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Dayton's Christmas Kickoff heralds the beginning of the holiday season with the Festival of Trees, Holiday Market, Reindeer, Rizzy the Camel, and the lighted parade and fireworks display. The Dayton Elementary School Bulldogs brought cheer to Main Street. See more photos at www.waitsburgtimes.com.

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The Amazing Shake: Monopoly Edition Mini-Gauntlet

By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — On November 25, the Cardinal's Amazing Shake mini-gauntlet brought a creative twist by introducing a Monopoly Edition theme. Waitsburg students stepped into a life-sized version of the classic board game, navigating stations inspired by the game's properties and elements, designed to test their communication skills, professionalism, confidence, and quick thinking.

Twenty-one community volunteers served as judges at 14 stations, scoring students who were challenged to adapt, problem-solve, and showcase their best selves. The quick-thinking students had to complete each station's task within one minute.

The fourth through eighth-grade students navigated through the Monopoly-themed stations, beginning with "Passing Go," where they introduced themselves to the judges and described their strategy for the event.

Other stations at the November 25 mini gauntlet included "Pennsylvania Avenue," where students spoke about the White

House, and "Community Chest," where they described community projects they were involved in. At "Reading Railroad," the challenge was to explain this quote by Dr. Suess' character, The Lorax, "Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not."

Scores from the mini gauntlet were added to two previous Amazing Shake "handshake" rounds, and the top 25 students were announced at an assembly on November 26. Those 25 students will attend the statewide Amazing Shake event in Mattawa, Washington, on February 3. The top six Waitsburg students from that event will attend the National Amazing Shake event in Atlanta, Georgia, in March.

The top four scorers are 1st – Julian Gillentine (grade 5), 2nd – Oaklee Adams (grade 6), 3rd – Flynn Richardson (grade 8), 4th – Olivia Long (grade 5)

The following students will also attend on February 3 in Mattawa:

- Grade 4- Cannon Abel, Vaida Langford
- Grade 5– Gavin Watkins, Charlie Reger, Dori Adkins, Sawyer Harvey, Amelia Nesje, Bridger Abel, Elise Pearson
- Grade 6- Myles Frasco, Reagan Fabian, Malcolm Ledford, Emma Langford
- Grade 7– Katherine Roberts, Shylo Hedges, Jaylynn Gleason, Ava McCaw
- Grade 8 – Audrey Kiefel, Arrow Groom, Madyson Potter, Ollivyr Dahlby

The Amazing Shake faculty advisors, Tracy Barron, Brenda Henderson, and Joe Wirtzberger, appreciate the following community volunteers who made this event possible:

Kirsten Timmons, Heather Lane, John and Dinah Lindsey, Tony Henderson, Sue Whirlow, Roz Edwards, Joe and Jasmine Helm, Karen Huwe, Lu Morano, Jamie McMillan, Jen Bishop, Christy House, Makenna Barron, Karin Spann, Deb Fortner, Kyle and Margaret Terry, Mike Ferrians, and Dusty Wirtzberger.



Photos by Karen Huwe

(left) Dori Adkins at the "Luxury Tax" station with volunteer judge Dr. Kyle Terry. The challenge at this station was to answer three questions about current events.

(below) These 25 quick-thinking students have earned their spots to attend the statewide Amazing Shake event in Mattawa, Washington, on February 3.



NEWS BRIEFS

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TRAFFIC REVISIONS AND ROUTE FOR WAITSBURG HOMETIME XMAS PARADE

THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — Hometown Christmas organizers would like to remind drivers that traffic and parking will be temporarily impacted on Sunday, December 7, during the 40th Annual Hometown Christmas Parade.

The parade begins at 5 p.m. at Main and First Streets. The route goes down Main, turns right onto W. Sixth, right onto Orchard St., right onto Fourth St., and left onto Main, back to the start.

To ensure everyone can enjoy the parade, organizers ask motorists not to park on Main Street between First and Third Streets between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. on Sunday.

During the parade, volunteers will monitor barricades lining the route. East and westbound traffic on Highway 124 will be diverted to the alternate route via W. Seventh Street.



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THE TIMES

DAYTON — It is the last weekend to catch the 2025 Fall Production of “A Christmas Carol” at the Liberty Theater. Remaining dates are December 4, 5, and 6. Tickets are available at libertytheater.org.

The theater is accepting non-perishable food items this season in support of our local food bank.

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WHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP SPOTLIGHT

Dr. Nicholas Pearson, DDS Class of 2014

By Lane Gwinn | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — Since 2014, the Waitsburg High School Alumni Association has awarded an estimated 50 scholarships to WHS graduates for college and postsecondary education.

The first recipient of the program was Nicholas Pearson, a member of the class of 2014. Following graduation, Dr. Pearson earned a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry from Whitworth University in 2018 and a Doctor of Dental Surgery from the University of Washington School of Dentistry in 2024.

At the UW, Pearson was one of 8 of 72 dentistry students selected for the Regional Initiatives in Dental Education (RIDE) program. The program trains dentists to practice in rural and underserved communities.

Pearson is the fourth in his family to graduate from the UW-SOD, following his grandfather, uncle, and father, Dr. Randy Pearson. After graduation, Nicholas joined his father’s dental practice in Walla Walla.

Dr. Nicholas and his wife, Amy, have moved to Spokane, Washington, where he has purchased his first practice, Grand Corner Dental. He said he wants to continue learning and becoming a better dentist every day.

“You can always be learning something new,” said Pearson.

He said he was thankful for his upbringing and education at WHS, which prepared him for the



Submitted photo
Nicholas and Amy Pearson are building their family and dental practice in Spokane, Washington.

challenges of his studies and developing career. Although it was a long journey, he’s happy to be where he is today.

Pearson said he has fond memories of growing up in Waitsburg, including the year the Waitsburg/Prescott football team won the 2B State Championship in 2011. It was his first year as a starter on the Cardinal’s varsity squad, and he played with his team against Morton-White Pass in the championship game at the Tacoma Dome.

Pearson feels very fortunate to be a graduate of WHS and grateful for the financial support he received from the WHS Alumni Association to help him get through school.

His advice for future WHS graduates is, “Always be willing to learn. You can always learn something new or useful, and although

you may think you have everything figured out when you’re 18 (I for sure did), you’ll always find out something else exciting about yourself if you keep an open mind.”

The Waitsburg Alumni Association is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization formed for the purpose of encouraging a spirit of fellowship among the graduates of Waitsburg High School and awarding scholarships to Waitsburg High School graduates. Since 2014, the Association has awarded approximately 50 scholarships totaling over \$50,000. If you, or someone you know, are interested in applying for a scholarship through the Association, contact Kim Hamann at Waitsburg High School.

This year’s awardees are:
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Palouse Outdoors:
The Ghost of “Fat Dog” Past

By Brad Trumbo | THE TIMES

Once upon a time, a heavily ticked orange belton setter was born into a grouse-hunting family in Michigan. She was a sleek pup with a stylish point who took to the grouse woods like no other setter. Her name was Kea, from Hawaiian culture, meaning “to be a bird” or “to fly.” She could slip through the greenbrier and popple like a speckled ghost, appearing over birds unnoticed.

Legend has it that Kea once held down a covey of 14 ruffed grouse for an hour before her owner finally found her. The woman collected her five-bird limit, having reloaded her Lefever side-by-side twice and missing not a shot. Kea’s presence mesmerized the ruffs into timely single flushes through open shot windows. Once the five grouse were down, Kea made flawless blind retrieves to her owner’s hand, then led the woman home, looking smug. But a setter as stunning and skilled as Kea could not simply live out her days in the field. Her genetics were too valuable. Hence, her prime years were spent raising pups

In 2014, Ali and I were looking for another setter pup and came across Kea. Her reputation and photographs convinced us, and we ended up with Yuba, the runt of Kea’s current litter. Like her mom, Yuba was an upland bird prodigy. She was one year old on the 2015 pheasant opener, and that morning was all the training she needed. Finn, my oldest setter, was three that fall and starting to grasp the bird-hunting game. Yuba followed Finn to point and recover two roosters that morning, and she became a force to be reckoned with in the field. By late season, Yuba tracked down and pinned her first wild rooster in the snow and heavy reed canary grass.

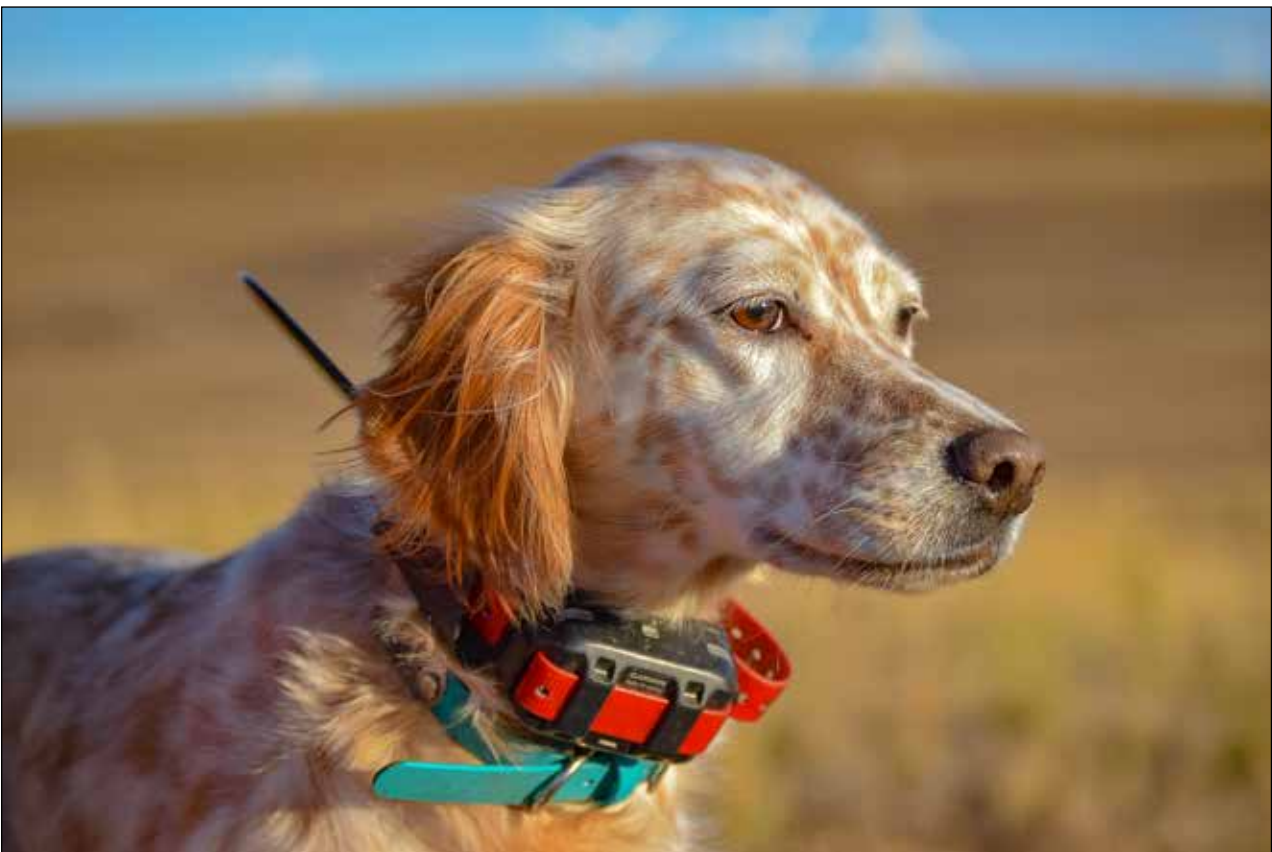
I followed Kea’s story over the years, and Ali even tried to buy her, although her owner understandably wouldn’t let her go. But life has a strange way of coming full circle. In early spring of 2020, we heard a rumor that Kea was available for adoption. Ali acted quickly on the tip, and Kea soon traveled west to become our fourth Llewellyn to roam the Palouse.

The young dog I had followed over the years had aged from her days at the puppy mill. She was comically chubby. To call her “food motivated” was a gross understatement, probably because she lived in a kennel where food might have been limited or shared among many dogs. “Fat Dog” became Kea’s new moniker, which she seemed to appreciate.

The once confident young dog had become a timid old girl, and it took about a year for us both to understand the new family dynamics. She was prone to confusion and panic, often doubling down on her fight-or-flight responses. In the end, Kea pushed me to a new level of patience and problem-solving, requiring me to stay a step ahead with solutions before problems arose. Fortunately, my patience built trust and strengthened our bond, opening the door to the pheasant fields.

Who knows how long it had been since Kea hunted birds, but the legend I had sought was revealed when I turned her loose on the Eastern Washington grasslands. She knew precisely which commands I “beeped” to her collar, even without training. She stretched out across the field with unexpected grace. She knew how to work the wind and scent, and her stamina was remarkable, especially for a dog that hadn’t chased birds in years. Running her and Yuba as a brace was a moment I had long envisioned, and a memory I won’t soon forget.

Kea had the stubbiest tail of any setter I’ve met, and her jowls were shorter than average, too. Her usual look involved a longing stare out the window or lustful eyes fixed on a treat bag, with her



Kea’s game face, staring across the golden grasses, contemplating the field, and finding birds.

Brad Trumbo



Kea and her daughter, Yuba, eagerly await their after-the-hunt cookie.

ears perked and lips caught up in her canine teeth. She would wiggle and whine when greeted with an excited yell, “FAT DOG!” Somehow, Kea’s belly was perpetually dirty, and she sometimes just felt grimy. She loved a good belly rub and a romp in the snow. She was a derpy, lovable old dog, and pure magic in the field.

Life constantly evolves, and 2023 was a game-changer for Ali and me. Ali’s cancer diagnosis meant we were in Seattle almost every week, sometimes twice. Life was chaotic when Kea needed stability, but something was changing in Kea as well. She became restless and started pacing around the house frequently. She was in constant need, but of what we were unsure. By that summer, it was clear that our new way of life wasn’t suitable for Kea. She needed a home where she could be the priority.

We were contacted by a wonderful couple from Western Oregon who had a history of rescuing older setters, and Kea seemed to be exactly what they were looking for. One sunny June afternoon, we loaded Kea into the Prius to meet her new family in Hood River. Kea hated car rides, presumably because they always led to something unsettling. But this trip was different. She was relaxed and slept most of the way. When she met her new family, she climbed right into the back seat of their truck and lay down, as if she knew them and where she was going. We said goodbye with our hearts in our throats and tear-stained cheeks, but we knew she headed for something better.

Kea undoubtedly spent her best days with her new family, roaming a small orchard, hunting



An obligatory photo of Kea with her first rooster pheasant. Like every setter I own, she was less than enthused about it.

pocket gophers, and lounging on the porch. She took on a new role as a support animal for her family’s aging grandmother, making frequent visits to the nursing home where she lived. Meanwhile, unbeknownst to all of us, Kea was enduring a fight of her own.

Kea passed away near Christmas 2023 due to a brain tumor that caused her behavioral changes throughout the year. She died the day after the family’s beloved grandmother, almost as if she was hanging on for the elderly woman. A testament to a good dog’s devotion.

I’d hoped for a future reunion, a chance to see her wiggle when teased about being “Fat Dog,” and to hunt pheasant with her once more. Sadly, life waits for no one, but Kea is often visible in her daughter, Yuba. I see her in Yuba’s high, curled tail and stocky body each time she points a pheasant, and she’s always here during the holidays. As we prepare delicious Thanksgiving and Christmas meals, Yuba, tempted by the aromas, channels her inner Fat Dog. She lounges in the kitchen, mouth-breathing as Kea often did, her milky eyes wide with desire, awaiting the stray scraps that fall to the floor. A black-and-white spitting image of the original Fat Dog, whom I look forward to seeing again this Christmas.

BIRTHDAYS

December 4: Teagen Larsen, Barbara Weaver, George Young, Robert Johnson, Sean Mathews, Corrine Miller, Jaimie Winnett.

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.



WELLER LIBRARY
GETS NEW
STAINED-GLASS
WINDOWS

THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — The Weller Public Library unveiled three stained-glass windows on December 2, in time for Hometown Christmas. The library’s board of trustees worked with John Czarnecki of Light & Line Stained Glass Studio in Walla Walla to create the three-panel window.

The Friends of the Library enlisted Waitsburg resident Andrew Knee to place exterior windows before completing the decorative glass installation. The windows by Czarnecki were funded by donations and installed by Knee, Louie Gagnon, and Allen Huwe.

Czarnecki used 278 pieces of glass to create the three-panel image depicting the Waitsburg Valley. Knee will complete the installation, including indoor molding around the windows, and lights to illuminate the stained glass.



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John Czarnecki created the stained-glass windows installed at the Weller Public Library this week.



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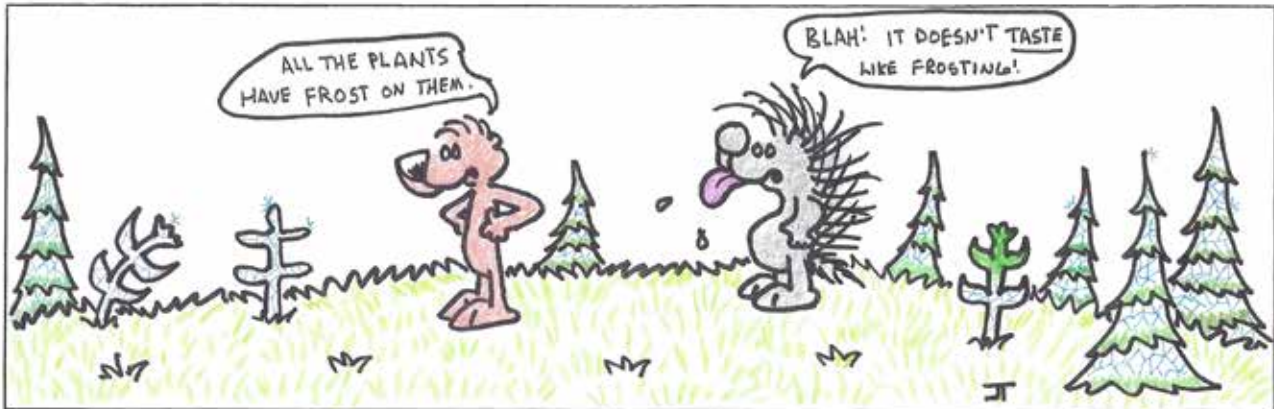
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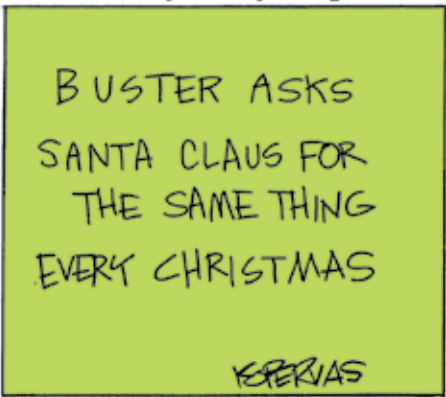
The Friendly Forest

By Jimmye L. Turner



Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



CARDINAL NEWS by Karen Huwe

WAITSBURG —The Waitsburg Resource Center was the recipient of two food drives for the food bank by Waitsburg School students the week before Thanksgiving break.

Stephanie Hinchliffe's first-grade class delivered 137 pounds of non-perishable items on Monday, November 24. Hinchliffe's classes have been collecting food for more than five years, and this year was one of the best years yet.

The second food drive was a competition between elementary and secondary students, organized by the high school's National Honor Society (NHS) members. NHS officers, Hope Adkins, Sarah Daves, Sara Wilson, Bea Karl, Karissa Potts, and advisor Shannon Schreindl delivered 241 pounds of non-perishable items to the food bank on Tuesday, November 25.

Schreindl said their donation was four times as large as last year's. The secondary students were declared the winners of the competition, having collected more pounds in donations than the elementary school kids.

The Waitsburg Resource Center is thankful for all donations to the food bank. The center supports the community in various ways, including donating



Courtesy photo

Waitsburg School's NHS officers, Sara Wilson, Sarah Daves, Bea Karl, and Hope Adkins, delivered food to the Resource Center

ing food for spring break lunches and for Christmas bags given out at the Presbyterian Church before winter break. The center contributed to the community Thanksgiving dinner held at Town Hall and donated to the Waitsburg Swimming Pool fund.



Karen Huwe

The first-grade class with their donated food items.

CARDINALS BEAT THE REDHAWKS AND THE TIGERS

WAITSBURG — Waitsburg Middle School boys' basketball team got their first wins of the season against Touchet and Prescott before Thanksgiving break.

On November 24, the Cardinals' A-squad beat Touchet in a close game, 25-21. The next night, November 25, Waitsburg beat Prescott 43-21.

Arrow Groom scored in double figures in both games. He had 19 against Touchet and 21 in the Prescott game. Hudson Lynch scored four, and Ollivyr Dahlby scored two in the Touchet game. Against Prescott, Lynch added eight points, Lencio Flores had six, Dahlby five, and Nolan King scored three.

The B-team lost against Prescott 21-12. Cardinals Carson Scott led the team with 10 points and Myles Frasco scored two.

The boys will be back in action after the Thanksgiving break when they travel to Rogers in College Place on December 3.



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The court may approve the Petitioner's requests without hearing your side. (This is called a default judgment.) Lawyer not required. It is a good idea to talk to a lawyer, but you may file and serve your Response without one. Follow these steps:

1) Read the Petition and any other documents you receive with this Summons. These documents explain what Petitioner is asking for.
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The Superior Court Clerk's office or county law library (for a fee).
3) Serve (give) a copy of your

Response to Petitioner at the petitioner's address for service listed above.

4) File your original Response with the clerk of the court at the court's address for filing listed above.

/s/ LeAnne Janae Fackler, Petitioner
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This summons is issued pursuant to RCW 4.28.180 and Superior Court Civil Rule 4.1 of the State of Washington.
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November 6, 13, 20, 27, December 4, 11, 2025
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Special Board Meeting

NOTICE is hereby given that the Board of Directors of Prescott School District No. 402-37, Walla Walla and Columbia Counties, Washington, will hold a Special Board Meeting on Monday, 8 December 2025 at 207 S. A Street, Prescott, WA 99348. The meeting will start at 6:00pm. The meeting will follow the guidelines of a Special Board Session.

- Meeting Location: Board Room #210
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NOTICE OF FINAL BUDGET HEARING

The Council of the City of Waitsburg is working on a budget for fiscal year 2026 starting January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2026.

The Council will hold a final hearing on this matter at the regularly scheduled Council meeting on Wednesday, December 17, 2025 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 2026 budget. Copies of the proposed budget are available at

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www.cityofwaitsburg.com on Friday December 12, 2025
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By: Randy Hinchliffe, City Clerk
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- 50 Mattel product
- 51 Old Cuzco native
- 53 Play tenpins
- 54 Bicolor whale
- 55 Roarer in Oz
- 56 Uncontrolled outbreak
- 57 Having a pH over 7
- 58 Appraise again
- 60 Bird's beak
- 62 Wedding veil material
- 63 Very big birds
- 64 Conk
- 65 Low bills
- 66 Linking word in German
- 68 Former rival of Nintendo
- 72 Sturdy wood
- 73 Symbol on a musical staff
- 74 Either director of " Fargo"
- 75 Jedi master
- 80 They're called to get assistance
- 82 Pot payment
- 83 Most fatigued
- 84 Russia's — -Tass
- 85 Came upon
- 86 Obtains
- 87 Leaves speechless
- 88 Giver of an angry look
- 89 Place to take a dirty vehicle
- 90 How sausage links are connected
- 92 Adjust to a situation again
- 93 Bush press secretary Fleischer
- 94 "— Tok" (Kesha hit)
- 96 Phone no.
- 97 Nike rival
- 101 Intermission
- 103 That fellow's
- 104 Ancient Greek market
- 107 — majesty (high treason)
- 108 Manicure tool
- 109 Off-road trucks, briefly
- 110 No. in Russia
- 112 Insect trapper
- 114 Allow to
- 115 Start for teen or adolescent
- 116 Film director DuVernay
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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
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PIONEER PORTRAITS

Fifteen Years Ago
December 2, 2010

Fifteen-year-old Waitsburg resident Michaela Nordheim is once again the junior winner at the state Make It With Wool competition held in November in Moses Lake. This contest and fashion show, presented in conjunction with the annual convention of the Washington State Sheep Producers Association, involved 21 contestants who modeled garments they had sewn with fabric that was at least 60 percent wool.

Nordheim, who was the junior winner in 2009 and 2008 as well, won in the junior category for a four-piece ensemble she designed and tailored, including a skirt, shirt, vest, and coat in rust and brown tones. Nordheim will proceed to the national level of competition in Reno, Nevada, in January.

Twenty-Five Years Ago
November 30, 2000



[photo caption] The Waitsburg Cardinals closed out the 2000 season one game shy of appearing in the state B-11 championship game, ending their remarkable six-game winning streak with a tough loss to Davenport in the semifinals Saturday in Kennewick. Emotional Cardinal seniors accepted the trophy following the game: from left, Scott Mason (8), Jarod Gagnon (9), Marshal McKinley (20), Reade Ferguson (59), Brian Callahan (55), and Gary Timms (63).

Fifty Years Ago
December 4, 1975

Thelma Webber and Janice John drove to Ellensburg last Wednesday where they picked up Margaret John before driving on to Seattle to spend the Thanksgiving holiday with their sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Yeager. They also attended

the Ice Follies while there. Pam John of Pomeroy accompanied them. Mr. and Mrs. Terry John and three daughters of Pomeroy were also visiting relatives in Seattle at that time.

Waitsburg patients confined this week in the Dayton General Hospital include Mrs. Jack McNew, Ivan White and Mrs. Everett Beechinor. Mrs. Mary Samson has been discharged.

Seventy-Five Years Ago
December 8, 1950

A "Merry-Go-Round" theme attracted a large crowd to the annual DeNova Club semi-formal dance Saturday night at the Legion Hall.

Wedding vows were exchanged Thanksgiving Day by Miss Marie Switzer of Richland, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. W. W. Switzer, formerly of Waitsburg and Ernest Abken of Kennewick.

One Hundred Years Ago
December 11, 1925

A one o'clock bridge luncheon was given Wednesday at the country home of Mrs. Dave Barnes in Whetstone, in honor of the Alto Home Economics Club. The hostesses were Mrs. F. J. Aldrich, Mrs. Hobart Bruce and Mrs. Barnes.

E. J. Cole, Head miller at the Preston-Shaffer Mill, and president of the Commercial Club, has at last broken into the automobile ranks. He stayed out a long time, but we notice that he is driving a Chevrolet coupe during the past week.

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago
December 14, 1900

Jesse Duncan arrived home from Oakesdale last Saturday. He has disposed of his cigar and confectionery store at Oakesdale and will probably remain in this city until spring.

Charles Sanders of this city, in company with Sam Breeze of Pulman, left last Saturday afternoon for Irvingtone, Ill. on a visit to relatives and old friends. They expect to be absent six weeks or two months.

L. L. Tallman, proprietor of the City Drug Store of Walla Walla, was shaking hands with Waitsburg Friends on Monday of this week.

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Community Calendar

WAITSBURG MONTHLY MEETINGS

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

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



Waitsburg School Board
Third Thursday of every month @ 6 p.m. at the Waitsburg Elementary School Library. Zoom info is available at Waistburgsd.org by emailing waitsburgcc@icloud.com

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

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

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

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

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

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

Waitsburg Commercial Club
This month, December 19 @ Ten Ton Art @ noon. Zoom info is available by emailing waitsburgcc@icloud.com

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

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



DAYTON & COLUMBIA COUNTY MEETINGS

Board of Columbia County Commissioners
Regular meetings - First and third Monday of the month @ 9 a.m.
Work sessions - Second and fourth Monday of each month @ 9 a.m.
Call-in information available at www.columbiaco.com/114/County-Commissioners

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



Dayton School Board
First and third Wednesday of the month @ 6 p.m. @ Dayton High School auditorium

DHS Alumni Meeting
Every Third Thursday @ 6:30 p.m. Dayton Eagles on Main St.

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
4th Wednesday of the month @ 9 a.m. Call (509) 382-2531 for info

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

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

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

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

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

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



Church Directory

St. Mark Catholic Church
405 W. Fifth, Waitsburg Mass
Friday, 4:30 p.m.
Sunday, 5 p.m.
382-2311
Father O'Leary

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
Rev. Matthew Wyatt

Lunches

WAITSBURG SENIOR CENTER

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

Tuesday, Dec. 9
Lasagna
Garlic Bread
Fruit
MOW: Coleslaw
IN HOUSE: Salad bar



WAITSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT

Thursday, Dec. 4
Breakfast
French Toast & Sausage
Lunch
Orange Chicken
Rice
Fruit & Vegetable

Friday, Dec. 5
Breakfast

Breakfast Scramble
Lunch
Chicken Nuggets
French Fries
Fruit & Vegetables

Monday, Dec. 8
Breakfast
Breakfast Sandwich
Lunch
Chicken Sandwich
Baked Beans
Fruit & Vegetables

Tuesday, Dec. 9
Breakfast
Biscuits & Gravy
Lunch
Haystack
Fruit & Vegetables

Wednesday, Dec. 10
Breakfast
Muffin & Eggs
Lunch
Chicken Caesar Wrap
Fruit & Vegetable



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HOME TOWN CHRISTMAS

- DEC 5th**

 - Winery Barrel Tasting at Dumas 36229 HWY 12
 - Ice Rink Soft Opening
- DEC 6th**

 - Vendors at Town Hall 9a-4p
 - Food in Town Hall by Dusty Britches 9a-4p
 - Characters - The Grinch, Rumi, & Spider-Man in Town Hall at 12p
 - Winery Barrel Tasting at Dumas 36229 HWY 12
 - Kids Cookie Decorating at Town Hall 12p
 - Ice Rink Ribbon Cutting 12p & Open from 1-7p
- DEC 7th**

 - Vendors at Town Hall 9a-4p
 - Food in Town Hall by Dusty Britches 9a-4p
 - Winery Barrel Tasting at Dumas 36229 HWY 12
 - SANTA in Town Hall 12p-4p
 - Youth Holiday & Blue Grass Music on the Town Hall Stage - 12p
 - 40th Annual Lighted Christmas Parade 5p
- DEC 14th**

 - Kids Night to Shop Town Hall 3p-5p



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