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Kimberly Smith and Erin Elsey took time from setting up the new shop to give "he Times" a preview of this weekends opening.

131 Main

Bringing home businesses to a shop on Main Street in Waitsburg

By Lane Gwinn | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—Local entrepreneurs Erin Elsey and Kimberly Smith are opening a new shop in Waitsburg. The shop, 131 Main, is full of products from the two owners' businesses, A-Ron's Rustic Designs and Smith Craft. The shop will also include a selection from Hugs Gifts & Collectables.

Owner of A-Ron Rustic Designs, Elsey has participated in local vendor events offering decorative dish towels, potholders, aprons, and clothing. Her humor is evident on the selection of children's t-shirts and onesies she prints fun sayings and images on. She will offer custom printing through the shop, use your imagination and create a unique

Smith Craft, a family business from Prescott, Wash., has been expanding its product line from knives to a variety of handmade, resell, and custom items since opening in 2004.

Hugs Gifts & Collectables, owned by former Waitsburg Commercial Club President Joy Smith, was once located a few doors down. Smith will bring treasures and experience to the new endeav-

Through their work with the Waitsburg Com-



merical Club, Elsey and Smith have long supported area home businesses by organizing and participating in vendor events. Elsy is the club's secretary and Smith is the president.

The pair took great

pains to keep the new shop a secret for months and are excited to open the doors for the grand reveal this weekend. The new space gives the entrepreneurs a place where they can grow their businesses and add to Waitsburg's commercial district.

Celebrate the Grand Opening of this homegrown shop this Saturday between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., Sunday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Enjoy shopping and

The regular hours for 131 Main will be:

Friday, Sat & Sunday 9-3 Available by appointment

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Waitsburg finds its way onto cups and cozys at 131 Main.

A hometown shop is the newest addition to the city's Main Street.



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HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2022

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Community events returned! Lions Rib Feed in Waitsburg.

Cars, cars, cars came out to car shows at Preston Park in Waitsburg and downtown Dayton.



Peggy Eakin led the way with The Bulldog Brigade, to offer tutoring and other support to students.



Columbia County Health System completed construction on the RiverWalk Assisted Living Facility. The four cottages will offer homelike living to residents.

Up to 85% better yeilds over last year's drought affected crops.

Waitsburg School District special meeting explored admin options

By Lane Gwinn | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—The Waitsburg School Board held a special meeting on Monday, January 2, 2022, to discuss the school's administration and superintendent search.

Six members of the staff and two community members attended in person.

Currently, the District has two full-time administrators, which the Board would like to maintain.

The discussion, which School Board Chair, Dr Carol Clarke said, was a great brainstorming session on maximizing resources. One suggestion was to follow Districts that have two buildings for K-12. Sixth graders would move into the elementary school, and seventh and eighth-grade students would be transferred to the high school building.

Asked what would happen to Preston Hall, Clarke said it could be used as offices, the Cardinals Nest, and the gym could still be used for sports and events.

Another suggestion was to hire a full-time Dean of Students or a combined Dean and Athletic Director. Typically, a Dean of Students deals mainly with students, discipline, and activities. A Dean of Students may or may not have administrative credentials. In many cases, they are TOSAs (Teachers on Special Assignment).

There was no action taken other than an agreement on how to move forward with the discussion. Clarke and Board member Stephanie Cole will meet with the entire staff at its meeting this week to continue the conversation. Becky Dunn, District Business and Human Resource Manager, was not at the meeting due to illness but has begun the work to assess the options fiscally.

The Board will continue exploring the ideas discussed, looking at the fiscal and educational impact before meeting at its regular meeting on January 18. A working session will be held at 5 p.m. before the regular meeting.

Clarke reiterated, "the Board members are dedicated to being good stewards of our money and student's educations."

The second part of the meeting was to discuss the search for a new superintendent. The current job description calls for a Superintendent/Elementary Principal, which is still the preference of the Board.

Another specification the Board discussed was whether the Superintendent needed to reside in the district. It would not be required but residency would be preferred. Board members said it is necessary for the Superintendent to be someone who would have a presence in the community.

"The Superintendent is essentially the CEO of the largest employer in Waitsburg," said Clarke.

The board expects to fill the position by March, allowing the new Superintendent to assist in selecting the High School

The Board has posted a survey on the District website, waitsburgsd.org, asking for parent and community input on Superintendent Search criteria. More information is on page

NEWS BRIEFS

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AT THE LIBERTY:

Avatar: The Way of Water

DAYTON—Avatar: The Way of Water is set more than a decade after the events of the first film. This latest movie begins to tell the story of the Sully family (Jake, Neytiri, and their kids), the trouble that follows them, the lengths they go to keep each other safe, the battles they fight to stay and the tragedies they endure.

Rotten Tomatoes critics have given this movie a 77% fresh/favorable, and the audience has it at 92% favorable. That website's audience summary is that "Avatar: The Way of Water is predictable, but the visual effects are so spectacular that it hardly matters." Many other critics also tout this movie's visual effects, but they note that the plot is "thin".

The movie is very long, with a runtime of 3 hrs and 12 minutes. It is rated PG-13 (for sequences of strong violence and intense action, partial nudity and some strong language). Commonsense media rates this movie 3 out of 5 for violence and language (with 5 being the worst), and agrees that it is suitable for ages over 13. This movie runs for 2 weeks at the Liberty Theater (Jan. 6-17), but see the theater website for specific days and times.



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AVATAR: THE WAY OF WATER



Check out the Walla Walla Chamber Music Fesitval at www.wwcmf.org

There are tickets still available for concerts in January.

Portrait of an Artist — Orlando Wells, Violin

Thursday, January 12, 2023 6:00 PM 7:00 PM Foundry Vineyards

Tasting Music — Mendelssohn Piano Trio in C minor, Op. 66

Friday, January 13, 2023 6:00 PM 7:00 PM Foundry Vineyards

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WALLA WALLA COUNTY HAS FIRST INFLUENZA DEATH

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WALLA WALLA - The Walla Walla County Department of Community Health (WWCDCH) has confirmed the first reported Influenza linked death in Walla Walla County. County health officials were notified that an individual over the age of 65 that tested positive for Influenza passed away. Our sincere condolences go out to the individuals' family and friends during this difficult time.

For the last two years, COVID precautions such as masking, distancing, and quarantining at home when sick has reduced the spread of diseases like the flu, as well. This fall and winter, the Influenza wave has returned to previous years before COVID protocols, with the DOH categorizing Influenza-like activity as very high. ER visits for Influenza-like illnesses are 10-15% higher throughout the state than last vear.

WWCDCH would like to remind everyone that the best way to reduce the risk of serious illness due to seasonal flu is to get vaccinated. Additional preventative measures that can slow the spread of Influenza include:

- Avoid close contact with individuals who are
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing.
- Wash your hands frequently. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Consider masking around vulnerable individuals.

Appointments for flu and covid vaccines are available at most clinics and pharmacies. It is safe to get a flu shot and covid booster at the same appointment. For additional information about Influenza in Washington, please visit Influenza | Washington State Department of Health



UPDATE ON PORT'S BROADBAND PROJECT

By Lane Gwinn | THE TIMES

The Port of Columbia's broadband project took great strides forward in 2022. Franchise agreements between the Port and Columbia County and the City of Dayton were approved, and fiber cable is on-site and ready to go. The drop cables, splice cases, and other materials are ordered and will arrive in the first quarter of 2023.

The system design has been completed, and bids for the project are due on January 5, 2023. Construction will begin in January after the Port verifies contractor eligibility and selects a contractor.

The Port will update the community at a public meeting in late January.

Three companies, Columbia iConnect, Inland Cellular, and PocketiNet, will offer internet service to customers using the newly constructed, Portowned network. These companies have storefronts or offices in Dayton, Walla Walla, and Lewiston and employ Dayton's friends and neighbors, which supports the community and keeps dollars circulating in the local economy. The Port thanks the local companies for participating in this public and private partnership project.

The project will be completed in phases, meaning some parts of town may have service before others. The Port estimates that the entire project area will be fully operational by October 2023.

For more information on future service:

Columbia iConnect at www.columbiainet.com Emerge by Inland Cellular at emerge.inlandcellular.com

PocketiNet at www.pocketinet.com



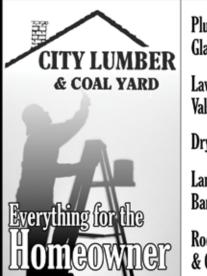
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The cable is ready





Puget Sound Energy donated \$1,000 to Project Timothy in support of the work the organization does for those in need in the community. Left to right, Anne Walsh and Joan Hudson from PSE, presented the donation to Darcy Beleny, Vice President of Project Timothy, and Joe Huether of Columbia County Community Network, the fiscal sponsor.



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NEWS & LEGALS

AROUND THE VALLEY: WITH KAREN HUWE

Clover Island

Clover Island in Kennewick is known for more than its restaurants and marina. The 16-acre island owned by the Port of Kennewick includes a quarter-mile walking path to enjoy river views, artwork, and wildlife.

One of the first things you encounter is the 28-foot-tall gateway arch which spans the road connecting Clover Island with the mainland of Kennewick. Next is a 62-foot-high functioning lighthouse; the tower houses a white beacon that flashes every four seconds.

We visited Clover Island to see the Port's project named Wiyakukpa, meaning The Gathering Place. The art installation highlights the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation's heritage and customs, including gathering tule reeds and capturing fish.

Exhibits at The Gathering Place focus on the tribes' past, present, and future. They include two bronze statues of women holding Tule reeds, one in traditional and the other in modern dress. Along the walkway overlooking the river are four twelve-foot renditions of sapáxikas, willow fish traps. The 12-foot-tall sculptures honor the tribes' tradition of capturing fish with large woven fish traps filled with

rocks and placed in the Columbia River.

Waitsburg resident Mark Montgomery assisted with the placement of this attraction while working for Big D's Construction. Montgomery, along with his boys, really enjoyed the time they spent on the project in 2017.

Next time you travel to the Tri-Cities, be sure to walk around Clover Island to enjoy the Columbia River, wildlife, and artwork. You will not be disappointed.



Karen Huw

(above) The Gathering Place has informative plaques and two bronze sculptures representing the past and present.

(right) The statue representing the present, wearing modern clothes can be seen with one of the four willow fish trap scuptures.



LEGAL NOTICE

The Walla Walla County Conservation District (WWCCD) is issuing a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for engineering services on Phase 1 Mill Creek Floodplain Improvements. The Mill Creek reach begins near Wickersham Bridge and ends near Blue Creek located between RM 17 and RM 18.5 upstream of the City of Walla Walla

Major elements of this project include:

The engineered design will include a series of engineered log structures and floodplain reconnections. The request is for a Construction Ready Design based on the Mill Creek Floodplain Improvements - Phase 1 Reassessment

Proposals must include the following components and will be ranked accordingly: Qualifications of Key Personnel (90 pts), Relevant Project Experience (90 pts), Experience with Department of Ecology projects (30 pts), Previous Performance (90 pts). The RFQ can be obtained through the WWCCD office. For guestions, please contact Alison Crowley (509)956-3762 alison. crowley@wwccd.net or Renee Hadley at (509) 956-3756 renee.hadley@wwccd.net. WWCCD retains the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive minor irregularities in the selection process. Documents must be received at the WWCCD office (via email or in-person delivery) before 2 p.m. Monday, January 16th 2023. Walla Walla County Conservation District 325 North 13th Ave. Walla Walla, WA. 99362 The Times January 5, 12, 2023 1-5-a

Superintendent Profile Online Survey

Go online and complete the survey before January 10

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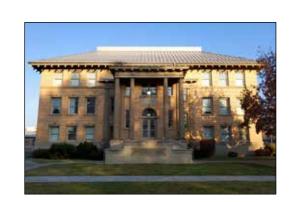
WAITSBURG—The Waitsburg School District Board of Directors is asking the community to participate in a superintendent profile survey. The online survey is available at tinyurl.com/wsdinput and is also available through the District website homepage at www.waitsburgsd.org. All surveys must be completed by January 10.

Your input will help identify the qualifications and characteristics of the next Waitsburg School District Superintendent.

The Board of Directors values community input and guidance, and strongly recommends taking advantage of this opportunity. Please encourage parents and other community members to participate in this survey by forwarding the link tinyurl. com/wsdinput.

The survey will also be available in print at the District office and at Ten Ton Coffee, 216 Main Street, Waitsburg from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily.

Should you have any questions, please contact Kaylee Bolt, ESD 123 Human Resource Director at (509) 544-5777.



PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED PROPERTY SALE

THE TIMES

DAYTON—The Port of Columbia has set the public hearing for the sale of two lots, 2.6 acres, to owners of Table Rock Meat Co. The meeting will be held on January 11, 2023, at 5:15 p.m. in the Port Conference Room at 1 Port Way.

This is the opportunity for Columbia County residents to learn more about the sale and make comments. The Port Commission must decide to accept or decline the offer within three days of the public hearing. There is a 20 day appeal period after the decision, before the sale can be completed.

A full packet of information including, but not limited to, a map of the property, the appraisals used to determine sale price, and the prospective business development plan can be viewed at <u>tinyurl.com/tablerocksale</u>.



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SPORTS

WOLFPACK BASKETBALL TEAMS WIN AT HIGHLAND

By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES

DW COMBINE-The Wolfpack boys' basketball team got their first win of the season at Highland High School on December 19. The boys hit forty-five percent of their three-point shot attempts, had six team steals, and no turnovers winning 62-30.

Spencer Hansen scored 18 points; he connected on four three-pointers, Rylan Kilts made three three-pointers and scored 15 points.

Monte Pettichord and Blake French scored eight points each. Wyaiit Booth and Gage Holm each made a three-point basket, Benny Bryan scored four points, Lucas VanHoose 2 points, and Ruben Yutze hit a free-throw for a point.

Dayton/Waitsburg 10 18 20 14 62 Highland 7 4 13 6 30

The Wolfpack girls basketball team also got their first win of the season against Highland High School. It was their first win in over two years. Coach Dirk Hansen is happy with the girls continued improvement in defense and looks forward to the second half of the season. Peyton Benevides scored 11 points, and Makenna Barron scored 10 points to lead the Wolfpack to a 39-21 win.

DW GETS WIN AT POMEROY

By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES

DW COMBINE—The Wolfpack boys basketball team used a 20-point fourth quarter to win at Pomeroy on Thursday, December 29. DW led 25-24 at halftime; both teams scored 10 points in the third quarter, and then the Wolfpack outscored the Pirates 20-10 in the fourth to secure their third straight win, 55-44.

Wolfpack's defense kept the Pirates off the boards, and out-rebounded them 26-8. Wyaiit Booth had five defensive rebounds. Spencer Hansen had four defensive and two offensive rebounds. Monte Pettichord contributed with four defensive rebounds. The team shot ten free throws in the game, connecting on all

Hansen hit five three-point shots and ended the evening with 25 points. Pettichord scored 14 points, Gage Holm 10 points, Blake French, scored four points and had three assists, and Ruben Yutze scored two points.

The Wolfpack girls basketball team lost to Pomeroy 65-21. The Pirates led 15-5 after one quarter and had a strong second quarter to take a 32-11 lead at halftime. DW had their best showing in the third quarter but was outscored 18-3 the fourth quarter. Peyton Benevides scored nine points.

The Wolfpack teams will play Friday, January 6, against Riverview in Dayton.

2023 Columbia County Noxious Weed Board **Annual Growers Meeting January 13, 2023**

8:45 am to 11:50 am and 12:50 pm-2:40 pm **Columbia County Fairgrounds Pavilion**

102 Fairgrounds Lane, Dayton, WA

8:45-9:00 am Introductions, Weed Board Update 9:00-9:50 am **Problematic Weeds of the Inland Northwest**

Stephen VanVleet PhD, Research Agronomist, McGregor Company 9:50-10:00 am

10:00-10:50 am Calibration 101-Tips and Techniques for Easy and

Efficient Calibration of Multi-Nozzle Boom and **Boomless Sprayers**

Betsy Crysel, Franklin County Noxious Weed Control Board, Pasco, WA 10:50-11:00 am **Break**

11:00-11:50 pm Glyphosate Resistant Russian Thistle Control in

No-Till Fallow Dale Whaley, WSU, Regional Extension Specialist

11:50-12:50 pm **Lunch Provided**

Spotted Lanternfly Identification and Risk to 12:50-1:40 pm

Agriculture in Washington State Joshua Milnes, Entomologist, WSDA, Yakima, WA

1:40-1:50 pm Break Weed Quiz 1:50-2:40 pm

Roland Schirman PhD, Retired Columbia County

Extension Agent

There is no cost to attend! Pre-registration is not required. 5 Pesticide Recertification Credits Pending Through WSDA

THE WESTERN HOCKEY LEAGUE - TEAMS **RESUMING PLAY**

By Paul A. Oaker | THE TIMES

As discussed in my last Western Hockey League article, the young men playing in the WHL are 16-20 years old. Therefore, unlike other major league sports, the players are given a ten-day break to go home and spend the Christmas holiday with their families. Now they are coming back refreshed and ready to play.

So far this year, the Tri-City Americans in Kennewick are at 15 wins, 15 losses, one overtime loss, and one shootout loss. This puts them in fifth place in the Western Conference. While this may not seem a remarkable record, it must be noted that the quality of play and players had vastly improved from the previous three years when they finished dead last in their conference, and the games are much more enjoyable.

Some fun facts for the Americans for the year include:

- Defenseman Lukas Dragicevic has scored a goal or an assist in 26 straight games, an all-time team record. How long can he go?
- The NHL has drafted Parker Bell and Jalen Luypen. Lukas Dragicevic is also expected to be drafted. It is fun to see boys grow into men.
- The two Europeans from Czechia, Tomas Suchanek, and Adam Mechura, are representing their country at the 2022 World Junior Hockey Championship and are doing very well. They are expected back the second week of January.
- As I chat with people about going to the games, one complaint was, "last time I went, there were like 20 fights". While hockey is a tough game with a great deal of testosterone-related activity on the ice, the current coach of the Tri-City Americans, NHL great Stu Barnes, has kept this in check.
- This year, while I see three to four scrums and scuffles in any game, I cannot recall any "glove-dropping" fights. The Americans are among the lowest-penalized teams in the WHL. So, if fights are not your thing, you may find it refreshing to try a game again.

For those still mystified by the game, I will try to demystify a few things.

There are three zones on the ice. For each team, the attack (offensive) zone is at their goal, the neutral zone is in the center, and the defensive zone is the area in front of the opponent's goal. Each zone is delineated by the blue lines on the diagram below.

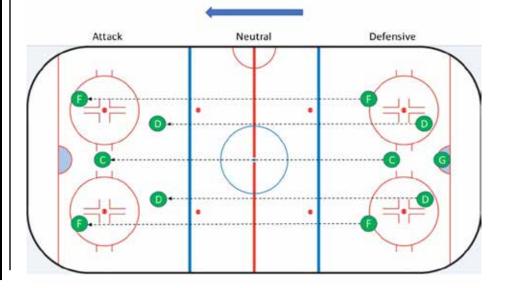
There are five players and one goalie on the ice for each team. The active players include two defensemen, one center, and two forwards (right and left wings

The two defensemen play in their team's defensive zone to assist the goalie. They play farthest from the opponent's goalie so are typically the lowest scorers on the team.

The forwards and the centers play in the offensive zone trying to score. In the defensive zone, they work to keep the opponent's defensemen from passing to their team's centers and forwards.

A player on the offensive team (with the puck) may not enter the offensive zone before the puck does. If they do, this is an offsides call. This keeps a player from camping out in the offensive zone and having many one-on-one shots on the goalie.

Now that the deep freeze has broken, it is a great time to head to the arena and catch a few games. Upcoming home games will be on January 6, 7, 18, 27, and 28. Weekday games are at 7 pm and weekend games are at 6 pm. Single game tickets range from \$24-34 if you walk up to the window. I recommend buying a flex pack of 6 tickets (\$114 for adults or \$78 for youth) (then tickets drop to \$19 and \$13, respectively), and you can either use them across multiple games or use them all in one night. If you wanted to do a group of 10 or more, adult tickets drop to \$17, and youth (under 16) drops to \$11.



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Palouse Outdoors: Contemplation on Snow Days and Bird Hunting

By Brad Trumbo | THE TIMES

As the December snow fell softly on the homestead, I peered out the kitchen window at the quail, songbirds, and pheasant that sought the bird feeders around the house. My double guns were locked in the safe. Four Llewellin setters snoozed on their beds by the heat vents. My desire to chase birds teetered on a tight wire between maniacal and non-existent as the thermometer plummeted, eventually bottoming out at six below zero.

There is nothing quite like a snow day hunt, and there were plenty of birds to be had right out the back door. While the devil on my left shoulder began twisting my arm to send a dog into the brush piles around the property, the angle on my right shoulder advised against it.

"It's hard enough for the birds to survive these conditions, much less put up with you harassing them. It's been a great bird season, and the freezer is well stocked."

The angel was right. Although the pups and I had hunted far less than we had in seasons prior, the hunts were exceptional, particularly when hunting with my oldest pup, Finn. She found more ruffed grouse in the Blues than we had ever seen. Finn later went on to find us a limit of roosters and displayed skills which seemed to involve mind-reading and coercion.

A fast-flying rooster on a quartering away trajectory dropped at the report of the shotgun, but I suspected it would run. As I searched for the downed bird, I spied Finn on point, down-ridge about forty yards to my left. I ignored her at first, but her gaze finally manipulated me into trusting her and leaving the first bird. Against my better judgment, I trotted down to flush and shoot the rooster she had pinned. As the bird began to fall, Finn peeled away, circling back to track the first bird. While admiring the bird in hand, I glanced up to see Finn on point a hundred yards away. Minutes later, I approached to collect the first downed bird.

On Veteran's Day, Yuba made two brilliant pheasant finds with her usual style and skill, and I successfully collected both with the over/under twelvegauge passed on by an old bird-hunting friend. The second bird will forever stick in the memory bank.

Yuba caught the scent of the bird and halted on a tentative point with her tail half-cocked and nose working the air. Carefully, Yuba backpedaled and slipped between the bunchgrasses, inching forward as she tested the scent. I kept my distance to avoid my presence spooking the bird, and after minutes of stealth, Yuba stopped, thrust her tail high, and adjusted her gaze to meet the strongest point of scent. It was the early golden hour, and the shadows were long. I circled behind Yuba to cast my shadow across



Photos by Brad Trumbo

Yuba with her Veteran's Day bounty.

her focal point, which forced the rooster skyward. The over/under found its mark, and we collected our bounty.

Still, those plump, handsome quail scuffling in the snow nagged at my subconscious. True, my home covey is robust and wouldn't miss a couple more birds, but I could not bring myself to disturb them. I suppose the decision boils down to laziness and reverence.

I did not need to shoot more birds, and the freezing temps with snow deep enough to form snowballs on setter fur quickly reduced fun to frustration. Do excuses to avoid discomfort equate to laziness? Perhaps

Upland birds are far better equipped to survive rough winter conditions than I, but my biologist brain considers wildlife energy expense and disrupting behaviors when conditions are harsh. Hawks harassing the exposed quail, flushing them from their feeding places all hours of the day, were enough stress for them. Out of reverence, I refilled the bird feeders to give them the energy advantage for the long night and returned to the warmth of the house.

There is nothing like skilled dog work and wingshooting coming together on a hunt, but a bird in the bush is just as important to the hunter as a bird in the hand. The quail reemerged from the blackberries to resume scratching and pecking with bouncing black topknots. I centered the shot, squeezed the trigger on the camera, gave the setters a head pat, and savored a sip of hot coffee. Steam from the cup tickled my nose while the snow continued to accumulate outside.



Finn with her limit of pheasant – a product of her ability to manipulate her handler, because she just knows better.



(above) Finn and Yuba with a fine gray-phased ruffed grouse from October.

(left) A healthy covey of valley quail loaf among the snowy limbs of a brush pile.



Wine of the Week

By Paul Gregutt | THE TIMES

King Estate 2018 NEXT Red

Oregon's King Estate produces an astonishing number of wines, including many different Pinot Noir and Pinot Gris offerings. Less known are the winery's forays into Washington grapes. This value blend hits hard and fast with a big burst of herries, mint, vanilla, bourbon tea, tobacco, and blueberry pie. The 2018 vintage was good from the start, and the extra bottle age only makes this wine better. The blend is 40% Syrah, 40% Merlot, and 20% Cabernet Sauvignon from unnamed Washington state vineyards (likely Weinbau and Bacchus). Aged ten months in one quarter new oak, at this price, it's a steal. 6000 cases; 13.5%; \$15 (Columbia Valley) 89/100

https://kingestate.com/products/2018-next-columbia-valley-red-blend/





FUN & GAMES

The Friendly Forest

By Jimmye L. Turner



Out on a Limb by Gary Kopervas LET'S DONETHER! INSTEAD LET'S ROLL STONES THE THING I DON'T LIKE ABOUT UGRAH ISTHAT HE ALWAYS HAS TO BE THE LETS 60 HUNT! LETS CO GATHER! IN FRONT TO PROTECT OURSELVES FROM WHAT I COULD SEE IS SEVERE WEATHER HEADED THIS WAY. SMARTEST PERSON IN THE CAVE KERERUAS ng Features Syndicate, Inc. All rights reserved.

Amber Waves

YOU'RE DEFINITELY THE BEST

SNOWMAN I'VE EVER MADE

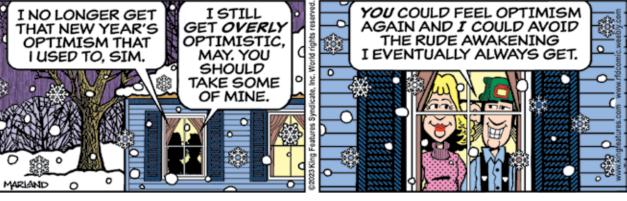
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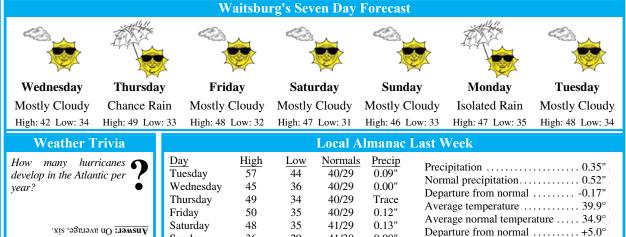






Touchet Valley Weather

Jan. 4, 2023



Answer: On average, six. Weather History

Jan. 4, 1989 - Up to a foot of snow blanketed the mountains of West Virginia and strong winds in the northeastern United States produced wind chill readings as cold as 60 degrees below zero in Maine. Mount Washington, N.H. reported wind gusts to 136 mph.

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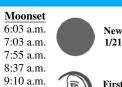
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Sun/Moon Chart This Week



Data as reported from Walla Walla

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PIONEER PORTRAITS

Ten Years Ago

January 3, 2013

Bill and Linda Stonecipher will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on January 6, 2013. William D. Stonecipher and Linda A. Harris were married on January 6th, 1963 at St. Ignatius Catholic Church in Portland, OR. Bill is the son of the late Chet & Loretta Stonecipher of Waitsburg/ Walla Walla and Linda is the daughter of the late Gus & Evelyn Harris of Waitsburg. At the time of their wedding, Linda was employed by American Steel and Warehouse Company in Portland following her graduation from WSU. Bill had just graduated from Seattle University. Miss Carole Harris, sister of the bride, was the maid of honor. Wayne Stonecipher was the best man. Tom Collins and Neil Beechinor acted as candle lighters/ ushers.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

January 8, 1998

Years ago as a Pullman Jaycee, Bill Thompson and Esther Brelsford, the wife of a Jaycee, made and sold popcorn in the end-zone of Rogers Field during Washington State University football games. Many years later their partnership was recalled when they bumped into one another at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena. Thompson's experiences at the game in southern California are among many related to The Times this week in the wake of the 21-16 showdown between the Cougars and Michigan New Year's Day. Thompson recalled making and selling hotdogs as a Pullman Jaycee, when life was a lot simpler. Back then there were only three things urged of the WSU Cougars: beat Idaho, beat the Huskies and go to the Rose Bowl, Thompson said. Idaho hasn't been a problem for the Cougs for a number of years, and WSU "gets to the Huskies once in a while," Thompson noted.

Fifty Years Ago January 4, 1973



[Photo Caption] The power pole on second street was sheared off by the impact of the Monday crash. Duckworth wrecking was called, but the auto was not moved because of danger from the overhead power lines. Since the car was supporting the pole, it was left overnight until PP&L could obtain a new pole and install it. The crash shattered the windshield, and fragments of glass ere thrown 100 feet west of the point of impact.

Seventy-Five Years Ago

January 9, 1948

To celebrate Delbert Hansen's birthday, Sunday dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hansen were Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Hansen and twins, Joan and Paul, and Mr. Joe McGovern of Walla Walla.

Howard Laughery celebrated his sixth birthday by entertaining the members of his kindergarten class Tuesday noon. A birthday cake and ice cream were served.

Miss Sereta Ann Patton spent several days of the holidays with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pollard, Lewis and Clark Trail Park.

One Hundred Years Ago

January 12, 1923

Edgar Ransuer was chosen by the city council at their meeting last week as new street commissioner to succeed C. A. Woodward who was made water superintendent and city clerk.

Gasoline is now selling all over the city this week at 25 cents a gallon. A reduction of 3 cents over a week ago, and the lowest price here since "before the war."

The meeting of the Priscilla Club at the home of Mrs. F. H. Carver was largely attended Wednesday afternoon. The afternoon was spent with needlework and music. The ladies voted to remember Miss Birdie Hamm who has been sick for several months in Walla Walla with a plant.

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago

January 7, 1898

It is reported that on last Friday night some thief or thieves took a number of pieces of clothing from the clothes lines of Wm. Chenowith, F. G. Hart and W. E. Frink, who live in the same neighborhood.

On Thursday night of last week, about forty happy young people responded to invitations to attend a "hayseed" party at the country residence of Pete Loundagin and wife. The guests were all dressed in regular Maude Miller style, and all enjoyed a frugal repast of corn bread, beans, bacon, and kindred dainties. A thoroughly enjoyable time is reported.

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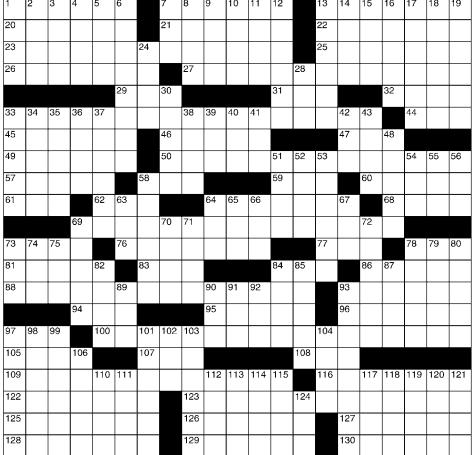
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Weekly **SUDOKU**

by Linda Thistle

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MY RECIPES 90 "Anna and Luke Chavez

Greek Shrimp with Feta



Generally, I am not one for strict New Year's resolutions, however, after a long holiday season full of rich and decadent food I often find myself craving lighter fare in January. This usually also coincides with my winter wanderlust, when the gloomy and grey days have me daydreaming of sunny beaches.

This vibrant recipe perfectly combines ripe tomatoes and sweet shrimp with the creamy, briny flavors of feta cheese. Satisfying without being heavy, this flavorful dish will bring some much-needed sunshine to your winter table.

Ingredients:

Extra-virgin olive oil

3 shallots, chopped

4 garlic cloves, minced Salt and fresh ground black pepper

1/3 cup dry white wine

1 (28-ounce) can of tomatoes, chopped ½ teaspoon crushed red chili flakes

½ cup frozen peas

1½ pounds large shrimp, peeled and deveined

4 ounces feta cheese, crumbled

½ teaspoon dried oregano

2 tablespoons fresh mint, coarsely chopped Lemon wedges for serving, (optional)

Directions:

Preheat the oven to 400 degrees.

In a large cast-iron skillet, heat 4 tablespoons of olive oil over medium heat. Add the shallots to the pan, seasoning to taste with salt and pepper. Cook, stirring often, until soft but not browned, about 5 to 8 minutes. Then add the garlic and continue to sauté until fragrant, about 30 seconds more. Next add the white wine and cook until liquid is reduced, scraping up the bottom of pan. When the wine is cooked off, add the tomatoes with all their liquid, chili flakes, and a pinch of salt. Cook for 10 minutes, allowing sauce to slightly thicken. Taste and adjust seasoning, adding more salt if needed. Take off heat and stir in the frozen peas.

In a large mixing bowl, toss the shrimp with 1 tablespoon of olive oil. Season with salt and pepper, mixing to evenly coat the shrimp. Arrange the shrimp over the tomato mixture in a single layer. Next, cover the surface with the crumbled feta, finishing with the oregano sprinkled evenly

Place skillet in the oven on the middle rack. Bake for 10 to 12 minutes, ntil the sauce is bubbling, and the cheese begins to lightly brown. Remove pan from oven and allow to rest for 5 minutes then drizzle the top with a flourish of olive oil and the chopped mint. Serve immediately with rice or polenta.

This dish works beautifully with canned tomatoes, bringing a little sunshine to the winter months. However, for a memorable meal, try using fresh sun-ripe tomatoes during the summer growing season. Substitute 2 pounds of fresh tomatoes for the 28-ounce canned. To prep, bring a pot of water to a boil and cook the whole tomatoes for 2 minutes, until the skins are loosened. Immediately plunge the tomatoes into a large bowl of ice water, then drain. Core the tomatoes with a pairing knife, and carefully slip off the skins. Then coarsely chop the tomatoes and proceed with the recipe above.

This recipe works equally well with either fresh or frozen raw shrimp. If using frozen, be sure to gently thaw before peeling. Thawing overnight in the refrigerator is great, or place frozen shrimp in a sealed plastic bag and run under cold water until thawed.

This is a wonderful and quick-to-prepare weeknight meal. Serve it with a side of rice, orzo pasta, or polenta. Fresh lemon wedges served on the side would be a welcome addition as would some crusty bread or grilled pita for dipping. Enjoy!

- **Super** Crossword -

Weekly SUDOKU _

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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/waitsburg-school-district/page/school-

Zoom info availble by emailing waitsburgcc@icloud.com

Waitsburg Parks and Recreation Public Meeting

First Wednesday of the month, 9 a.m. at

Weller Public Libary

For more information email: waitsburgpr@protonmail.com



Friends of the Weller Public Library

Fourth Monday of the month, 7:00 p.m. Weller Public Library, 212 Main Street, Waitsburg

Weller Library Book Club

Third Tuesday of each month, 7:00 p.m. at Weller Public Library

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 meet-

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 Tuesday of every month at 6 p.m.

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

Delaney room and Zoom Meeting ID: 852 3836 3787 https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85238363787

Dayton Kiwanis Club Meeting

Second and Fourth Thursday at Noon

Hybrid in-person meetings at the Delaney Library Zoom Meeting ID: 559 815 3650

Starbuck City Council

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

Events, Film, Performace, Live Music

WAITSBURG

AMERICAN 35 PRESENTS LIVE MUSIC AND SWING DANCING

Saturday, January 7

7-9 pm: MJ and The Traumatones

MJ and The Traumatones are back for your lis-

pleasure. This 3-piece jazz/blues combo will have you swaying in your seat! All ages welcome, no cover.

Tuesday, January 10

5:30-7 pm: Walla Walla Valley Chamber of **Commerce Business After Hours**

Join local business owners for some old-fashioned networking and some delicious refreshments. You do not have to be a member to attend this event. Come and learn all that the CC has to offer! 21+ please.

Saturday, January 21

7:30-10 pm: Learn East Coast Swing

Dance Center of Walla Walla instructors will be back to teach another introductory lesson. Learn the basics and a couple of flourishes for confidence on the dance floor right off the bat. All ages welcome: \$5 covers your 1-hour lesson and an evening of practice with the instructors on site to help you along.

Grand Opening for 131 Main

Grand opening for town's newest brick-and-mortar

business on Main Street. Saturday, January 7

Sunday, January 8 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

131 Main

131 Main Street Waitsburg, Wash.

10 a.m. to 3 p.m.







Carrot Salad **Bread** Cake

Lunches WAITSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT

SENIOR CENTER Breakfast

504 Main Street

11 a.m. - 11:30 a.m

Tuesday, Jan. 10

WAITSBURG

Chicken Fried Beef Steak **Potatoes** Vegetable (Chef's Choice)

Thursday, Jan. 5

Pancakes & Scram-

bled Eggs

Lunch Chicken Drumsticks

Mac & Cheese Steamed Broccoli

Blueberries

Friday, Jan. 6 Breakfast

Sausage Links & Hash-

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Lunch Hamburger

Salad Chips Fruit Cup & Cookie

Monday, Jan. 9

I Need Help.

Everyone needs help sometimes

may qualify for free care or reduced-price care based on your family size and income, even if you have health insurance.

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Please contact us if you have questions about this program

Bagels & Yogurt

Lunch

Chicken Fried Steak

Mashed Potatoes &

Gravy Green Beans

Tuesday, Jan. 10

Breakfast

Biscuits & Gravy Lunch

Chicken Fajitas

Spanish Rice Peaches

Breakfast

Breakfast Donuts & Eggs

Lunch

Grilled Cheese Sandwich

Wednesday, Jan 11

405 W. Fifth, Waitsburg

Mass Sunday 5 p.m.

382-2311

Fr. Steve Werner

Waitsburg

Presbyterian

Church

504 Main

Worship 10:00 a.m.

337-6589

Pastor Stan Hughes

Waitsburg

Chapel

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

Church 604 Main St

Worship 10:00 a.m.

Sunday School 9:00 a.m

Each Sunday

337-8898

Pastor Cameron Hedges

Tomato Soup Fruit & Veggie Choice





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BIRTHDAYS

but it was the town liquor store at the time.

January 4: Meagan Zajac, Loegan Harshman, Andrea Payne, Ben Kiefel, and Carol Clarke.

January 5: Fred Rankin, Barb Colby, Willard Cameron, Terry John, Aaron Jones, and Ted Seaton.

January 6: Kurtis Reser, Maddie Calla-

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, and Deborah Larsen.





Wylie Monuments is honored to announce our first ever award won at the prestigious 2019 American institute of Commemorative Art Design contest. Placing 3rd in the flat marker category is this beautiful marker full of symbolism representing faith and family, with a duplication of the inscription in braille at the bottom.

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