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Bruce Banister and Joe Rhymes were guest speakers at Waitsburg School's annual Veteran's program on November 10 2026. The school's K-12 Music Teacher Christopher Kinnaird, organized and directed his first Veterans' Day assembly in the high school gym on Tuesday, November 10.

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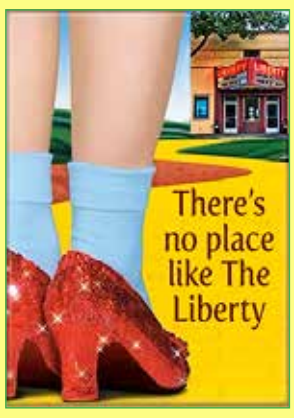

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Charity fraud tips during this giving season

By Lane Gwinn | THE TIMES

OLYMPIA — As Washingtonians seek ways to make charitable donations this time of year, they should research potential scams before donating.

This week is International Charity Fraud Awareness Week, when the Washington Attorney General's Office and the Office of the Secretary of State collaborate to offer tips on donating safely and avoiding fraudulent charity solicitations. The campaign's theme is "Pause. Check the Cause."

Pausing before donating helps people avoid giving impulsively and falling victim to scams. Checking the cause reminds people to research whether the organization is tax-exempt and registered as a charity with the Secretary of State.

"Real charities put in the work to prove that donated money is actually going to benefit those in need," said Secretary Steve Hobbs. "My office has the information you need to make sure your money is actually going toward a good cause."

"We want to encourage the generosity and commitment to helping others that Washingtonians are known for," Attorney General Nick Brown said. "Follow these tips to help ensure your donation goes to the charity you want to support. And if you encounter a possible scam, please report it to our office."

Here are some of the tips the state recommends to ensure your donations benefit those you want to help:

Research before giving. Charities must be registered with the Secretary of State. Registration is not an endorsement by the Secretary of State, but it provides basic information, including the organization's location and the percentage it spends on its charitable purpose.

High-pressure tactics are a red flag. Treat high-pressure asks for immediate donations or requests for sensitive personal information with caution. They may be a scam.

Watch out for imposters. Fraudulent organizations may use names that closely resemble those of well-established charitable organizations to mislead donors. Watch out for fraudulent websites with a slightly different web address than a legitimate charitable organization.

Use caution with QR codes. QR codes are a quick way to visit a website or app, but scammers can use them to send you to fake fundraisers or malicious websites. Only scan QR codes from trusted sources or known senders. Always verify the URL displayed on your screen before clicking on it and make sure it starts with "https."

Protect payment information. Don't give banking information over the phone or in response to an email or text. Avoid using tap-to-pay to donate.

Support trusted charities. Consider donating to established charities instead of crowdfunding appeals.

Report suspected scams by filing a complaint with the AGO, at www.atg.wa.gov/file-complaint.

These tips are particularly important after high-profile tragedies, when people may rush to help without doing sufficient research to vet a solicitation. Earlier this year, the AGO warned consumers to watch for fraudulent charity solicitations after destructive fires in Spokane and the Longview paper mill disaster.

For more information visit www.fraudweek.com.

Funding greenlit for Touchet Valley Trail

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON — At their Nov. 10 meeting, the Port of Columbia Commissioners approved language to be inserted into the Port's Comprehensive Plan allowing staff to seek funding for the stymied Touchet Valley Trail project in a phased manner.

Port of Columbia County Executive Director Jennie Dickinson said she will need to "re-engage," including speaking with engineers at Anderson/Perry & Associates, so they can finalize the last 10 percent of the design before she can apply for grants.

She said the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) and the Recreation Conservation Office (RCO) are the most likely sources of funding, but the 2026 call for trail projects under WSDOT has been missed. Funding will determine which phase is developed and implemented first.

The idea for the Blue Mountain Trail, a series of connecting nonmotorized trails linking Burbank, Milton Freewater, Walla Walla, Waitsburg, and Dayton, came from a 2015 Community Council of Walla Walla report on "Enhancing Outdoor Recreation Opportunities." The report examined how added recreation would enhance social, environmental, and economic growth in the region.

A trail connecting Dayton and Waitsburg was identified as a top priority by stakeholders at the Port's 2015 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) meeting.

In 2017, trail planning meetings were held in Dayton, Milton Freewater, and Walla Walla to gather public input.

In January 2018, the Blue Mountain Region Trails Plan included the 9.7-mile trail between Dayton and Waitsburg and was adopted by the Palouse Regional Transportation Planning Organization, which serves Columbia, Asotin, Garfield, and Whitman counties.

In February of that year, the Walla Walla Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization adopted the plan. It was also adopted into the Update for the Cooperative Park Master Plan for the City of Dayton, Columbia County, and Port of Columbia.

In 2019, the National Park Service, through its Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance program, stepped up to provide important aid. Members of the Washington Society of Landscape Architects and architecture students from Washington State University produced a concept plan for the trail within the Columbia Port-owned railroad corridor.

The port then received a Pedestrian and Bicycle Grant from the Washington State Department of Transportation to complete 90% of the project design. Anderson/Perry & Associates and SPVV Landscape Architects were hired to complete a feasibility study, the design, and to produce construction plans.

The project stalled in April 2022 when former Port Commissioners Johnny Watts and Seth Bryan expressed concerns about the trail and the project's funding mechanisms during a public meeting at the fairgrounds. They then voted against approving applications for an RCO grant or a Water and Conservation grant. Commissioner Genie Crowe cast the lone "yes" vote. (The Times, April 13, 2022.)

On Zoom during the Nov. 10 meeting, Genie Crowe spoke in support of the trail. Present at the meeting were Joy Smith, representing the Waitsburg Commercial Club; Belinda Larsen, Dayton Chamber of Commerce Manager; and Joe Roberts, co-owner of the Royal Block Hotel in Waitsburg, who expressed their support for the trail. No dissenting views were expressed during the public comment portion of the meeting.

Since 2025, the Touchet Valley Trail has been listed many times as a top priority at the Port of Columbia's annual Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) meetings, and every year since 2022, Dickinson said.

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AT THE LIBERTY:

2026 Fall Production of The Wizard of Oz continues Nov.18 through Dec. 5

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WAITSBURG — After an amazing opening weekend, be sure to get tickets for the remaining shows. Tickets are on sale at libertytheater.org or at the theater box office on Tuesdays and Fridays, from 2- 5 p.m.

By attending live performances at The Liberty, you celebrate the heart and hard work of local volunteers who donate their creativity, craftsmanship, and time. Made up of friends and neighbors, this is a true community theater.

Each curtain rise at The Liberty Theater is made possible through the dedication of an all-volunteer team. From the actors, directors, set builders, costume designers, concessions, and stage crew behind the scenes, no one on the production team takes a paycheck. They give their evenings, weekends, and talents simply because they love the performing arts and their Touchet Valley community.

Everyone pitches in, from the Scarecrow, played by Casey Collins, who volunteers during intermission to play games with the child actors so parents can have a break, to Ozian Jessica Harvey, owner of Waitsburg Paw Spa, who donated her services to Toto the dog. The theater is filled with similar stories that make up the heart of The Liberty Theater.

The remaining shows for "The Wizard of Oz" are:

Wednesday, November 18 at 7p.m. (Family Night)

- Friday, November 20 at 7 p.m.
- Saturday, November 21 at 3 p.m.
- Sunday, November 22 at 3 p.m.

- Wednesday, November 25 at 7 p.m.
- Saturday, November 28 at 3 p.m. & 7 p.m.
- Sunday, November 29 at 3 p.m.

- Thursday, December 3 at 7 p.m.
- Friday, December 4 at 7 p.m.
- Saturday, December 5 at 3 p.m.

The Liberty Theater will present a free movie at Dayton's Christmas Kickoff on Friday, November 27 at 3 p.m. "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" is based on the book that centers on the Herdman kids, absolutely the worst in the history of the world. This Christmas, they take over their local church pageant, surprisingly and unwittingly teaching their shocked community the true meaning of Christmas. Rated PG for thematic material and brief underage smoking. Runtime is 99 minutes.

Stop by The Liberty Theater on Ladies Night Out on Dec. 7, from 5 to 8 p.m. to pick up holiday gifts. Movie Pass packages include a movie admission, small popcorn, and a medium soda or water. Gift certificates will also be available for purchase. Upcoming Movies: "Hershey" Dec. 11-15, "Hunger Games: Sunrise on the Reaping" Dec. 18-26, "Jumanji: Open World" Dec. 26-29 and Jan. 2-5, "Avengers: Doomsday" Jan. 8-12, "Dune" 3 Jan. 15-19. Schedule is always subject to change.

"WAITSBURG IS ONE-OF-A-KIND. LEARN HOW TO MAKE THE MOST OF IT TOGETHER

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WAITSBURG — The Weller Public Library and the Washington Secreatary of State's Office are hosting a public meeting and panel discussion on local civics on Thursday, November 19, 2026 at the Waitsburg Town Hall.

Director Sarah Roberts invites the public to the community conversation featuring a panel of local speakers with firsthand experience navigating local issues and governance.

"The goal? To make local government more understandable, answer questions, and help residents feel informed, connected, and empowered to participate in the community they call home," said Roberts.

The meeting begins at 6 p.m., and food will be provided. Reservations are not required for the event, and all are welcome.

UMATILLA NATIONAL FOREST CHRISTMAS TREE PERMITS NOW AVAILABLE

PENDLETON, ORE — Christmas tree permits are now available to purchase at Forest offices, several local businesses, and online through Recreation.gov.

To purchase a Christmas tree permit online, visit recreation.gov and search for "Umatilla National Forest Christmas Tree Permits". Before purchasing, carefully read the overview and need-to-know information. As specified on the permit, Christmas tree permits purchased online must be printed to be valid and can only be used on Umatilla National Forest lands. Christmas tree permits cost $5 each and are limited to one per household.

Traditional Christmas tree permits are still available through Umatilla National Forest offices and several local businesses. Participating vendors are conveniently open in the evenings and on weekends. A list of vendors is available at the end of this news release. Traditional permits are valid on National Forest System lands only and do not authorize tree cutting on private, state, or other federally managed lands.

Fourth-grade students with Every Kid Outdoors passes are eligible for a free Christmas tree permit and can apply by entering the pass or voucher number when purchasing a permit online (note: a $2.50 reservation fee will be applied). For more information about the Every Kid Outdoors Fourth Grade Pass Program, visit https://everykidoutdoors.gov/index.htm.

Cutting a Christmas tree also improves forest health. The permit system helps thin densely populated stands of small-diameter trees. Removing these trees in designated areas helps other trees grow larger and can open areas that provide wildlife forage.

List of Christmas Tree Permit Vendors:

Washington

- Pomeroy Food Center, Pomeroy
- Sportsman's Warehouse, Walla Walla
- The General Store, Dayton

Oregon

- Tollgate Crossing Store, Tollgate
- Zip Zone 2, Milton-Freewater













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Budget and trail discussed at Port meeting

By Justin Jaesch | THE TIMES

DAYTON — The Port of Columbia Commissioners met at 5 p.m. on November 10, 2026. Commissioners Mike Spring and Scott Hudson attended in the port's boardroom; Johnny Watts was absent. Executive Director Jennie Dickinson and Economic Development Coordinator Shane Laib were present.

No public comment was received during the first period.

The two commissioners present dealt with the usual administrative items before sliding into the 2027 Budget Public Hearing. Dickinson mentioned that next year's total funds are about two million dollars less than last year. The drop is due to less grant funding available. However, approximately $1 million in additional revenue could come after Columbia Transit purchases the building they lease from the port at Rock Hill Industrial Park.

Although more members of the public than usual attended online and in the conference room, no public comments were heard during the Budget Public Hearing. The Commissioners passed Resolution 2026-03, the Levy Certification, and the 2027 Capital Facilities Plan. Finally, the 2027 Budget was adopted.

Dickinson said prisoners had cleaned up the Rock Hill Trail and did a good job.

The RV pull-through project at Lyon's Ferry KOA is still on hold, awaiting approval from the Corps of Engineers, which was expected by October. The manager of the Lyon's Ferry Marina may take the franchise off the market, as all recent attempts to sell it have fallen through. She is satisfied with the managers she has running it now.

At Blue Mountain Station, Dickinson said Main Stem Malt has "officially pulled the plug on their project." They could not find the equity funding they needed to go along with their debt financing. Dickinson does have other paths to pursue to use the building property that was to be occupied by Main Stem Malt.

The Columbia Rail lease negotiations with the Port for the Walla Walla Railroad are ongoing and appear to be moving toward an agreement.

The Rail Tourism Committee has received five responses to the Request for Proposals (RFP) for consulting work on developing a tourism train on the Port's rail line.

The Commissioners considered authorizing an easement for a subdivision project on the railroad right-of-way. The Commissioners postponed a decision on this issue until more background research is completed.

Spring called the public hearing to order and opened the meeting for comments on the Comprehensive Plan Update. Belinda Larsen, Chamber of Commerce Director, said people have asked about the possible trail between Dayton and Waitsburg. She said people want to know whether the trail is in the Comprehensive Plan and moving forward. Dickinson responded that the previous Comprehensive Plan mentioned the trail design, while the updated plan directs the Port to seek funding for the Touchet Valley Trail. Work on the trail plan was ended about four years ago. Dickinson reiterated that the Comprehensive Plan directs the Port staff's work.

Joy Smith, treasurer and past president of Waitsburg Commercial Club, reminded everyone that the Touchet Valley Trail was supposed to be the first phase of the Blue Mountain Trail, a concept from the Walla Walla Community. Smith said the Waitsburg Commercial Club has advocated for this trail because of the economic benefits.

Joe Roberts, co-owner of the Royal Block Hotel in Waitsburg, spoke in favor of the trail. Former Port Commissioner Genie Crowe said on Zoom that she has ridden on many trails in the West and in the Netherlands, and she has never seen a trail in disrepair. She urged the Commissioners to approve the updated Comprehensive Plan.

After comments, Spring closed the public hearing.

The Commissioners voted to adopt the Comprehensive Plan update and the 2027 Economic Development Plan.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for December 8, 2026, at 5 p.m.

WAITSBURG SCHOOLS' VETERANS PROGRAM

By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — Waitsburg School District's music teacher, Christopher Kinnaird, organized and directed his first Veterans' Day assembly in the high school gym on Tuesday, November 10.

Kinnaird welcomed Veterans, community members, and Waitsburg Elementary School students' families. The Waitsburg Associated Student Body officers presented the flag, followed by the National Anthem performed by junior Cheri Mathews, who played the baritone saxophone.

The program emcees were ASB President Pilar Diaz Easton and officers Cheri Mathews, Olivia Kiefel, Yaneli Flores, and Makenzie Castillo. They shared the histories of Armistice Day and Veterans Day, explained the difference between Memorial Day and Veterans Day, and led a tribute to the military's POWs, MIAs, and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Bruce Banister, Marines, was the first guest speaker, followed by the kindergarten class performing "Eleven, Eleven" led by kindergarten music teacher Mr. John Langford.

The first and second graders sang "You're a Grand Old Flag" and "My Country 'Tis of Thee". The third-grade class joined the first and second graders in singing "Fifty Nifty United States".

Third and fourth graders performed "This Land Is Your Land," accompanied by Kinnaird on acoustic guitar and featuring soloists Elodie Botts, Kennedy Henze, Gracie Compton, and Alyssa Cole.

The fifth and sixth grade classes sang "Country Roads," accompanied by Mr. Kinnaird on acoustic guitar, and "America the Beautiful" was sung by five sixth-grade students: Olivia Long, Ashlynn Cerda, Azaliah Flores, Charlie Reger, Rodney Gonzales, and Julian Gillentine.

During the Armed Forces Tribute, Veterans and active-duty service members stood by branch during an instrumental Armed Forces Medley.

Sophomore Andrew Gillium performed "Taps" on trumpet.

Dixie Church Pastor Joe Rhymes, USMC, was the closing speaker.

The ASB officers retired the Colors, and as the Veterans departed the gym, they received handwritten thank-you cards made by Mrs. Kim Hamann's ninth-grade Career Exploration class.

(left) Third and fourth grade soloists during "America the Beautiful" (l-r): Alyssa Cole, Gracie Compton, Elodie Botts, Kennedy Henze.

Photos by Karen Huwe



(above) Sixth-graders sang "America the Beautiful" (l-r): Olivia Long, Ashlynn Cerda, Azaliah Flores, Charlie Reger, Rodney Gonzales, Julian Gillentine

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NOW HIRING: THEATER MANAGER

The Liberty Theater in Dayton, Washington is seeking an enthusiastic, organized Theater Manager (30-40 hrs./wk.) to oversee movie screenings, events, and daily operations at its historic local venue.

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- Manage communications, administrative duties, and routine finances.
- Plan showtime schedules, live productions, and community events.
- Coordinate concessions, digital projection equipment, and volunteers.
- Strong leadership, public speaking, and collaborative skills.
- Passion for film and local arts required; tech and event planning experience preferred.

To Apply: Send your resume and cover letter to info@libertytheater.org, or mail to Touchet Valley Arts Council, PO Box 233, Dayton, WA 99328.

Closing date: November 25, 2026.

BIRTHDAYS

November 19: Katie Gagnon, Carrie Mae Higgins, Jamie Leid, Starlit Crawford, Zachary Alexenko.

November 20: Lorianne Donovan.

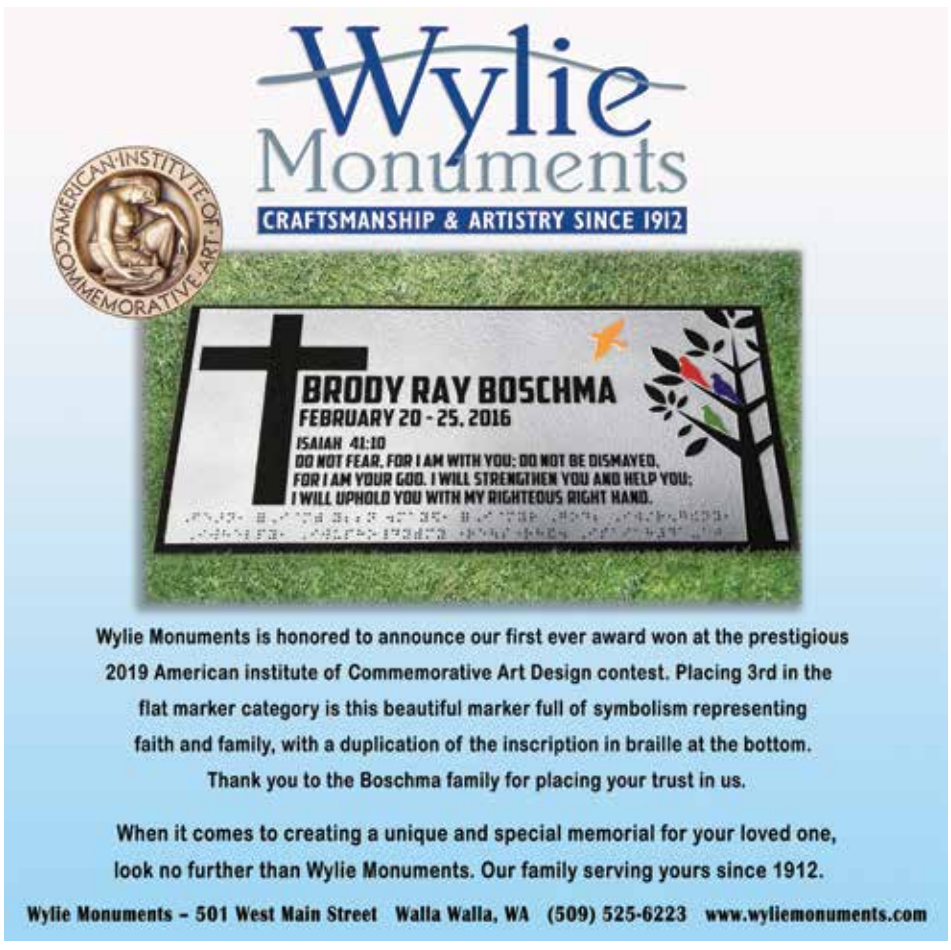
November 21: Stacia Deal, Colleen Berry, Buster Katsel, Dana Simmons.

November 22: Betsy Harkins, Connie Creswell, Tanya Vargas.

November 23: Dr. John W.L. Bond, Miles Reese, Bill Johnson, Robbie Johnson, Cecile Carpenter, Heather O'Brien, Jennifer Wheeler, Alice Clifton, Jean Lawrence.

November 24: Orville Branson, Clay Lindsey, Betsy Beck, Lisa Gosney, Brian Newbury, Melissa DeCoria.

November 25: Brandon Leroue, Kelly Maib, Lucas Olona, Jody Lehr, Carey Demaris, Tyler Green.





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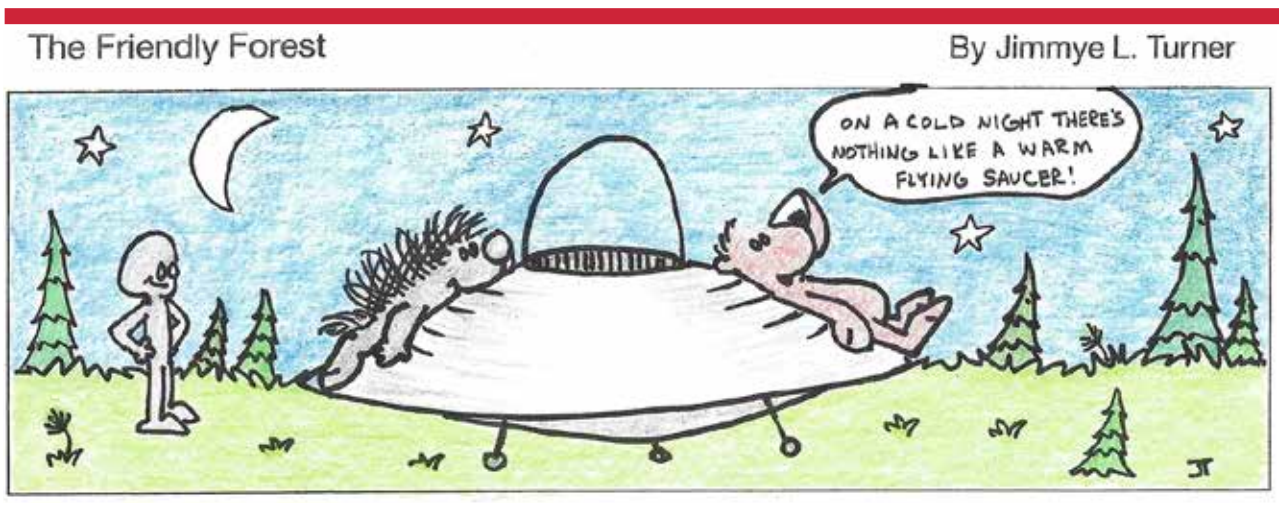



"We've had a few minor problems ... misdemeanors, mostly."



Apply now for the Mokuhanga Project Space Winter Residency

Application deadline is Mon. Nov. 30, 2026, at noon.

By Lane Gwinn | THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA — The Mokuhanga Project Space is accepting applications for its Winter Studio Workspace Residency in Walla Walla, Washington. Mokuhanga is a traditional Japanese woodblock printing process that uses carved wood blocks, water-based inks, and hand printing rather than mechanical presses. The MPS website states that the non-profit organization's mission is to promote and support traditional printmaking by exploring new dimensions of the art form in a global context. For more information, visit www.mokuhangaprojectspace.com.

Residency applicants are encouraged to explore, innovate, and push the boundaries of mokuhanga both technically and conceptually.

The residency will host three artists: two selected through the application process and one invited artist, this year's being the renowned artist, Katsutoshi Yuasa.

The selected participants will receive a $1,000 stipend to support their work during the residency. Accommodations will be provided in a four-bedroom house next to the studio by Pioneer Park.



The residency provides the dedicated space and time for participants to immerse themselves in the creative process, allowing them to develop their ideas and artwork individually. The residency is free; participants are only responsible for their transportation, food, certain materials, and any special tools needed for their projects.

At the end of the residency, participants will be expected to leave or send at least one print for the MPS archives. They will also be expected to send additional work for at least one future exhibition.

The following are the important dates for this year's winter residency

- Application Due: Monday, November 30, 2027, 12:00 PST, at Noon
- Invitations Sent: Monday, December 7, 2026
- Arrival Date: Friday, January 29, 2027
- Residency Start Date: Saturday, January 30, 2027
- Residency Final Date: Thursday, February 11, 2026
- Departure Date: Friday, February 12, 2026

The Mokuhanga Project Space is located at Alder Street Studio, Walla Walla, Wash.

Use the QR code below to complete the online application.



Courtesy photo
(left) Example of a Mokuhanga print.

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Port of Walla Walla
Walla Walla Regional Airport
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Walla Walla, WA 99362
By: /s/ Jared N. Hawkins
Port of Walla Walla Legal Counsel
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PIONEER PORTRAITS

Fifteen Years Ago

November 24, 2011

In only its second season as a high school soccer combine, the Waitsburg-Prescott Tigers beat the defending state champions Saturday and brought home the coveted trophy. It's the first time WP has won a state title as a combine, the first time a team has won it for Prescott in 35 years and the first time in 109 years since a team has brought a state trophy home for Waitsburg. An eight-man PHS football team won the state title in 1976. A 1902 WHS football team won the then-equivalent of a state championship. WHS has won other state titles, but they were for individual track athletes, not teams, said WHS sports historian Ross Hamann.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

November 22, 2001

Two Lady Cardinals made the team when the Blue Mountain League announced its all-conference volleyball list recently. Melissa Wyatt, a senior power hitter, was named to the first team. Cardinal Kriss Morris was named to the second team. The first team included Lindsay Dorman, a senior from Touchet; Brenda Deal, senior from Pomeroy; Wyatt; Sydney Rea, senior form DeSales; and Carrie Plucker, senior from Touchet. The second team was Angela Hentges, a senior from Lind/Kahlotus; Whitney Power, junior from DeSales; Erika Carlisle, a senior from Touchet; Tiffany Starring, a sophomore from Lind/Kahlotus; Jessica Clausen, a sophomore from Pomeroy; Tessa Dutton, senior form DeSales; Jaime Hickox, senior from LInd/Kahlotus; and Morris from Waitsburg.

Fifty Years Ago

November 18, 1976



[Photo Caption] Richard Donnelly, representing Post 35, American Legion, hands the deed to the Legion Hall to Town Hall president Morris Kurth. The exchange took place at the Town Hall Banquet last Thursday.

Seventy-Five Years Ago

November 23, 1951

The high school group of Waitsburg 4-H Club met in the high school Monday when they elected Marilyn Collingwood, president; Norma Johnson, vice-president; Barbara Lovelace, secretary; Joanne Carson, treasurer; Merry Brown, reporter. They plan to have a food and rummage sale to raise money to buy a sewing machine.

Miss Mary Heinen gave a surprise birthday dinner Sunday for her father, Philip Heinen, who was celebrating his 85th birthday.

One Hundred Years Ago

November 26, 1926

Mac-Hi of Milton-Freewater defeated the Waitsburg High eleven on a snow and rain-soaked field at Milton Friday afternoon, 32 to 6, the game being terminated after 10 minutes had been played in the third quarter. The slippery condition of the field led to agreement by the coaches to discontinue play.

Born in this city, Friday, Nov. 19th to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Singer, a son. The young man who weighed 8 ½ pounds at birth, has been named Charles Emerson. Mrs. Singer was formerly Miss Dorothy Adams.

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago

November 29, 1901

We learn on reliable authority that H. D. Conover last week purchased the lots on lower Main Street near the bridge, belonging to Abel White, and that he will soon commence the erection of a livery and feed stable. Mr. Conover has had considerable experience in the livery business.

A very pleasant surprise was given to Frankie Kinder, the eldest son of John Kinder, at his home on 6th Street on Tuesday evening of this week.

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16 Wrangler or Commander
20 Former Cairo-based carrier
21 External part of the 99-Across
22 Declare
23 Sending junk email to everyone on earth?
25 Dressed up in
26 Falafel bread
27 Title for Helen Mirren
28 Cain's eldest son
30 Tell untruths
31 Stair units
33 Mother who's an absolute angel?
38 Patient care gp.
40 Crooner Burl
41 Enrolls in
42 Cartoon character Oyl glanced through a book quickly?
48 High-stick pool shot
50 30-day months
51 West of classic films
52 Horse relative
53 Eau, across the Pyrenees
57 Reality TV's Jenner
58 Lenient
59 Famous illusionist doing some tailoring?
63 Sowed again
66 Hairless
67 Prefix related to birds
68 Thu.-Sat. connector
69 I, in German
70 Not flipping the light-varying switch in time?
73 Vietnamese New Year
74 Actor DeLuise
75 Lofty trains
76 Oodles
77 Mexican miss
79 Metalworker who forges music award trophies?
82 Outfielder Roush
83 On the job
84 Writer — St. Vincent Millay
85 Scarf down
86 Biotech-created food
87 Cry after being saved
89 Rx amounts
92 Criminal who swindles people via harmful computer programs?
95 "Master of None" star Aziz
98 Cabernet or merlot
99 Hearing organ
100 Clogged a motor with sticky stuff?
105 Sadness
110 Angsty rock subgenre
111 "The king," in Cannes
112 See 119-Down
114 Option list
115 Kid's "cootie"
117 Materials colliding loudly?
122 Region
123 Ex-Bengal Boomer
124 Milan natives, e.g.
125 Part of P.O.
126 In that direction
127 1975-2014 "Saturday Night Live" announcer

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1 Catches a quick breath
2 Hit one out of the park, say
3 Pontificate
4 Geog. chart of America
5 PC-game "City" dweller
6 Writer Blyton
7 Went berserk
8 Rho-tau link
9 Oom- — (tuba sound)
10 Regret
11 Tiny work unit
12 Some track specialists
13 Low-budget, in adspeak
14 "Tuesdays With Morrie" author Mitch
15 Bloodsucking worms
16 Mandible site
17 Develop
18 More creepy
19 Prettifies
24 Pro —
29 Female fowls
32 Kids' writer Silverstein
34 Silent drama
35 "Hail, Cato!"
36 Nourished
37 Top squad
39 Orig. texts
42 City west of Knoxville
43 Vinyl spinner at 33 1/3 rpm
44 Guy native to Galway, say
45 Shop gripper
46 "Have — myself clear?"
47 Upper limit, for short
48 Flavor enhancer, for short
49 Guilt-ridden
52 German car
54 Something in a holiday shopper's cart
55 Go back to one's career after leaving it
56 Rabble-rousing sort
58 "Allow me to think ..."
59 — Vader
60 It produced the Cutlass
61 In a tie
62 Spanish artist Joan
64 Grades K-6: Abbr.
65 TV host Carson
66 Kick (out)
71 Dart about
72 Early PC platform
78 Former Chicago mayor — Emanuel
80 Sir's partner
81 Pas' partners
82 Flightless bird
86 Actor Kinnear
87 Elton John's '70s label
88 Sprinkler site
90 Pitching great Hershiser
91 Extra wager
92 Compete
93 Small hotel
94 Apparently does
95 Deterrent to dating, perhaps
96 Tres or cinco
97 Messy camp treats
98 Central German city
101 Garbage
102 Mr. Simpson, to Marge
103 Hosp. ward
104 Card player's "I pass"
106 "— vincit amor"
107 1970s-'80s Renault
108 Ceaselessly
109 Actress Rene
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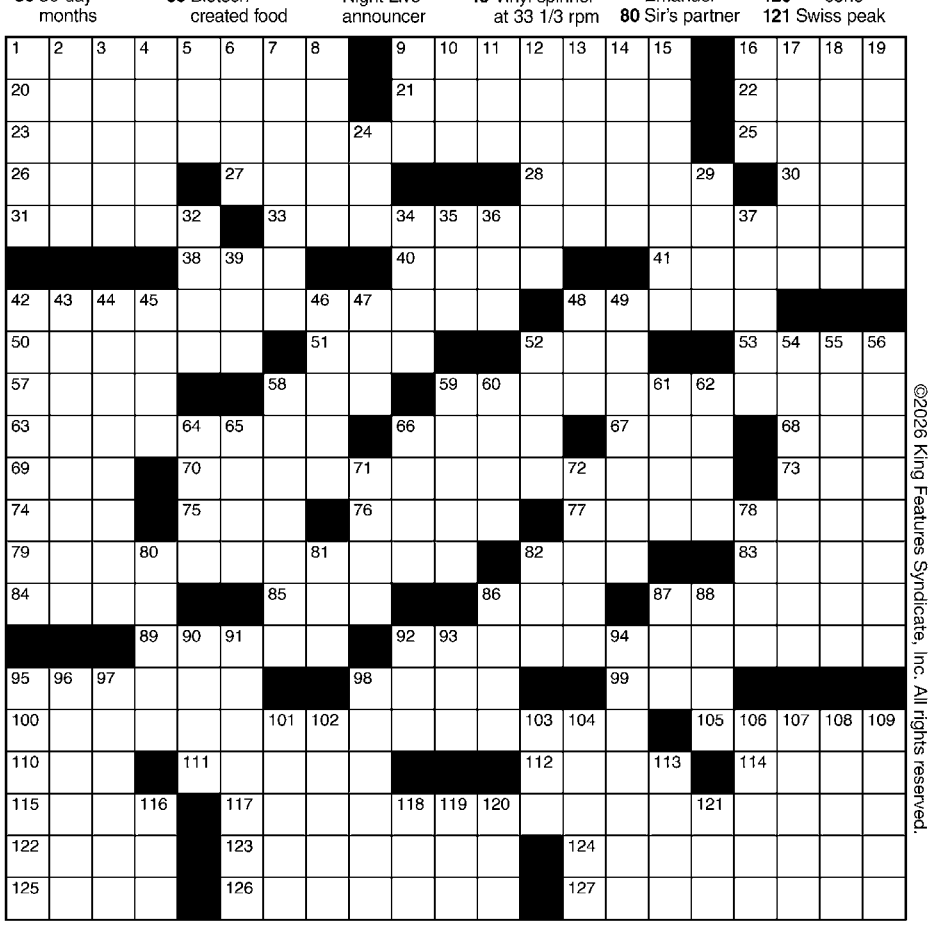
116 Dojo surface
118 Suffix with Siam
119 With 112-Across, E-businesses
120 — -cone
121 Swiss peak



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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆

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MY RECIPES
Luke Chavez

Sausage Rolls and Cranberry Relish



In a flash another holiday season has arrived, the time of year where gatherings are increasingly centered around a warm kitchen. To prepare, I research and gather recipes throughout the year to add to my seasonal entertaining repertoire. Some of my favorites to collect are those for crowd-pleasing and unique appetizers. These English-style sausage rolls, with plenty of savory herbal flavor, are perfect for dipping in a sweet and tart cranberry relish.

Ingredients:
For the relish:
½ can cranberry sauce, whole berry
¼ cup red wine
Zest of one orange
1 cinnamon stick
1 star anise, whole
Pinch of nutmeg
Pinch of salt
For the rolls:
1 Package puff pastry
1 pound pork sausage
2 tablespoons fresh sage, minced
1 tablespoon fresh rosemary, minced
1 tablespoon onion powder
½ teaspoon fresh ground black pepper
¼ teaspoon ground white pepper
¼ teaspoon ground clove
¼ teaspoon ground nutmeg
Salt
1 egg, beaten
Sesame seeds, (optional)

Directions:
Thaw the puff pastry according to the package directions. Set aside. Prepare two baking sheets by lining with parchment paper, or lightly greasing.

Make the relish. Combine cranberry sauce, red wine, orange zest, spices, and salt in a small saucepan. Place pan over medium heat and bring mixture to a simmer. Cook for 5 to 10 minutes until slightly thickened. Taste for seasoning, adding more salt if needed. Remove from heat and let cool.

Make the rolls: In a mixing bowl, combine the pork sausage, sage, rosemary, black pepper, white pepper, clove, nutmeg, and season generously with salt to taste. Stir to evenly combine. Cover and let rest in the refrigerator for at lest 20 minutes.

Preheat the oven to 400 degrees. Lightly flour a work surface. Open the puff pastry. Packages usually come with two 10-inch square sheets of pastry. Cut each square in half, making four 5-inch by 10-inch rectangles.

Remove sausage filling from the fridge and divide into four portions. Roll each portion into a long log shape, about 1-inch in thick. Place logs of sausage in center of each puff pastry rectangle the long way. Gently stretch and shape so that the sausage extends all the way to the ends. Brush the egg wash along the long edges of the rectangle, then roll pastry over sausage and place seam side down on a cutting board. Place cutting board in the refrigerator and chill rolled logs for 20 to 30 minutes.

Remove from the fridge. Brush the tops of each long roll with egg wash, then use a sharp knife to cut each log into 6 to 8 pieces. If using sesame seeds, dip each cut edge of rolls in sesame seeds. Alternatively, you could sprinkle sesame seeds over the top of each roll. Place rolls on prepared baking sheets, seam side down. Bake in hot oven until pastry is golden and the sausage is cooked through, about 20 to 25 minutes, rotating pans halfway through the baking.

Notes:
Store bought puff pastry is among my favorite shortcuts available in the freezer section of most grocery stores. However, for the ambitious home cook, try making your own puff pastry. Look for recipes for a "quick" or "rough" puff pastry.

This makes a festive appetizer that is perfect for holiday gatherings. Along with the cranberry relish I also served these sausage rolls with a side of hot mustard topped with chopped chives.

Enjoy.

Super Crossword Answers

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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 Parks and Recreation Public Meeting
First Thursday of the month,
6:30 p.m. @ Waitsburg City Hall
Info email: info@waitsburgparks.org

Waitsburg School Board
Third Thursday of every month @ 6 p.m. at the Waitsburg Elementary School Library.
Zoom info is available at Waiatburgsd.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 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

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.
Weller Public Library, 212 Main St.

Waitsburg Commercial Club
Quarterly meetings, second Tuesday of January, April, July, and October. At 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. Clothing room is open Thrusdays, 2 -4 p.m.
Clothing donations accepted anytiime at the church.

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 info at 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 High School Library

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 2026 are 2nd Thursday of each month, @ 6:30 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.

Church Directory

St. Mark Catholic Church
405 W. Fifth, Waitsburg
Confession
Tuesday, 4 p.m.
Mass
Tuesday, 4:30 p.m.
Sunday, 4 p.m.
382-2311
Father John Kibombo

Waitsburg Presbyterian Church
504 Main
Sunday School 8:45 a.m.
Worship 10 a.m.
337-6589
Pastor Heidi Lum

Waitsburg Christian Church
604 Main St
Worship 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School 9:00 a.m
Each Sunday
337-8898
Pastor Cameron Hedges

Waitsburg Chapel
320 W. 2nd
Sunday School 9:45 a.m
Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship 6 p.m.
Bible Study
Wednesdays 7:30 p.m.
337-6235
Rev. Jimmie Daves

Lunches

WAITSBURG SENIOR CENTER

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

Tuesday, Nov. 24
Salisbury Steak
Cookie
MOW: Potatoes
Vegetables
Fruit, Bread
In House Salad Bar

WAITSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT

Thursday, Nov. 19
Breakfast
Pancake & Eggs
Lunch
Chicken Alfredo
Broccoli
Fruit Choice

Friday, Nov. 20
Breakfast
Biscuit, Sausage, String Cheese
Lunch
Turkey Sandwich
Chips
House Salad
Fruit Choice

Monday, Nov. 23
Breakfast
Breakfast Scramble
Lunch
Pizza
House Salad
Fruit Choice

Tuesday, Nov, 24
Breakfast
Biscuits & Gravy
Lunch
Thanksgiving Feast
Turkey, Breadstick, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Green Beans, Fruit Choice, & Pumpkin Pie Cup

Wednesday, Nov. 25
Breakfast
Donuts with Grown-Ups
Lunch
PB&J Uncrustables
Chips
Carrots & Fruit Choice
Early Release @ 12:10 p.m.



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ROYAL BLOCK
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Saturday, November 21
4 to 8 p.m.
TONGUE & GROOVE
ROYAL BLOCK
Monthly food and music night featuring Asian-inspired bar food specials and instrumental retro space cowboy blues.
4 to 7 p.m. Food special will be Banh Mi Burgers
6 to 8 p.m. Live Music by Los Amigos Con Groove



Mythical/Movable Blue Mountain Bluegrass Jam
at Ten Ton Art
216 Main St, Waitsburg
Friday, November 20, at 7 p.m.

Waitsburg Civics 101
at Waitsburg Town Hall
Thursday, November 19
6 p.m.
A panel discussion on Waitsburg's local civic identity. What makes us one-of-a- kind?





CITY OF WAITSBURG WILL TEST THE FLOOD SIREN ON NOV. 23 AT 9 A.M.

The City and Walla Walla County Emergency Management will test the flood siren and associated cell phone warning system. Plan is to test the alarm at 9 a.m.

