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The Dollar Store in Dayton is open daily from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. The store sells inexpensive goods, including food, snacks, and drinks, along with household essentials like cleaning supplies, party supplies, and seasonal decor, plus health & beauty, toys, books, and stationery.

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Dollar General now open in Dayton

By Lane Gwinn | THE TIMES

DAYTON — The Dollar General store at 221 West Main Street in Dayton is now open. To celebrate, the company invites the community to a grand opening event on Saturday, March 14, at 8 a.m. Join the Dayton Chamber of Commerce for a ribbon-cutting ceremony to welcome the new business. The first 50 adults will enjoy \$10 gift cards, and the first 100 customers will receive a DG tote bag.



“At Dollar General, we believe the addition of our new Dayton store provides positive economic growth for the community through the creation of new jobs and career growth opportunities; increased accessibility to affordable products; the generation of tax revenue and access to Dollar General Literacy Foundation grants,” said Matthew Simonsen, Dollar General’s senior vice president of business intelligence and development. “As part of our mission of Serving Others, we look forward to being a strong business partner and good neighbor, as well as welcoming customers to our new store.”

The Dollar General store is expected to employ approximately six to 10 people, depending on the store’s needs. Employees will earn competitive wages, receive training and development programs, and benefits, including day-one telemedicine eligibility, health insurance coverage options, 401 (k) retirement plans, tuition reimbursement, and paid parental leave and adoption assistance for eligible employees. Interested candidates can review and apply for available positions at <https://careers.dollargeneral.com>.

Schools, nonprofit organizations, and libraries within 15 miles of Dayton’s store are encouraged to apply now for Dollar General Literacy Foundation grants and help advance local literacy initiatives.

Visit www.dgliteracy.com to learn more about the Dollar General Literacy Foundation and take the next step by applying for grant programs that support literacy and education in your community.

Friendship Bridge celebrates 50 years of sister cities alliance

By Lane Gwinn | THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA — The Walla Walla – Tambasasayama Sister City Committee will unveil two bronze statues of Japanese Dekansho dancers on Saturday, March 21, at 4 p.m. on the Friendship Bridge in downtown Walla Walla. A delegation of Tambasasayama high school students and chaperones, in Walla Walla for a week-long cultural exchange, will be present for the unveiling.



japansistercity.org

Dekansho Dancer statues in Tambasasayama, Japan.

This marks the completion of the Friendship Bridge Project, celebrating the 50th Anniversary (1972-2022) of the Walla Walla and Tambasasayama alliance. After COVID-19 delays, a commemorative plaque was unveiled in 2023 when the Spokane Street Bridge was renamed Friendship Bridge.

The three-foot sculptures by Jeffrey J. Hill are representations of the life-size originals in Tambasasayama. The statues honor the Dekansho dance and song, which have been recognized as official Japanese cultural heritage, known throughout Japan but specific to Tambasasayama. A popular annual Dekansho Festival is held in mid-August near the Tambasasayama Castle site.

The Friendship Bridge Project, envisioned by long-time board secretary Barbara Noel, is a powerful tribute to the lasting bond between Walla Walla and Tambasasayama. More than just a physical crossing, the Bridge stands as a lasting symbol of the friendship and cultural exchange that unite the two communities for generations to come.

MARCH P.R.I.D.E. RECOGNIZES FOR PREPAREDNESS

By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — The following Waitsburg Elementary students received P.R.I.D.E recognition for preparedness at the March 6 assembly:

- Kindergarten: Vivian Mewes and Joanna “Jo Jo” Giacalone
- 1st: Vera Ahler and Greyson Moore
- 2nd: Ayla Brabant and Kennedy Henze
- 3rd: Finley Huxoll and Corben Brock
- 4th: Vaida Langford and Clayton Katsel
- 5th: Elise Pearson and Julian Gillentine
- 6th: Oaklee Adams and Arya Hillman

P.R.I.D.E. is a Waitsburg School program to highlight the traits of Preparedness, Respect, Integrity, Discipline, and Excellence.



Courtesy photo

Back row, left to right: Cardinal Reggie, Elise Pearson, Clayton Katsel, Oaklee Adams, Arya Hillman, Ayla Brabant, and Vaida Langford. Front row, left to right: Kennedy Henze, Jojo Giacalone, Vivian Mewes, Greyson Moore, and Vera Ahler. Not pictured are Finley Huxoll, Corben Brock, Julian Gillentine.



NEWS BRIEFS

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AT THE LIBERTY: "I Can Only Imagine 2" March 13-17

THE TIMES

DAYTON — The sequel to the 2018 standout hit "I Can Only Imagine" continues the true story of the band MercyMe's lead singer Bart Millard. After the breakout success of their hit song "I Can Only Imagine," Millard is living the dream of sold-out arenas, a devoted fanbase, and a thriving career. But Bart's world begins to shift under the weight of devastating challenges, including his son Sam's life-changing diagnosis. As Bart struggles to hold his family together, his wife Shannon becomes the family's anchor by caring for Sam, supporting Bart, and holding on to hope. When Sam and newcomer Tim Timmons joins the band for their biggest tour yet, Bart must navigate the demands of fatherhood and the pressures of fame, all while helping his son find the courage to sing his own song. The cast includes Milo Ventimiglia, Trace Adkins, Dennis Quaid, Arielle Kebbel, and John Michael Finley. Rated PG for thematic material and some language and has a Runtime of 110 minutes.

The audience rates this film at 99%, saying that, "This second one was just as good as the first, if not even better! The acting was phenomenal, and the message in this was uplifting and will connect with anyone who has ever gone through a life storm or grief." One critic wrote, "John Michael Finley, star of such Broadway hits as The Book of Mormon and Les Miz, returns as Millard and is particularly moving when the film gives him an opportunity to sing because boy can this dude sing."

Coming up is "EpiC: Elvis Presley in Concert" on March 20 through 24. Elvis sings and tells his story like never before in a new cinematic experience from visionary filmmaker Baz Luhrmann. One reviewer said, "the film isn't just a concert - it's an emotional experience. You can feel his energy, joy, and vulnerability. The restored footage and live sound make it feel like you're right there in the audience, cheering along with everyone. It's impossible not to get caught up in the excitement and emotion." Rated PG-13 for smoking and language and has a Runtime of 1hr. 36 minutes.

Upcoming Movies: "I Can Only Imagine 2" on March 13-17, "EpiC: Elvis Presley in Concert" on March 20-24, "Hoppers" on March 27-31. Schedule is subject to change.

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WSSRA APPRECIATION WEEK AND AWARD NOMINATIONS HONOR LOCAL CURRENT AND RETIRED EDUCATORS

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA — Washington School Retirees' Appreciation Week will be observed March 17 through 21, 2026. It recognizes the ongoing, long-term impact of retired public-school educators and staff on schools and communities.

The Washington State School Retirees Association (WSSRA) serves over 17,000 members by offering advocacy, insurance, and scholarships. School staff who are currently employed may also be members of WSSRA.

The Walla Walla Columbia School Retirees' Association, Unit 31, represents retired and active school employees living in College Place, Columbia-Burbank, Dixie, Dayton, Prescott, Starbuck, Touchet, Waitsburg, and Walla Walla.

Members of Unit 31 recently nominated three members for state WSSRA awards.

Retired Prescott teacher Sue DeRuwe was nominated for the Stan McNaughton Community Award. The community award recognizes WSSRA members who have improved the image of school retirees through community volunteerism.

From the Waitsburg School District, retired teacher Jim Davison was nominated for the Ester Wilfong Legislative Advocacy Award. The advocacy award is given to WSSRA members for their efforts on behalf of the association in pension and health-care advocacy.

Retired Walla Walla teacher, Kathy Pritcher, was nominated for the Patrick Hoban Meritorious Award. The meritorious award is given to WSSRA members who have excelled in accomplishing their assigned duties for their local unit or state association.

The recipients will be announced at the Washington State School Retirees' Association's State Convention on June 9, 2026, at Great Wolf Lodge in Grand Mound, Washington.

Sixteen active members were recently selected for \$250 mini grant awards. In the fall, active WSSRA members submit applications to the organization, stating how they would use the funds to benefit their students.

Selected to receive the mini grants were Kristine Warren in Dayton; Angela Adams, Jeff Foertsch, Ada Gonzalez, Jennifer Hammer, Shannon Milsten, and Erika Romero from Prescott; Robin McQuary-Billow from Starbuck; Dustin Crenshaw, Debbie Ortiz, and Kathleen Warner in Touchet. Waitsburg's recipients were Jessica Griffith, Brenda Henderson, Rosy Nechodom, Shannon Schreindl, and Kimberly McNarland.

In Waitsburg, six retired WSSRA members volunteer for the LAP/Title I program each Friday afternoon at Waitsburg Elementary. Maddie Martin, Liv Leid, Kathy Schirm, Roseann Groom, Linda Henze, and Katie Leid read with kindergarten, first-, fifth-, and sixth-grade students. Five members volunteer one Friday a month, and one serves as a fill-in.

The Washington State School Retirees' Association works to enhance the security and vitality of public-school employees' retirement years. It welcomes past, present, and future retirees. For more information about WSSRA, visit wssra.org. For more about Unit 31, visit wssra-units.org/wallawalla-columbia.

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MEASLES IS A GROWING CONCERN IN WASHINGTON AS U.S. CASES SURPASS 1,100

THE TIMES

OLYMPIA — The Washington State Department of Health (DOH) has confirmed 26 measles cases across four counties this year, marking an increase from the three cases reported in a single county on January 16.

The 26 measles cases reported in the first two months of 2026 are more than double the 12 cases reported in 2025. Over half of the measles cases reported in Washington in 2026 are linked to an outbreak, defined as three or more related cases. No measles outbreaks were reported in 2025.

Nationally, measles cases have surpassed 1,100 in 2026. The increase reflects a resurgence of a disease that was declared eliminated in the United States in 2000.

"MMR vaccine saves lives and is our best defense against measles," said Dr. Tao Sheng Kwan-Gett, State Health Officer, DOH. "Though measles was declared eliminated in the United States 26 years ago, we are seeing more and more cases linked to outbreaks in other states, particularly in families that are unvaccinated. Don't wait—protect your family now: check everyone's vaccination status and get the MMR vaccine today if needed. You just never know when or where your family might be exposed to measles—MMR is one of the best-tested vaccines around."

Measles is highly contagious and spreads through the air when an infected person coughs, sneezes, breathes, or talks. The virus can remain in the air for up to 2 hours, allowing people to be infected even after a sick person has left the area.

Symptoms typically appear 7-21 days after exposure and include:

- High fever, cough, and runny nose
- Red, watery eyes
- A rash that begins on the face and spreads down the body

Measles can cause life-threatening health complications, including pneumonia and brain inflammation, especially for babies and young children.

The most effective prevention for measles is the measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccine. One dose is 93% effective, and two doses are 97% effective. Getting the MMR vaccine is safer than getting sick with measles and protects family members and the community. Children typically get the MMR vaccine at 1 year and again at 4 years of age. Unvaccinated adults can also be vaccinated.

Free or low-cost vaccines are available through the state's Childhood and Adult Vaccine Programs, and through Washington Apple Health (Medicaid).

Stay informed, protect your health, and help stop the outbreak. Check current case counts, exposure locations, and prevention information on DOH's measles activity webpage at <https://tinyurl.com/msz7eskj>.

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The Hall of Fame of collections

By Lane Gwinn | THE TIMES

NEW YORK, NY — This month, items from the Jim Irsay collection are being auctioned by Christie's. Jim Irsay inherited the Indianapolis Colts from his father and served as the principal owner, chairman, and CEO until his death in May 2025.

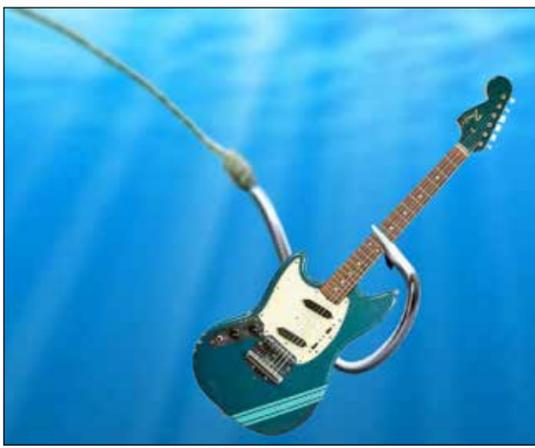
The billionaire built a collection based on his interests in popular culture and music. It is considered one of the largest and most significant guitar collections, including instruments originally owned by Elvis, Prince, The Beatles, The Stones, and Johnny Cash.

Over 300 items are being offered in an online and three live auctions, which began on March 3 and run through March 17. Movie, literature, music, and sports memorabilia that helped define 20th-century popular culture are available to bid on. If you were not lucky enough to inherit a fortune, you can still enjoy learning about the Jim Irsay Collection on Christies.com.

Literary items focus on works by Beat authors. Among them is Jack Kerouac's original typed scroll for "On the Road," estimated to sell for \$2,500,000 to \$4,000,000. Written over 21 days in 1951 on a continuous roll of taped tracing paper, the scroll totals over 120 feet of writing about postwar America.

Irsay also collected original lyrics and musicians' notebooks. In their own handwriting, read Bob Dylan's "The Times They Are A-Changing" and Paul McCartney's "Hey Jude."

For Beatles lovers, there are 30 items related to



Times Graphic

Kurt Cobain's blue Fender Mustang is one of many guitars in the collection.

the Fab Four, including guitars owned by George, Paul, and John and Ringo Starr's drum kit.

In the four auction lots, there are 184 iconic guitars, prized for their design and the music they made.

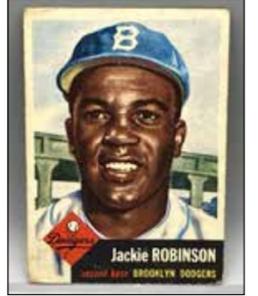
"The Tiger," Jerry Garcia's custom-built electric guitar, can be yours for between \$1 and \$2 million. Garcia commissioned luthier Doug Irwin to create the instrument, which took six years to complete.

Like the smell of Teen Spirit? Kurt Cobain's blue Fender Competition Mustang, the one with stripes, could bring \$5,000,000. He played it on tour and notably in the "Smells Like Teen Spirit" video that brought grunge to the mainstream audience.

Sports memorabilia range from racing to boxing, from the fastest to the greatest. Waitsburg's Days of Real Sports fans won't want to miss bidding on

Secretariat's Triple Crown saddle for the estimated \$1,500,000 to 3,000,000. In 1973, Secretariat's 31-length victory in the Belmont Stakes pushed the Vietnam War and Watergate scandal off magazine covers and news headlines.

Looking for something great? Check out Muhammad Ali's boxing gloves from his bout with Karl Mildenerger in 1966. For historical importance, consider Jackie Robinson's #1 baseball card or the torch from the 1936 Olympics, where Jesse Owens' victories defied Hitler's narrative of Aryan supremacy.



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Jackie Robinson's #1 Topps card.



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A KGB tooth with a secret compartment.

Some of the oddest lots are from the Cold War: KGB spy cameras in belts, pens, cigarettes, a purse, and a tooth to hide a suicide pill. If Maxwell Smart's shoe phone appeals to you, there's a pair of leather lace-ups with a heel compartment.

If you don't need spy shoes, consider writer Hunter S. Thompson's

Converse sneakers, James Brown's stage ankle boots with Cuban heels, or Sylvester Stallone's Rocky Balboa training boots.

You can view or bid on all the auction items at www.christies.com/events/the-jim-irsay-collection/about.

CARDINAL SPORTS with Karen Huwe

NEW SEASON FOR GOLF AND TRACK

This season, Caris Lynch is coaching the Waitsburg golf team. All of Lynch's players are new to the sport.

"We have a lot of talent, and I know the boys will do good things this year," said Lynch.

The team are Victor Whitmore, Jake Lynch, Cody Coulston, Gavin Mikesell, Blake Benevides, Camdyn Vories and Landen Henry.

The first JV tournament will be at Pomeroy on March 20 and the varsity's first tournament will be March 23 at Wine Valley.

Track coaches Dan Nechodom and Hunter Wallace are getting their track athletes ready for their first meet at

Kennewick High School on Thursday, March 19.

After the first week of practice, Coach Nechodom has noticed his returning athletes stepping into leadership roles and showing good training habits.

"Many of the athletes are recalling technical skills they developed at the end of last season, so I am hopeful they will build on that foundation and make some big gains this season," said Nechodom.

Athletes on the track team are Gavin Harrison, Teegan Kenney, Flynn Richardson, Addison Crenshaw, Kahlynn Hutson, Olivia Kiefel, Audrey Kiefel, Liam Kiefel, Olivia Duncan, Emerson Underwood, Gage Mynear, Brenton Segraves, and Cheri Mathews.



Karen Huwe

The golf team before heading to the Dayton Golf course: (l-r) Cody Coulston, Gavin Mikesell, Jake Lynch, Carter Barron, Victor Whitmore, Camdyn Vories. Not pictured are Blake Benevides and Landen Henry.

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BIRTHDAYS

March 12: Cherie Kurth, Ben and Bill Brown, Susan Webber, Jimmie Young, Walt Warehime, Elizabeth Abbey, Teresa Johnson, and Lory Duckworth.

March 13: Corey Puckett, Susan Watson, Kathy Logeman, Darla Fischer, Ryan Shweid, Dan Mortimore, Darin Groom, Louie Gagnon, Scott Hagerman, Mark Lanning, and Larry Branson.

March 14: Jim Wilson, Rhonda Perry, Kathy Rose, Luanna Kalahale, and William Adams.

March 15: Drew Farley, Debra Olson, Stacey Mohney, Gage Baker, Sharon Puckett, Sara Payne Dimak, and Lolita Clayton.

March 16: Edna Clough, Mike Estes, Edith Largent, Carol Heilbrun, Michael Kerry, Guy Keeney, Chenae Dahlstrom, Megan Payne, and Carley Horlacher.

March 17: Sarge Froreich, Joan Ruble, John Butler, Winton Lytle, Brian Doering and Kristi Unholz.

March 18: Sherrie Larsen, Ben Daniel and Marisa Hoops.



GRIN and BEAR IT



"He should be coming out of hibernation any day now."

LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA
NO: 26-4-00031-36
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS
RCW 11.40.030
In re the Estate of: CHRISTINA L. WATTS, 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.
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February 26, March 5, 12, 2026
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR WALLA WALLA COUNTY
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RCW 11.40.030
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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 in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty (30) days after the Personal Representative served or mailed the Notice to the Creditors as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) Four (4) 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 non-probate assets.
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NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION AND CLAIM DEADLINE

Notice is hereby given that Power House Theatre LLC (the "Corporation"), a Washington Limited Liability Company, filed Articles of Dissolution with the Secretary of State of Washington on February 12, 2026.
Pursuant to RCW 24.03A.918, the public is hereby notified that the Corporation is in the process of dissolving. Any claims against the Corporation must be received in writing at the address below no later than June 30, 2026.
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February 26, March 5, 12, 2026
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PIONEER PORTRAITS

Fifteen Years Ago

March 10, 2011

Members, parents, siblings and coaches from 17 eastern Washington youth wrestling teams gathered in Waitsburg for the first tournament of the five-week Little Guys wrestling season. The 10 a.m. flag salute at Kison Court included an Honor Guard. Nearly 500 competitors participated in this first big tournament hosted by Waitsburg.

Columbia County Sheriff's Office Chief Deputy Joe Helm checks the speed of oncoming traffic on Highway 12 in Dayton on Tuesday.

Little Goose Dam, near Starbuck, is one of several locks and dams on the Snake and Columbia rivers reopened this month after a three-month closure for repairs.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

March 8, 2001

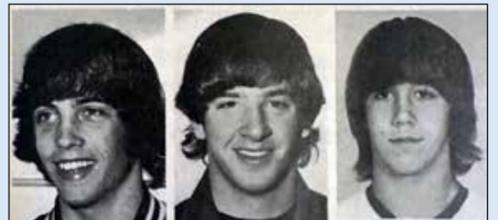


[Photo Caption] The first rural mail route to serve Waitsburg was established on May 16, 1904, with H.V. Grubbe as the carrier. Not only has the mode of transportation changed dramatically, but the price of the stamp has, too. Grubbe appears to be delivering a newspaper to Box 33 while his horses patiently wait. The photo was made from a glass negative from the collection of August and Isaac Sornson.

Remarkably, the pilot of an aerial applicator airplane, Brandon Visser of St. Anthony, Idaho, walked away from a crash last Wednesday afternoon. Shaken up and in need of stitches on a cut, the 22-year-old pilot was flying for Crop-land Air Service, Inc. of Waitsburg.

Fifty Years Ago

March 11, 1976



[Photo Caption] Kirk Huwe, David Smith and Greg Zuger were named to the Southeastern Washington All-Star Conference Basketball teams in a poll of coaches which was announced last weekend.

First Days of Real Sport Queen candidate to be introduced is Kim Kathryn, 16, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Patton of Waitsburg. Kim is a junior at Waitsburg High School and started riding when she was eleven years old.

"The Whing-Ding Thing", Waitsburg High School annual variety show, will be presented in the Auditorium on Thursday, March 11 at 7:00 p.m. This is the sixth annual running of this student talent show. Waitsburg citizens are invited to attend and enjoy.

Seventy-Five Years Ago

March 16, 1951

Ginny's Grill and Fountain will be the new name of Joy's Frigid Harbor which was purchased last week by N. H. Anderson.

The Waitsburg Future Farmers of America walked off with top place at the district contest held at Prescott. Second place was won by the Prescott team.

One Hundred Years Ago

March 19, 1926

Mr. and Mrs. Frank McCown have returned from Holtville, Calif, where they have farming interests and where they spend the winter months.

Dick Roberts received delivery Saturday thru the Walker Garage of one of the new improved Chevrolet roadsters.

The Waitsburg Progressive Club is celebrating its twenty-fourth birthday by holding a two-days art exhibit in the Legion Hall early in April.

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago

March 22, 1901

C. W. Wheeler arrived home on Wednesday afternoon for a stay of a couple of days. C. W. has severed his connection as lecturer for the Woodmen of the World and will return home in a few days to remain for a time at least.

A very enjoyable party was given by the Denney family (in Spring Valley) and their boarder, Miss Mabry McCown, Thursday night of last week. Kettle candy and supper were served and the usual party program was carried out in a lively manner.

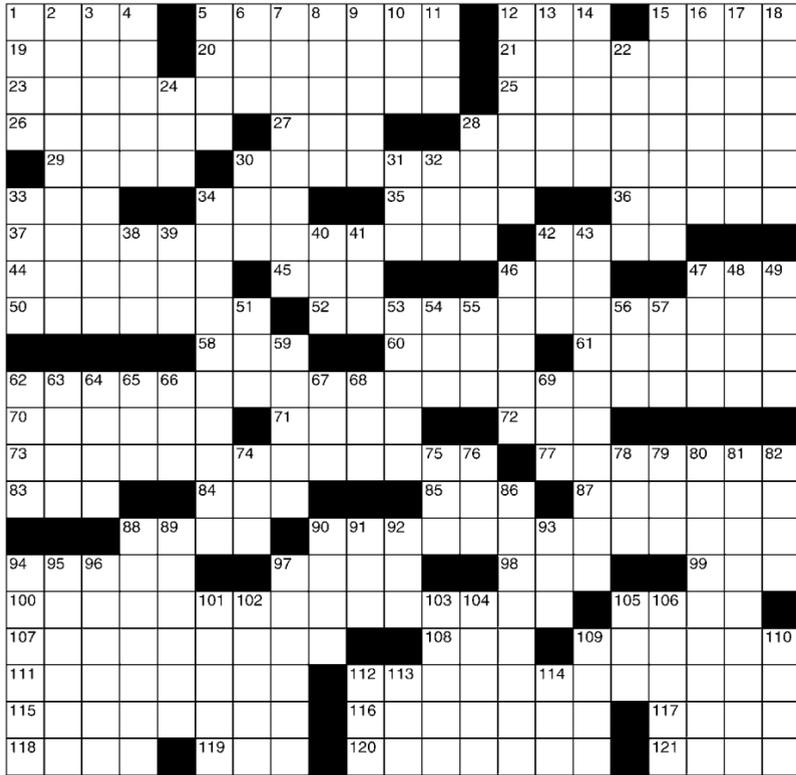
J. H. Cox has secured the contract for the woodwork in the Morgan brick. J. H. is a number one workman.

PUZZLES & LIFESTYLES

Super Crossword

A LITTLE BIT EXTRA

- ACROSS**
- 1 Part of DJ
 - 5 Let leave
 - 12 E-device download
 - 15 Lobs' paths
 - 19 Western U.S. gas chain
 - 20 Radar on an old sitcom
 - 21 Bargain offered by a prosecutor
 - 23 Male horse that's the subject of a novel?
 - 25 Deli meat often on rye
 - 26 Visiting a website, e.g.
 - 27 Sunshine St.
 - 28 Contributed one's share
 - 29 Pulitzer-winning biographer
 - 30 Setting a weekly limit on Mastercard purchases?
 - 33 401, to Nero
 - 34 Water, in Paris
 - 35 Nickel, e.g.
 - 36 Hands, in Havana
 - 37 James Bond's creator, if he had lived on the island of Ithaca?
 - 42 German car company
 - 44 Pulls on
 - 45 Theta lead-in
 - 46 Egyptian — (cat breed)
 - 47 Current unit
 - 50 "This requires a lot of effort"
 - 52 "You're the Top" composer dishing out servings of food?
 - 58 "You betcha"
 - 60 Persia, now
 - 61 As a whole
 - 62 At the post one formerly held?
 - 70 "Fighting" Big Ten team
 - 71 Cyber-trash
 - 72 Pro trained in trauma
 - 73 Statement after a female jungle cat gains a lot of weight?
 - 77 Include as a bonus
 - 83 Bug planter
 - 84 Busy bug
 - 85 Weird
 - 87 Internet investing site
 - 88 Burkina —
 - 90 Squid ink, for example?
 - 94 One- (short play)
 - 97 Foot bottom
 - 98 "Well, I'll be!"
 - 99 Lace up, e.g.
 - 100 The stress of being a trailblazer?
 - 105 Opposed to, in Westerns
 - 107 They stagnate during recessions
 - 108 Old Glory's nation
 - 109 "Scandal" creator
 - 111 Be physically intimate
 - 112 Extra things seen eight times in this puzzle?
 - 115 Fawned over
 - 116 Blue-eyed cat
 - 117 — & Chandon (Champagne)
 - 118 Short sleeps
 - 119 Hosp. areas
 - 120 Major forgetfulness
 - 121 Within: Prefix
- DOWN**
- 1 "The Living Daylights" actress
 - 2 Resolved, as difficulties
 - 3 Angry rebukes
 - 4 Newswoman
 - 5 Fawn over, with "on"
 - 6 401(k) kin
 - 7 Government of a nation by its own people
 - 8 Dancer
 - 9 Homer epic
 - 10 — -mo
 - 11 Wd. in a thesaurus
 - 12 — Way (old Roman road)
 - 13 Actor Oliver
 - 14 Actor Joe
 - 15 Gland near the kidneys
 - 16 Scan, as data
 - 17 EI — Real (road in California)
 - 18 Hurls
 - 22 In-house
 - 24 '75 TV debut
 - 28 Smug type
 - 30 Half — latte
 - 31 Roll call response, in Paris
 - 32 Heap
 - 33 The Mets' — Field
 - 34 Border crossing documents
 - 38 "Sorta" suffix
 - 39 Towing gp.
 - 40 & so forth
 - 41 Chinese chairman
 - 42 Boat paddle
 - 43 "Let's shake hands!"
 - 46 — Carlo
 - 47 In a little bit
 - 48 Parcel (out)
 - 49 Egg on
 - 51 Hwy. felony
 - 53 R&B singer
 - 54 Lay down
 - 55 Faux —
 - 56 Suffix of pasta names
 - 57 Siouan tribe
 - 59 Lay down as fact
 - 62 Feels lousy
 - 63 With
 - 67-Down, mistakes
 - 64 Stratagem
 - 65 — Tin Tin
 - 66 Ethyl ending
 - 67 See
 - 63-Down
 - 68 Singer
 - 69 Qty.
 - 74 — -cone
 - 75 Seoul soldier
 - 76 Pub. staffers
 - 78 Blvd., e.g.
 - 79 Meal scrap
 - 80 Attending to
 - 81 Emphatic affirmation
 - 82 Hawaiian goose
 - 86 Humiliates
 - 88 Cousins of anises
 - 89 Iris ring
 - 90 British actress
 - 91 British beer
 - 92 Abode: Abbr.
 - 93 Third letter
 - 94 Tarzan, e.g.
 - 95 Loud insect
 - 96 Began, as a hobby
 - 97 Zooms
 - 101 Ham it up
 - 102 Amazon, e.g.
 - 103 Its capital is Khartoum
 - 104 "I'd like to help"
 - 105 "Eureka!"
 - 106 Singer
 - 109 Former New York stadium
 - 110 In re
 - 112 Simile middle
 - 113 Faint
 - 114 2000-15 CBS drama



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CARDINAL SPORTS continued from page 3

NEW SEASON FOR SOFTBALL AND BASEBALL

Softball Coach Tracy Daniel is looking forward to a successful season. The Cardinals have not fielded a team in a few years. The team is working hard, encouraging and supporting each other as they strengthen their fundamentals and knowledge of the game.

The young team will look to junior Ava Childers and sophomores Jemma Anderson and Audrey Walker for leadership and guidance.

"This group will continue to grow

and become stronger every day. We look forward to the community coming out and supporting their efforts," said Daniel. The first game is on March 17 in Waitsburg against Colton.

Baseball coaches Joe Greer and Randy Hinchliffe are looking forward to their first baseball game against Sunnyside Christian on the Cardinal field on Saturday, March 14. First pitch at 11 am.



Softball team back row (l-r) Ava Childers, Aubrey Walker, Madison Potter, Katy Allen, Hannah Coulston, Stella Pearson, Lillian Henze front row (l-r) Shaunna Hilton, Laila Long, Kayla Kuykendall, Joslin Nodine, Kiki Roberts, not pictured are Jemma Anderson and Shannon Roberts.



Baseball team (l-r) Tyler Coulston, Richard Finch, Bryer Paul, Rowdy Cole, Trace Nesje, Isa Reyes, Kellen Coulston, Griffen Hinchliffe, Colt Boudrieau, not pictured Rollin Carpenter.

CARDINALS CLAW REDHAWKS

Waitsburg Middle School's girls' basketball team won both the "B" and the "A" game against Touchet in Waitsburg on Monday, March 2.

In the last game of the season, the "B" team won 35-10. Emma Langford scored four points and had three steals. Adalin Acevedo scored six points and had five steals. Shylo Hedges rebounded six, and Peyton Childers scored three points, had three steals, and rebounded six. Oaklee Adams scored four points, stole three, and rebounded nine. Lillian Carpenter scored seven, Jaylynn Gleason scored four points, and Reagan Fabian had three steals.

This was the last game for eighth-graders Lillian Carpenter, Au-

drey Kiefel, Kaitlyn Paul, and Laila Long, who were participating in Cardinal basketball as middle school players. Before the start of the "A" game, the girls and their families were recognized.

Gleason contributed eight points. Point guard Ryleigh Fabian scored five points and grabbed eleven rebounds. Carpenter scored six points and collected seven offensive rebounds. Long added four points with seven rebounds. Kiefel contributed five points, four steals, and six rebounds. Paul scored seven points. All contributed to the Cardinals' 45-14 win.

"Waitsburg ended the first half of the game leading by one point and then exploded for 18 points in the third quarter to take a commanding lead," said Coach Karen Huwe.

The Cardinals ended their season with a 9-1 record.



8th graders with their families (l-r): Laila Long, Kaitlyn Paul, Audrey Kiefel, Lillian Carpenter.

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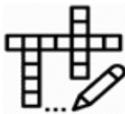
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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

- ♦ Moderate
- ♦♦ Challenging
- ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Super Crossword

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Weekly SUDOKU

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LAST PAGE

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

Waitsburg Resource Center Community Food Bank
Thursdays, 2 – 4 p.m. Food Donations @ 106 ½ Preston Ave

Waitsburg Christian Church
Drop-off and pick-up Clothing Donation Center upstairs at 604 Main Street.

Lunches

WAITSBURG SENIOR CENTER

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

Tuesday, July 17
Meatballs Over Rice
Cookie
MOW: Potatoes, Vegetable Roll, Fruit
IN HOUSE: Salad Bar



WAITSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT

Thursday, March 12
Breakfast
French Toast & Sausage
Lunch
Chicken Nuggets
Mac & Cheese
House Salad & Peas
Fruit Choice

Friday, March 13
Breakfast
Breakfast Scramble
Lunch

Chicken Burrito Bowl
Cucumbers
Fruit Choice

Monday, March 16
Breakfast
Eggs & Sausage
Lunch
Chicken Sandwich
Something Crunchy
Baked Beans
Fruit Choice

Tuesday, March 17
Breakfast
Biscuits & Gravy
Lunch

Shepherd's Pie
Green Beans
Fruit Choice
St. Pat's Day Treat

Wednesday, March 18
Breakfast
Donut & String Cheese
Lunch
BBQ Chicken Breast
Bread Roll
Carrots & Cherry Tomatoes
Fruit Choice



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.



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