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Washington health insurance open enrollment ends Jan. 15

By Lane Gwinn | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — There is still time to sign up or revisit existing health insurance plans in Washington state. The annual open enrollment period closes on January 15.

Due to the expiration of extended Affordable Care Act tax breaks, the state has said that costs may rise for many Washington residents with subsidized healthcare plans. Plan holders need to check the status of their existing plans before enrollment closes.

The state created the Washington Healthplanfinder to help residents find and keep health coverage based on income. Available plans include bronze, silver, and gold plans; Washington Apple Health (Medicaid); and Cascade Care and Cascade Care Savings.

Open enrollment annually from November 1 through January 15. During this time, anyone can apply for health insurance through Washington Healthplanfinder.

Visit wahealthplanfinder.org for more information, tools, and resources to help ensure you and your family have affordable, comprehensive coverage. Customer support is available on the site, including search tools for local brokers and other resources.

The Wolf Moon was the first supermoon of 2026

By Lane Gwinn | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — The first supermoon of the year was also the last in a series of four following October, November, and December 2025.

Supermoons appear brighter and larger as they are full, while they are at their closest orbital point to Earth. The January Wolf Moon coincided with the peak of the Quadrantid meteor shower.

The next supermoons will be at the end of the year: November 24 for the Beaver Moon and December 23 for the Cold Moon.

The photo below was taken by Waitsburg resident Carrie Hendrix on January 3, 2026, with a digital SLR camera, through a Celestron telescope. Hendrix held the camera's macro lens to the telescope's eyepiece.

The picture was taken Saturday night, around 9 p.m., before thick fog rolled in.



Hankins wins 3-0 at Pomeroy Christmas Tournament

By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — Two Waitsburg wrestlers attended the Pomeroy Christmas Tournament on Monday, December 29. Senior Jarod Hankins and eighth grader Flynn Richardson joined over 100 wrestlers at the all-day tournament.

Both boy and girl wrestlers from sixteen small schools attended the meet, with action going on three mats. After the bracket matches were finished, medal rounds were held for the top three spots in each weight division.

In his first match, Hankins pinned Garrett Yost from Dayton in the first round. Hankins won his second match by pin in the first round against Emmet Stillman from Enterprise.

During the medal round in the 190-pound weight division, Hankins lost to Kole Zimmerman from Pomeroy. Hankins was pinned in the second round and finished the match with a second-place silver medal.

In Richardson's first match, he was pinned by Wyatt Gibler from Ritzville in the first round. In his second match, he was pinned in the first round by Tyeray Gumfory from Lapawai.

"Jarod improved tremendously from his last matches. His shot defense and transition wrestling were excellent all day long," said Coach LaRue.

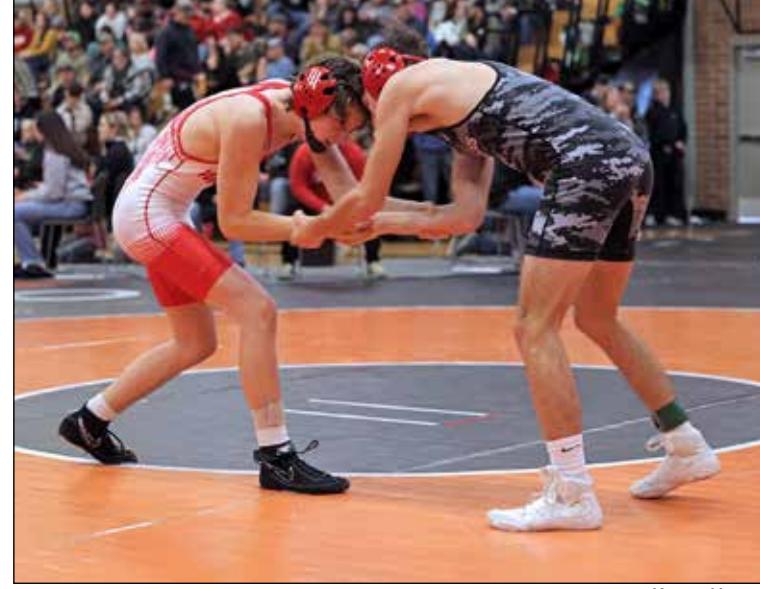
"Flynn Richardson is a first-year wrestler. He is an eighth grader wrestling with the Cardinal High School program. He is coming along just fine; he just needs to find his balance and rhythm," said LaRue.

The wrestling team traveled to Burbank on Saturday, January 3.

Hankins went 3-0 on the day, winning all his matches by pin, and placed first in the 190 lbs. class. Graycen Teal won four, lost one, and placed second in the 175 lbs. class. Teal won three of his matches by pin and one by points. Richardson lost both of his matches in the 126 lbs. class.

Waitsburg will attend the Crusader Classic at Northwest Christian High School in Colbert, Wash., on January 10.

Go Cardinals!



Karen Huwe

Flynn Richardson in his first match at Pomeroy

Carrie Hendrix

The Wolf Moon

NEWS BRIEFS

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AT THE LIBERTY: "Nuremberg" January 9-13

THE TIMES

DAYTON — "Nuremberg" chronicles the true story of the eponymous trials held by the Allies against the defeated Nazi regime. The film centers on American psychiatrist Douglas Kelley (Rami Malek), who is tasked with determining whether Nazi prisoners are fit to stand trial for their war crimes. He finds himself in a complex battle of wits with Hermann Göring (Russell Crowe), Hitler's right-hand man. Rated PG-13 for violent content involving the Holocaust, strong disturbing images, suicide, some language, smoking, and brief drug content. Runtime is 148 minutes.

The audience comments on Rotten Tomatoes included, "Russell Crowe and Rami Malek deliver a thought-provoking psychological duel in 'Nuremberg,' a film that offers both dramatic weight and historical depth," giving the movie a 95% rating. In contrast, the RT critics' consensus was slightly more reserved, at 72%.

Critics' comments included, "Driven by a commanding performance from Russell Crowe, 'Nuremberg' is a handsomely crafted historical drama, but its measured pacing and emotional restraint keep it from fully realizing the complexity of its subject."

The 2026 Variety Show, "Hello. My name is..." will feature songs and skits about names, including "Hey Jude," "Billie Jean," and "Cecilia." Information Night is on Wednesday, January 7, at 6 p.m. Auditions are January 8 and 10, and rehearsals begin on February 2. There will be two weekends of performances this year, April 17-19 and April 24-26.

On Saturday, January 17, at 3 p.m., the United States Air Force Band of the Golden West - Clarinet Quartet will be performing at The Liberty Theater. This is a free concert presented by the Walla Walla Chamber Music Festival at The Liberty.

That's right, this is a free concert, but tickets must be reserved at <https://BANDOTHEGOLDENWEST-CLARINETQUARTET.eventbrite.com>. The quartet will perform songs including "America" from "West Side Story," the national anthem, and the "Armed Services Medley."

Coming January 30 through February 1, is the Washington State Premiere of "Doc Franklin Escapes Cambridge (An Artificial IntelliGent's Adventure)" by Barbara Pease Weber. This live performance comedy is directed by Bev Startin and features an all-local actor cast. Tickets are on sale at libertytheater.org or at the box office on Tuesdays and Fridays from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Upcoming Movies: "Nuremberg" on Jan. 9-13, "Song Sung Blue" on Jan. 16-20, and "Avatar: Fire and Ash" on Jan. 23-27.

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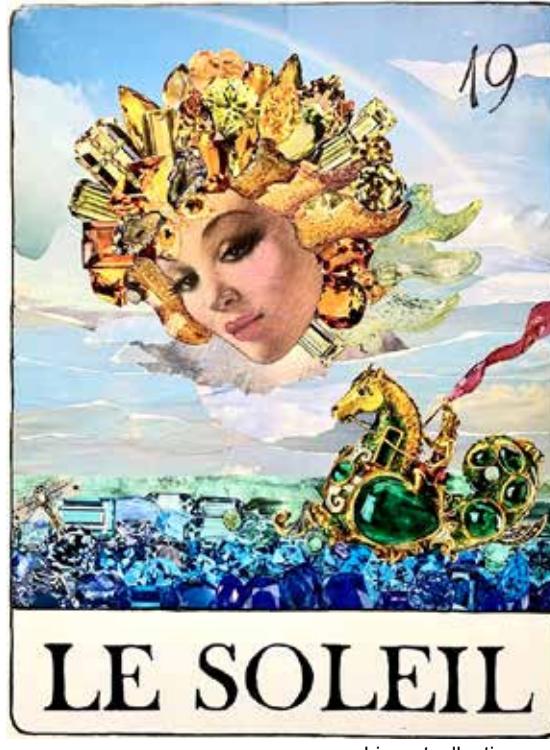
GROUP SHOW AT COMBINE

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA — Forty artists will be featured in "2 x 1 x Walla Walla Valley Artists" at the Combine Art Collective in Walla Walla. Work includes paintings, prints, collages, paper cuts, ceramics, fiber art, jewelry, and carvings.

The exhibit, "2 x 1 x Walla Walla Valley Artists," will run from January 9 through March 1, 2026.

Opening reception will be Friday, January 9, 4 - 6 p.m. The Combiine Art Collective is at 130 East Rose Street, in Walla Walla. For more information visit combineartcollective.com.



"Le Soleil" - mixed media, by Kim Bruzas

Memorial

MARY L. PHILLIPS

February 5, 1940 – December 3, 2025

A memorial service for Mary Liebermann Phillips will be held on Friday, January 9, 2026. Family and friends are invited to St. Mark Catholic Church in Waitsburg at 10 a.m. for a memorial mass, followed by a graveside service at Dayton City Cemetery. After the services, all are invited to a luncheon at St. Mark Catholic, 405 W. Fifth Street, Waitsburg.

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Weller Public Library is accepting applications for a Library Board of Trustees Member. The Board meets monthly on the 2nd Tuesday of the month and oversees the Library. Applications for this position are available at Waitsburg City Hall. Applicants should attach a letter of interest.

Weller Public Library is accepting applications for on-call library support staff. Qualifications: experience working with young children, IT skills, ability to lift 20 lbs., pass a background check. Starting at \$20.00 per hour. Position averages 10 hours/month. Applications are available at Waitsburg City Hall.

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WASHINGTON STATE RESPONDS TO REVISED FEDERAL CHILDHOOD VACCINE RECOMMENDATIONS

THE TIMES

OLYMPIA — The following is a statement by the Washington State Department of Health: Vaccines save lives. Childhood immunizations prevent serious illness, hospitalization, long-term complications, and death. They also help stop the spread of disease in families, schools, and communities. Changed federal recommendations have removed routine childhood immunizations for several diseases that can have serious health impacts, including hepatitis A and B, rotavirus, RSV, influenza, and meningococcal disease. Weakening routine childhood vaccine recommendations risks lowering vaccination rates and increasing the likelihood of outbreaks of preventable, and sometimes deadly, diseases.

These federal changes were made without the standard scientific review process involving the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, pediatric experts, or public input, and are not based on new evidence about vaccine safety or effectiveness.

In Washington, our commitment to evidence-based public health has not changed. State immunization recommendations, aligned with the American Academy of Pediatrics, are based on decades of research showing vaccines are effective and essential for protecting health.

Thanks to high vaccination rates, children in the U.S. experience far fewer severe illnesses and hospitalizations than they would without these vaccines. We strongly encourage families to keep their children up to date on vaccinations as recommended at <https://doh.wa.gov/you-and-your-family/immunization> and to talk with trusted health care providers about any questions or concerns.

BIRTHDAYS

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

Yvonne Gusse, Nicholas Leid and Molly Payne.

January 13: Wes Romine, Janine John, Megan Withers, and Kevin House.

Maxine Cecil, Janice Davis and Greg Smith, Jaylee Dunleavy.

January 14: Kayla Turner, Allene Severtsen, Glenn Baker, Wade Done, Melinda Lambert, Justin Kirk, Jesse Archer, and Jack Sherlock.



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Palouse Outdoors – “LARPing”
Behind the Lens

By Brad Trumbo | THE TIMES

If you've been reading this column, you understand that I live, eat, sleep, and breathe the outdoors. The Blue Mountains ridgetop views, the vibrant fall foliage and upland bird plumage, and the delicacy of wildflowers and wild game table fare are what keep me afield. If I'm not recreating outdoors, I'm day-dreaming about it. So, how could it be that I'm an impostor outdoorsman?

The hunter, angler, and photographer in me have all merged into a somewhat imperfect version of each, mainly because of the camera's magnetism, and my desire to capture memories and share nature's beauty with everyone. I've never cared for drama or acting, but it's become clear that I am, indeed, an actor. A role-player, if you will.

Maybe you've seen the Society for Creative Anachronism events or a Civil War reenactment. Simply put, dressing up for and acting out a period-appropriate role is called “live action role playing,” or LARP for short. Role-playing is not my jam, or at least I didn't think it was, but a recent epiphany suggests otherwise.

While dressed in upland hunting gear, toting my beloved scattergun, a camera slung around my neck, and a dog running big in the grasslands, I realized that succeeding at both bird hunting and photography was a farce. I'm merely “LARPing,” dressing the part, and fooling only myself (so I've heard...). The epiphany struck twice last fall, once involving a wild rooster pheasant and another involving a bald eagle. Here's how these scenes went down.

A strong wind bent the sturdy Great Basin wild-rye stems and rattled the thick, tawny grass blades. It was mid-November, and temperatures were climbing toward 60 degrees under a mostly sunny sky. The morning hunt had been exhilarating, and I was fortunate enough to have harvested a young wild rooster.

My youngest setter, Zeta, the small white dog with orange blotches over her eyes, worked along the edge of a swale about 100 yards away, while I moved up a shallow draw in the opposite direction. The only good pocket of cover remaining was between me and the truck, which was parked at the top of the hill. A couple of beeps to Zeta's collar turned her in my direction.

As Zeta approached, she spun into the wind and locked into a pointing posture that leaves no question of a bird's whereabouts, but I couldn't believe a wild pheasant would sit within 15 feet of me while I lingered. Zeta's stance was beautiful, fully lit by the morning glow. Instead of playing the pheasant game, I grabbed my phone to take some photos of my little girl on point.

During the photo shoot, I stepped past Zeta and turned to face her, all the while that little voice in my head warned me of regret. Pheasants are intelligent birds capable of calculating the precise moment to escape. While I was fiddling with the camera, a dazzling rooster erupted just 10 feet from me and made a beautiful left-to-right quartering flight. Instinct took



Brad Trumbo

Trumbo joked with his hunting partner that Zeta was “on another meadowlark,” as she perfectly stood on point. To his surprise, he harvested a beautiful rooster pheasant which he flushed “simply to humor the dog.”

over, and the phone fell against my vest. Dad's old sixteen-gauge side-by-side came up to my shoulder and fired two pellet wads somewhere in the rooster's vicinity. Zeta had performed perfectly, while I made an appearance as a hunter. A true hunter would have landed such an easy shot.

Fast-forward to a beautiful November day on the Upper Columbia River and challenging fishing for big red band rainbow trout. I had focused much of the day on fish with little reward, and a nearby bald eagle ultimately distracted me from the fishing rod. The eagle soared above a quintessential Eastern Washington landscape as I fruitlessly worked a marabou jig for the sixth straight hour. The shoreline ahead was contoured with car-sized boulders and flow seams that were too good not to have a willing fish lurking somewhere in the depths. But the regal eagle coaxed the fishing rod from my hands.

The camera shutter fluttered, capturing the eagle in a few stunning, majestic scenes. Meanwhile, my fishing partner cast to the boulder where I would have otherwise dropped my jig. He was rewarded with a 10-pounder. Fortunately, I was equally impressed with my eagle photos.

When faced with the choice to cast, shoot, or hit the shutter button, photography often wins. It's usually easier to capture the “prey” in an image, and photography provides the simplest form of hunting “catch-and-release.” Sometimes, I fumble completely, missing the birds, fish, and photos, but to succeed at hunting and fishing, photography can't be the primary focus.

My left eye twitches in disappointment when a wild bird slips away, but that disappointment quickly fades if the photos turn out well. Conversely, I've regretted every breathtaking photo opportunity I've



This regal eagle tempted Trumbo from his focus from fishing, costing him a giant rainbow trout. This image was an ample reward, at least from Trumbo's perspective.

missed. With that realization, it seems I'm now more of a photographer, and LARPing as the hunter and fisherman. I still look dapper in my felt Stetson and strap vest. I still carry those vintage double-guns and fancy fly rods. Every outing still holds a story all its own, a story captured more on “film” than by the harvest, but that's an act I can live with.



As Trumbo photographed his older girls, Yuba (left) and Finn (right), the sound of his Nikon's shutter must have spooked a ruffed grouse that flushed over his left shoulder, caught the breeze, and sailed to safety.



Scenery is equally distracting when fishing or hunting. Here, the writer fell weak to the beauty of autumn's palette, again losing a fat rainbow trout to his buddy who remained focused on fishing.



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LEGALS & GAMES

The Friendly Forest

By Jimmye L. Turner



EDITOR'S NOTE: Due to a layout error (my bad) "The Friendly Forest" did not appear in last week's edition. So here are two for double your amusement.

The Friendly Forest

By Jimmye L. Turner



Amber Waves



LEGAL NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Prescott is taking applications/letters of interest from interested Citizens who wish to fill a vacant position on the Prescott City Council. Interested Citizens are required to live within the Corporate City Limits of the City of Prescott as well as be a register voter in the Prescott District. A complete overview of the duties and regulations is available at City Hall. Applications/Letters of interest must be received at City Hall by 4 pm on Monday, January 26, 2026. For questions, contact City Hall at 509 849-2262 during normal business hours. Nathaniel Murphy
Prescott City Clerk & Treasurer
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RCW 11.40.030

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PIONEER PORTRAITS

Fifteen Years Ago

January 6, 2011



[Photo Caption] Coscoroba swans, native to the Falklands and other parts of South America, are among the 200 birds that call the Pioneer Park Aviary in Walla Walla home.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

January 4, 2001

A book detailing 100 years of football at Waitsburg High School will be offered as a fund-raising project of the Waitsburg Booster Club, according to Ross Hamann, president of the group. Hamann has been researching the topic in back issues of The Times and is seeking help from the community for photos, clippings, and anecdotal information. The publication will raise money for the club's future projects, Hamann said. If you have information to contribute, contact Hamann at 337-6957.

Fifty Years Ago

January 8, 1976

The Farmer's Creed: I believe a man's greatest possession is his dignity and that no calling bestows this more abundantly than farming. I believe hard work and honest sweat are the building blocks of a person's character. I believe that farming, despite its hardships and disappointments, is the most honest and honorable way a man can spend his days on this earth. I believe farming nurtures the close family ties that make life rich in ways money can't buy. I believe that my children are learning values that will last a lifetime and can be learned in no other way. I believe farming provides education for life and that no other occupation teaches so much about birth, growth, and maturity in such a variety of ways. I believe many of the best things in life are indeed free: the splendor of a sunrise, the rapture of wide-open spaces, the exhilarating sight of your land greening each spring. I believe true happiness comes from watching your crops ripen in the field, your children grow tall in the sun, your whole family feel the pride that springs from their shared experience. I believe my life will be measured ultimately by what I have done for my fellowman, and by this standard, I fear no judgment. I believe when a man grows old and sums up his days, he should be able to stand tall and feel pride in the life he's lived. I believe in farming because it makes all this possible.

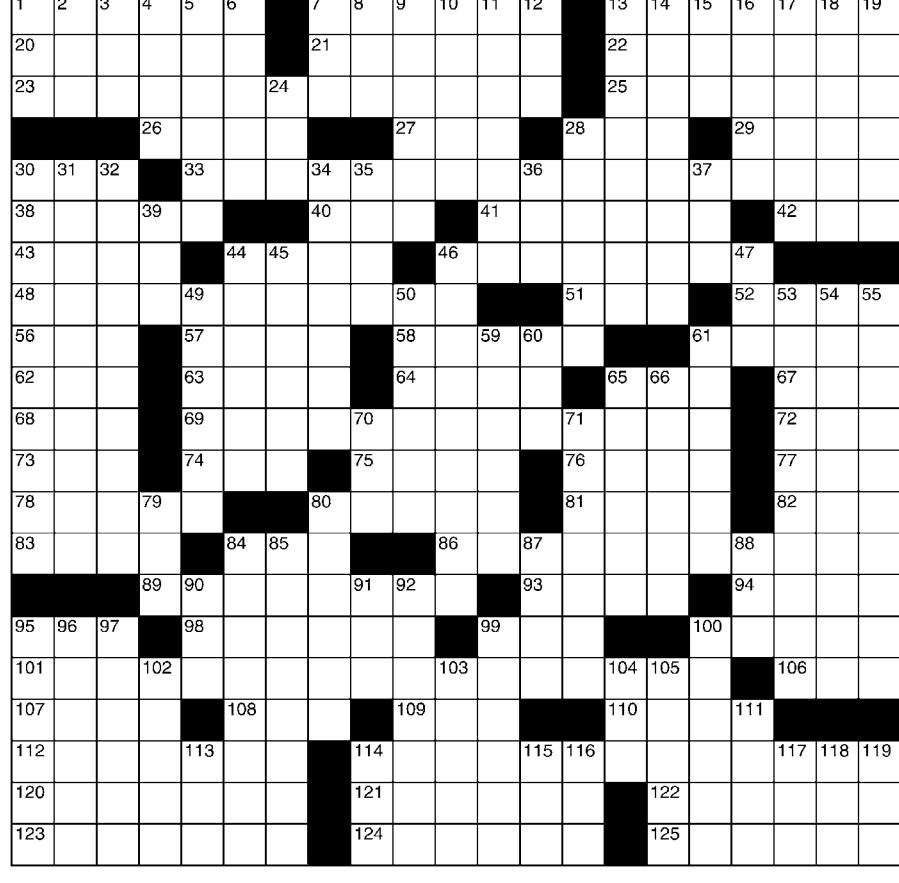
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38 Hostile force	67 Matchstick-removing game	103 B-to-F string	12 Saloon barrel	53 Features of cloudless days	100 Flower organ
40 Down food	68 Suffix with senior	109 Thai tongue	13 Figured out the value of	54 Cuts, as pie	102 Dry, white Italian wine
41 Purple spring blooms	69 Item pinned on to support a Russian poet's election to office?	110 "Think of — a loan"	14 Stations	55 Far-off distance	103 Strips for breakfast
42 Wide-shoe letters	72 Sarge, e.g.	112 Foot lever	15 Hair hider	59 Jewish mysticism	104 Currency unit of Laos
	73 Abbr. for a handy-andy	114 Clean a jack-o'-lantern with a Hoover?	16 Linda in 1998 headlines	60 "Mo'Q" actor Gulager	105 Musical exercise
	74 Mil. missions	120 More weighty	17 Rabbit, Run" novelist John	61 Speed skater Dan	111 Lab safety org.?
	75 Qatar locale	121 Alicia of ballet	18 — Mae (loan provider)	65 Of a heart chamber	113 Major racket rental
	76 Lovers' deity		19 Graham or Lorne	66 Shout of joy	114 U-Haul
	77 Still		24 Sister of Bert Bobbsey	70 State east of Colo.	115 Capitalize on



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FAMILY EXPANSION

NEW PUZZLES

Waitsburg Historical Society asks "What is this?"



Hints:

- It is displayed at the Bruce House Museum.
- It was salvaged from the land once occupied by Wait's Mill.
- It was used daily when the mill was open.

Can you guess what it is, where it was made, and how it was used? Send your answers to the Waitsburg Historical Society's email at whstour@gmail.com.

Answers will be printed in "The Times" next week, along with the names of everyone who sent correct answers.

The Waitsburg Historical Society is a non-profit organization that operates solely on grants and donations. Located at 318 Main Street, Waitsburg.

SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!



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Trap **SUMBAH**

Crack **CHERAB**

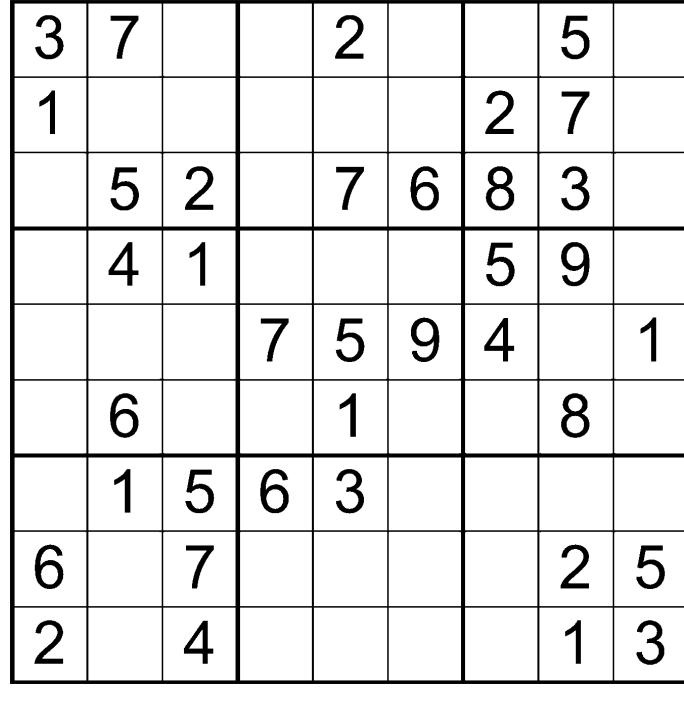
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Weekly SUDOKU



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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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BONNEVILLE POWER ADMINISTRATION

ANNOUNCEMENT: "Túuši Wána" conservation easement acquisition to benefit wildlife in Washington

The Bonneville Power Administration is funding the Blue Mountain Land Trust, in partnership with the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, to acquire a permanent conservation easement called Túuši Wána on approximately 439 acres of private property in Walla Walla County, WA. As part of the conservation easement transaction, CTUIR will permanently transfer 208.76 acres of an irrigation surface water right instream to the Touchet River. BPA is also partially funding the CTUIR to design and construct phased floodplain and fish habitat restoration on the property, which will be permanently protected by the conservation easement. BMLT will hold the conservation easement, and BPA will hold certain third-party rights to permanently protect and enhance fish and wildlife and their habitat on the property including summer steelhead, bull trout, spring Chinook salmon, and numerous wildlife species including protecting critical winter range habitat for white-tailed deer.

BPA funds property acquisitions such as these to protect, mitigate and enhance fish and wildlife and their habitat affected by the construction and operation of the Federal Columbia River Power System.

A map and fact sheet were mailed to local area landowners.

For more information, contact BPA project manager, Matthew Schwartz at 503-230-4225 or email mdschwartz@bpa.gov. You can also call BPA Communications toll-free at 800-622-4625. Please refer to the "Túuši Wána" conservation easement.

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

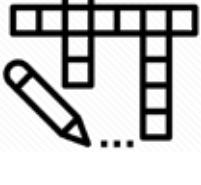
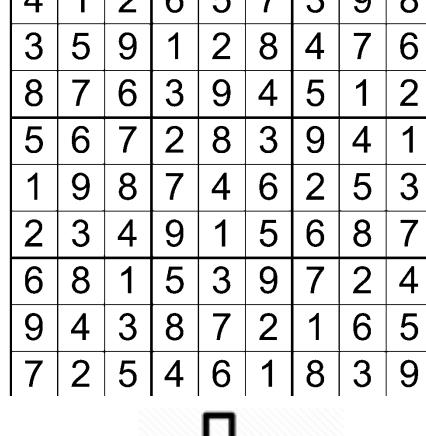
Super Crossword

Answers



Weekly SUDOKU

Answer



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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 every month @ 6 p.m. at the Waitsburg Elementary School Library.

Zoom info is available at Waitsburgsd.org 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 Historical Society

Third Thursday of the month @ 6 p.m. @ Weller Public Library

Waitsburg Booster Club

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

Waitsburg Parks and Recreation Public Meeting

First Thursday of the month, 6 p.m. @ Waitsburg City Hall

Info email: info@waitsburgparks.org



Weller Public Library

Board of Trustees

Second Tuesday of the month, 6 p.m. @ 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

106 ½ Preston Ave

Waitsburg Christian Church

Drop-off and pick-up Clothing Donation Center upstairs at 604 Main Street

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 Dist. Board of Commissioners

Fourth Wednesday of the month @ 9 a.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 on the last Thursday of each month, 5 p.m. @ 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, @ 6 p.m.

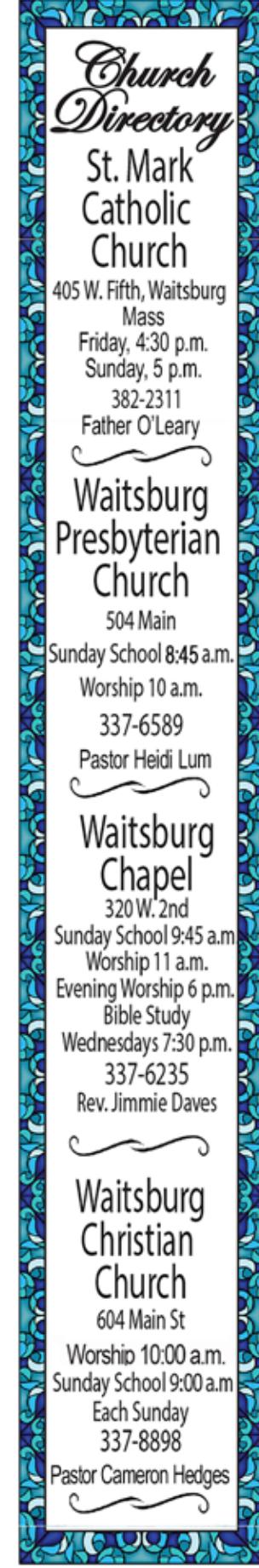
Prescott School District Board of Directors Meeting

4th Thursday of each month, @ 6 p.m. @ Prescott School Multi-Purpose, room 401, and on Zoom, Meeting ID: 846 7687 9995

STARBUCK MEETINGS

Starbuck City Council

2nd Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. at Starbuck City Hall



Lunches

WAITSBURG SENIOR CENTER

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

Tuesday, Jan. 13

Spaghetti & Meat Sauce
Garlic Bread
Fruit
MOW: Vegetable
Coleslaw
IN HOUSE: Salad Bar

WAITSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT

Thursday, Jan. 8

Breakfast
French Toast & Sausage
Lunch
Roasted Hot Dog
Chili
Fruit & Vegetable

Friday, Jan. 9

Breakfast
Breakfast Scramble
Lunch
Pepperoni or Cheese Pizza
Fruit & Vegetable

Tuesday, Jan. 13

Breakfast
Biscuits & Gravy
Lunch
Teriyaki Chicken & Rice
Fruit & Vegetable

Monday, Jan. 12

Breakfast
Breakfast Pizza
Lunch
Chicken Sandwich
Baked Beans
Fruit & Vegetable

Wednesday, Jan. 14

Breakfast
Breakfast Round
Lunch
Turkey Sandwich
Something Crunchy
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