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The Gagnon family are this year's Pioneers of the Year and will be honored at the Waitsburg Historical Society Fall Festival on September 21. Phillip and Eunice Gagnon's five children seated (l to r) Don, Ellen, Cecil, John, and Dorothy. Their families represent seven generations in Waitsburg.

## THIS WEEK

## The Gagnon family to be honored as Pioneers of the Year

*Gagnon family roots began in Frenchtown and continue in Waitsburg.*

By Lane Gwinn | THE TIMES



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of a brighter future. There, Phillip and Eunice added their two youngest, Dorothy and Cecil, to their family while working the farm together.

In the summer after Phillip's passing, son John returned from his Army service in France, during World War II, to the rustling wheat fields of their family farm. He and Don P helped their mother run the family farm.

Eunice met and married Carl Peck in 1946. They took over the Reid farm on Whetstone Creek and had a son, Carl "Butch", who helped his father work the farm.

John married Ava Jean McMillen, and they raised four children – Bess Herndon, Nancy Bray, George, and Barb Jones.

Just down the road, Don P fulfilled his dreams of marrying Ida Fontijn, and they welcomed four children – Kathy "Kitty" Greenwell, Margie Benson, Joe, and Louie.

Ellen married Bernard Doud, a fellow student at Waitsburg High School. They settled in Seattle to raise Don and Laura Tropple. Tragedy struck when Bernie died in 1956. Ellen later married George Huckle and added Deanna Vavrinec to their family.

After returning from the Navy, Cecil went to work for Standard Oil in Dayton, Wash. He married Irene Randolph, and they had three children: Deb Smith, Phil, and Pam Smith. The family traveled and moved frequently with Cecil's job at Standard Oil. They lived in Waitsburg for a bit before moving to John Day, Ore.

Youngest daughter Dorothy married Dorne Hall, who also went to Waitsburg High School. They moved to Seattle and raised daughters Terry Ferguson and Sharon Richter. The daughters moved back to Dayton and Waitsburg to raise their families. Dorne and Dorothy moved to Walla Walla after Dorne retired from Boeing.

Through the years, many of the cousins remained close, marrying neighbors, and raising families across the region. The community thrived with Margie Benson, Joe & Joann, Louie & Marie, and George & Roslyn all raising their families in the Waitsburg area.

There have been seven generations woven through Waitsburg's history. The current generation includes at least 30 cousins and family members.

"All the cousins and their children have very fond memories of the Alto Tunnel and Grandma & Grandpa Peck's farm," said Kathy Gagnon Greenwell.

## Columbia County Fair fun and awards

By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES

DAYTON — The 2025 Columbia County Fair was held September 4 through 6 at Dayton's fairgrounds with the theme "Celebrating Columbia County - 150 years of Heritage and Heart."

The fair hostesses were Kayla Mikesell and Sarah Wilson.

The fair opened with a flag opening ceremony on Thursday morning. Breakfast was included with the general gate admission. Attendees spent the day enjoying live entertainment, livestock judging, and a large variety of craft, art, and food booths.

On Friday, events included mutton busting and a rodeo.

The fair hosted the fan-favorite demo derby and the livestock sale. The Farmers' Olympics and ice cream social wrapped up the county fair on Sunday.

The following Waitsburg students earned the following FFA awards:

- Sarah Daves: Champion Market Lamb, Champion Breeding Ewe, Reserve Champion Sheep Showmanship, and Reserve Champion Record Book.
- Chasity Paddock: Champion Market Goat and Champion Goat Showmanship
- Sara Wilson: Reserve Champion Market Goat, Champion Poultry Fitting and Showing, Champion Poultry Project, and Reserve Champion Goat Showmanship
- Katy Allen: Champion Market Hog
- Shaunna Hilton- Champion Record Book
- Emerson Underwood: Reserve Market Hog
- Kayla Kuykendall: Reserve Champion Fr/So Swine Showmanship

- Carter Barron: Champion Fr/So Swine Showmanship and High Individual Livestock Judging

The following students earned 4-H Awards:

- Oaklee Adams: Grand Champion Market Hog, Grand Champion Record Book, and Jr Swine Showmanship.
- Rylee Cole: Rate of Gain winner and Grand Champion Jr Showman
- Harlee Coulston: Grand Champion Market Goat and Grand Champion Intermediate Showman
- Haven Henry: Reserve Champion Market Goat
- Rowdy Cole: Reserve Champion Intermediate Showman
- Brooklyn Board: Reserve Champion Jr. Showman
- Kellen Coulston: Reserve Champion Market Steer



AT THE LIBERTY:  
“Downton Abbey: The Grand  
Finale”

THE TIMES

DAYTON – “Downton Abbey: The Grand Finale” is the last chapter of one of television and film’s most enduring period dramas, with five seasons and three movies. The Crawley family, staff, and the grand house are entering the 1930s and must navigate how to embrace the future. The familiar cast includes Hugh Bonneville, Elizabeth McGovern, Michelle Dockery, Joely Richardson, Paul Giamatti, Jim Carter, and Joanne Froggatt.

One Rotten Tomatoes critic wrote, “Fellowes and Curtis have gifted audiences with a trilogy closer that’s worth coming back for as it brings a satisfying closure to the series. It hits about every emotional note a fan could hope for in seeing these characters off to their imagined futures.”

The critics gave “Downton Abbey: The Grand Finale” a rating of 89%. It is rated PG for suggestive material, smoking and some thematic elements and the runtime is 123 minutes.

On September 14, the theater is hosting a Downton Abbey Picnic Tea & Movie Sunday event. The tea begins at 1:30 p.m. in the Liberty Theater annex; entry on the alley side of the theater. Enjoy sweet and savory treats, including finger sandwiches, scones with clotted cream. A tea that would even please Lady Grantham. Tickets are \$25 per person. There are only 60 tickets for the event, which includes the Picnic Tea and admission to the “Downton Abbey: The Grand Finale.” There will be no regular movie-only tickets on the special event day. The movie will run two weeks on the normal schedule, from September 12 to 16 and 19 to 23 excluding September 14. Tickets now on sale on our website, or at the box office Tuesday and Friday 2-5 p.m. or call 509-382-1380.

The Manhattan Short Film Festival returns on September 26 to 30. Discover your inner film critic by casting your vote for Best Film and Best Actor in the “28th Annual Manhattan Short Film Festival” screening. The festival presents an international line-up of 10 short films exploring a wide range of topics. The films show dramatic and comical takes on migration, reconciliation, housing, parenthood, and the price of silence. Not to mention the trials and tribulations of growing up, with dangerous grifins overhead and an OMG murderous mother. And what is it about golf anyway? Runtime: 2 hours and 34 minutes.

Upcoming movies “Downton Abbey: The Grand Finale” on Sept. 12 to 16 and Sept. 19 to 23, “Manhattan Short Film Festival” on Sept. 26 to 30, “The Senior” on Oct. 3 to 7, and “A Beer Odyssey” (Rainier Beer Movie) Oct. 10 to 14.

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Pearl Bickelhaupt  
October 21, 1933 – August 30, 2025

Pearl (Stedman) Bickelhaupt passed away peacefully on Saturday, August 30, 2025, at home, at the age of 91, with the gentle calm that always followed her. She was the anchor of her family, shaping memories that will never fade: childhood birthdays, long summer days on the farm, pool parties, kitchen-table chats, harvest nights, and a house that always had room for everyone. Her love was practical and constant: birthday cards always remembered, pen-pal notes to the kids, quick snacks for the road, a door that was always open. She loved in small, everyday ways that made life gentler for the



Pearl (Stedman) Bickelhaupt

people around her.

Born October 21, 1933, in Waitsburg, Washington, Pearl never wanted to be far from the people and places she loved. She and Merle were eighth-grade sweethearts, and on September 7, 1952, they married in Dayton, WA. A young vow became a lifetime of long faithfulness. September 7 marked 73 years since their wedding day.

Pearl is survived by her husband, Merle; their children, Shelly, Blaine, and Dean; and her sister, Carolyn Thompson. She is also survived by 8 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, and 4 great-great-grandchildren, along with extended family and friends who will miss her deeply. She was preceded in death by her sisters, Patsy (Pat) Abel and Rose Arlene Rinell, and by her parents, Art Stedman and Viola Powell.

With gratitude, the family thanks the caregivers who helped her remain at home. In lieu of flowers, please consider a simple act of kindness in Pearl’s name, perhaps a handwritten card or note to someone you love.

“The Lord bless you and keep you.” (Numbers 6:24)

Terry Dean Linville Hoon  
August 25, 1949 – August 23, 2025

Terry Dean Linville Hoon, 75, of Dayton, Washington, passed away peacefully at home on August 23, 2025, surrounded by his family, due to complications from pulmonary fibrosis.

He was born on August 25, 1949, in Walla Walla, Washington, to Bill and Phyllis (McFalls) Linville and spent most of his life in his beloved hometown of Dayton. Phyllis later married Roy Hoon, who became a second father to Terry.

Terry completed his early education in Dayton, graduating from Dayton High School in 1968. He took great pride in being a Dayton Bulldog and was a regular presence at local sporting and school events throughout his life. He went on to attend Walla Walla Community College, where he competed on the college rodeo team as a steer wrestler and bronc rider. His passion for rodeo continued as he remained a dedicated volunteer and supporter of the Dayton Days rodeo.

Terry’s working career often found him in sales or parts management in a variety of agriculture-related companies, including Pillsbury/Green Giant, Harvester Supply, R & B Ag. Machinery, Zetor Sales, and Seneca. In 1977, Terry opened a recreation center in Dayton for all ages called, Terry’s Place.

In 1972, Terry married Carolyn Hinshaw and became a step-



Terry Dean Linville Hoon

father to Cristin. Together, they welcomed two children—Jason in 1974 and Heather in 1976. In 1984, Terry married Denise Hulce, and their family expanded with the birth of Brooke in 1987.

The Lions Club held a special place in Terry’s life, where he was an active member for 32 years, serving his community. Another cause close to his heart was blood donation—first through the Red Cross and later with Vitalant. Over the years, he generously gave more than 10 gallons of his valuable O+ blood.

Terry’s favorite place was the great outdoors. He spent countless hours in the mountains—hunting for wild game, morels, huckleberries, and always provided plenty of firewood to keep the home warm. He cherished time at his cabin, which he designed and built himself, a true labor of love. Winters often found him skiing the slopes of Bluewood, while summers were filled with days on the Snake River boating and fish-

ing or battling bogeys and sand traps on the golf course. Terry had a long-standing tradition of participating in the Bloomsday run in Spokane, WA, proudly missing only the first few years, for a total of 43 years. He was also involved with organizing the first Touchet River Run in Dayton. In retirement, he enjoyed tinkering around his mountain property, sharing his love of the outdoors with his grandkids, and crafting granite Lazy Susans, which he happily shared with family and friends.

Terry was preceded in death by his parents, Phyllis and Roy Hoon, and Bill Linville. He is survived by his wife of 41 years, Denise, his son Jason (Angi) Steelhammer, and his daughters: Cristin Anderson, Heather (Cory) Vaughn, and Brooke (Dru) Van Ausdle. He was a proud grandfather to Frank Steelhammer, Jeff (Mel), Tyler (Rylie), Justin, and Barrett Vaughn, Ava and Layton Van Ausdle, and great-granddaughter Hazel Vaughn. Terry also leaves behind many close friends who were like family to him, especially Duane, Kevin, and Kenny.

In honor of Terry, the family encourages you to consider donating blood or contributing to the Dayton School system—whether through the Boosters, PTSO, FFA or the athletic programs.

A Celebration of Life will be at the Columbia County Fairgrounds Pavilion on September 27, 2025 at 4:00 pm with dinner provided. A graveside service for family will precede the Celebration of Life. Corbeill Funeral Homes in Dayton is caring for the family. On-line condolences may be made at [www.corbeillfuneral-homes.com](http://www.corbeillfuneral-homes.com)

Celebration of Life for Ginger Hofer

The Hofer family invites you to join us in honoring the life of Ginger Hofer, who passed away on March 27, 2025, at the age of 95. Ginger was an exceptionally beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and friend throughout her time with us. Her spirit is admired and respected for being an empowering, empathetic, and conscientious figure of warmth and class.

An inurnment ceremony will be held at the Waitsburg City Cemetery on September 19 at 2:30 p.m., followed by the Celebration of Life at the Palouse Valley Community Center at 3:30 p.m. The community center is across from Preston Park at 122 Coppei Avenue.

We invite all who knew her to share memories, stories, and love as we remember a life well lived.

With love, the Hofer Family



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Karen Huwe

WELLER LIBRARY DIRECTOR VISITS  
WAITSBURG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CLASSES

*Celebrate Library Card Sign-up Month with “One Card, Endless Possibilities”*

By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — September is the American Library Association’s Library Card Sign-up Month. The theme “One Card, Endless Possibilities” is a reminder that signing up for a library card can be the first step toward academic achievement and lifelong learning.

Weller Public Library Director Sarah Roberts visited Waitsburg Elementary classes on Monday, September 8, to show students how library cards can give

(above) Librarian Sarah Roberts talks to the preschool class about library cards before students pick their free book.

them access to books, ebooks, audiobooks, games, and other resources. Roberts also helped new students, or those who have not yet received a public library card, to sign up. All Waitsburg residents, including school employees and students, can obtain a free library card.

Roberts brought a large variety of books for every student at Waitsburg Elementary to choose a free book, compliments of the Waitsburg Weller Library Board of Trustees. Roberts also distributed fall calendars showing all the fun activities that the library offers.

The Weller Public Library is committed to providing assistance, information, and support through school outreach programs. Roberts has led efforts to bring educational and creative programs to the children of Waitsburg through its public library.

Cardinal Back  
to School  
Kickoff

By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — Waitsburg Booster Club held its annual “Back to School” kickoff for the Cardinals at the Waitsburg Elementary’s multipurpose room on Tuesday, September 2.

The event was a big success, with lots of kids and community members who came to help start the new school year with enthusiasm and energy.

“This was the largest turnout yet,” said Waitsburg Booster Club’s President Ross Hamann.

David Long from Walla Walla DJ provided music, coaches introduced the fall sports teams, cheerleaders led the group in the

fight song, and everyone enjoyed the BBQ dinner thanks to chefs Lance Carter and Marco Reyes.

“Everyone had a great time! It is going to be a great year, plus the Booster Club signed up over 20 new members and sold over \$1500 of Waitsburg Cardinals’ merchandise. All proceeds go right back to supporting our active and involved students,” said Hamann.



The Waitsburg Booster Club meets on the first Tuesday of the month in the Waitsburg High School Cage at 6:30 p.m. The next meeting will be on October 7. The new officers are President Ross Hamann, Vice-President Julie Karl, Secretary Lance Carter, and Treasurer Janet Tate.

Board members are Kim Hamann, Dave Tipton, Deanna Coulston, Wendy Carter, and Karen Huwe.

LOCAL AFTERSCHOOL  
PROGRAMS AWARDED  
GRANTS

By Lane Gwinn | THE TIMES

DAYTON/WAITSBURG — Afterschool programs in Dayton and Waitsburg have started the new school year with grant funding.

The Club in Dayton recieved funding from the Educational Service District 123’s Cohort 20 program through its 21st Century Community Learning Centers initiative. The ESD123 funding was awarded to programs in three communities, including Dayton, to expand high-quality afterschool and summer learning opportunities.

“Cohort 20 allows us to bring more consistent, high-impact learning time to students and families,” said Margarita Alaman, 21st Century Program Director at ESD 123. “We’re excited to partner with schools and community organizations in

Kiona-Benton, Finley, and Dayton to deliver engaging academics, hands-on enrichment, and meaningful family supports.”

The intention of the ESD123 grants is to create a coordinated network of afterschool and summer offerings for academic support, STEM projects, and social-emotional learning to complement the school day.

The Palouse Valley Community Center in Waitsburg was one of 62 nonprofits that received a Pacific Power Foundation grant in September 2025. The foundation’s funding supports growth and vitality in local communities through one of four cycles of charitable investments. The focus of the September cycle is Arts and Culture, with awards of less than \$10,000, averaging from \$2,000 to \$5,000.

“The Pacific Power Foundation is inspired by these critical community-serving organizations that help our region prosper,” said Ryan Flynn, president of Pacific Power. “It’s an honor to support their work in building vibrant communities.”

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# LEGALS & GAMES

The Friendly Forest

By Jimmye L. Turner

Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps

BIRTHDAYS

**September 11:** Kathleen Johnson, Roger Becker, Justin Bergevin, Jason Crawford, Bonnie Olson.

**September 12:** Mitch Gagnon, Jim Pearson, Glenn Hayes, Marshal McKinley, Mitch Gagnon, Chelsi Hermanns.

**September 13:** Jeffrey Hofer, Joey Garcia, Nadine Scoggins, Helen Rich, Claudia Hevel-Doty, Jeffrey Liebermann, Nancy Bickelhaupt, Christine Jenks, Brook Rasmussen.

**September. 14:** Jerry Harshman, Dan Jones, Doug Brown, Scott Ford, Mathew Kennedy, Bob Olson.

**September. 15:** Brooke Hoon, Bessie Tate, Sharon Merrow, Lynn Piersol, Gini Clarno Walters, George Gagnon.

**September. 16:** Norah Gagnon, Lois Mettler, Kevin Steffanson, Jerry Mock, Pam Davis, Dan Bickelhaupt, Carter Henry.

**September. 17:** Gustavo Reese, Tom Duckworth, Elizabeth Alleman, Mindy Eaton, Nathan Hansen, Nathan Hamann.

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Thursday, Sept. 11

Breakfast

Pancakes & Scrambled eggs

Lunch

Macaroni & Cheese

Corn Dog

Cucumbers & Carrots

Friday, Sept 12

Breakfast

French Toast & Sausage

Lunch

Pb& J or Turkey sandwich

House Salad

Fruit choice

Something crunchy

Fruit choice

Monday, September 15

Breakfast

Fruit Parfait

Lunch

Hamburgers Fresh toppings

French Fries

Fruit Choice

Tuesday, September 16

Breakfast

Biscuits & Gravy

Lunch

Bean & Cheese Burrito

Spanish Rice

Pepper Strips

Wednesday, September 17

Breakfast

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Lunch

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## PIONEER PORTRAITS

### Fifteen Years Ago September 9, 2010

On Tuesday, September 14, the population of Waitsburg will triple in size, at least for a few days. Normally around 1,250, the addition of about 2,500 bicyclists and support personnel from Cycle Oregon means there will be almost 4,000 people in town. Waitsburg is used to having lots of visitors. The annual Lion's Rib Fest and Days of Real Sport horse racing event in May, and the Commercial Club's salmon barbeque and the Pioneer Fall Festival in September usually bring hundreds, sometimes more than 1,000 folks to town but never this many. Not even the spring Tour of Walla Walla cycling event, which brings more than 600 travelers here, doesn't come close. The cycle Oregon is a unique moment for Waitsburg. Although it's possible that its Portland-based organizers will choose this community for its route again some time in the future, there's no guarantee the visitors will come back as a group. The 2,200 cyclists who are expected here next week are from many different states and from Canada, Germany, the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, Japan and Sweden.

### Twenty-Five Years Ago September 7, 2000

[Photo Caption] Familiar faces for Waitsburg people attending the Walla Walla Fair and Frontier Days were often seen on the Tumac Machinery-Waitsburg Lions ice wagon as members of the local service club served on shifts delivering ice to the many vendors plying their wares at the annual Labor Day extravaganza. The Times lens snapped a photo of Wayne Peterson, Jack Roberts and J.W. "Bill" Thompson.

### Fifty Years Ago September 11, 1975

"Please don't shoot the cables," said Pacific Northwest Bell manager Richard Tarver in an annual message to hunters. Tarver explained that around this time of year, as the hunting season gets underway, telephone wires are sometimes damaged by gunfire creating a hardship for telephone users in surrounding areas. "To a shut-in or to someone hurt in an accident, the telephone may be the crucial link to medical assistance," Tarver said. "When a line is hit by gunfire it can take up to six hours to locate the specific damage, dig out the pellets and splice the cable. That's six hours without a phone for the people served from that location."

### Seventy-Five Years Ago September 15, 1950

Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Ritter have leased Ritter's Variety store to Jess Johnson of Spokane effective October 15. The FFA judging team was second at the SEW Fair out of twenty teams. The State Game Department planted 5,000 three-inch black bass in the Touchet River this week between Waitsburg and Prescott.

### One Hundred Years Ago September 18, 1925

Hazel Buroker entertained a number of her friends at Preston Park Sunday afternoon in honor of her 11th birthday. The guests included Luella Segraves, Lula Fisher, Varmela Fisher, Bonnie Fisher, Fay Houtchens, Vivian Keiser, Loyd Fisher, Lois Crall, Freddy Buroker, Johnnie Buroker, Mrs. Mock, Mrs. H. D. Buroker and Mrs. M. B. Buroker. C. A. Hales has just purchased 13,000 head of sheep from eastern Oregon to be Delivered thru the Hales Commission Co. of Pasco to Montana and Washington buyers.

### One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago September 21, 1900

Preston Avenue has nine well-to-do widows on it and only one widower. L. H. Macomber and son Clyde arrived home last Friday from their trip through the Buffalo Hump Country. They thoroughly enjoyed their outing. The enrollment in the public school has reached 288. There are 38 in the high school at the present time with a fair prospect for more. J. M. Denney lost most of his straw by fire which swept over his field and entered some adjoining fields.

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PUZZLES & SPORTS

Super Crossword

COMMERCIAL EXPANSION

- ACROSS
- 1 It's on either side of a weather front
- 8 Like some pain-causing toenails
- 15 Award for "Nomadland"
- 20 Decay of a plant's stalk
- 21 Suave, glib sort
- 22 1/24 of a day, in French
- 23 Astronauts' advisory group?
- 25 Blows gently
- 26 NHL great Bobby
- 27 Dot in la mer
- 28 Candied nut given to a kid to quell a tantrum?
- 30 Advice for Fonda when she has a grievance?
- 35 Finds a new purpose for
- 36 Saudi export
- 37 Adele's vocal range
- 38 Without remuneration
- 41 Big cheese
- 44 RBI, e.g.
- 45 "Lily White" novelist Susan
- 46 Colo.-to-Ga. direction
- 49 Present, as the whole group
- 51 Small car manufactured in Poland's capital?
- 54 Optimal nutrient amt.
- 55 In — of (replacing)
- 57 Suffix with hero or opal
- 58 Common brown rodent
- 59 Give praise to sellers of stolen goods?
- 63 Regarding
- 64 Like the horse favored to win
- 65 Units of gold purity
- 70 Zest or Dial
- 73 Fighting between Dracula and Lestat?
- 80 Puts into operation
- 85 Partner of neither
- 86 Land of Lima and llamas
- 87 "So that's it!"
- 88 Halt hubbub?
- 91 Is scornful of
- 93 Pork product
- 94 Ocean trip
- 95 Oolong and Darjeeling
- 97 List details
- 98 Isn't truthful with
- 99 Orch. section for timpani, triangles, etc.
- 100 Jet to JFK, once
- 101 Tater Tots maker
- 104 Give solace to actor Mike?
- 109 Win the contest?
- 113 — Grande
- 114 Meadow
- 115 From Havana, e.g.
- 116 Noting the differences between cutting utensils?
- 121 Nuclear trial, in brief
- 122 Respectful tributes
- 123 Hint-giving columnist
- 124 Old Persians
- 125 Unity
- 126 Plaits of hair
- DOWN
- 1 Part of YMCA: Abbr.
- 2 Computer support whiz
- 3 Supply with new weapons
- 4 2,100, to Caesar
- 5 "— you in?"
- 6 Communal
- 7 Vodka brand, familiarly
- 8 Suffix with 6-Down
- 9 Abbr. for those with only one given name
- 10 "Gee, I would never do that!"
- 11 Perez of film
- 12 Elevator company
- 13 "— asking?"
- 14 Big Apple mail abbr.
- 15 "I do so suffer!"
- 16 Slimy shore deposit in some spa treatments
- 17 Sleeve ends
- 18 Bandleader Shaw
- 19 Takes it easy
- 24 — Work ("Down Under" band)
- 29 Industrial city in southern Poland
- 31 Pal of Tigger
- 32 Maligned in print
- 33 "The Hunger Games" star, in tabloids
- 34 Acquire
- 38 D.C.'s land
- 39 Rustic denials
- 40 Tempo
- 41 DEA agent
- 42 "Battle Cry" actor — Ray
- 43 "Kapow!"
- 44 Watermelon waste
- 45 "So that's it"
- 46 Work to get
- 47 Mark for life
- 48 Suffix with kitchen
- 50 Watermelon waste
- 52 Big GOP get-together
- 53 It splits light
- 56 Aliens' ship
- 60 Clean a spill on the floor
- 61 Ltr. enclosure
- 62 Slalom, say
- 66 Jean of Dada
- 67 Bog grasses
- 68 Lot division
- 69 Vacation travel, often
- 70 Window part
- 71 Twice tetra-
- 72 Quark locale
- 74 Price to play
- 75 "Li'l ol' me?!"
- 76 For the time being
- 77 Portend
- 78 "Excuse me"
- 79 Fling
- 81 Mishaps
- 82 Ripped into
- 83 Tall birds
- 84 "The Power of the Dog" co-star Kodi — McPhee
- 89 Spanish for "bear"
- 90 Spongy ball
- 92 Teeny-tiny
- 96 Oak nut
- 98 Enzyme in fat breakdown
- 99 Thick soup
- 100 Dracula creator Bram
- 101 Philosopher with a "razor"
- 102 Way to travel
- 103 Plant firmly
- 104 Channel that televises hearings
- 105 Correct
- 106 "Blue Suede Shoes" singer
- 107 Della of song
- 108 RSVP card encls.
- 110 Say again
- 111 Great benefit
- 112 Single-named plus-size model
- 117 Apt., e.g.
- 118 Mag. edition
- 119 Mets' div.
- 120 Platform for iDevices

CARDINALS LOSE SEASON OPENER

By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — The Waitsburg Cardinals' season-opening football game against DeSales on Friday, September 5, did not go as Coach Gabe Kiefel had hoped, resulting in a 66-16 loss.

The DeSales Irish won the coin toss and deferred the opening kickoff to the Cardinals. JJ Gleason received the kick and ran the ball for 30 yards. The Cardinals went four and out, and the Irish took over and scored on a long pass. After making the two-point conversion, DeSales led 8-0 with 8:43 remaining in the first quarter.

The Irish scored again on a pass play before the Cardinals got on the scoreboard when Martin Vasquez scored on a 3-yard run with 38 seconds left in the first quarter.

In the second quarter, the Irish scored 32 points and the Cardinals

scored eight; a run by Gleason. That would be the last score by the Cardinals while the Irish put 20 points on the board in the second half.

Stand-out performances include Gleason, who had 137 yards rushing, 39 yards passing, and 112 yards returning for a total of 288 all-purpose yards, and Jarod Hankins, who had two quarterback sacks and eight tackles.

Vasquez had 55 yards rushing and caught three passes. Isa Reyes caught three passes and had three tackles. Victor Whitmore tackled three. Landen Henry and Uriah York each caught three passes, and Tucker Hamilton and Camdyn Vories each had a quarterback sack.

"This was not the way we wanted the game to be; nonetheless, there were some good things we did. We have a lot of things we can improve and work on. We play Mabton on the road next Friday and are hoping to refine our offense and defense to be more successful," said Kiefel.



Karen Huwe

JJ Gleason breaks this tackle and picks up yardage

MIDDLE SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL SET FOR FIRST GAME SEPT. 15

By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES

Waitsburg Middle School volleyball team's first match of the season will be in Waitsburg on Monday, September 15. Coach Savannah Castillo invites the community to come to the game to cheer for the team.



Karen Huwe

MS volleyball team: (standing l-r) Kaitlyn Paul, Laila Long, Lilli Carpenter, Haven Henry, Harley Coulston, Ava McCaw, Mady Potter, Jaylynn Gleason, Audrey Kiefel, Tanna Ray. (sitting l-r) Addie Acevedo, Oaklee Adams, Emma Langford, Arya Hillman.

CARDINALS LOSE TO THE TIGERS IN VOLLEYBALL ACTION

By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES

Waitsburg High School has a new varsity volleyball coach. Jamie Smit coached the Waitsburg Middle School team for the past three years. Smit's previous volleyball coaching experience was in Nezperce, Idaho, coaching the high school junior varsity team.

"We have a very young team, and I am hoping for the best," said Smit.

Her team consists of one senior, one junior, three sophomores, and seven first-year students.

The Cardinals had their first non-league game against Prescott on



Karen Huwe

Returning players: (l-r) Ellie Teal, Emma Hays, Cheri Mathews (not pictured Makenzie Mikesell)

Thursday, September 4, in Waitsburg. Coach Smit said the girls played with "first game jitters" and lost in three sets: 25-2, 25-14, and 25-9.

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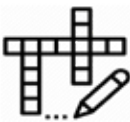
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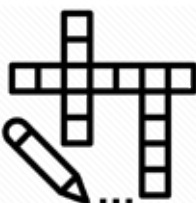


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Community Calendar

WAITSBURG MONTHLY MEETINGS

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

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



**Waitsburg School Board**  
Third Thursday of each month @ 6 p.m.  
Zoom info is available by emailing waitsburgcc@icloud.com

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

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

**Waitsburg Historical Society**  
Third Thursday of the month @ 6 p.m. @ Weller Public Library

**Waitsburg Parks and Recreation Public Meeting**  
First Thursday of the month, 6 p.m. @ Waitsburg City Hall  
Info email: info@waitsburgparks.org

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

**Friends of the Weller Public Library**  
Second Tuesday of the month, @ 7:15 p.m.

**Waitsburg Commercial Club**  
Last Thursdays of the month @ Ten Ton Art@noon. Zoom info is available by emailing waitsburgcc@icloud.com

**Waitsburg Resource Center Community Food Bank**  
Thursdays, 2 – 4 p.m.  
Food donations at the Resource Center  
106 ½ Preston Ave.  
Clothing donations at the Waitsburg Christian Church  
604 Main Street, upstairs



**DAYTON & COLUMBIA COUNTY MEETINGS**  
**Board of Columbia County Commissioners**  
Regular meetings - First and third Monday of the month @ 9 a.m.  
Work sessions - Second and fourth Monday of each month @ 9 a.m.  
Call-in information available at <https://www.columbiaco.com/114/County-Commissioners>

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

**Dayton School Board**  
First and third Wednesday of the month @ 6 p.m. @ Dayton High School auditorium  
**DHS Alumni Meeting**  
Every Third Thursday @ 6:30 p.m.  
Dayton Eagles on Main St. Dayton.

**The Coalition for Youth and Families**  
Second Tuesday of the month @ noon @ The Port of Columbia - 1 Port Way, Dayton, Wash.

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

**Dayton Memorial Library Board of Trustees Meeting**  
Third Monday of the month @ 7 p.m. Delany room and Zoom Meeting ID: 852 3836 3787  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85238363787>

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

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

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



**STARBUCK MEETINGS**  
Starbuck City Council  
Second Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. at Starbuck City Hall



LEGAL NOTICES

In the Superior Court of the State of Washington for the County of Walla Walla  
No. 24-3-00138-36  
Hector L. Carranza, Petitioner,  
Crystal Carranza, Respondent.  
The State of Washington to the respondent Crystal Carranza: You are hereby summoned to appear within 60 days after the date of the first publication of this dissolution of marriage summons, after August 21, 2025, and defend the above-entitled action in

the above-entitled court, and answer the complaint of the petitioner, Hector L. Carranza, and serve a copy of your answer upon the petitioner at the address below stated; and in case of your failure, to do so, judgment will be rendered against you according to the demand of the dissolution petition, which has been filed with the clerk of said court. If you do not serve your written response within 60 days after the date this summons was served on you, exclusive of the day of service, the court

may enter an order of default against you, and the court may, without further notice to you, enter a final order and approve or provide for the relief requested in the petition. The court will not enter the final order until at least 90 days after filing and service. Serve a copy of your response on Hector L. Carranza at 3253 S. Wilson Pl, Kennewick, WA. 99338. The Times August 21, 28, September 4, 11, 18, 25, 2025 8-21-c

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382-2311  
Fr. Steve Werner

**Waitsburg Presbyterian Church**

504 Main  
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Worship 10 a.m.  
337-6589  
Pastor Heidi Lum

**Waitsburg Chapel**

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

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