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Brad Trumbo

Mule deer does move from the hills into agriculture lowlands at dusk. See the full story for "Outdoors Palouse: Montana Mule Deer Adventures" on page 5.

THIS WEEK



Frog Hollow Fundraiser Concert Tickets at Ten Ton Coffee on Thursday between 1 - 2 p.m. (see page 3)



New Historical Display at Weller Library (see page 6)



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CARDINAL WINTER SPORTS IS UP AND RUNNING

By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — The Waitsburg High School winter sports programs have been underway since November 18, and the Cardinals are looking forward to a successful season.

Lash LaRue started his second season coaching Waitsburg High School wrestling. His goal for his team is to make it to State. LaRue told his boys, "If you are not going for gold, what are you here for? This sport is all in or not in at all."

LaRue believes his athletes have the character, discipline, and attitude to pull it off. This year's team motto is from Olympic gold medalist Jordan Burroughs, "All I see is Gold."

First-year wrestlers include senior Will Ahler, freshman Dylan Guterrez, and junior Karissa Posts, the first female wrestler for Waitsburg.

Returning wrestlers include juniors Jarod Hankins, Graycen Teal, Tucker Hamilton, and sophomore Akayden Mikesell.

The team will travel to the Burbank jamboree on December 3 and Medical Lake on December 7.

The eight cheerleaders will keep spirits high during varsity basketball games. Seniors Cedar Stegall and Marian Duncan, juniors Hope Adkins, Matti Carter, and Bea Karl, and freshmen Chloe McCaw, Madison Strickland, and Victoria Whitmore have been practicing for the first home game on Saturday, December 7 against Garfield-Palouse. Coach Vickie Hamann said the girls will sell Dilly Bars at home games.

This is Kira Boggs-Waggoner's first year as head coach of the Lady Cardinals basketball team. She welcomed 12 players for the 2024-2025 season.

"We are a young team, and this year will be a great learning and growing opportunity. I think there are a couple of

teams we will be neck and neck with. These girls have a lot of potential, and I am excited to see the players they turn into," said Boggs-Waggoner.

The team will be led by returning seniors Alyssa Hollingsworth and Kaydance Tiner, junior Addison Crenshaw, and freshman Cheri Mathews. Others looking to contribute are seniors Jessica Lambert and Morgan Lindsey, sophomore Hannah Peralez, freshman Yaneli Flores, and eighth graders Olivia Kiefel, Joslin Nodine, Kayla Kuykendall, and Sophia Castillo.

The Cardinal boys' basketball team welcomes a new head coach, Westin Wallace. Gavin Waggoner will assist Wallace.

"Our goals for this year as a team are to grow as basketball players, as a team, and as young men. This year, there is not only a new coach but no returning starters due to Lucas VanHoose's injury," said Wallace.

Seniors William Daves and Jackson Karl will bring playing experience to the team. Blake Benavides, Teegan Kenney, Logan Seal, Tyler Coulston, and Kyle Lindsey are Juniors who will make an impact. Sophomores Isaac Mahre, JJ Gleason, Landon Henry, Trace Nesje, Rollin Carpenter, and Fredy Chavez are ready to play, as is the only freshman on the team, Bryer Paul.

"There will be a learning curve for us all, also a lot of opportunity. I think we will realize as the season goes on that we have all the potential in the world to be a really good basketball team. We just need to invest in the little things, do the hard work, and develop a love for the game. Having only two seniors is not ideal, but that means this group has a chance to make its mark not just this year but also in the future. I know I am excited; the boys are ready to play, and we can't wait to play for our community," said Wallace.

Come to the gym on Saturday, December 7, wear your red, and cheer on the Cardinals. Junior varsity boys at 2:30, girls' varsity at 4 p.m., and boys' varsity at 5:30 p.m.



Wrestlers on a break from practice: Will Ahler, Graycen Teal, Jarod Hankins, Dylan Gutierrez, and Akayden Mikesell (not pictured: Tucker Hamilton, Karissa Potts)



Returning girls' basketball players: Alyssa Hollingsworth, Kaydance Tiner, Cheri Mathews, and Addison Crenshaw



Cheerleaders for the winter season are Marion Duncan, Victoria Whitmore, Chloe McCaw, Matti Carter, Madison Strickland, and Cedar Stegall (not pictured: Bea Karl and Hope Adkins)



(right) Boys with varsity experience: Lucas VanHoose, Jack Karl, Logan Seal, Rollin Carpenter, and JJ. Gleason.

NEWS BRIEFS

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AT THE LIBERTY: "Fiddler on the Roof"

THE TIMES

DAYTON — "Fiddler on the Roof" continues through December 7. There are just a few single tickets left. Check online or at the box office Tuesday and Friday 2-5 p.m. The production has had a great run with a tremendous turnout and much appreciated praise. The Liberty Theater greatly values and thanks the Dayton community and surrounding towns for their continued support.

Stop by the theater for "Guys Night" on December 17 and pick up some movie passes for date night. Our gift certificates make great Christmas gifts as well.

It's almost movie time, and our lineup is looking good. Starting December 13, with "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever," December 20 — "Red One," and December 27 — "Moana 2".

PREPARE FOR THE WAITSBURG XMAS PARADE

THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — Waitsburg will enjoy Hometown Christmas celebrations, including the 39th Annual Waitsburg Hometown Christmas Parade, on Sunday, December 8. Tom Elstrom, Chair of the Waitsburg Hometown Christmas Parade, said the holiday procession would briefly impact local traffic and that monitored barricades would be in place for the parade's duration to help direct traffic.

Eastbound traffic on Highway 124 will be diverted south onto Cardinal Road, then east on W. Seventh St. to Coppei Ave. Westbound traffic destined for Highway 124 will be diverted in the opposite direction on the same route. Highway 12 traffic will not be affected by the parade.

The parade starts at 5 p.m. at First and Main and proceeds south onto Main, right on Sixth, right on Orchard St., right on Fourth, and left on Main to return northbound to the staging area. Motorists are urged to exercise caution and watch for slow-moving vehicles moving to and from the parade staging area.

XMAS KICKOFF BROUGHT LIGHTS, CANDY, AND SANTA

THE TIMES

DAYTON — "The Town That Still Believes" sparkled with light from Dayton's Christmas Kickoff Parade on Friday, November 29.

Fire Trucks, buses, big rigs, a marching band, floats, tractors, and Santa appeared in the parade, followed by the lighting of the giant Christmas tree at the corner of Elk Drug. Santa greeted kids around the tree while the community sang Christmas carols. The city enjoyed a fireworks show presented by Alpha Pyrotechnics at the end of the night's festivities.



Karen Huwe

Lots of kids and lots of candy along the parade route.



(top) Big rigs were covered in lights.

(above) Walla Walla Fair and Frontier Days Queen and Princess

BIRTHDAYS

December 5: Anthony Henry, Des Witt, Wendy Richards.

December 6: Janet Unholz, Judy Reser, Christine Ezell.

December 7: John Fenton Mason, Jeff Flores, Trey Cole, Hilary Hogan, Heidi Potolicchio.

December 8: Ruth Senter, Lisa Patton, Cliff Griffin, and Abby Michels.

December 9: Russ Hays, Jerry Jeremiah, Jim Bird, Patty Hernandez, Ray Meier, and Sarah Reser.

December 10: Grant Woodworth, Bess Ammerman, Ron Thompson, Diane Fry, Sara Lytle, and Lydia Fancuillo.

December 11: Carl Baker, Robert Ezell, Tim Mayberry, Niko Matthee, and Caleb Solis.



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CCHS POPULATION HEALTH TEAM WIN HEROES AWARD

Population Health Team recognized with Health Heroes Award

THE TIMES

DAYTON — The health system in Columbia County is tackling a growing challenge with a blend of innovation and compassion. With 28.6% of the county's residents aged 65 or older—a figure expected to rise to 32% by 2030—the Columbia County Health System prioritizes the needs of the county's aging population. To address healthcare challenges and improve patient outcomes, the critical access hospital district launched the multi-disciplinary Population Health Team.

"Our community's aging presents challenges for us related to access to care, specialty services, chronic disease management, and social determinants of health," said Dawn Meicher, ARNP and Population Health Provider Champion. "In response, we have enacted an innovative Population Health Team that is multi-disciplinary and consistently thinks 'outside the healthcare box' to provide holistic care."

The dedicated team is comprised of registered nurses, community health

workers, a social worker, and an advanced registered nurse practitioner. Members collaborate closely with various departments within the health system, including the CCHS clinics, emergency, wound clinic, physical therapy, local agencies, non-profits, and specialists.

"Population health is about taking care of the whole person," said Melissa Peterson, RN, Rural Health Clinics Manager. "It's not just the care that happens in the provider's office; it is the 'in-between care.' This 'in-between care' is what our team tirelessly provides day in and day out to our most complex patients and is tailored to what our community needs."

Supported by CCHS executive leadership, the team meets weekly to discuss challenges ranging from resource limitations to staffing issues. Community Health Worker Melanie Gagnon described the meetings as "vital to case management but also serve as therapy for the team because of all the difficult things we see in our community."

The team goes above and beyond by supporting patients in their health journeys as well as dealing with homelessness, life changes, and end-of-life care.

"We get in some pretty sketchy scenarios and there's safety in our team. There's no doubt that we're all for one and one for all," said Paul Ihle, MSW-Community Health Worker and Social Worker.

Team members embody compassion and empathy. Navigating these strengths requires balance.



Submitted photo

Pop Health Group l-r, Aly Fazzari, Becky Lynch, Dawn Meicher, Jen Lingo, Paul Ihle, Karlie Matthews, and Ruth Yutzy.

"They support each other in very difficult situations and barriers in which they find patients. They celebrate the wins and support in the grief at the end of a patient's life whom they have come to know so closely," said Meicher.

The CCHS was pleased to announce

the Population Health Team was recognized by the Washington State Department of Health as the 2024 Rural Health Heroes in the team category.

Learn more about our inspiring winners and their remarkable stories in the 2024 Heroes Spotlight: <https://tinyurl.com/mvz82bay>.

GET TIX FOR FROG HOLLOW FUNDRAISER CONCERT

THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — There is still time to get your tickets for the Community Fundraising Concert this Friday, December 6. Wendy Carter from Waitsburg Parks and Recreation will be at Ten Ton Coffee this Thursday, December 5, from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. She will have tickets and Xmas swag available.

The event starts at 6 p.m. at the Plaza Theater with The Frog Hollow Band. General admission for \$5 and VIP tickets for \$20 are still available but going fast. Don't miss out.

At 7 p.m., the fun moves to the Royal Block for a 21+ After-Party and Silent Auction with Detroit-style pizza and a no-host bar.

While the adults are at the Royal Block Afterparty, the kids are invited to a Free Kids Movie at The Plaza Theater at 7 p.m. There will be no-cost child supervision, and PocketiNet will



Lane Gwinn

Barista Kitty wearing her Xmas Light Necklace to support bringing a pool back to Waitsburg.

provide popcorn.

So pick up tickets on Thursday at Ten Ton and be ready for the parade with a stylish Christmas light necklace, holiday light hat, or ornamental ring by donating to the pool.

If you can't make it to Ten Ton Coffee on Thursday, you can get tickets at waitsburgparks.org/pool.

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Waitsburg community members are invited to join a 30-50 minute community focus group hosted by Northwest Leadership Associates. This will be an opportunity to provide written and face-to-face input into the superintendent search for Waitsburg School District.

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Friday, Dec. 6th:

- 6p Community Fundraising Concert Starting at Plaza Theater

Saturday, Dec. 7th:

- 9a - 4p Craft Vendors & Shopping at the Town Hall
- 9a - 4p Food in Town Hall by Dusty Britches Farms
- Noon to 2p Grinch, Batman, & Elsa on Main Street
- Noon Kids Cookie Decorating at Town Hall
- 3p-6p Santa at Plaza Theater

Sunday, Dec. 8th:

- 9a - 4p Craft Vendors & Shopping at the Town Hall
- 9a - 4p Food in Town Hall by Dusty Britches Farms
- Noon - 4p Santa at Plaza Theater
- Noon Youth Blue Grass & Holiday Music on the Town Hall Stage
- 5p Lighted Christmas Parade on Main Street

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Little Dribblers of the Touchet Valley

By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — Eleven volunteer coaches had their hands full with almost 60 “littles” from Waitsburg, Dayton, and Prescott who joined the Little Dribblers of the Touchet Valley to practice their basketball skills.

With so many kiddos showing up at the first practice, organizer Chelsie Abel knew she needed to conduct two sessions due to the impressive attendance. Practices are on Thursdays at Preston Hall through the end of January 30.

Coaches will work with preschoolers, ages four to kindergarten, from 5:30 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. They will focus on basketball fundamentals through fun activities that promote coordination, teamwork, and a love for the game.

First through third-grade dribblers will hit the court from 6:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. Participants will enjoy dynamic activities, including dribbling, passing, shooting, and defense skills within an environment fostering teamwork and sportsmanship.



Some of the little dribblers at practice on November 26

Karen Huwe

25 Waitsburg students move up in Amazing Shake Challenge

By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — Waitsburg fourth through eighth-grade students competed in an Amazing Shake gauntlet on Monday, November 25, at Preston Hall.

The students were challenged at six different stations. Each student had one minute per station to impress the judges. They were judged on appearance, Je Ne Sais Quoi (i.e., an appealing quality), handshake, confidence, verbal poise, nonverbal behavior, adaptability, and task completion.

The five stations were:

Current Events – Participants introduced themselves to the judges and presented a current event.

Fight Song – Participants sang the Waitsburg Cardinals’ fight song after introducing themselves to the judges.

Elevator Speech – Participants gave an “elevator speech” on why the Cardinal Way is important after introducing themselves.

Hula Hoop – Pretending to be a museum guide, students introduced themselves and explain an exhibit to the judges.

Word Meaning - After entering the library, stu-

dents were asked to pick up a book and tell the judges the meaning of a selected word in the book. The definition did not have to be correct, the students were judged on the presentation.

Coffee Stand - Participants acted out working at a coffee stand and took a customer’s order.

The school asked for volunteers from Waitsburg’s civic and business community to act as judges for the event. Dylan and Jenna Wertzberger, Julia Mead, Tammy Jo LaRue, Vicky Fauntenberry, Andrew Knee, Corben Ketelsen, Lara Steffen, Wendy Carter, Marylou Smith, Roseann Groom, Joe Greer, and Cameron Hedges stepped up for the job to support the kids.

The students’ scores from these six stations were added to the scores from two previous events in September and October. The top 25 competitors will travel to Mattawa, Wash., on February 4 to compete against other schools in the Amazing Shake state finals. The winners will move on to the national competition in Georgia in March 2025.

Congratulations and good luck to the following students for earning their spot in the State competition: Wyatt Parrish, Emily Knudson, Liam Kiefel,



Amelia Nesje gave her word definition to judges Andrew Knee and Wendy Carter at station 5 – Word Meaning.

Karen Huwe

Carter Barron, Kaitlyn Paul, Jaylynn Gleason, Wiley Gagnon, Owen Harvey, Rylan Struckmeier, Oliver Harvey, Oakley Adams, Myles Frasco, Rylee Cole, Caedmon Gagnon, Emma Langford, Mkyia Mayberry, Ava McCaw, Katherine Roberts, Rowdy Cole, Julian Gillentine, Azaliah Florez, Olivia Long, Elise Pearson, Rozalynn Harvey, Katy Allen.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA No. 24-4-00271-36 PROBATE NOTICE OF CREDITORS In Re the Estate of GREGORY J. BUCKLEY, Deceased. The Personal Representative named below has been appointed as Personal Representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the Personal Representative or the Personal Representative’s attorney stated below a copy of the claim and filing of the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the Personal Representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1) (c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent’s probate and nonprobate

assets. Personal Representative: CYNTHIA K. BUCKLEY Date of First Publication: November 21, 2024 /s/: CYNTHIA K. BUCKLEY, Personal Representative of the Estate of GREGORY J. BUCKLEY. Attorney for the Personal Representative and address for mailing and service: Steven C. Frol, Minnick-Hayner, P.S., P.O. Box 1757, 249 West Alder, Walla Walla, WA 99362. Publish: November 21, 28, December 5, 2024 Court of Probate Proceedings and Cause Number: Walla Walla County Superior Court Cause No.: 24-4-00271-36 The Times November 21, 28, December 5, 2024 11-21-b

Small Works Roster Columbia County Health District (CCHD) maintains a Small Works Roster which the District may utilize and update annually. Small Works contracts are for projects up to \$350,000.00 in value in accordance with RCW’s 39.04.010, 39.04.155, and 36.32.250. This policy may be used as an alternative to formal advertisement and bidding of Public Works. Companies that have previously submitted applications and have been listed on the Small Works Roster, should submit a new application to update the information in our records. CCHD complies with the Prevailing Wage Law of the State of Washington (RCW 39.12) and requires all contractors to comply. All applicants must be properly registered and licensed to perform such work in the State of Washington. To obtain a Small Works Roster Application, Contact Columbia County District Administration Department, shellie.mcleod@cchd-wa.org or call (509) 382-9353. The Times Dec 5, 12, 2024 12-5-a

THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA No. 24-4-00258-36 PROBATE NOTICE OF CREDITORS In Re the Estate of DAVID B. ERONEMO, Deceased. The Administrator named below has been appointed as Administrator of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the Administrator or the Administrator’s attorney stated below a copy of the claim and filing of the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the Administrator served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent’s probate and nonprobate assets. Date of First Publication: November 21, 2024 RALPH M. ERONEMO, Administrator of the Estate of DAVID B. ERONEMO. Attorney for the Administrator and address for mailing and service: Steven C. Frol, Minnick-Hayner, P.S. P.O. Box 1757, 249 West Alder, Walla Walla, WA 99362 The Times November 21, 28, December 5, 2024 11-21-c

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA NO. 24-4-00020-7 NOTICE TO CREDITORS RCW 11.40.030 In the Matter of the Estate of: MARILYN L. MCKINLEY, Deceased.

The personal representative named below has been appointed as personal representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the personal representative or the personal representative’s attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(3); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent’s probate and nonprobate assets.

Date of Filing Notice to Creditors with Clerk of the Court: November 26, 2024 Date of First Publication: December 5, 2024 Administrator: Kristen Trump Bly Attorney for the Personal Representative: /s/: Julie E. Karl, WWSBA #45950 Address for Mailing or Service: KARL LAW OFFICE, PLLC, PO Box 66, Waitsburg, WA 99361 The Times December 5, 12, 19, 2024 12-5-c

The Walla Walla County Conservation District (WWCCD)

is issuing a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a consultant to create a Local Drought Preparedness Plan (LDPP) for all areas of WRIA 32. Scope: The consultant selected for this project must have the ability to guide a coalition of stakeholders, including agencies and the public, through a series of meetings and planning sessions. The consultant should have a solid understanding of the Walla Walla Watershed and how climate change and drought will

impact the region. The consultant will be responsible for crafting a plan that safeguards the Walla Walla Watershed from climate change and drought. Proposals must include the following components and will be ranked accordingly: Qualifications of key personnel (90 pts), relevant project experience (90 pts), experience working with state agencies (30 pts), and previous performance (90 pts). The RFP will be available starting December 5, 2024. For questions, please reach out to Annie Byerley at annie.byerley@wwccd.net or call 509-956-3764 or Renee Hadley at renee.hadley@wwccd.net or 509-956-3756. WWCCD retains the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive minor irregularities in the selection process. Documents must be received at the WWCCD office (via email or in-person delivery) before 12 p.m. Monday, December 23, 2024. The Times Dec 5, 12, 2024 12-5-b

NOTICE OF FINAL BUDGET HEARING

The Council of the City of Waitsburg is working on a budget for fiscal year 2025 starting January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2025. The Council will hold a final hearing on this matter at the regularly scheduled Council meeting on Wednesday, December 18, 2024 at 7:00 p.m., or soon thereafter and all interest citizens are invited to attend the hearing, at which time the meeting will be open for public discussion on the proposed 2025 budget. Copies of the proposed budget are available at Waitsburg City Hall, 106 Main Street, Waitsburg, WA or on the City’s website www.cityofwaitsburg.com on Friday December 13, 2024. Dated this 2nd day of December, 2024 City of Waitsburg By: Randy Hinchliffe, City Clerk The Times December 5, 2024 12-5-d

Palouse Outdoors: Montana Mule Deer Adventures

By Brad Trumbo | THE TIMES

The stainless carafe made a metallic thud as it slammed onto the pine booth tabletop. The urethane coating had worn away over the years, as has the luster of this and other small Montana towns whose economy has waned and the youth have fled.

Her nametag read “Betty,” so I assumed that was accurate. Built like Mimi from the Drew Carey Show, she was robust with heavy makeup, voluptuous brunette hair with silver streaks, and an attitude that could make dried paint run. I hoped there was hot coffee in the carafe and prayed that it found the cracked porcelain mug on the table rather than my face or lap.

Faded posters of former rodeo queens and John Deere and Gleaner combines of yesteryear decorated the wood paneled walls of what was likely a hopping café in a former life. An aging couple sat speechless at a booth across the way. The weathered cowboy wore a dust-stained straw Stetson and plunked on his smartphone, the deep lines across his dark face made more evident by his labored vision. His wife stared at him expectantly, though I suspect there was little to discuss these days.

Betty gabbed incessantly at another woman, spewing hate speech about numerous people who may or may not have betrayed her at some point. She knew these people well based on the information she divulged freely to the café patrons, a hazard of living in an excruciatingly small town. She may have reasoned that the sins of those she chastened were known to the regulars, and the gossip meant nothing to the rest of us who were passing through. The gal she gossiped with may have been a fellow waitress or just as easily a sister or cousin. Neither had any interest in waiting on tables.

Betty somehow managed to dump coffee into my and Bill’s cups without so much as a glance in our direction. I didn’t dare ask for cream.

“What do you boys want?” Betty growled as if Bill and I were regulars who had memorized the menu. The other patrons nervously looked on.

“Two eggs over easy with wheat toast and hashbrowns,” I replied, guessing basic breakfast foods would be available.

Betty shot Bill a look from the corner of her eye, which unnerved him.

“I’ll have the same,” Bill squeaked.

“How original,” I chided. Betty, unimpressed by my sarcasm, stormed into the kitchen.

I had lost my appetite and merely hoped that requesting food would remove Betty from the table long enough for Bill and I to swallow our coffee, throw down a \$20, and escape unscathed before the Hotel California voices began to sing from the kitchen corridor, and Betty returned with a large meat carving knife.

Montana deer tags had brought us nearly to North Dakota into an area we had learned of a few years prior. Deer numbers were down, and the hunt was getting long in the tooth, particularly with the change in weather. Like most hunting adventures, we had experienced everything Mother Nature had to offer – warm and sunny, cool and rainy, freezing fog, and abysmally cold and windy. Outside the café, the wind howled over 30 miles per hour, carrying sideways snow through a bitter 16 degrees.

“Do you think Don and Andy found a buck this morning?” Bill asked.

“I hope so, lest they freeze to death. Damn fools. No deer is worth enduring this weather. Besides, we’ve two days left. Plenty of time to lay down a good buck.” Ironic was this wisdom from a guy dubbed “Brad Littlebuck.”

The clanking of steel cookware and annoyed obscenities drifted from the kitchen, followed by Betty bursting through the swinging doors carrying our plates. She slung the plates onto the table with the grace of a drive-by shooting – a technique she had perfected over the years – just hard enough to cause a scene and shift the plates’ contents to the far side, just short of spillage. I noticed the plates were plastic, like grade school lunchroom ware, sturdy enough to handle even Betty’s antics.

Bill and I inhaled our meals with one wary eye on Betty and the other on the aggressive arctic blast screaming beyond the large glass pane sporting a small-caliber bullet hole. We had the good sense to keep quiet about our runny egg whites.

With breakfast consumed and Betty preoccupied, we dug cash from our wallets, left a small heap on the table, and muscled our way through the wind to the truck. The others in the café watched as we made our break, their eyes asking us to save them from the beginning of winter’s groundhog days. The sun was also breaking from the snowstorm, which must have given Bill a peculiar sense of hope.

“If the sun comes out, it just might warm up enough to take a walk.”

I glanced at Bill as if he had three heads. High wind and temps in the teens leave little room for warming sufficient to sucker a guy out of a cozy truck cab into a version of a frozen Mount Everest nightmare. Still, Bill had a point. Without a hunt, we were in for a long, uneventful day.

“Let’s head back to that eastern Block Management Area. If nothing else, we can run White-tail Loop and maybe spot that big buck you and Andi saw chasing a doe the other night.”

Bucks were chasing despite the bitter cold, which brightened our spirits. We stopped to film a few on private land, mostly to stall on suffering through the conditions. The resilience of wildlife is awe-inspiring, but I suppose if you’re going to be miserable, it’s better to be active through the worst of it.

My left eye twitched slightly as we rounded a corner on White-tail Loop onto state ground. Two days prior, a beautiful 4x4 muley stood broadside, wide open, 300 yards from the road as we drove through. He watched as I stepped from the truck, crossed the rusted barbed wire fence, made a prone rifle rest, and Bill trained the video camera on him for a perfect shot. Unfortunately, the sizeable 3x3 I had missed two hours prior on a seven-mile hike in the rain got into my head, and I shot well under that second buck. He only gets bigger each time we replay the footage. Sadly, he was nowhere to be seen a second time.

The wind had finally chased the snow out of the country when Bill and I rolled up to nether regions of Block Management and Bureau of Land Management parcels, mere spitting distance from the Little Missouri National Grasslands. We had nothing better to do than build hope that the sun’s warmth would sap the sting from the air and keep the deer on their feet for easy spotting. Against my better judgment, I layered up, donned my frame pack, loaded my 7mm magnum bolt action, and set out across the frozen wheatfield.

Not 100 yards from the truck, my ears felt encased in razor blades, and the sides of my head throbbed. The wind cut directly into and around my facemask as we trudged straight into it.

“This is not sustainable,” I thought. I was fully prepared for another seven-mile day as I stepped from the toasty truck cab, but this ole boy was no match for a Montana Hi-Line winter blast, and I made no attempt to hide my misery “like a man.”

A shallow draw was less than 200 yards ahead and would likely offer a wind break sufficient to layer up my head protection. As Bill and I dropped into the bottom, I stripped my pack, found another winter hat, and stretched it over my ears beneath the facemask. The throbbing in my skull ceased almost immediately, restoring my faith in being able to hike until I punched my tag.

The finger draw we walked from east to west entered the main north-south running draw less than 100 yards later. Easing in and glancing to my left, a muley buck stood in his bed, soaking up the sun just beyond the shadow of the draw bottom. He was close, about 80 yards. Close enough that reaching for the rangefinder never crossed my mind. His antlers were obvious, as was his young



Brad Trumbo

A young mule deer buck keeps tabs on a doe in estrus as the small herd feeds.



Freezing temperatures and high wind were routine on the Hi-Line and required bundling up to endure the conditions.

age, but his forked antler was visible to the naked eye, which was enough for me.

“I think you can do better if you want to,” Bill said, like any good friend and cameraman who tagged out on a fine 4x5 two days in and didn’t want to be the reason we wimped out on a miserable freezing hunt. But Bill knows me well enough that he had the camera trained on the buck and rolling immediately.

“I don’t care!” I whispered while seating the gunstock into the shooting sticks.

Being a scientist has its advantages, and while I never thought I would say this, the myriad collegiate calculus classes have benefitted me well over the years, mostly in deer hunting calculus. Deer hunting calculus is a curriculum all its own, and the equation functions much like a physics word problem where qualitative nonsense can somehow be mashed together to solve for quantitative variables. In this case, the equation determines whether to shoot or not.

When that young buck appeared, the variables of wind chill, number of days hunted, number of days remaining in the hunt, over 35 miles hiked throughout the week, two big bucks missed, only one day left to hunt sharp-tailed grouse, and the buck standing in a sheltered, sun-soaked draw only 1/3 of a mile from the truck lined up like triple sevens in a slot machine. The equation was subconsciously solved upon the first sunray glistening from the young buck’s antler beam. Moments later, we stood over my beautiful 2x3 muley.

“Littlebuck strikes again,” Bill said as we high-fived.

“He’ll be a fine-eating buck,” I replied through a toothy grin. “Now, let’s get back to the truck!”

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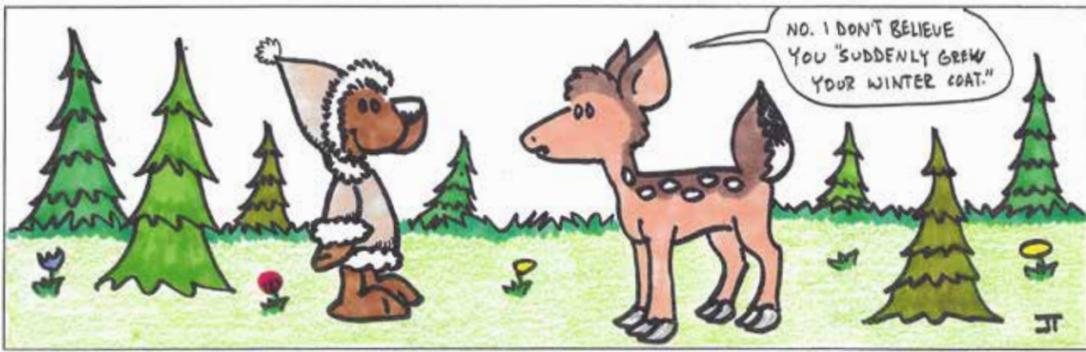
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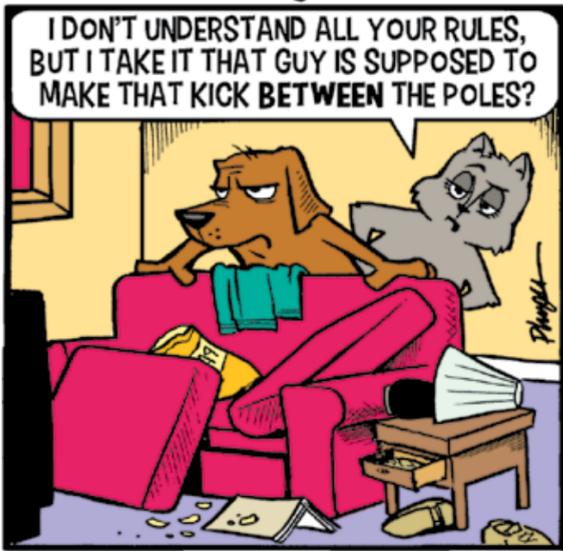
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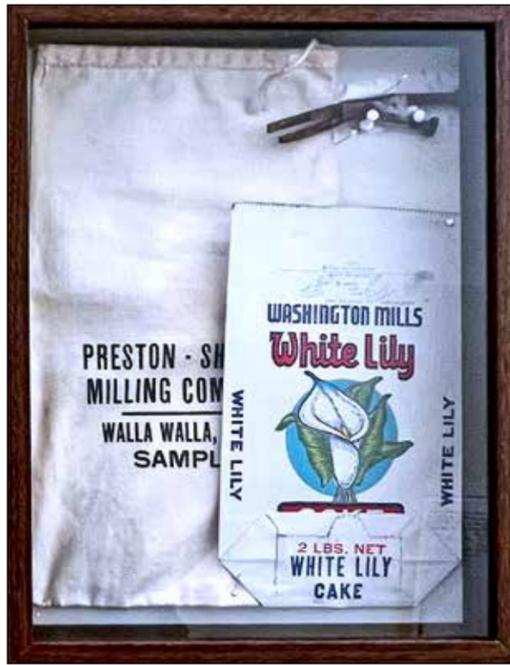


COMPREHENSIVE HISTORICAL DISPLAY AT WELLER LIBRARY

THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — There is a wall of history at the Weller Public Library thanks to Library Supervisor Sarah Roberts, her staff, and the Waitsburg Historical Society. Together, they have curated photos and historical items about the library building and Waitsburg.

“The Weller Public Library Board of Trustees would like to thank the Waitsburg Historical Society for providing research and lending historical items for the display,” said Trustee Beka Compton. “This has been a great community partnership, and we are excited to share it with our patrons and the community.”



Lane Gwinn

(left) Library Supervisor Sarah Roberts is ready to share the historical display at Waitsburg's public library. The framed and shadow boxed items hold many surprising and interesting facts.

Lunches

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Tuesday, December 10

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Roll
Vegetable
Salad
Fruit



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Thursday, Dec. 5

Breakfast
Pancakes & sausage

Lunch

Teriyaki chicken & rice
Green Beans

Friday, Dec. 6

Breakfast
Scrambled eggs & hash browns

Lunch

Turkey Sandwich
Caesar salad
Carrots, apples
Something crunchy

Monday, Dec. 9

Breakfast
Yogurt Parfait

Lunch

Chicken Sandwich
French Fries
Caesar Salad
Oranges

Tuesday, Dec. 10

Breakfast
Biscuits & Gravy

Lunch

Chicken Burrito Bowl
Fresh Toppings
Black bean salsa
Apples

Wednesday, Dec. 11

Breakfast
Muffins & Scrambled Eggs

Lunch

Spaghetti with Meat Sauce
Brynne's House Salad
Mixed Fruit

PIONEER PORTRAITS

Ten Years Ago

December 4, 2014

Artist Squire Broel's monument, to be placed in downtown Waitsburg in May, honors the three founding fathers of the Waitsburg community: William Bruce, William Preston, and Sylvester Wait. It is Broel's desire that the piece will also recognize the efforts of countless other individuals who quietly labored to make Waitsburg the town it is today. “Each individual makes an impact on their community,” said Broel. To honor those efforts, the artist is inviting community members to make a small mark on the new monument by adding an impression of their thumb or fingerprint to the surface of the sculpture. Broel will return on Dec. 11 to visit individual classrooms and allow Waitsburg students and community members to make their impression on the sculpture.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

December 2, 1999

Six students from Waitsburg, seven from Prescott, and eight from Touchet are included in the 33rd Annual Edition of Who's Who Among American High School Students, 1998-1999. The 33rd Annual Edition, published in 18 regional volumes, features over 750,000 students, or just 5% of the nation's 14,000,000 high school students. They represent approximately 20,000 of the 24,000 public, private, and parochial high schools in the country. Who's Who students also compete for \$200,000 in scholarship awards. The book is distributed to up to 15,000 high schools, colleges, universities, and public libraries throughout the country. Local students selected from Waitsburg: Jamie Leid, Sarah Monfort, Holly Roesler, Holly Menino, Katherine Pearson, Emily Seney. Prescott: Amanda Bissett, Bille Jo Curtis, Rebecca Harris, Angela Tiedemann, David Counts, Rosalea Froehlech, Shawn Hart. Touchet: Amanda DeRuwe, Kara Miller, Jeremiah Schwartz, Anne Town, Michelle Garcia, Christopher Plucker, Timothy Slater, Tim Wagoner.

Fifty Years Ago

December 5, 1974

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[1974 prices at Eastgate Mall – Walla Walla]

Seventy-Five Years Ago

December 9, 1949

A new modern motel, estimated at \$18,000, is to be built in Waitsburg by John Hulce on Coppei Ave., one block south of Donnelly's Chevron station.

The stage is set for the PTA event which will present a ham and chicken dinner in the new cafeteria to be followed by the three-act comedy “Who honked that Saddle Horn?” written by Larry Broom and Ed Lawrence.

Edwin Demaris of Walla Walla has been appointed by the State Park Board as the new supervisor of the Lewis and Clark Trail State Park.

One Hundred Years Ago

December 12, 1924

Marvin Hales, halfback at Washington State College, was voted the B. J. Bohler medal by the members of the football squad this week as being the player who was the greatest inspiration to the team.

Mayor C. E. Shaffer and D. P. Bailey have traded homes and both families are busily engaged in transferring their household furniture from one dwelling to the other. Mr. Shaffer says that his family is all grown and his house is too big. The Baileys wanted more room as they had outgrown their dwelling, hence the “swap.”

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago

December 8, 1899

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cox entertained a few young people at Drive Whist on Tuesday evening in honor of some of the Co. K young men. C. R. Mason held the highest score, and Miss Bird Davies obtained the booby.

Perry Abbey, on Tuesday of this week, purchased the grocery stock of C. A. Hales and will conduct the IXL Grocery at the present stand.

Miss Oda Wright and George G. Bickelhaupt were united in marriage at the home of the bride's mother December 4 at 8 o'clock.



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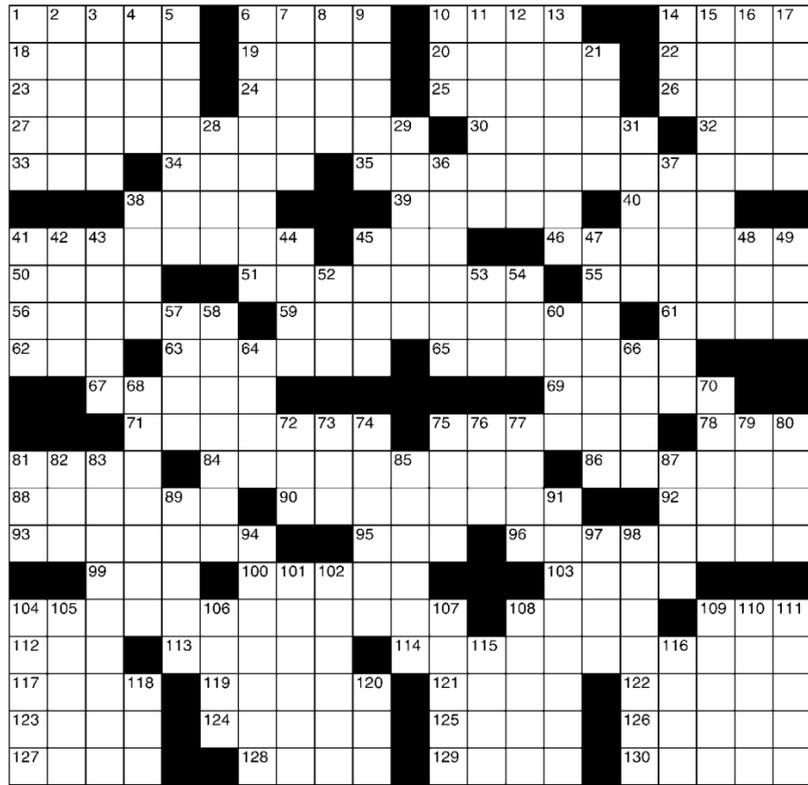
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Super Crossword

BREEDS ON THE DECLINE

- ACROSS**
- 1 Lagoons
 - 6 Jaunty greeting
 - 10 Basics
 - 14 Aid in crime
 - 18 Full of vitality
 - 19 Purim's month
 - 20 Patio cooker
 - 22 Sage guide
 - 23 Pope after Sergius II
 - 24 Acting Ward
 - 25 "Same here"
 - 26 Arab country
 - 27 Player hitting to prepare for a spike
 - 30 Energetic journalist
 - 32 Chicago-to-Tampa dir.
 - 33 Suffix with leopard
 - 34 Caroling song
 - 35 Journalist covering a particular sector
 - 38 To be, to Bardot
 - 39 Lock of hair
 - 40 Dubai's country, for short
 - 41 "Kung Fu Hustle" director and star
 - 45 Canonized Mlle.
 - 46 Campers under canvas
 - 50 Field unit
 - 51 Jarred
 - 55 Having no commercials
 - 56 High-scoring hoops shot
 - 59 Met or La Scala frequenter
 - 61 "That didn't escape my notice"
 - 62 Prior to, to bards
 - 63 Pooch's cry
 - 65 Country singer Blake
 - 67 Andrea — (ill-fated ship)
 - 69 Swimming sensation at the 1972 Olympics
 - 71 Nine-sided shape
 - 75 Comic buffoon
 - 78 Entertainer Zadora
 - 81 Deli salad
 - 84 Injury rehab professional
 - 86 Scattering in the field
 - 88 Baja blanket
 - 90 Vandals, e.g.
 - 92 Gillette brand
 - 93 Genghis Khan followers
 - 95 Silvery gray
 - 96 Deliverer of a fine spray
 - 99 Text-scanning device, briefly
 - 100 Revises text
 - 103 First letter of the Arabic alphabet
 - 104 130-to-135-pound bout competitor
 - 108 "— Well That Ends Well"
 - 109 Cavity fillers' org.
 - 112 According to Sheriff's star
 - 114 Popular yoga pose ... or something found seven times in this puzzle
 - 117 Color shade
 - 119 Research facility
 - 121 TV "Warrior Princess"
 - 122 Duck with soft feathers
 - 123 Tortilla treat
 - 124 One of the singing Braxton sisters
 - 125 Eternally
 - 126 Love, to Lucia
 - 127 Place of bliss
 - 128 Stuck-up type
 - 129 Relaxation
 - 130 Crowded
 - DOWN**
 - 1 Give birth, as a whale
 - 2 Margarines
 - 3 Forerunners of cellos
 - 4 Pernicious
 - 5 Like July, order-wise
 - 6 Dinosaurs, so to speak
 - 7 Exemplar
 - 8 Passageway
 - 9 Brand of toothbrushes
 - 10 DOJ heads
 - 11 She wrote "Jane Eyre"
 - 12 Apple quaffs
 - 13 Most sluggish
 - 14 Past time
 - 15 Lousy pieces of advice
 - 16 Rub out
 - 17 Piano fixer
 - 21 Talk like Daffy Duck
 - 28 Past time
 - 29 See
 - 27-Across
 - 31 See
 - 30-Across
 - 36 Sports sites
 - 37 Snitching sort
 - 38 Sort of sword
 - 41 Fill totally
 - 42 Sch. worker
 - 43 Went wrong
 - 44 See
 - 41-Across
 - 45 Give a bias to
 - 47 Wildlife-tracking aids
 - 48 Lulu Hogg player Peggy
 - 49 Stitch up
 - 52 GI address
 - 53 "Blecch!"
 - 54 "The Raven" poet
 - 57 Spanish river
 - 58 See
 - 56-Across
 - 60 Red Muppet
 - 64 Infant's cry
 - 66 Nabisco treat
 - 68 Doing sentry duty
 - 70 See
 - 69-Across
 - 72 H.S.-level exam
 - 73 "... bug — feature?"
 - 74 Quarterback great Joe
 - 75 Relief sound
 - 76 Mao — -tung
 - 77 Other, to Gabriela
 - 79 About
 - 80 Petri dish gel
 - 81 Old JFK jet
 - 82 Meadow
 - 83 Haughtiness
 - 85 Gridiron score after a throw, in brief
 - 87 Street urchin
 - 89 Alternative to "Section 2"
 - 91 Steadfast
 - 94 Spring farm machines
 - 97 Earthen pot
 - 98 Interpret wrongly
 - 101 Starts eating, informally
 - 102 "— kick from champagne" (Cole Porter lyric)
 - 104 Milk, in Italy
 - 105 Homer epic
 - 106 Bulb unit
 - 107 See
 - 104-Across
 - 108 Two of Henry VIII's wives
 - 109 Append
 - 110 Active sorts
 - 111 Match up
 - 115 "— Only Just Begun"
 - 116 Very thin coin
 - 118 2,000 pounds
 - 120 See
 - 119-Across



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MY RECIPES

Luke Chavez

Cranberry Pumpkin Bread



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Cranberries on holiday tables don't have to be in the form of canned jellied sauce. They can be a tasty year-round ingredient. The bright red fruit, with its distinctive tart flavor, can add the perfect sparkle to both sweet and savory dishes. The American cranberry, *Vaccinium macrocarpon*, delicious as fresh plump berries or sweet dried fruit is native to North America. After Wisconsin and Massachusetts, Washington State is one of largest American producers of cranberries, much of it grown up and down the Long Beach peninsula. Driving out to our family cabin on the coast, we pass acres of the fruit growing in bogs along the highway, as well as signs for an Ocean Spray operation, a Washington State University cranberry research extension program, and even a cranberry museum. On top of seafood, I always stock up on jars of local cranberry jam and bags of fresh cranberries for my freezer before heading home. Here the crimson delights are folded into a moist spiced pumpkin bread adding zing to a holiday treat.

Ingredients:

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon ground ginger
- ¼ teaspoon ground clove
- ¼ teaspoon ground mace
- ¼ teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- ¾ teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon baking soda
- 6 tablespoons unsalted butter, room temperature
- 1 cup sugar, plus more for topping
- 2 large eggs
- 1 cup canned pure pumpkin (see notes)
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- Zest of one orange, finely grated
- 2/3 cup buttermilk
- 1 cup fresh cranberries, coarsely chopped
- ½ cup walnuts, coarsely chopped (optional)

Directions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Butter a 9 x 5 x 3-inch loaf pan, then line bottom and long sides with parchment paper. In medium bowl, whisk flour with dry spices, baking soda, salt, and baking powder until blended and set aside. Use an electric mixer to beat butter in a large bowl until fluffy. Gradually pour in sugar, beating until blended with butter. Next beat in the eggs, one at a time, followed by the pumpkin, vanilla, and orange zest. Add about half the dry ingredients, beating in slowly, then half of the buttermilk. When smooth, beat in the remaining dry ingredients, and remaining buttermilk, until fully mixed-in. With a rubber spatula, gently fold in the cranberries and nuts (if using). Pour batter into prepared loaf pan and sprinkle the top with 1 tablespoon sugar.

Set pan in oven on middle rack. Bake bread until golden on top, and tester inserted into center comes out clean, about 1 hour 10 minutes. If using a thermometer, make sure center reads at least 180 degrees. Set pan on rack and cool bread for 15 minutes. Use a knife to loosen bread from pan by gently cutting around edges. Release bread from pan, remove parchment paper, and allow to fully cool on rack. Serve slices at room temperature, or lightly toasted.

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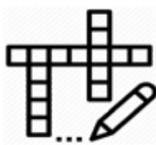
If using canned pumpkin make sure it is labeled "pure" pumpkin, not flavored pie filling. You can also roast your own pumpkin or try other winter squash, such as acorn or Hubbard. Cut squash in half, spoon out the seeds, lightly oil and roast cut side up at 350, until tender. Cool, then scoop out squash and mash smooth. Fresh cranberries can be found in the produce department of most grocery stores this time of year. They can also be found in the freezer section. If you want to substitute with dried sweet cranberries, use ½ cup in place of the 1 cup fresh.

This bread is a lovely sweet to have on hand while hosting holiday guests, perfect as part of a brunch spread, or as an afternoon snack with coffee and tea. Also makes a lovely, home-made gift, or an item for holiday bake sales. Delicious toasted with a smear of sweet butter or cream cheese.

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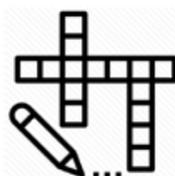
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Community Calendar

WAITSBURG MONTHLY MEETINGS

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

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.
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, or community members are welcome.

Waitsburg Historical Society
Third Thursday of the month @ 6:00 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. @ Ten Ton Coffee
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 p.m.

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

Waitsburg Resource Center Community Food Bank
106 1/2 Preston Ave
Thursdays, 2 – 4 p.m.

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

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

Church Directory

St. Mark Catholic Church

405 W. Fifth, Waitsburg
Mass Sunday 5 p.m.
382-2311
Fr. Steve Werner

Waitsburg Presbyterian Church

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

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

Waitsburg Christian Church

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

Events, Film, Performace, Live Music

WAITSBURG

AMERICAN 35

Trivia Night on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.
Join Rich Lather, join a team, join the fun.

Live music every Friday: Every Friday: Live music
Dec. 6 - Bluegrass Jam
Dec. 13 - Rogue Lobster
Dec. 20 - Quin Wise
Dec. 27 - Friends of the Devil

Sundays are Craft Corner: each week, a different craft project with all materials provided.

Mythical / Movable Blue Mountain Bluegrass Jam



Friday, Dec 6
American 35 @ 7 pm
128 Main St.
Waitsburg, Wash.

ROYAL BLOCK WAITSBURG

FALL/WINTER HOURS THU+FRI 4-8PM, SAT 2-8PM

DEC 5
OPEN MIC NIGHT
FEATURING OUR FRIENDS
IN FOOD & WINE
6-8PM

DEC 6
21+ AFTER-PARTY &
SILENT AUCTION
(TO BENEFIT FRIENDS OF
THE WAITSBURG POOL)
7-9PM

DEC 7
3-6PM OYSTERS &
CIDER
6-7PM ART TALK WITH
JOSEPH ROBERTS

DEC 8
A PARADE OF
HOLIDAY LIBATIONS
WITH FRONT ROW SEATS
FOR THE HOMETOWN
CHRISTMAS PARADE
4-6PM

Friends of the Waitsburg Pool Present

Community Fundraising Concert

6 P.M. PLAZA THEATER
The Frog Hollow Band

7 P.M. THE ROYAL BLOCK
21+ After-Party & Silent Auction

7 P.M. PLAZA THEATER
Free Kids Movie

Friday, Dec. 6

Tickets: waitsburgparks.org/pool

Thank You Sponsors: BASIN, PACIFIC POWER, plaza theater, Pocket iNet, TM, WALLAWALLA

Gifts with Donation

\$10
\$50
\$100

Donate now at waitsburgparks.org/pool and get an illuminated gift to wear during Hometown Christmas Weekend.

DAYTON

You can save a life.
Learn to recognize and reverse an Opioid overdose.

NALOXONE TRAINING

Three workshops to choose from

December 11th
February 12th
or May 14th

10:00 – 11:00 AM
PUBLIC HEALTH
112 N. 2ND STREET, DAYTON

Receive 2 Doses of Nasal or Injectable Naloxone

Space is Limited
RSVP to Kristen Thorstenson at: 509.382.3954 or Kristen_Thorstenson@co.columbia.wa.us

WALLA WALLA

Pioneer Santa & Holiday Fun

Saturday, December 14, 2024
12:00pm – 4:00pm

December 14, 2024
12 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Santa at Fort Walla Walla
Meet Pioneer Santa for pictures and holiday stories in the Grand Hall. Kids can enjoy a creative crafts table, and refreshments will be served with a side of holiday cheer. The event is admission-free for visitors looking to shop the Museum Store and participate in the holiday festivities without touring the museum.
Fort Walla Walla Museum
755 Northeast Myra Road, Walla Walla