leadership under non-profit rules.

A WBCC meeting was called by Joy Smith for December 2, 2021, to reconcile the club's leadership and to discuss holiday events. Smith said she invited president-elect Jamie McMillen and vice president-elect Brooke Mikesell, but they were not in attendance.

At that meeting, club members discussed re-establishing an active Executive Board. Since the past and new leadership had not completed the necessary steps for a transfer power, it was decided the pre-election Executive Board and officers would continue in their roles. Joy Smith would step into the position of

interim president until elections are held in 2022.

The second meeting was on December 30 at Ten Ton Coffee. Agenda items included recapping events at heARTfelt Christmas and selecting nominees for board members and officers.

Smith said that membership had dipped significantly from 2019. The membership was up to 75 members in 2019, dropping to less than 15 by 2021. She said invoices for 2022 memberships were heading out within the week.

Lane Gwinn, the owner of Ten Ton Coffee and The Times, reported that the newspaper hired Santa for December 18. With Santa in town on that date, early plans for a parade took shape. Before she contacted Smith and WBCC, Gwinn said community members had reached out to the newspaper to ask if there would be a parade. After spearheading a Christmas light competition, Cindy Daves offered to help coordinate a holiday event and joined Smith to pull the parade together.

Daves reported more than 20 entries participated in the heARTfelt Christmas parade on December 18. The parade was a last-minute effort to create a holiday celebration in the absence of the traditional Hometown Christmas weekend event. It enjoyed a successful turnout from both participants and spectators.

Smith asked if members wanted to continue with the name heARTfelt Christmas or return to Hometown Christmas. Daves said people she talked to had preferred the event go back to the first weekend after Thanksgiving. This would allow entrants to participate in all the other surrounding parades, including Walla Walla, Milton Freewater, and College Place. Daves said that she would be willing to take over the parade planning in the future. Members agreed to go back to the name and dates for Hometown Christmas.

Members present at the December 30 meeting brainstormed ideas for the annual membership banquet in April, including location and catering.

Smith led a discussion on future officers and leadership. She reported that Kim Smith of Prescott had expressed interest in serving as the vice president. Smith has spent the past couple of years working with Joy Smith, learning the club's inner workings and its procedures.

Judy Bennett, co-owner of American 35, said that she would serve the group in excess capacity, but no officers were elected.



NEWS & COMMENTARY

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LETTERS

AT THE LIBERTY:

Spiderman No Way Home

THE TIMES

DAYTON—For the first time in the cinematic history of Spider-Man, our friendly neighborhood hero is unmasked and no longer able to separate his normal life from the high-stakes of being a Super Hero. When he asks for help from Doctor Strange the stakes become even more dangerous, forcing him to discover what it truly means to be Spider-Man.

This movie has good reviews with Rotten Tomatoes critics giving this a 94% favorable, and the audience at 98%. The critics consensus is that this is “a bigger, bolder Spider-Man sequel”. The cast includes Tom Holland, Zendaya, Jacob Batalon, Marisa Tomei, Jon Favreau, and Benedict Cumberbatch. This movie is rated PG-13 for sequences of action/violence, some language and brief suggestive comments. The runtime is 2 hrs. 28 mins.

Spider-man shows on Jan. 7-18 (2 weeks). Show times are Friday and Saturday at 7:30 pm, Sunday at 3 pm, and on Tuesday at 6:30 pm (not 7:30).

Please note that the seats in the front row of the balcony have been removed temporarily because there of a safety issue. The theater management has not been able to get the public to comply with a rule prohibiting children under the age of 13 from sitting in the front row, with or without a parent.

“We are trying to keep people safe, so we have taken this temporary action. We are currently trying to secure a grant to enable us to rebuild/remodel the balcony as soon as possible to address the safety concerns in the front row, as well as to make the entire balcony more useable and comfortable for our guests,” said theater management.

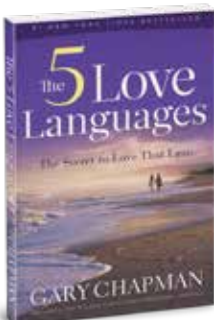
Online advance seat purchase is preferred, but tickets will be available at the door, if any remain. Masks are required.

STRAIGHT FROM THE LIBRARY:

The Five Love Languages, by Gary Chapman

By Todd Vandenbark | THE TIMES

DAYTON—Librarians and book lovers alike enjoy sharing their favorite books. This month, Francisco Contento-Navarro, one of the many people who keep the Columbia County Rural Library District busy and thriving, suggests reading *The Five Love Languages* by Gary Chapman.



The five love languages are five different ways of expressing and receiving love: words of affirmation, quality time, receiving gifts, acts of service, and physical touch. Not everyone communicates love in the same way, and likewise, people have different ways they express and receive love.

In these challenging times worldwide, with isolation, restrictions, and a health crisis, a book like this is very helpful for everybody. Open to the possibility of learning something to improve their lasting relationship. It is written based on real experiences and is easy to read. I believe there's never enough to know about love. It's an ongoing process of changing, learning, accepting, understanding, achieving, and most of all – unconditionally Loving.

This book is not a ‘right versus wrong’ – it's a learning experience.

A patron returned this book and said it was fascinating to read.

TAKE3 PERFORMING AT GESA POWER HOUSE THEATRE

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—Gesa Power House Theatre presents TAKE3 in concert on Friday, February 11 at 7:00 p.m.

With a flair for the wild and unexpected, genre-defying trio TAKE3 brings the refinement of a rigorous classical music background and infuses it with rockstar charisma. Known for their infectious and down to earth onstage personalities, this threesome leaves their indelible mark on captivated crowds around the country performing their arrangements of top pop hits, Americana, and classical favorites.

TAKE3 are Lindsay Deutsch (violin), Jason Stoll (piano), and Mikala Schmitz (cello). No strangers to the stage as individuals, they have made an impact on the music scene as soloists, touring the world with Yanni, recording tracks for film and television, and as soloists in front of Symphony Orchestra. TAKE3 makes it their mission to impart their love, passion and joy in music making to all who hear them, using their artistic ability as conduit for storytelling.

Reserved seating tickets (\$35-\$30 adult, \$25 student) are available online at www.phtww.org or by calling the box office at 509-529-6500.

Additional precautions, such as required mask use, will be observed based on the latest guidance from state and county health departments.

WALLA WALLA COUNTY COVID-19 VACCINATION CLINIC UPDATE

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—Walla Walla County Department of Community Health (DCH) and local healthcare partners will transition the Providence Southgate vaccine clinic to a Thursday, Friday, Saturday schedule beginning January 6, 2022. Clinics will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. except for Saturday, January 15, which will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Most clinics will be for anyone 12 years and older, with occasional clinics offering Pfizer vaccine to children ages 5-11 years old. Everyone interested in scheduling an appointment at Providence Southgate should visit the Walla Walla County COVID website for the most up-to-date links and schedule.

The COVID testing site at Providence Southgate will not change its hours of operation. The site will be open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Anyone needing a COVID test can find testing appointments and locations at <https://www.covidww.com/testing>.

Residents without Internet/computer access can call the DCH helpline (509) 524-2647 and leave their name, date of birth, phone number, and a message stating that they need assistance scheduling an appointment.

We encourage all residents to visit the County COVID website or text COVIDWW to 888777 for information on upcoming vaccination clinics.

THANKS TO COMMISSIONERS WHO PASSED BROADBAND FUNDS

Letter to the Editor -

I am writing to say THANK YOU to the two Columbia County Commissioners, Marty Hall and Ryan Rundell, who stood up for their community now and for the future, by voting yes to provide money for the broadband project in our county. The launch of this project is critical to our community. Commissioners Hall and Rundell understand that. They see the importance of the project, and they see the future that so many in the community can see. So, again, thank you for resolving this prior to the year's end. I am disappointed but not surprised by Commissioner Amerein's no vote. My guess is he will continue to place his personal politics and his ideologies above his community as we move into 2022. And isn't that a shame. His allegiance to the Columbia County Conservatives, which is NOT a Republican affiliate, drives his decision making, not what is best for his constituents. His unwillingness to listen to local business owners, our Chamber of Commerce, our health providers, and others, regarding broadband in our area is alarming to say the least. And his fear of our county becoming a 'zoomtown' borders on the ridiculous. We aren't talking about installing a high-tech campus in our county. We are talking about installing up-to-date technology for ALL to access. And installing broadband won't 'californicate' us. Fear isn't what moves people ahead. Fear is a restraint, one that I am glad to see our other two Commissioners unwilling to wear. In my mind I can see Commissioner Amerein standing next to Henry Ford as he cranks his 'horseless carriage' into life. And I in my mind I can hear Commissioner Amerein saying, “NO BODY is going to use one of those things! We have horses, we don't need that confounded thing. If people want to go faster, they can just hitch another horse to their wagon.”

So, THANKS AGAIN, to two County Commissioners that have the vision and the voice that is needed for our county and who are not driven by fear or political ideologies. We appreciate you both for this vote.

Vicki Zoller
Dayton, Wash.

COLUMBIA COUNTY FARMERS DONATE TO DAYTON FOODBANK

THE TIMES



Submitted photo

Columbia Grain International, Central Ferry terminal, presented the Dayton Foodbank with a donation this week.

“This was done on behalf of the Columbia County farmers that deliver grain to my facility at Central Ferry,” said Ted Lowe, CGI Central Ferry manager. “Wishing everyone a happy holiday from CGI.”

BIRTHDAYS

January 6:
Kurtis Reser, Maddie Callahan.

January 7:
Cecil Webber, Erma Gilbertson, Patrick Donnelly, Jim Hofer, Alice Webber and Kristyn Scott.

January 8:
Steven Price, Esther Presler and Todd Larsen.

January 9:
Jennifer Nichols, Angela Crawford, Tim Estes, Nicholas Carpenter, Gail Thames, Gerri Glover, Trevor McGee and Jarod Gagnon.

January 10:
Caden McCaw, Todd Harris, Cynthia Graham, Roddy Krause, Andy Hermanns, Kimberly Neal, Melissa Harting, 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.



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COVID-19 cases rise in last two weeks

THE TIMES

OLYMPIA—Washington state is experiencing a spike in COVID-19 cases, and experts predict increased transmission in the coming weeks. While it is still too early to tell how much of the increase is due to Omicron, epidemiologists with the Washington State Department of Health (DOH) agree it is most likely the dominant strain.

While the state waits for complete data from county health departments, the highest single-day of new cases was reported on December 24, with 6,140 new COVID-19 cases. Despite the increase in testing for the holidays, officials said the growth in new cases significantly outpaced increases in testing.

Together with the first flu cases this season, the COVID-19 spike will likely mean increased hospitalizations, impacting the state's health care system. Washington state's hospitals and clinics are already stretched and strained due to an exhausted and understaffed workforce caring for more patients than ever before.

State Epidemiologist for Communicable Diseases Scott Lindquist, MD, MPH, says Omicron likely has overtaken the Delta variant in Washington or will very soon, based on sequencing data from the University of Washington, DOH, and the CDC.

"What we are seeing now is the leading edge. Our focus is on getting a better picture of how and where Omicron is spreading," he said. "It is not just about counting Omicron cases. It is about sampling the entire state so we can understand the prevalence of the variant beyond high-population areas. Washington state has one of the most extensive genotyping systems in the U.S., which allows us to track a variant's spread faster than many other states."

Studies are ongoing to determine the effectiveness of vaccines and treatments, such as monoclonal antibodies and oral antivirals, against Omicron. Based on initial information, it appears that most monoclonal antibodies are less effective against this variant. However, Sotrovimab, a medication that the FDA allows for emergency use to treat COVID-19, may be more effective against Omicron.

Early results indicate initial vaccine series may be less effective preventing infection with the Omicron variant. However, they offer substantial protection against severe illness. Receiving a booster dose may improve protection against severe disease with Omicron.

While it is too early to predict hospitalizations and deaths due to the Omicron variant, vaccines and boosters can lower the risk for hospitalization and death. It also helps the healthcare system and hospital capacity.

In Washington state, the COVID-19 Cases, Hospitalizations, and Deaths by Vaccination Status weekly report indicates that:

- Unvaccinated 12 to 34-year-olds are 12 times more likely to be hospitalized with COVID-19 than fully vaccinated 12 to 34-year-olds.
- Unvaccinated 35 to 64-year-olds, the likelihood of being hospitalized with COVID-19 is 18 times higher than those in the same age group who have been fully vaccinated.
- Unvaccinated adults 65 and older are 13 times more likely to be hospitalized with COVID-19 than fully vaccinated 65-year-olds and older.
- Surges in hospitalizations and deaths are usually seen weeks following a spike in cases.

As of December 27, 2021, 37.4 percent of the state's residents have not been vaccinated. Nearly 10,000 Washingtonians have died of COVID-19 since the pandemic began.

The best protection from any variant is to get vaccinated and boosted. "The recent emergence of Omicron is another reminder of the importance of vaccinations and boosters for everyone eligible, especially for children and adults with chronic conditions that place them at higher risk for severe illness due to COVID-19," said Dr. Tao Sheng Kwan-Gett, Chief Science Officer. "We know vaccines are safe and effective at protecting us from hospitalization and death due to COVID-19. Getting a booster is the best way to increase immunity that tends to wane over time."

It is also vital that everyone six months and older get an annual flu vaccine to reduce your chance of getting the flu and help preserve our hospital and healthcare system capacity. The flu is a highly contagious disease that can cause mild to severe illness and lead to hospitalization and death – even in healthy, young people. Young children, pregnant people, those with underlying health conditions, and people aged 65 and older are at high risk for flu-related complications.

Flu illness is more dangerous than the common cold for children. Each year, millions of children get sick with seasonal flu, thousands are hospitalized, and some children die from flu. Across Washington, the flu vaccine, and all recommended childhood vaccines, are available at no cost for children from birth through age 18.

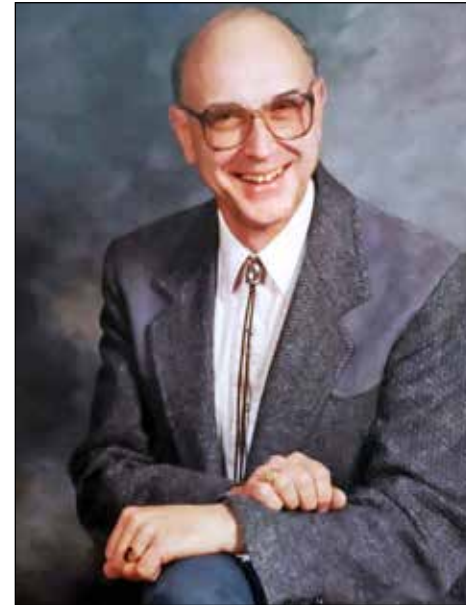
For weekly flu activity reports, educational materials, vaccine information, and other flu prevention resources, visit www.KnockOutFlu.org.

Visit Vaccine Locator or Vaccines.gov to make an appointment today to get vaccinated. If you have questions, visit DOH's COVID-19 Vaccine Frequently Asked Questions webpage or talk to your trusted health care provider. You can also call the state's COVID-19 hotline at 833-VAX-HELP. Language assistance is available.

OBITUARY

Byron Gene Kaczmariski

December 31, 1945 —
December 19, 2021



Byron Gene Kaczmariski
December 31, 1945 - December 19, 2021

Byron Gene Kaczmariski, 75, of Dayton, WA passed away December 19, 2021 at Brookdale Assisted Living in College Place, WA. Byron was born December 31, 1945 in Woodworth, North Dakota to James & Irene (Aichele) Kaczmariski. He grew up and attended school in Pettibone, ND. Following high school graduation, he attended the University of North Dakota where he received his BSBA degree in accounting. After college Byron moved to Portland, Oregon where he began his accounting career with Haskins and Sells and later with United Way. He moved to Missoula, MT where he worked for several years. It was there, in 1984, that he met Dave Frame who invited him to come and work for him in Dayton, WA. Byron moved to Dayton, where he lived, and worked for American Energy Inc. for 38 years, until the time of his death. The Frame family, and his coworkers at AEI, treated him like part of their own families.

Byron married Holly Blaine Anderson at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Dayton on June 12, 1999. Holly and Byron met at a Valentine's Dinner at Redeemer Lutheran Church. Byron enjoyed the outdoors especially fishing, hunting and trap shooting. He also enjoyed art, especially paintings that friends and family created. Byron was an active member of Redeemer Lutheran Church in Dayton. He also volunteered for several organizations including the Dayton Lions Club and Guide Dog Users of Washington State, serving as Treasurer for both organizations. He was also a member of Washington Council of the Blind. He also served on the Dayton City Council for the past ten years. Byron was also a member of the Eagles.

He is survived by his wife Holly Kaczmariski, Dayton, a brother Wally (Mary) Kaczmariski, Lisbon, ND, and nephews Michael Kaczmariski, Fargo, ND and Aric Kaczmariski, Lincoln, ND and great nieces and nephew Mariah, Addison and Gavin Kaczmariski. He was preceded in death by his parents. The memorial service will be planned for February 12 of 2022 in Dayton at Redeemer Lutheran Church. Hubbard Rogg Chapel has been entrusted with arrangements.

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Community Calendar

Waitsburg Monthly Meetings

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

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

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

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

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

Waitsburg Celebration Days Meeting
TBA
Location to be announced

Dayton & Columbia County Meetings

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

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

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

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

the Dayton High School auditorium

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

Dayton Memorial Library Board of Trustees Meeting
Every month on the Third Monday at 7:00 PM

Zoom Meeting ID: 852 3836 3787
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85238363787>

Dayton Kiwanis Club Meeting - Online
Second and Fourth Thursday at Noon
Zoom Meeting ID: 559 815 3650
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5598153650>

Starbuck City Council
Second Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. at Starbuck City Hall

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Tuesday, January 11
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WAITSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Mass Sunday 5 p.m.
382-2311
Fr. Steve Werner

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.
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Evening Worship 6 p.m.
Bible Study
Wednesdays 7:30 p.m.
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NEWS & LEGALS

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

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

In re the Estate of DOUGLAS B. HARVEY, Deceased.
The personal representative named below has been appointed as personal representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided by RCW 11.40.070 by serving or mailing to the personal representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of:

(1) Thirty (30) days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or

(2) Four (4) months after the date of first publication of this notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051, and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.

Date of first publication: 23 Dec, 2021 (anticipated)
Personal Representative: Jane Y. Hashimoto
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Walla Walla County Superior Court Cause No.: 21 4 00265 36
/s/ Jane Y. Hashimoto, Personal Representative
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December 23, 30, 2021, January 6, 2022
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA

No. 21 4 00272 36 PROBATE NOTICE OF CREDITORS
In Re the Estate of PAUL A. FAIRLEY, JR., Deceased.
The Administrator named below has been appointed as Administrator of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the Administrator or the Administrator's attorney stated below a copy of the claim and filing of the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the Administrator served or mailed the notice to the

creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.

Date of First Publication: December 23, 2021
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA NO: 21-4-00275-36 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

RCW 11.40.030
In re the Estate of: DONNA J. BENZ, Deceased.
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The weather has been frightful as of late, but the views from Waitsburg were just as beautiful, as captured by Main Street resident Dave Gignac.



Following photos by Beka Compton

Corben Ketelsen was one of two participants in the New Years Eve Chilly Grizzly Plunge. Ketelsen dove into the frigid Touchet River, and swam around for nearly one minute before he hopped out.



Tiina Jaantinen rides behind Joseph Roberts on a kicksled, which she brought over to Waitsburg from Finland. Roberts was warming up after diving into the Touchet River.



A fire on Main Street was the perfect way to recover after an icy swim. Owners and friends of the Royal Block and Plaza Theater were ready to ring in the new year. A wheat seed sack drop took place instead of the ball drop at midnight.



One horse open sled! Gracie Compton had fun riding around in her horse-drawn sled on New Years Day.

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Palouse Outdoors: The Quest for Columbia River Chukar

By Brad Trumbo | THE TIMES

I knelt on the edge of the precipice with my knee dug into a sandy spot beneath a massive aromatic sagebrush while Finn ravenously lapped water from a small, green collapsible bowl. Behind and below us, the Columbia River wound lazily between lush, orderly, emerald orchards, jagged rock faces, and scree slopes. My friend Chas stood slightly downhill to my left, packing away a massive wild chukar that he had come to harvest with a combination of Finn's good work and a peck on the cheek from Lady Luck.

Years had passed since I gazed upon the Columbia from the cliffs above. Taking a spill on an icy slope nearly ended with a bobsled run into a jagged boulder field below, leaving gouges and scars in the gun stock, glute muscle, and Carhartt pants. A dastardly covey nearly coaxed Finn over a ledge that morning. Another typical day in chukar country. Luckily, I limped away with only minor cuts and a disdain for the cliffy coverts, but swearing them off for good was laughable. Subconsciously, I knew our quest for the devil bird would one day drag us back there, mostly because the challenging covert provided a stronghold for big wild coveys.

Past lessons learned led us to approach the covert and covey from the top rather than scramble up from the bottom, which proved strategic for encountering birds and conserving energy. We walked into the rising late October sun without a hint of wind. The bone-dry vegetation crunched like potato chips underfoot from a lack of autumn rain. Among the golden grasses were the chalky, seafoam tones of sagebrush and the verdant ridgetop pines. The enchanting aroma of sage wafted up sharp and rich as the rigid stems zipped across the legs of my brush pants. A gorgeous morning for a hunt, albeit abysmal scenting conditions.

It was the second weekend of the partridge season, and we were not the first to arrive. Canine scat and fading boot tracks suggested others had come before, and the birds were flighty, as chukar can be. Was it simply their nature or the prior pressure that made them run like the wind? Recalling seasons and covers pasts, I surmised it was simply their nature. Had we been first, we may have been greeted by a truck covey, but to remain consistent with every other covey I had encountered over the years, they likely would have flushed well outside of gun range, as did the first two coveys of this morning.

The conditions allowed Finn to work the scent for the first time, regardless of how fleeting it may have been among the dusty soil and shrubbery. She must have found the birds peculiar because her tail flagged subtly as birds scurried and flushed well ahead.

The third covey of the morning was feeding across the riverside cliffs. Chas motioned with urgency as he could hear birds "chuking." Simultaneously, a chukar glided in from around the face of the ridge, landing atop a stubby finger ridge about 200 yards below. I gathered Finn, and the three of us dropped out of sight opposite the covey for a nimble stalk.

We approached from beneath, with Chas taking the lowest route across the slope. Finn wound her way through the waist-high sage just off the ridgetop where I expected to find the covey. The Garmin GPS beeped "point," leaving me confident that it was finally my time to miss a chukar with no excuses or put that first bird in the vest with my most reliable



All photos Brad Trumbo



setter. Rushing in for the flush sent the covey on a dead run and squirting out from below again, but this time they flushed directly over Chas.

Two reports from Chas' 20-gauge pump concluded the stalk. Finn stood steady to shot, convinced a bird remained tucked into the sage, so I obliged with a fruitless check for stragglers. Spotting Chas searching down the ridge, I asked how he made out.

"One down, but I can't find it. I tried for a double and lost sight of where the first bird fell," he yelled back.

I will never come to terms with how well game birds hide in plain sight, and rooster pheasant are the most obvious example of them all. A bird that big and colorful should be visible damn near anywhere. Still, they can literally vanish amid a barren slope, let alone a charcoal and beige chukar with black striping resembling every single spec of their surrounding habitat.

As Chas and I discussed the bird's trajectory, Finn trotted down below him and locked up tight, just uphill of a large bitterbrush that looked charred from autumn senescence yet retained a hint of its yellow

Top: Columbia River chukar country offers rugged beauty and wily birds.

Below right: Chas giving Finn some love for a job well done.

Below left: Enjoying the victory of a hard-earned Columbia River chukar.



summer flowers.

"There's your bird right there," I said, pointing at Finn. Chas walked in behind her to collect the chukar lying on the far side of the bush.

Admiring the bird against the rugged terrain and expansive view of the Columbia River canyon made the milestone that we had reached exceptionally sweet. I was only slightly disappointed that the bird fell to Chas rather than me, but it made no difference. Finn worked well, and a chukar fell from her point and my flush in a covert that had defeated us with malice for years.

With a bird in the vest and the moment savored, we circled the ridge, slowly gaining elevation across the near-vertical slope. I suspect the gunshots tipped our hand as we found a fresh sign but made no further bird contacts. The morning had bloomed beautifully, and the temperature was reaching 60 degrees. Finn had run about 10 miles of steep ups and downs and exhausted her water supply. With one last stop to photograph the dramatic beauty of the landscape, we headed for the truck. We had finally won.

The Year in a Week comes with a Lesson in Humility

By Vicki Sternfeld-Rossi | THE TIMES

This past week of rough weather has been an important lesson and slapped down my hubris. I recently discovered, or instead, learned the hard way, that over confidence was a huge mistake. It seems we've had a year's worth of weather in the last week, with snow, a little warming sun, below zero temperatures, howling winds, followed by more snow falling right now.

I was confident my new snow tires made my car impervious to snow; evidently, I was wrong because it is currently a snow-bound sculpture with tufts of white gracing its hood sitting outside my house. Until Saturday, it was nearly completely buried under snow, but I and my trusty broom unburied it, only now to watch it get snowed on again. It may not move until Spring.

The most humbling was my confidence in our new plumbing. When I did the major remodel in 2019, I replumbed the entire house. The pipes are PEX™ tubing and insulated, so I was blissfully worry-free the night the temperatures dipped into single digits. We didn't crank up the heat, crack open cabinet doors, or let water drip from various faucets as we watched the temperature drop. Not a good decision.

The result of this overconfidence was frozen pipes! Again, my neighbors came to the rescue with much-needed additional heaters and one huge kerosene



heater, which I think did the trick on our kitchen pipes.

Four days later, we finally defrosted the last of the frozen pipes in the bathroom. It took three space heaters, cranking the heat up on all the house heating units, and a large, borrowed kerosene heater, but we now have free-flowing water out of every faucet, and the toilets all flush.

As frustrating and humbling as that experience was, we were lucky. Our little guest house didn't have frozen pipes. It became our well-appointed and heated "out-house" and water supply. What surprises me, the initial renovation I did was the guest house, including new electrical and plumbing. The first winter after the renovation, the pipes in the guest house froze while those in the unrenovated main house didn't freeze. Obviously,

there is no second-guessing Mother Nature or plumbing. I've sworn off trying.

Last night the howling wind sent me into California flashback mode. The upstairs started shaking, and the windows had a slight rattle, so I lay in bed waiting for the earthquake. The kerosene heater used for amping the heat to defrost the pipes is still on loan because our neighbors thought it might come in handy if we lost power. Again, it's great to have neighbors who are experienced and generous.

This week reminded me; living in the Pacific Northwest comes with a different winter-awareness in everyday life than Southern California. Here, just to take out the trash or run an errand, I need to wear my thermal underwear, warm jacket, scarf, gloves, waterproof, high boots that grip the snow, and possibly money and keys. Even Mugsy needs a sweater or waterproof jacket. This time of year, in Los Angeles, I'd grab car keys, sunglasses, money, sun hat, and sunscreen with an SPF of 30+.

I've been humbled by what I didn't know. I now realize I need snow shovels, not snowboards; heat lamps to unfreeze frozen pipes, not sunlamps for tanning; scarves for warmth, not glamour. I've learned to suck up the cost and let water drip when the temperature warrants it.

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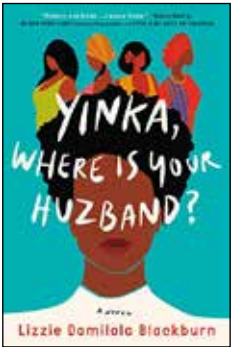
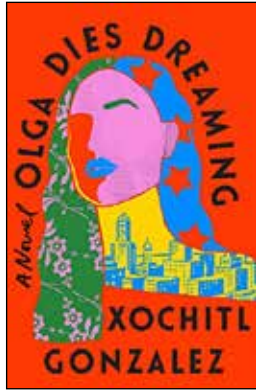
Beka's Picks

Olga Dies Dreaming
by Xochitl Gonzalez

Dive into the complex family dynamics of siblings Olga and Prieto Acevedo, who are taking New York City by storm. Prieto is quickly climbing to stardom in the local politics scene, while Olga is a wedding planner, serving the city's elite.

Their lives are turned upside down when their radical activist mother, Blanca, returns to the rapidly gentrifying Brooklyn neighborhood where the kids grew up. With their mother back in town, the siblings must revisit their family's past in order to forge a new future.

Available starting January 4



Yinka, Where is Your Husband?
by Lizzie Damilola Blackburn.

Yinka, a 30-something-year-old Oxford-educated British-Nigerian woman, simply wants to find love, but her love life is a bit of a (relatable) disaster. Meddling aunties constantly asking 'Yinka, where is your husband?', a successful career, and an upcoming family wedding on the horizon. Can Yinka open up to love, or will she lose herself in the process.

Available January 18

Sisters of Night and Fog
by Erika Robuck

Set in World War II, Virginia d'Albert-Lake makes the decision to stay in occupied-France with her husband. Violette Szabo is dead-set on fighting the Nazis. As the two navigate resistance, they are brought together at Ravensbrück concentration camp.

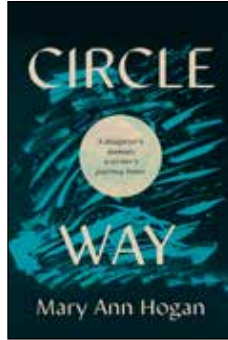
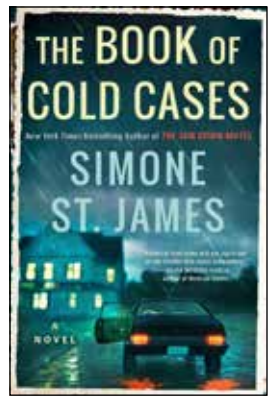
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The Book of Cold Cases
by Simone St. James

Shea Collins escaped an abduction as a child and now, as an adult, she runs a true crime website. Beth Greer was suspected of killing two men with the same gun in 1977, but was acquitted. When the two meet by chance, Shea asks for an interview. Shea begins to meet Beth regularly at her mansion. Within the home, odd things begin to happen, and as Shea grows closer to Beth, she is positive that something isn't right.

Available March 15



Circle Way: A Daughter's Memoir, a Writer's Journey Home

by Mary Ann Hogan

The late Mary Ann Hogan reflects on a life of letters and her relationship to her late father, Bill Hogan, well-known literary editor at *The Chronicle* in San Francisco. *Circle Way* is a bittersweet memoir of a father, daughter and a prominent California family. At the heart of the story, journalist Mary Ann grapples with identity, family, terminal illness and the creative calling. Sifting through her father's notebooks after his death, Mary Ann discovers a man whose unrealized dreams echo her own. This is a moving exploration of literature, family and history illustrated with Bill Hogan's original sketches and watercolors.

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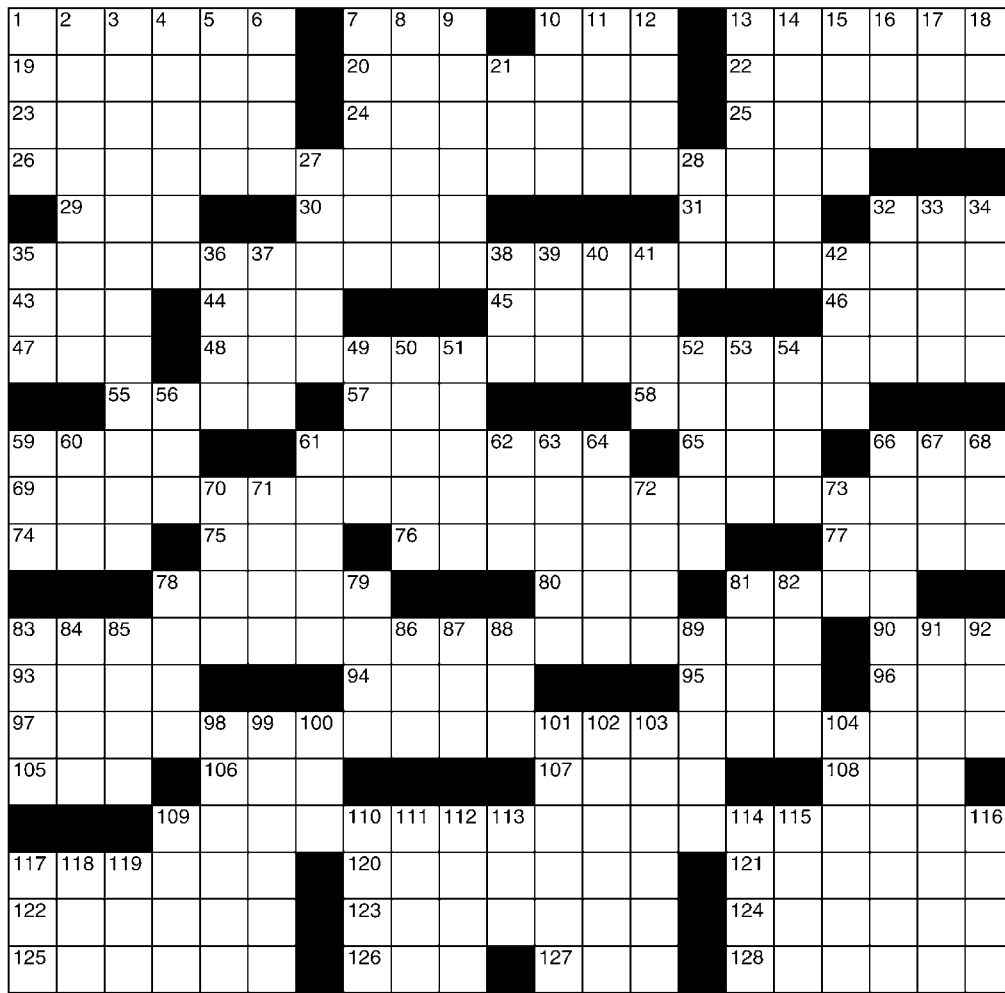
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Black-Eyed Pea Empanadas



Luke Chavez

My mother's family has roots in Texas, which often influences our holiday gatherings. In Texas, as with much of the South, eating black-eyed peas on New Year's Day is thought to bring good luck and fortune in the coming year. We often serve them simmered with bacon, along with a big hunk of my aunt's famous corn bread. This year, I wanted to try a twist on this family tradition, one that included a nod to my Latino heritage. The result was flavorful spiced black-eyed peas stuffed into flakey empanadas, a type of pastry found throughout Latin America, served with a zesty crema dipping sauce.

Ingredients:

For the dough:

- 3 cups all-purpose flour
 - ½ teaspoon salt
 - 12 tablespoons (6 oz.) unsalted butter
 - 1 egg, whisked
 - ¼ to ½ cup of water
- #### For the filling:
- 2 slices bacon
 - ½ red onion, diced
 - 4-ounce can diced green chiles, drained
 - 1 tablespoon ground cumin
 - 2 cans (15 oz. each) black-eyed peas, drained and rinsed

- 1 cup Mexican style lager beer
- Salt to taste

For assembly:

- 1 egg
 - Paprika and coarse sea salt
- #### For dipping sauce:
- ¾ cup sour cream
 - Zest of one lime, finely grated
 - 2 teaspoons fresh lime juice
 - ¼ cup fresh cilantro, chopped
 - 1 teaspoon ground cumin
 - ½ teaspoon cayenne pepper
 - Salt to taste

Directions:

Make dough: In large mixing bowl, whisk together the flour and salt. Cut butter into small pieces and add to the bowl. Using your fingertips, or a pastry cutter, work the butter into flour until a coarse sandy texture is created. Mix egg in with fork. Then begin adding water, in small increments, until a clumpy dough forms. You might not have to use all the water. Divide dough into two balls, then slightly flatten into smooth disks. Wrap in plastic and set in refrigerator to rest while you make the filling.

Make filling: Slice the bacon crosswise into small ¼-inch slices. Add bacon to a large cold skillet, then set heat to medium. Cook bacon for 5 to 10 minutes, until some fat has rendered, and the bacon is getting golden but not too crispy. Add onions and continue to sauté until onions are translucent, about 7 minutes, adding a little oil if needed. Add green chilies and cumin, stirring to incorporate. Raise heat to medium-high, then add beer, stirring and scraping bottom of pan. After beer has cooked off for a few minutes, reduce heat to medium-low, and continue to simmer, until liquid is reduced and thickened, another 10 to 15 minutes. To help thicken, use a wooden spoon to roughly mash some of the black-eyed peas. Add a little water if the pan dries out too fast. Taste and adjust seasoning, adding more salt as needed. Set aside and allow to cool.

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Line baking sheets with parchment paper.

Assemble: On a lightly floured work surface roll out one disk of dough to about 1/8-inch thickness. Use a biscuit cutter, or a wide-mouth glass jar, to cut out rounds of dough, about 4-inches in diameter. Repeat with second dough disk. Arrange rounds on large work surface. Gather scraps, combine into another dough ball, re-roll out and cut out more rounds, until dough is used up. Depending on size you should have about 15 to 20 rounds of dough.

Place a spoonful of filling into the middle of each round. Amount will vary depending on the size, but about 1 to 1 ½ teaspoons per empanada. Don't overstuff. Fold dough over top, making a half moon, and seal the edges with your fingers, pressing out air. Use a fork to crimp the edges, or fold and crimp like you would a pie crust.

Arrange assembled empanadas on baking sheets. In a small bowl whisk one egg with a teaspoon of water. Brush the tops of empanadas with egg wash, then sprinkle with paprika and sea salt flakes. Bake in preheated oven until golden brown, about 18-25 minutes.

While empanadas are baking, make the sauce. Combine sour cream, lime juice, zest, cilantro, and dry spices in the jar of a blender. Blend until smooth. Add salt to taste. Serve empanadas hot, with dipping sauce on the side.

Notes:

Once you have mastered this empanada dough you can have fun experimenting with different fillings and dipping sauces. Wonderful as an appetizer for a party, or as a side dish to a feast, empanadas are a crowd pleaser. Ideas for fillings include shredded meats, refried beans, melty cheese, or chorizo with potatoes. Great for reimagining leftovers. Sweet empanadas make fun desserts, try fruit preserves, sweet cream cheese, or chocolate fillings. Empanadas are also delicious deep fried. Enjoy!

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

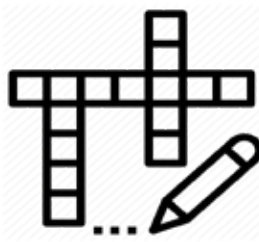
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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

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Super Crossword

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FUN & GAMES

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



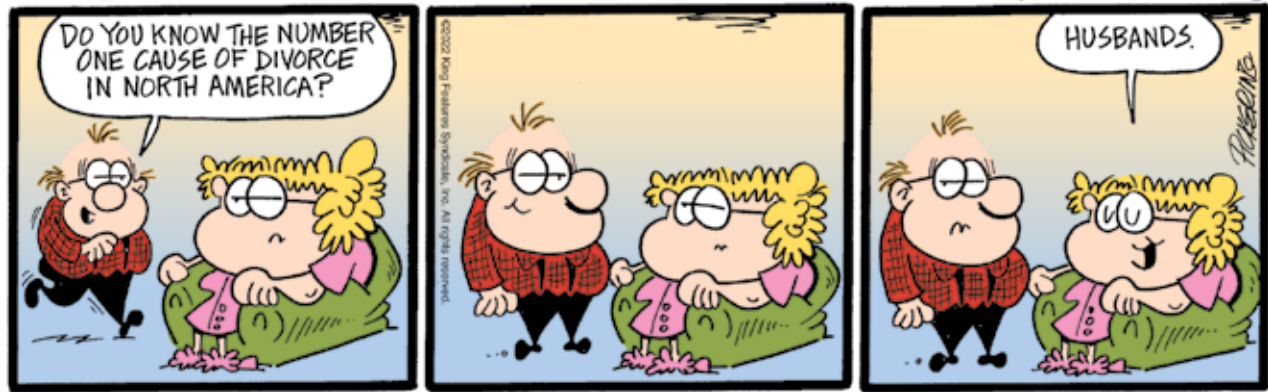
GRIN and BEAR IT



"Hold my calls 'til after the Super Bowl."

The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



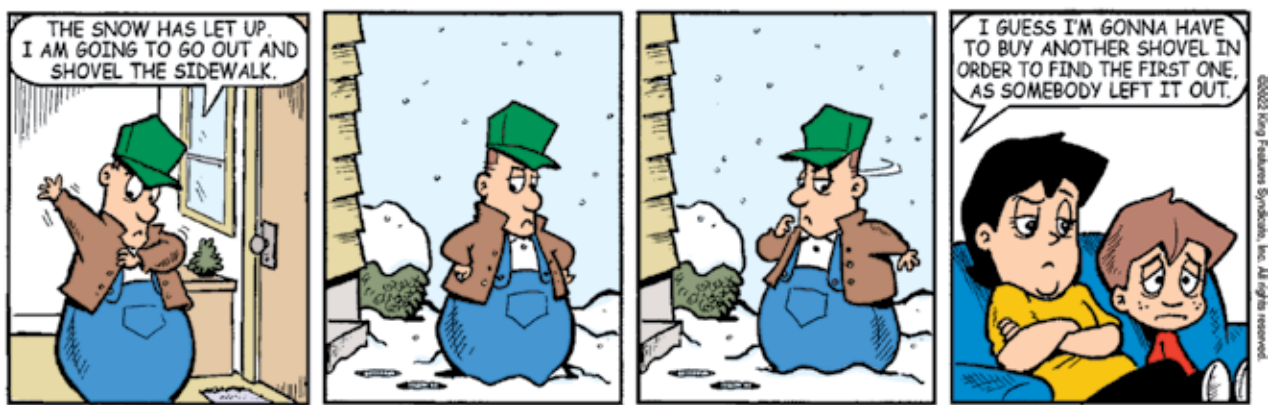
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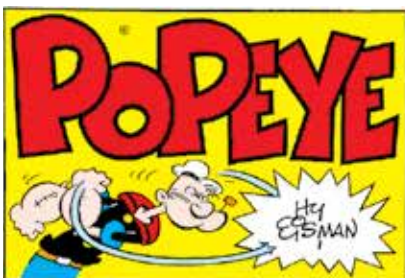
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PIONEER PORTRAITS

Ten Years Ago

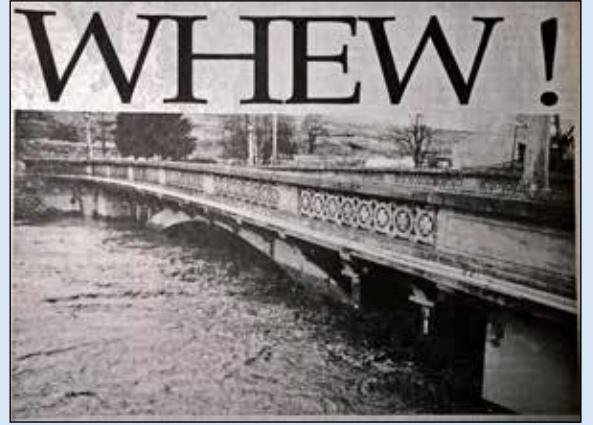
January 5, 2012

Joanna Lanning is getting ready to take the plunge. Last year, Lanning, and two Waitsburgers, Patty Hazelwood and Vicki Hamann, took a dip in the Columbia River to raise money for Special Olympics of Washington. Lanning is the WP cross country coach, Hazelwood is a special education teacher and cheerleading coach, Hamann is a paraprofessional at the high school. Lanning raised \$800 last year. This year her goal is \$1,000.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

January 9, 1997

For a while in Waitsburg last Wednesday, New Year's Day, it looked like "here we go again" as Chinook winds rapidly melted approximately a foot of snow that had been covering the region since Christmas Eve, raising the levels of both the Touchet River and Coppei Creek to flood stage in the early hours of the new year. Salutations of "Happy New Year" were grumbled often between people filling and tying sandbags along the Touchet levee early Wednesday.



[Photo Caption] Wet areas on the Main Street Bridge, in the above photo taken at mid-morning of Jan. 1, show the relatively rapid drop of the river's level, a welcome sight for all working on sandbags and levees around Waitsburg. Stable temperatures in the mountains and little or no additional rainfall allowed the runoff to continue and the river's level to drop further.

Fifty Years Ago

January 6, 1972

Waitsburg Lions were guests of the Prescott Lions Club last Tuesday evening, and turned out 30 strong to accept the dinner which was a reward to the Waitsburg club for winning the blood drawing challenge. Jerry Marbach who was the recipient of the blood drawing was present at the meeting and expressed his appreciation for the support of his friends and neighbors. He underwent open heart surgery and said, "The blood must have been excellent, because I came out of the whole thing roaring!" Present at the meeting were three past zone chairmen: Turk Ely of Waitsburg, Dana Straw of Walla Walla and Bob Muzzy of Prescott, now living in Couer de'Alene, Idaho.

Seventy-Five Years Ago

January 10, 1947

Due to the many requests of farmers of the vicinity, the Atkinson Feed and Fuel is planning to install a feed mill and will enlarge the storage space to accommodate the business early this spring.

More than 63 thousand vets are learning modern methods of farming in GI farm training programs under the GI bill.

Dr. Byron Friedman, optometrist, announces the opening of his new office in Walla Walla Jan. 4. The location is 22 West Main Street.

The Bluebirds finished four scrapbooks before Christmas and presented two to each hospital in Walla Walla for sick children. Mrs. Delbert Castle had the Bluebirds as her guests for a lovely Christmas party.

One Hundred Years Ago

January 6, 1922

Misses Wilma Shaffer, Carolyn Bickelhaupt, and Mrs. Ethel Bruce entertained at the Moxey Zuger home on Main Street Friday evening. There were 60 guests present. The evening was spent with dancing, music and games. Refreshments were served.

Miss Florence Taylor entertained at their home in honor of Miss Esther Graham daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Graham, Tuesday afternoon. Piano solos were given by Miss Betty McCoy and Frederica Kershaw, Aldine Culp gave a reading entitled "My Stomach." Those present were Esther Graham, Winifred Burch, Elizabeth McCoy, Frederica Kershaw, Aldine Culp, Isla Hales, Carolyn Bickelhaupt, Alice Fox, Dorothy Adams, Sereta Patton, and Florence Taylor.

Mrs. Kate Greer states that she has a few locust posts for sale. Inquire of her.

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago

January 8, 1897

A very pleasant party was given by Miss Lillian Robinson at the home of her parents at Bolles Junction on New Year's night to about 25 students of Waitsburg Academy. The guests made quite a jolly party as they passed through town.

Our Main Street presents quite a different appearance since the electric lights have been placed on the different corners. Waitsburg always believes in keeping up with the times.

Three big guns have been ordered for Fort Stevens at the mouth of the Columbia. This looks warlike but it is probably innocent enough. Though in the event of war with Spain it might be an important thing to the Northwest.