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Colorful winter break at the Cardinal's Nest

Waitsburg Elementary students tap into their creative sides with vacation art program

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—The last few days of winter break are their own kind of limbo. Kids are starting to wake up from the holiday-induced comas, parents are going back to work, and babysitters are seemingly hard to find. The Cardinal's Nest Art Program came up with a solution, though: two days of art projects at the elementary school.

Kathy Schirm, who coordinates the art portion of the afterschool program, secured space and supplies, as well as ample treats, for the students last Thursday and Friday. Thursday morning, a group of 23 kids ranging from kindergartners to 5th graders, painted wooden rounds and canvases. On Friday, they got to do an acrylic pour. Both days, you could feel the pure excitement buzzing around the room. Friday's vibe was so strong, it filled the entire multipurpose room at Waitsburg Elementary.

In her nearly 20 years of working in the school setting, Schirm has come to recognize the importance of keeping kids busy in a safe environment. She doesn't claim to be an art teacher, but she knows how valuable art can be to young people, and she loves providing a creative outlet and guidance. Schirm says she often finds herself reflecting on one of Mrs. McCaw's favorite sayings: 'The cool thing about arts and crafts; every kid is successful on their own level.' For those who don't know Mrs. McCaw, she was the third grade teacher at Waitsburg Elementary for many years, and she was (and still is) adored by all of her students. Schirm's love for sharing art gained its roots during her years working as a paraeducator with Mrs. McCaw, and Mrs. Pam Conover.

The Cardinal's Nest itself is funded by a 21st Century Grant, and while the art program benefits from the grant, it is made possible by a generous private foundation, supplies donations, and volunteer hours. The foundation made it possible to purchase the paints, silicone oil, canvases, and other supplies for



Beka Compton

Kathy Schirm was rightfully proud of her students last week during the Cardinal's Nest art program. Friday's acrylic pour project resulted in a variety of marbled canvases, impressed adults, and happy kids.

the winter break program. Carnegie Picture Lab, the nonprofit art education organization from Walla Walla, donated canvases for the kids to paint and draw on during the down time.

The Waitsburg Resource Center provided money to purchase treats and drinks for all of the kids. The Resource Center has money set aside to help groups that support kids: The Center helps out with much more than just food. The youth is truly Waitsburg's pride and joy, and the community continues to prove time and time again that healthy growth of the kids is important.

Thursday's project was a quick painting activity. Tom Schirm spent a healthy amount of time cutting out and priming wooden rounds for the kids. The once plain rounds quickly morphed into starry night scapes, foxes, and gradient color schemes, among

other things.

As kids filled the old music room at Waitsburg Elementary, it was immediately obvious that the kids were there simply because they wanted to be. The room was buzzing with happy chatter, but the moment Schirm called out "artists?" the kids stopped what they were doing, and in unison responded "yeesssss." They were ready to listen and get started.

The Schirms, and Rosie Nechodom (who thought she was there to just drop off kids, but ended up staying for the entirety of the project) patiently helped dispense paint, and encouraged the kids. Kathy Schirm expressed genuine excitement with each project that was brought up to her, and asked the kids to tell her about their paintings, and all the kids happily explained their inspiration. It's easy to see why the

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Waitsburg joins other cities facing limited recycling options

City recycling ended in 2018 due to price increases

By Tracy Thompson | THE TIMES

City sponsored recycling ended for Waitsburg in March of 2018. The service had been offered by Basin Disposal, Inc. the city's garbage service contractor, but due to a large price increase, the City Council opted to stop offering the service. Customers had grown reliant on the service, offered at the wastewater treatment plant, which accepted paper, cardboard and plastics, until changes in the Chinese marketplace drove the costs up.

In 2017, Basin Recycling hauled 11.7 tons of recycling from Waitsburg at a cost of \$1,625. The company estimated the same amount of recycling for 2018 would cost the City \$3,180. The City Council at that point voted 3-1 to stop the program.

China's history as the world's recycler began in the mid 1990's. Brokers found markets for recycled products and also made use of the fact that West Coast ports in the U.S. were full of empty Chinese shipping containers that had come to deliver goods to American consumers. It made a lot of sense to send the waste back out through the ports in an empty ship that was going back anyway.

This was too good a deal for American recyclers to pass up, as many plastic products gum up sorting machines at materials recovery centers and are of almost no value to recyclers. China had plenty of cheap labor to sort through recyclable materials, and by 2016, the U.S. was exporting almost 7,000,000 tons a year to China alone.

Soon, however, the Chinese government started to worry about the amount and the condition of the recycling coming in. Consumers in the U.S. were not adequately washing or sorting their recyclables, leaving food waste, and plastic wrap (which is not recyclable) in their waste, reducing China's profitability. In January 2018, China abruptly halted most plastic recyclables. By 2019, China took in less

than 1 percent of its 2016 total.

This abrupt shift in the market for recyclables has affected other nearby towns as well. Walla Walla is continuing its curbside recycling program, after briefly calling a halt to the service last month. For a while, Walla Walla's "tipping point plan" would have allowed the city to dump recyclable materials from its residents into the Sudbury Landfill if the cost to ship them exceeded the cost to dump them.

Currently, it costs \$119 a ton to ship recyclables, the Walla Walla council will continue to ship what is collected until the costs exceed \$136 a ton, at which point they will re-examine the issue. The Council opted to continue curbside recycling by raising the recycling surcharge 83 cents a month to \$2.12.

A discussion at an August 2019 City Council meeting addressed the option of placing a recycling bin for plastics at the wastewater treatment plant. The cost structure for that service includes container rent, tonnage and sundry costs, with a price tag of \$3,800 a year at that time. Having an employee available to assist, would add extra cost. The Council opted not to offer that service. Plans to re-examine the issue in six months' time were made at that August meeting, however no funding has been added to the City budget for recycling of any kind in its 2020 budget.

In an email from City Administrator Randy Hinchliffe he noted, "There was nothing planned in the budget for recycling. Recyclable materials continue to have to monetary value to where it makes sense for the City to provide the service. We will continue to provide cardboard services for those who want to drop it off on Mondays and Saturdays."

Currently, Waitsburg citizens have the option of recycling cardboard and woody yard debris, between 8 am. and noon on Saturday and Monday mornings.

Solutions to the problem of 11 tons of waste being added to the environmental footprint of the town are necessary. In the coming weeks we will take a closer look at what options residents might have locally, and how this issue is being addressed on a state-wide level.

This is the first in a series of articles by *the Times* examining waste management issues affecting rural communities. We will examine the history of this problem in rural areas including the environmental impact of recycling, reuse and reduction principals, and traditional waste management options. We will focus on Waitsburg, Walla Walla, Dayton and Prescott as their local governments and private citizens address these issues.



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Cheers!



Lane Gwin

New signage for a new business opening on Waitsburg's Main Street. Coming soon!

Ten roles available for Little Theatre's production of *Godspell*

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—The Little Theatre of Walla Walla will hold open auditions on Saturday, January 11 for the musical celebration *Godspell* with book by John-Michael Tebelak and music and lyrics by Stephen Schwartz. The play will be directed by Kevin and Connie Loomer, and is produced by Barb McKinney with the permission of Music Theatre International.

Godspell is a modern musical retelling of the Gospel of Matthew, in which a group of ordinary people are called by John the Baptist to give up their normal lives to follow Jesus Christ. Through parables, songs, and dance, the group spreads Christ's message of kindness, tolerance, and love, even as the story moves inevitably forward to The Last Supper and Crucifixion. This play is appropriate for all audiences.

The play has roles for ten actors. Auditions will begin at 1:00 p.m. at The Little Theatre of Walla Walla. Those auditioning should have at least a basic understanding of *Godspell* and be prepared to sing at least

one song from the show (a list of recommended songs is available at www.lttww.org).

The audition process at The Little Theatre of Walla Walla is casual and people of all levels of experience, ethnicity, and physical ability are encouraged to participate. Prospective actors should arrive a few minutes early to fill out some paperwork. Music rehearsals for this production will begin as soon as the roles are cast. Full rehearsals will begin in mid-February.

Performances are: March 27, 28, April 3, 4, 10, 11, 17, and 18 at 7:30 p.m. and April 5 and 12 at 2:00 p.m. at The Little Theatre of Walla Walla. For more information or questions, please contact Kevin Loomer at kevin.loomer@wcc.edu or 509-240-0125.

The Little Theatre of Walla Walla, celebrating its 75th Anniversary season in 2019-2020, is a volunteer-driven nonprofit organization, which has been producing live theatre in Walla Walla since 1944. For more information about the entire 2019-2020 season at The Little Theatre of Walla Walla, please visit: lttww.org. The Little Theatre of Walla Walla is located at 1130 E Sumach in Walla Walla.

PIONEER PORTRAITS

Ten Years Ago January 14, 2010

The Siberian Huskies who make their way to Ray and Carla Nilsen each come with a story and, sadly, it is most often about abuse and neglect. It's been the couple's mission these past six years to give every one of the canines who've come into their care a happy ending. And to see these dogs romping playfully around their remote, rustic home above Dixie, it appears they're succeeding.

Krystal Harris blocked the shot, got control of the basketball and started dribbling toward the DeSales backboard in yet another fast break that rallied the Waitsburg home crowd. The Waitsburg-Prescott player was on fire in the game against the Irish Friday, logging the highest number of points for her team in the nail-biting win over the archrivals from Walla Walla. W-P beat DeSales in overtime, 50-47.

It's expected that construction on a drop box at Waitsburg City Hall will be completed this week. The box for city payments and library books is located at the front of City Hall, where it is much easier for persons with disabilities to access.

Twenty-Five Years Ago January 5, 1995

The Times has announced that its one-year subscription rates are being increased, effective Feb. 1. The one-year rate for residents of Walla Walla and Columbia counties is being raised \$2, to \$20. The last subscription rate increase was four years ago.

Those were double-pane windows going in at the old Bloor Building next to the grocery store in downtown Waitsburg last week. The building's owner, Caroline Lybecker of Waitsburg, is opening an accounting and income tax preparation business there.

"Why does the village idiot keep hitting himself over the head with a hammer?" "Because," the idiot responds, "it feels so good when I stop." This column writer contends Big Business contributed \$3.42 to anti-business groups last year for every \$1 they donated to pro-business groups. This \$3.42 hammer was no bargain.

If you get the feeling that there are more cars on the roads in Walla Walla County, you're right. A new state traffic survey shows that on any given day there are 14,000 vehicles on some portions of Highway 12 and 4,300 vehicles on Highway 124.

Fifty Years Ago January 8, 1970

Dr. A.S. Pearson was selected by the new board of directors to head Waitsburg Commercial Club for the 1970-71 year. Rev. Vernon Smith will serve as Vice-President.

Word has been received in Waitsburg Monday that Sgt. Joel D. Smith 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Mayes Smith of Seattle, had been seriously wounded in Viet Nam. According to the notification from the Secretary of the Army, Smith was injured in a booby trap which inflicted serious wounds which necessitated the amputation of both legs, as well as wounds to both arms and his back. His condition is reported to be serious but with the probability of survival.

Waitsburg Schools embarked this week on an innovative and exciting education program which, if successful, should add a new dimension to education in small schools here and hopefully in other systems across the state. Fourteen Wait-Hi seniors began a series of various classes at Walla Walla Community College. These classes are held at a variety of times and have necessitated some inventive scheduling by school officials, but the initial reactions seem to be positive and constructive.

Seventy-Five Years Ago January 12, 1945

James D. Stonecipher was named chairman of the county commissioners at the group's organizational meeting Monday. Other board members are Howard Reser and Preston Hanson.

The blacksmith shop across from Hirsh Feed and Grain has been sold to George Clibon who is tearing it down for the lumber.

Penicillin is now to be made available to the civilian world on a restricted basis.

The new 1945 car license plates are to be placed on the rear of the car since only one plate is being issued this year to each car, according to Patrolman Ellis.

One Hundred Years Ago January 16, 1920

Fully 11,000 rabbits were killed in the big drive near Burbank Sunday. Close to 600 sportsmen formed a line five miles long and drove the rabbits toward the Columbia River.

We understand that Mrs. Sarah Wallace has presented the Christian Church with a standard stereopticon machine, which will be used in connection with the church work.

Dell Keiser and family are in town visiting Mrs. Keiser's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Keiser's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W.W. Everhart, at Portland, and stopped off here on their way home.

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago January 11, 1895

Several of our militia boys visited the Dayton boys on Monday night and watched their drill. They went in a big sled drawn by four big horses and report a pleasant time despite the cold.

Sol Hardman was smart enough to make hay while the sun shined this week, and therefore he has considerable ice in his house while others are standing idle.

Tommy Miller says that the pleasure sleigh riding is fine, while Harvey Stonecipher says it is winning, Charley Sanders says it is a lovely idea, and Arthur Kennedy says it is the pearl of great price.

Touchet Valley Weather

Jan. 8, 2020

Waitsburg's Seven Day Forecast

Wednesday Scattered Rain High: 42 Low: 31	Thursday Isolated Snow High: 37 Low: 28	Friday Rain & Snow Possible High: 41 Low: 33	Saturday Scattered Rain High: 43 Low: 32	Sunday Scattered Snow High: 38 Low: 27	Monday Scattered Snow High: 34 Low: 23	Tuesday Cloudy High: 29 Low: 18

Weather Trivia

Do tornadoes occur in January?
Answer: Yes, the average year sees 47 tornadoes in its first month.

Weather History

Jan. 8, 1973 - A severe ice storm struck Atlanta. The storm paralyzed the city, closing schools and businesses. Damage from the storm was estimated at 25 million dollars. One to four inches of ice coated northern Georgia, leaving 300,000 without electricity for up to a week.

Local Almanac Last Week

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Precipitation
Tuesday	53	35	38/28	0.14"	0.44"
Wednesday	51	44	38/28	0.01"	0.59"
Thursday	48	38	39/28	0.15"	-0.15"
Friday	62R	46	39/28	0.00"	46.4°
Saturday	61	37	39/29	0.00"	33.6°
Sunday	48	33	39/29	0.06"	+12.8°
Monday	52	42	39/29	0.08"	

Data as reported from Walla Walla

Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Full 1/10	Wednesday 7:34 a.m.	4:25 p.m.	2:38 p.m.	5:31 a.m.
	Thursday 7:34 a.m.	4:26 p.m.	3:29 p.m.	6:36 a.m.
	Friday 7:33 a.m.	4:27 p.m.	4:31 p.m.	7:36 a.m.
	Saturday 7:33 a.m.	4:28 p.m.	5:41 p.m.	8:28 a.m.
Last 1/17	Sunday 7:33 a.m.	4:29 p.m.	6:57 p.m.	9:11 a.m.
	Monday 7:32 a.m.	4:31 p.m.	8:15 p.m.	9:47 a.m.
	Tuesday 7:32 a.m.	4:32 p.m.	9:33 p.m.	10:18 a.m.

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TOUCHET VALLEY LIFE

Events Calendar

THURSDAY
JANUARY 9

Blue Mountain Heritage Society
Dayton Memorial Library & Delaney Building
111 S. 3rd Street
Dayton, WA
9 a.m.

Drop-in chat with Cathy McMorris Rodgers' representative Victor Valerio
Port of Columbia
1 Port Way
Dayton, WA
1:30 - 3 p.m.

Search & Rescue Meeting
First Search & Rescue meeting of the year.
For more information, contact: Robbie_Patterson@co.columbia.wa.us
Columbia County Fire Department
111 Patit Rd,
Dayton, WA 99328
6 p.m.

Big Idea Talks: Author Johanna Stoberock
Local author joins us to talk about her latest novel *Pigs*.
Walla Walla Public Library
238 E Alder St, Walla Walla, WA
7 - 8:30 p.m.

FRIDAY
JANUARY 10

Popcorn Fridays
Fresh popcorn at the library with lots of toppings.
Dayton Memorial Library & Delaney Bldg.
111 S 3rd St, Dayton, WA 99328
3 p.m.



Mariners Care Community Tour
Join us for a free autograph and photo session with Mariners players, broadcasters and the Mariner Moose.
Whitman College - Cordiner Hall
345 Boyer Ave,
Walla Walla, WA
4:30 - 6 p.m.
Free



COMBINE
ART COLLECTIVE

New Artist Reception
New artists: Tina Albro, Kathleen Casteel, Sheila Coe, Bonnie Zahn Griffith, Anne Haley, Brandon Hallsted, J&S Glassworks, Gary Meddaugh, Julie Miller, Jess Portas, Denise Shives, Katherine Wildermuth.
Combine Art Collective
130 E. Rose Street, Suite #102
Walla Walla, WA 4 - 6 p.m.

Drawing Fundamentals
A course offering beginning drawing lessons or basics to improve your sketches.
WWCC Continuing Education
500 Tausick Way, Walla Walla, Washington 99362
Ten-week class \$109
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY
JANUARY 11

Waitsburg Garden Club
An informal meeting to share seeds and seed catalogs before the gardening season begins.
Ten Ton Coffee
216 Main Street
Waitsburg, WA
10 a.m.

Auditions: Godspell (Musical)
Auditioners are asked to be prepared to sing at least one of the songs from the show.
The Little Theatre of Walla Walla
1130 E. Sumach St.
Walla Walla, WA
1 - 4 p.m.

MONDAY
JANUARY 13

Lower Snake River Dams Panel Discussion
Listen to a presentation to better understand the issues surrounding the breaching of the four dams.
Red Lion Hotel & Conference Center
2525 North 20th Avenue
Pasco, WA
6 - 9 p.m.

Prescott City Council
Prescott City Hall
108 S. "D" St.
7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY
JANUARY 14

Dayton Parent-Teacher Association
Dayton Elementary Multipurpose Room
614 S. 3rd St.
Dayton, WA
7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY
JANUARY 15

Discovery Kids
Interactive Story Time
Dayton Memorial Library & Delaney Bldg.
111 S 3rd St.
Dayton, WA
10 a.m.

Christian Women's Connection Luncheon
A catered luncheon with special music from Alexandra Bradley. Reserve by 1/10 by calling Judy Jackson at 509-399-2005.
Waitsburg Town Hall
121 Main St.
Waitsburg, WA
\$12
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

THURSDAY
JANUARY 16

Story Train
For toddlers and their parents, story-telling, singing, and games.
Dayton Historic Depot,
222 E Commercial Ave.
Dayton, WA
10 a.m.

Waitsburg School Board Meeting
Preston Hall Middle School
605 Main St.
Waitsburg, WA
6 p.m.

DAYTON SENIOR ROUND TABLE LUNCH MENU

Dayton Senior Center
403 E. Patit St.
12 p.m.

Thurs., Jan. 9
Baked Fish
Rice Pilaf
Caesar salad
Sunset gelatin

Tues., Jan. 14
Salisbury steak
Mashed potato
Capri veggies
Salad
Cookies & Milk

WAITSBURG SENIOR LUNCH MENU

Waitsburg Senior Center
504 Main Street

Tues., Jan. 14
Meatloaf
Mashed potatoes
Salad bar
Brownie
MOW: Carrot salad



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Waitsburg Presbyterian Church

504 Main

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Worship 11 a.m.

337-6589

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320 W. 2nd

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Worship 11 a.m.

Evening Worship 6 p.m.

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337-6235

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Waitsburg Christian Church

604 Main St

Worship 10:00 a.m.

Each Sunday

337-8898

Rev. Matthew Wyatt

Meetings & Gatherings

Alcoholics Anonymous - Dayton:
Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7 p.m.,
Dayton First Congregational Church-
UCC dining room, 214 S. 3rd St.

Alcoholics Anonymous - Waitsburg:
Saturday, Monday and Friday,
8 p.m., Presbyterian Church basement,
504 Main St.

American Legion Post #35: First
Monday, 6 p.m., Waitsburg Town Hall,
121 Main Street.

American Legion Post #42:
Second and fourth Wednesdays,
7 p.m., American Legion Building,
211 E. Clay St., Dayton.

Bingo: Every Friday, doors open at
4 p.m. Bingo at 6 p.m. Dayton Eagles,
222 E. Main

Blue Mountain Heritage Society:
Second Thursday, 9 a.m. Delany
Building, 111 S. 3rd St., Dayton.

Blue Mountain Station: Tues - Sat.
10 a.m.-6 p.m., 700 Artisan Way,
Dayton.

Book Chat: Third Saturday, 6ish-8ish,
Delany Room, 111 S. 3rd St., Dayton.

Celebrate Recovery-Dayton:
Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m., Catalyst
Church, 311 S. 4th, Dayton.

Celebrate Recovery-Waitsburg:
Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m., Waitsburg
Christian Church, 604 Main St.

Columbia County Commissioners:
First and third Mondays, 9 a.m.,
Commissioner's Chambers,
311 E. Main, Dayton. (Work sessions
are the first and third Wednesday of
each month.)

Columbia County Commissioners:
Third Mondays, 6-7 p.m. public
listening sessions. Commissioner's
Chambers, 311 E. Main, Dayton.

Columbia County Health System:
Fourth Wednesday, 1:30 p.m.,
Dayton General Hospital board room,
1012 S. 3rd St., Dayton. (May
and Sept. meetings will be held at
Waitsburg Town Hall.)

**Columbia County Planning
Commission:** Second Monday,
5:30 p.m., 114 S. 2nd St., Dayton.

**Columbia-Walla Walla No. 2
Fire Commissioners' Meeting:**
7:30 p.m., Waitsburg Fire Department,
234 Main Street.

**Columbia County Rural Library
Board:** Third Monday, 7 p.m., Delany
Building, 111 S. 3rd St., Dayton.

Dayton City Council: Second
Wednesday, 7 p.m., Dayton City Hall,
111 S. 1st St.

Dayton Friends of the Fairgrounds:
Second and fourth Thursdays,
7 p.m., American Legion Building,
211 E. Clay St., Dayton.

Dayton Friends of the Library:
Second Friday, 10 a.m. Dayton
Memorial Library, 111 S. 3rd St.

Dayton Kiwanis: Second and fourth
Thursdays, Noon, Delany Building,
111 S. 3rd St.

**Dayton Parent-Teacher School
Association:** Second Tuesdays,
7 p.m. Dayton Elementary Multipurpose
Room, 614 S. 3rd St.

Dayton Planning Commission: Third
Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., Dayton City Hall,
111 S. 1st St.

Dayton Senior Round Table:
Tuesdays and Thursdays, 12 p.m.,
Dayton Senior Center, 403 E. Patit St.

Dayton School Board: Third
Wednesday, 6 p.m., School
Administration Building, 609 S. 2nd St.

Discovery Kids: Wednesdays,
10 a.m., Dayton Memorial Library,
111 S. 3rd St.

**Friends of the Dayton Community
Center:** Last Tuesday, 5:30, Delany
Building, 111 S. 3rd St., Dayton.

Friends of the Dayton Dog Park:
First Monday, 6 p.m., Chief Springs,
148 E. Main, Dayton.

Prescott City Council: Second
Monday, 7:30 p.m., Prescott City Hall,
108 S. "D" St.

**Port of Columbia meetings second
Wednesday at 3:30 p.m., Port Main
Office 1 Port Way, Dayton.**

Prescott School Board: Fourth
Thursday, 6 p.m., District Boardroom,
207 S. "A" St.

Soup for the Soul: Last Friday,
5:30 p.m., Dayton First Christian
Church, 410 S. 3rd St., Dayton.

TOPS (Take off Pounds Sensibly):
8:30 a.m., United Methodist Church,
110 S. 3rd St., Dayton.

**Waitsburg Christian Church Youth
Group:** First and third Mondays,
6:30 p.m., Waitsburg Christian Church,
604 Main Street.

Waitsburg City Council: Third
Wednesday, 7 p.m., Don Thomas
Building, Fairgrounds.
Waitsburg Commercial Club: Fourth
Thursday, Noon, Waitsburg Town Hall,
121 Main St.

Waitsburg Commercial Club: Last
Thursday, Town Hall, Noon RSVP for
lunch waitsburgcc@icloud.com or
(509)316-1488

**Waitsburg Parks & Rec. District
Board:** First and Third Thursdays,
6:30 p.m., WHS band room,
421 Coppei Ave.

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Thurs. Jan. 9: B: Breakfast pizza. L: Turkey &
gravy, mashed potatoes, rolls, and cucumbers.

Fri. Jan. 10: B: French toast. L: Mozzarella sticks,
with marinara sauce, garden salad, baby carrots
and pineapple.

Mon. Jan. 13: B: Breakfast bagel. L: Chicken
patty on a bun, jojos, pasta salad, and apples.

Tue. Jan. 14: B: Biscuit & gravy. L: Turkey ranch
wrap, cucumbers, garden salad, and oranges.

Wed. Jan. 15: B: Long John. L: Chicken Crispito,
Spanish rice, roasted veggies, and kiwi.

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COMMENTARY & NEWS



YEAR-END UPDATE FROM CITY ADMINISTRATOR RANDY HINCHLIFFE

As 2019 closes and 2020 begins, I wanted to share an update with the Citizens about the City and what we have planned for the upcoming year.

In 2019, the City was able to complete a variety of projects around the City. Probably the most time and labor intensive project was the update to the dewatering press at the WWTP; ensuring that the facility will keep running and meet the needs of the City for the foreseeable future. We were able to get all the street lights changed over to LED bulbs, saving the City electricity and money on its street lighting needs. In an effort to slow down traffic entering the City, solar speed warning signs were installed at the three main entrances to the City. The road base was placed along a planned extension of Taggart Road in preparation for paving in 2020. Through a large effort by City Staff and the Planning Commission, the City completed an update to its Comprehensive Plan that is designed to guide the City's growth and development over the next 20 years.

For 2020, the City has plans and funding in place to complete several large scale infrastructure projects. In the works for many years now, Millrace road from Main Street to the eastern City Limits has been designed as a full reconstruction where it will be widened and flattened out at the approaches to the grade crossing with some needed safety improvements included like sidewalk and guard rails. The largest expansion the City's water system will take place as means to improve quantity and quality to the eastern portion of the City. The extension to Taggart Road will be completed with an asphalt top and road naming. Several thousand feet of new sidewalk will be installed around the City; closing gaps in the sidewalk system as a means to provide pedestrians with safe areas to walk along outside of the roadway. An electric vehicle charging station will be installed at the City shop for locals and people traveling through to have a place to stop and charge their cars. Lastly, the City's Well field location will be updated with a backup generator in order to provide emergency power should the electricity go out in the City and something happens to the City's spring system and the City needs to provide water to the its residents or provide additional water pressure for fire suppression.

After 15 years of service to the City, Deputy City Clerk Kelly Steinhoff has taken a new position with Columbia County in Dayton. We at the City thank her for her dedication to the City and wish her the best. With her resignation, it brings the number of new hires at the City in the last year or so to three with turnover accounting for half of the City staff and crew.

Should anyone have any questions regarding the City, please feel free to contact me at City Hall. Additional information about the City can also be found on the City's website at www.cityofwaitsburg.com.

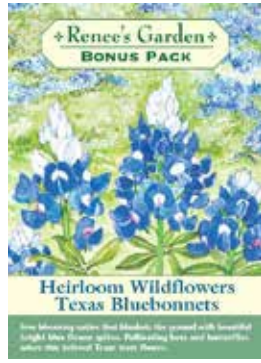
Randy Hinchliffe
City Administrator

DE NOVA CLUB CELEBRATES CHRISTMAS WITH A LUNCHEON

De Nova Club celebrated a Christmas luncheon at the Walla Walla Country Club on December 5, 2019. Attending were: Barb Abbey, Rosie Archer, Anita Baker, JoAn Fiala, Doris Huffman, Jill McConnell, Barbara Danforth, Marianne Newell, Kathie Payne, Jody Peck, Susan Seagraves, Geraine Hansen, Cheryl Hansen, were guests.

Along with their lunch, members enjoyed a treat of peppermint ice cream. The next meeting will be on February 6th. Doris Hulce and Doris Huffman will serve as hostesses for the election of the officers.

WAITSBURG GARDEN CLUB TO HOST A SEED/CATALOG SWAP AT TEN TON COFFEE



Join with your fellow gardening enthusiasts this Saturday, Jan. 11 at 10 a.m. for a seed and catalog swap at Ten Ton Coffee Shop. Get together with other gardeners before you place orders for the coming season. Feel free to invite anyone who would enjoy this get together.

BLUE MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP PORTAL NOW OPEN, OFFERING 77 AWARDS AVERAGING \$1,600 EACH

WALLA WALLA—Blue Mountain Community Foundation welcomes applications for scholarships for the 2020-2021 academic year. The online application is available starting January 1st at www.blue-mountainfoundation.org. Applications may be submitted anytime between January 1st and 11:59 pm on Monday March 2nd.

Students at Dayton High School should complete the online application and also check in with their school counselor as the school district manages several of the scholarships and selects the recipients, including a new one for 4-H members.

By completing the scholarship application, students may be considered by up to 77 scholarship funds at BMCF. In 2019 the Community Foundation awarded \$748,452 in 374 scholarships to 332 students. The average award was \$1600.

To be eligible for most scholarships one must be a resident of either Columbia, Walla Walla or Garfield county in SE Washington or Umatilla County in NE Oregon.

Scholarships are available for students entering higher education or other post-high school training and education. A few scholarship funds are open to graduate students. There are scholarships to help women whose education was interrupted at one point, or for women entering college for the first time.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S CONNECTION LUNCHEON

This month's Christian Women's Connection Luncheon takes place on Thursday, January 15 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. It will feature a catered luncheon prepared by Jamie Smit, and special music by flutist Alexandra Bradley. Tickets are \$12. Please make your reservations by Friday, January 10 by calling Judy Jackson at 509-399-2005. Child care is also available, by reservation only.

WWCSO

December 17

Malicious-Criminal Mischief. Unknown suspects made multiple taggings on county property. 700 block of Swegle Road, in Walla Walla County.

December 22

Mailboxes struck by vehicle at an address on Russet Road in Walla Walla.

December 30

Residential forced burglary at an address on E. HWY 12, in Waitsburg.

December 31

Firearm stolen from victim's truck at a residence on Angus Lane, Burbank, WA

A Walla Walla individual reported a lost wallet, which resulted in apparent fraudulent use of debit card that was in the wallet in Walla Walla County.

A suspect stole a wire spool from the electric substation at 90 Wallula Game Dept. Road, in Wallula.

January 1

Domestic problem investigated between an adult and juvenile son in Waitsburg.

A woman was found not breathing and unresponsive at an address on Avalon Street in Walla Walla County.

January 2

Warrant arrest after traffic stop at SE Broadway and SE 12th Street in College Place.

January 3

An attempted burglary took place in the 4000 block of Larson Road in Walla Walla County.

A report was taken concerning debit card fraud in the 900 block of Preston Ave. in Waitsburg.

Victim was assaulted by her husband at an address on Pleasant Street in Walla Walla, she was treated and released from the hospital.

January 4

A woman was arrested on a felony warrant out of the Washington Department of Corrections on Birch Street in Burbank.

January 5

A man was arrested for DUI in Walla Walla at the intersection of E. Chestnut Street and Catherine Street in Walla Walla.

The Times

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TOUCHET VALLEY LIFE

NEWS BRIEFS

WAITSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT - DIRECTOR POSITION 1 VACANCY



Position 1 Director Zone - designated in teal blue. Interested persons must reside in Zone 1.

For more information about zones, please access: <http://www.wallawallagis.com/MapLibrary.asp>

Application procedures

Please email a resume and letter of interest indicating why you want to serve as a director to Mr. Pickel at mpickel@waitsburgsd.org by Friday, January 31, 2020. Please make sure to have a good contact

number and include your physical street address. The street address will be used to verify your eligibility to serve in this position.

Interested candidates will be interviewed in open session at the Thursday, February 20th school board meeting. Please plan on attending. The meeting will begin at 6 p.m. and will be held in the Preston Hall Middle School, 605 Main Street, Waitsburg, WA 99361.

The Term expires December 2024.

Foolish Fishgirls and the Pearl

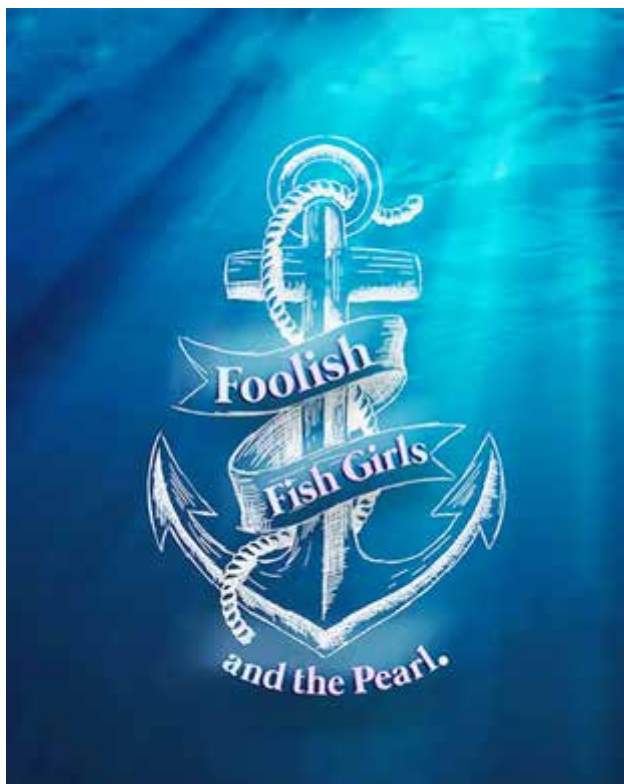
Two-act comedy at Liberty Theater offers performances on January 24, 25 & 26

THE TIMES

Touchet Valley Arts Council and the Liberty Theater start 2020 off right with a fishy two-act live stage comedy *Foolish Fish Girls and the Pearl* directed by Bev Startin with performances on January 24, 25 and 26. The play is written by Barbara Pease Weber.

Stage veterans Deb Fortner and Kim Boggs return as former deep sea divas, Coral and Oceana, who didn't exactly have the "happily ever after" story-book lives that the two erstwhile mermaids dreamed of when they rescued their handsome young sailors and swam ashore thirty years ago. Talk about unhappy endings! But they've discovered that a starry-eyed young mermaid (Audrey Bensel) has rescued a Coast Guard sailor (Mike Ferrians) who's ended up in the drink, and now they have a chance to save her from making the same mistake! If, that is, they can navigate around local irritant Floyd "Pinky" Ferguson (Eric Sams) and the local constable, Sam (Fred Crowe), who is always busy trying to maintain order amidst the chaos of a brutal winter in the "off season."

Filled with surprises, laughs and even a little rough-housing, *Foolish Fish Girls* is a welcome antidote to a world that takes itself too seriously! Performances are Friday, January 24 at 7pm; January 25 at 3 pm and 7 pm; and Sunday, January 26 at 3 pm. Tickets are \$15-\$20 and may be purchased at www.libertytheater.org or call the theater at 509-382-1380 for more information and assistance. Box office hours are Tuesday and Friday, 2-5 pm.



CLASSIFIEDS HELP WANTED

Boldman House Museum Manager

The Dayton Historical Depot Society seeks a Boldman House Museum Manager. This is a part-time position, approximately 15-22 hours per week plus additional hours during special events. Responsibilities include docent for the museum and event coordinator for numerous events throughout the year. The Manager will also serve as the museum curator, working with the museum's database and collection, and will coordinate maintenance of the building and grounds. Excellent communication skills and proficiency in Microsoft Office required. For a full job description, please see our website at www.daytonhistoricdepot.org To apply, please provide a cover letter and resume to Tamara Fritze at the Dayton Historical Depot Society, 222 E. Commercial Ave., Dayton, WA 99328, 509-382-2026, info@daytonhistoricdepot.org Closing date is January 31, 2020.

HEAD GROUNDSKEEPER COLUMBIA COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS

Columbia County Public Works is seeking to hire a Head Groundskeeper. This position performs a variety of skilled and semi-skilled maintenance tasks as the lead of a crew over the Golf Course and Fairgrounds and operates a variety of equipment and tools.

This is a bargaining unit position. Wage for this position is \$41,490 per year increasing to \$43,565 per year upon successful completion of a 6 month probationary period. Applicants who have work experience with other municipal entities may be placed in a higher pay range at the discretion of the employer. Position includes a competitive benefit package.

To Apply: Application packets may be obtained at www.columbiaco.com or from the Columbia County Public Works Department, P.O. Box 5, 415 N. Guernsey Ave., Dayton, WA 99328 or call (509) 382-2534. Applications must be received by 3:30 pm on January 31, 2020. This position will remain open until filled. Columbia County is an equal opportunity employer.



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BOOK & GAME REVIEWS

-from employees of the Walla Walla bookstore

Today We Go Home

by Kellie Estes

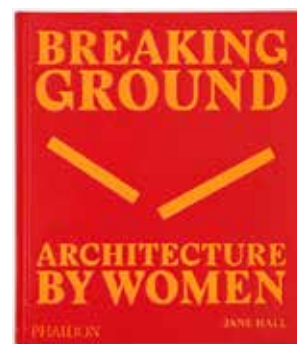
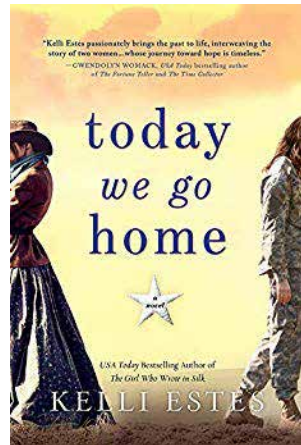
After tragedy strikes her unit in Afghanistan, Larkin Bennet returns to her home in Washington to recover from the experience and the loss of her best friend and fellow soldier, Sarah.

Among Sarah's possessions she discovers a diary belonging to an ancestor, Emily, who disguised as a man, fought as a soldier in the Civil War.

The story draws parallels between the war Emily fought in, and the experiences Larkin endured as a soldier in Afghanistan.

An interesting read from the standpoint of history, as well as the female perspective on a life of the soldier.

Review by: Dianne



Breaking Ground by Jan Hall

Architecture has an effect on us all, even if we don't realize it. What good architects do many times is to show us how the built environment can be full of unique possibilities.

This book features women architects who have given us visions of the possible and structures that inspire.

Review by: Ben

BIRTHDAYS

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

January 10: Caden McCaw, Todd Harris, Cynthia Graham, Roddy Krause, Andy Hermanns, Kimberly Neal, Melissa Harting, Kyle Huwe, Amanda and Ashley Danforth, Kelly Zuger and Denise Winnett.

January 11: Krista McKinley, Bettina Anderson, Raymond Reed and Jay McKinley, Deborah Larsen.

January 12: Scott Reese, Alice Davey, Ron Miller, Yvonne Gusse, Nicholas Leid and Molly Payne.

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

January 14: Maxine Cecil, Janice Davis and Greg Smith, Jaylee Dunleavy.

January 15: Kayla Turner, Allene Severtsen, Glenn Baker, Wade Done, Melinda Lambert, Justin Kirk, Jesse Archer and Jack Sherlock.

January 16: Colleen McCoy, Patty White and Rueben Stokes.

CORRECTION

In the Cedar Rain Spirits article last week, there were some errors. Robert McNicol's wife's name is Ashlee, not Kristy. Robert graduated from Dayton High school in 2011. The business was referred to at one point as Cascade Rain Liquor, and the grain neutral spirits filter down from 190-proof to 80 proof.



Guesting

By Vicki Sternfeld-Rossi | THE TIMES



I love to host parties, but I also enjoy being a guest. I don't have to clean my house and since I still don't have a dishwasher, cleanup is not my job! But, like most things in life, there are some guidelines to consider on how to be a gracious guest. Because I want to be invited to parties again, I mind my manners, offer to help, and show appreciation to the host/hostess. I've hosted several parties; I know that even a potluck entails a lot of work for the host.

One rule of thumb I try to follow when invited to a party, is to ask, "what can I bring?" If the response is nothing, I usually bring a bottle of wine, just because I hate showing up empty handed. I am also an inveterate shopper, especially in the dish and housewares departments. One great idea I thank my mother for; always check out the clearance shelf for random dishes, platters or bowls. (Marshall's & Macy's are great) I buy them and use them to bring cookies, cakes, or other goodies to the host and leave the plate as a gift. I have learned to pick out dishes I like, sometimes I'm lucky and they're gifted back to me.

Another "good guest" thought is to always compliment the host. Food, décor, drinks, music playlist, all have usually been well thought out and it is nice to acknowledge the effort that was expended, because I know, it is always a lot more than people realize.

Offer to help! Some people don't want the help. I am not one of them. You offer

to help; I will put you to work. Help me arrange flowers, help arrange the candles; doing dishes—sure, gives me a chance to gossip with my helpers.

One of the most considerable things any guest can do, is BE PRESENT! Put the phone down, talk, get out of the corner and mingle. Your host expended a lot of energy to bring people together, so join in. Mother nature is wise, she provided us with two ears and one mouth. Hint; listen twice as much as you talk. Engage in meaningful conversations. It's amazing what you can learn about your friends and neighbors that you've never known.

It's a good time to meet new people. I am always grateful for the people who were so gracious to me when I moved here last year. I was invited to some parties, which led to invitations to other parties, which led to cultivating an amazing group of friends.

I recently went to a small get together at a neighbor's home, and the conversation turned to TV shows. I was amazed at how many of my friends were addicted to the *Mandalorian*. Now, I need to start watching so I can see what all the buzz is about. You can always discover something new in conversation, even if it's about a new TV series to binge on.

I have also perused my Miss Manners book to see if there were things related to good guest behavior I might have overlooked. There was a question about timing, and what does "ish" mean? According to Miss Manners; six-ish for drinks means six forty-five; Seven-ish for "a drink" means seven ten, but seven-ish for dinner means arrive at seven thirty but expect dinner at nine.

Miss Manners and I certainly disagree on "ish." If I say seven-ish, I may be ready, but you will probably be helping me with last minute details. The drinks will be ready for sure!

What we do agree on is: a written thank you note is always appreciated and special.

TALK ABOUT ART



Art in Your Life

By Carolyn Henderson

There is an art to living.

Now if we want to, we can limit ourselves to being very "scientific" about it, describing life as the process of breathing, of specific physiological procedures taking place when and how they should. Under a microscope, life wraps around molecules and cells, hormones, energy consumption, chemistry, entropy and a host of other factors students encounter in textbooks and the general populace reads about in newspapers, blogs, and internet sites.

If there's any mystery about life, consumer science propounds, it won't remain that way for long, because we humans (the brilliant ones) will figure it out.

But life is deeper and broader, wider and more profound than something that can be observed, noted, described, classified, studied, and neatly docketed. The unseen elements of life, the ones you can't touch or probe, the soul of it are quite mysterious, perplexing, enigmatic. It is for this reason that philosophers –

people who ask deep questions and spend their lives looking for answers (all humans can do this!) – exist through human history.

Love, compassion, acceptance, understanding, empathy – these elements of life are what soften its harshness, give hope to those struggling, add sweetness to situations that are bitter. Unlike giraffes or goats, humans have the capacity to put ourselves in others' shoes, to feel what they feel, and to do something about it.

"I want to make a difference in the world," many people say. "I want to use what gifts, abilities, and advantages I have to do good things."

Why? Logically, reasonably, rationally, the most effective attitude to have is to look out for number one, to make sure that we are the fittest, and we will not only survive, but thrive over others. Some human beings do live by this creed, to the detriment of those around them and, ultimately, to their own as well.

But others remain aware of life's surprises, its twists and turns that leave even the strongest prone

to misfortune, and they give without any expectation of receiving in return.

"That could be me," they say, "or my daughter, my son, my father, mother, sister, brother, cousin, grandparents, friend. I would want someone to help them if they could."

There's an art to thinking this way—a sense of imagination, creativity, and appreciation for beauty. May 2020 be a year in which many people explore and finesse this art.

At Wenaha Gallery (219 E. Main, Dayton), we are conducting our Annual Canned Food Drive, with all proceeds benefiting the Dayton Community Food Bank. Gallery owners Ed and Pat Harris started this tradition years ago (they don't remember how many) as a way to infuse a bit of light and joy into the grey days of January. Through January 31, they offer \$2 off your next custom framing job, for every non-perishable food item you bring in, up to 20 percent off total.

The gallery is open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

Gardener's Grove: Planning Ahead

By Brianna Wray | THE TIMES

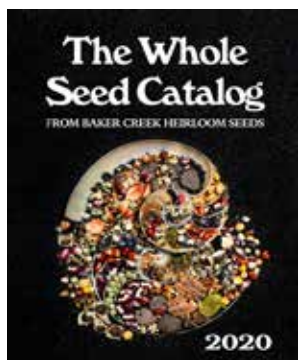
EARTH—As this unseasonably warm winter weather persists, it's easy to envision spring is on its way. So much of cultivation is cumulative. Last year's lessons prevail. I started sunflower and anaheim pepper seeds in March in hopes that they would be transitioned into garden beds by April. Those plans were dashed when it snowed March 20 and that cold persisted for several more weeks.

Even once the snow melted, the ground would freeze sporadically. Several of the starts did not make it. One quick dalliance below thirty-two degrees and the seedlings wilted. Luckily there were plenty of extra seeds to sow directly into the ground in mid-May.

Learn from my mistakes: no matter how lovely April is, no planting should happen until Mother's Day.

Until then, there's plenty of time to plan ahead.

Garden expansion: Not including the sunflowers which were planted along the fence line, last year's garden beds totaled 108 square feet. In it, dahlias, three varieties of peppers, strawberries, cucumbers and cantaloupe thrived. This year I intend to double the amount of space, adding carrots, tomatoes, and onions to the ranks.



January: Sketch out the plan, and order seeds accordingly

My not-so-secret favorite seed shop is Baker Creek Heirloom seeds. Don't go to their website unless your resolve is strong. It's easy to want one of everything.

February: Shop garden tools, irrigation systems and compost

To make my garden expansion dreams come true, I'll be employing the assistance of an electronic tiller. With it, I'll do in a matter of hours what took me weeks last year.

Warmish day in March: Till out the ground, if it's not too hard packed.

April 3: Start seeds six weeks ahead of planting and think warm soil thoughts.

What will you grow next? Share your sketches and plans with brianna@waitsburgtimes.com

SPORTS

Walla Walla defeats Kamiakin, 63-53

By Eric Umphrey | THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—The Walla Walla Boys Varsity basketball team hosted the Kamiakin Braves in a conference game on Saturday January 4th. #2 Dylan Ashbeck opened the scoring for Walla Walla. A few possessions later, #10 Michael Cornia had a nice block in the paint on defense. Ashbeck was active on the boards and scoring from all over the floor with 10 points on hot shooting in the 1st quarter. Walla Walla led at the end of the quarter 16-12.

In the 2nd quarter, Kamiakin would cut the lead to one point at 16-15, after a free throw from their 6'9" forward Kyson Rose. Ashbeck quickly answered with two free throws of his own, to extend the lead 18-15. At 6'6", Trey Arland lived up to his name with a three-pointer to take the first lead of the game for the Kamiakin Braves at 26-24. Walla Walla's #10 Michael Cornia would retake the lead with a three-pointer to take the score to 29-26 at the half.

In the 3rd quarter, #14 Diego Jaques made his first three-pointer of the game which made it 36-32 Walla Walla Braves. 6'4" guard Steven Westermeyer would later tie the game at 36-36 with a three-pointer. It was again tied at 41-41 until Diego Jaques hit back to back three-pointers on consecutive possessions for Walla Walla making the score 47-41. A tip-in by Kyson Rose with time running out in the 3rd quarter made the score 47-43.

Threes to open the 4th quarter by Diego Jaques (his third in a row) and #12 Dillon Wasser gave Walla Walla their biggest lead of the game at 53-43. All of those three-pointers took their toll on Kamiakin and forced them to try to make their own three-pointers to get back into the game. Walla Walla had the game under control at this point, and cruised to a 63-53 win.

All of the players that scored for Kamiakin were at least 6'4" in contrast to Walla Walla's scorers that ranged from 5'11" to 6'4". That they were faster and out-rebounded a much larger team was very impressive. The difference in the game was certainly three-point shooting. Kamiakin made four of their attempts, while Walla Walla made ten, with five of those coming from Diego Jaques.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Kamiakin	12	14	17	10	53
Walla Walla	16	13	18	16	63



Eric Umphrey

Dylan Ashbeck scores in the lane.

SCORING

WW: Dylan Ashbeck 18, Michael Cornia 15, Dillon Wasser 9, Diego Jaques 15, Jacob Coram 6

Kamiakin: Kyson Rose 20, Tyler Bilodeau 2, Trey Arland 10, Messiah Jones 12, Steven Westermeyer 9

Dayton-Waitsburg basketball boys lose to DeSales in league matchup

By Dave Schreindl | THE TIMES

Dayton-Waitsburg's boys basketball team came out firing with two three-pointers and a quick lead but in the end D-W couldn't maintain the wild, fast, and physical play from DeSales in the league loss 63-40.



Eric Umphrey

#10 Mason Finney brings the ball up for DW.

Sophomore shooting guard Dylan Bledsoe, sporting a new haircut, scored D-W's first six points. He would finish with only eight for the game. Junior guard Mason Finney scored the teams other five points of the first quarter with a great shot off an inbounds pass and then with 45 seconds left nailed a three-pointer. The first quarter ended with a one-point lead for the Irish, at 12-11.



Eric Umphrey

#5 Joe White drives the lane against DeSales.

A 9-0 run by the Irish to start the second quarter foreshadowed how the game would finish. DeSales had just too many weapons as five different players scored, including five to end the half by 6'3" Senior Timmy Worden, who would lead all scorers with 15 points. Senior Bobby Holtzinger, who finished with 12 points, put the game out of reach in the third quarter with two three-pointers and a penetrating layup with 2:29 left to give DeSales a 44-23 lead.

Dayton-Waitsburg's Junior guard Colton VanBlaricom led the team with 11 points, nine of which

came in the fourth quarter. D-W maintained the fast-paced intensity this game required until the end of the contest but just could not overcome missed shots and 20 turnovers.

The loss drops D-W to 0-2 in Eastern Washington Athletic Conference play and 1-7 overall. DeSales improved to 2-2 in league play and 4-4 overall.

Dayton-Waitsburg played at Walla Walla Valley Academy on Tuesday Jan. 7 and will host White Swan at the Waitsburg gym at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday Jan 11.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
DeSales	12	18	17	16	63
D-W	11	10	6	13	40


SCORING

DeSales (63): T. Worden 15, Holtzinger 12, J. Lesko 9, Lyford 9, Hiedema 7, Fruci 6, Baffney 5. 3-pts: 8-23, Holtzinger 2, Fruci 2, Lyford 2, J. Lesko, Baffney. Fouls: 13. Turnovers: 14. Free Throws: 4-10.

Dayton-Waitsburg (40): VanBlaricom 11, Bledsoe 8, Finney 7, Seney 5, Pettichord 3, Evans 2, White 2, House 2. 3-pts: 4-11, Bledsoe 2, Finney, Pettichord. Fouls: 13. Turnovers: 20. Free Throws: 2-4.


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SPORTS

Inside the matchup: Seahawks vs. Green Bay Packers

By Eric Umphrey | THE TIMES

With the win this week over the Philadelphia Eagles, the Seahawks season continues. Minnesota's upset win over the New Orleans Saints also helped. Going into the playoffs, the top two seeds are the #1 seed 49ers and #2 seed Green Bay Packers. The Seahawks are the #5 seed and the Vikings are the #6 seed. Because the NFL reseeds teams after the first round, that means Seattle will be playing in Green Bay next weekend instead of San Francisco. Though it is not likely, it also sets up a possibility of Seattle hosting a playoff game should both Seattle and Minnesota win next week.

Green Bay is favored to win this game by 7.5 points if you believe the oddsmakers. Looking at strength of schedule and common opponents, shows a different picture, however. Including the first round of the playoffs, the combined record of Seattle's opponents are 144-128-2 for a .529 winning percentage. Green Bay's opponents are 115-140 for a .451 winning percentage. Clearly Green Bay had an easier path to the playoffs this season. Common opponents for these two teams this season are all playoffs teams: San Francisco, Philadelphia, and Minnesota. Seattle has gone 4-1 against these teams with only the loss to the 49ers in the last week of the season. Green Bay, however, has gone 2-2 giving up 34 points in a loss to Philadelphia and they were blown out by San Francisco 37-8. Their two wins



were both against division opponent Minnesota.

Aaron Rogers is having a typical year and his numbers are very similar if not quite as good as Russell Wilson's. At this stage of what will be a Hall of Fame career, Rogers is a smart quarterback that limits turnovers and takes a sack instead of trying to create a play where there isn't one. He doesn't run well anymore but does have one rushing touchdown on the season. Advantage Seattle.

At running back for Green Bay, #33 Aaron Jones handles most of the carries. He also leads the league with 16 rushing touchdowns. Without him the Packers have only two rushing touchdowns on the season. Marshawn Lynch has filled in admirably in both games for Seattle with a touchdown in each. Hopefully he can continue to deliver in key moments like he has so far. Advantage Green Bay.

At receiver, Green Bay has several options, the most used are #17 Davante Adams and #80 former Seahawk, Jimmy Graham. Tyler Lockett and DK Metcalf are both healthy and producing at elite levels for the Seahawks. Advantage Seattle.

Green Bay may have the best kicker in the NFC. #2 Mason Crosby has missed only one extra point in 41 attempts this season and only two fields goals in 22 attempts. Both misses were on kicks of over 40+ yards. Advantage Green Bay.

Three keys to the game for Seattle:

- Keep Aaron Jones out of the end zone.
- Establish the running game.
- Three TD passes for Russell Wilson.

Prescott boys basketball win over Oakesdale, 43-37

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PRESCOTT—Prescott hosted Oakesdale Saturday January 4th in an early afternoon conference game. The crowd size was smaller than usual, likely due to the holiday break and 4 p.m. start time. The first quarter belonged to #12 Jonathan Cardenas. He opened the scoring in the first quarter with a jump shot then put on a show hitting three pointers. His first was an open shot that barely moved the net. On his next three, he was well-guarded and the shot was contested by Oakesdale but it didn't matter. The ball made a loud ripping sound that could be heard over the approximately 60 fans in attendance. In total, Jonathan would hit four three-pointers in the game all in the first eight-plus minutes which included the first seconds of the second quarter. Despite the hot start, Oakesdale stayed in the game and the first quarter ended 17-14 Prescott.



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#12 Jonathan Cardenas starts the offense for Prescott.

In the second quarter, Prescott's defense tightened up, led by #23 Miguel Ayala who contested everything

in the lane and blocked a shot from Oakesdale so hard it looked like a volleyball being spiked. #3 Victor Garcia took over on offense, scoring five of Prescott's ten points in the quarter. #1 Omar Velazco also added two of his own making a nice running shot. Oakesdale's only points in the quarter were on a three pointer from Tyler Bober. At the half, Prescott led comfortably 27-17.

In the 3rd quarter, Oakesdale would go on an 11-4 run, cutting Prescott's lead to 3 points before a Prescott timeout. The 3rd quarter would end with Prescott clinging to a 34-30 lead and a sense that all the momentum had shifted to Oakesdale.

With 4:35 left in the fourth quarter, Oakesdale scored to cut the lead to 36-34. Prescott scored next to make it 38-34. On the next possession, Simon Anderson hit a three-pointer for Oakesdale, making it a one-point game at 38-37 with about a minute left. From here, Prescott, normally a good free throw shooting team, went on a strange stretch where they would miss the first of two free throws but then make the second. First, it was Jonathan Cardenas who made one out of two to make the lead 39-37 with 47 seconds left. After stopping Oakesdale on offense, #11 Antonio Hernandez was fouled rebounding. He also missed the first free throw but made his second to make the score 40-37 with about 30 seconds left. With Oakesdale down by three points, Tyler Bober shot a three pointer but missed and fired off another before Miguel Ayala was fouled getting the rebound. He also missed his first free throw but made his second to put the score at 41-37. Cardenas was fouled rebounding on defense and closed out the game making both free throws for a final score of 43-37.

Head Coach Allyn Griffin had this to say after the game. "It came up in the locker room that we have never beaten Oakesdale as long as I've been here." Coach Griffin is in his 5th season as head coach for Prescott. "That was a really big win for us. I'm extremely proud of those guys. Omar, Miguel, Johnny, Victor, Antonio. Tremendous heart."



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#1 Omar Velazco sinks the free throw.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Oakesdale	14	3	13	7	37
Prescott	17	10	7	9	43

SCORING

Omar Velazco 3, Victor Garcia 12, Antonio Hernandez 3, Jonathan Cardenas 17, Miguel Ayala 8

Local Boys & Girls Basketball Standings

League 3A/4A Boys	Overall			
School	W	L	W	L
Chiawana	5	0	5	0
Kennewick	5	0	7	1
Walla Walla	4	1	8	1
Kamiakin	3	2	7	2
Richland	3	3	6	4
Southridge	2	4	3	7
Hermiston	1	4	2	7
Hanford	1	5	3	7
Pasco	0	5	1	8

League 2B Boys	Overall			
School	W	L	W	L
Liberty Christian	1	0	5	2
White Swan	3	1	7	3
Tri-Cities Prep	2	1	7	2
Kittitas-Thorp	2	1	4	4
WWVA	1	1	5	3
DeSales	2	2	4	4
Columbia	1	2	3	7
Lyle-Wishram	0	1	1	6
Dayton-Waitsburg	0	2	1	7
Mabton	0	2	1	9

League 2B Girls	Overall			
School	W	L	W	L
Columbia	3	0	8	2
Tri-Cities Prep	3	0	7	2
Mabton	2	0	8	2
DeSales	2	2	4	4
Kittitas-Thorp	1	2	6	3
White Swan	1	3	7	3
Liberty Christian	0	1	1	7
Dayton-Waitsburg	0	2	0	8
WWVA	0	2	0	4
Lyle-Wishram	0	0	5	4

League 1B Boys	Overall			
School	W	L	W	L
Garfield-Palouse	4	0	7	2
Oakesdale	3	1	9	2
Prescott	2	1	4	4
Pomeroy	2	2	2	7
Colton	1	2	1	7
Touchet	0	3	0	6
SJEL	0	3	1	8

Winter Sports

DW Girls & Boys Basketball

Saturday, January 11
White Swan @ Waitsburg
JV Girls/JV Boys 2/3:30
Varsity Girls/Varsity Boys 5/6:30

Tuesday, January 14

Columbia Burbank @ Columbia Burbank
JV Girls/JV Boys 4:30/4:30
Varsity Girls/Varsity Boys 6/7:30

Thursday, January 16

WWVA @ Waitsburg
JV Girls/JV Boys 3/4:30
Varsity Girls/Varsity Boys 6/7:30

Prescott Girls & Boys Basketball

Friday, January 10
Pomeroy @ Prescott JV
Girls 4/ JV Boys 4/5 V Boys at 6

Saturday, January 11
SJEL @ St John JV Girls/ V Boys 4/5:30



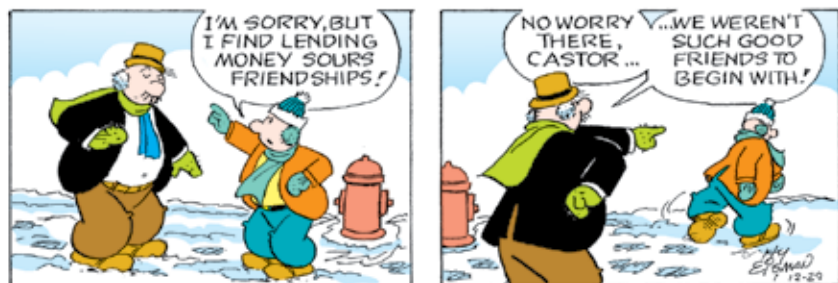
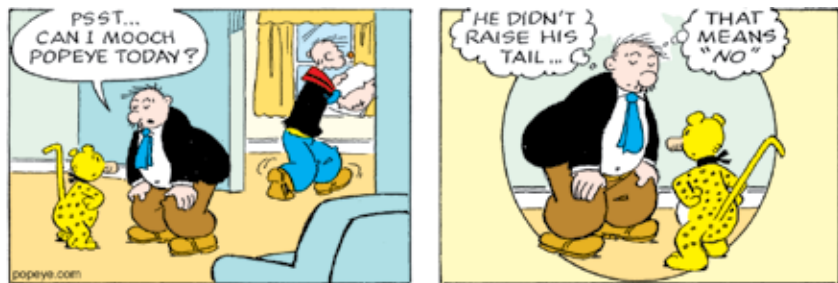
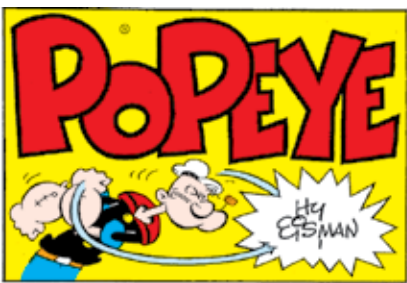
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Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

WORD FUN

Study the two words on each line to find the ONE letter in the left column that is NOT in the word in the right column. Write the extra letter on the blank space. Then read DOWN to answer this riddle:

WHAT HAS LOTS OF RINGS BUT NO FINGERS?

CLAIMS	MAILS	TRIPLE	RELIT
ESTEEM	TEEMS	STARCH	CARTS
HALTER	EARTH	PERIOD	PRIED
LEVERS	SERVE	SENSOR	ROSES
		ERASED	DARES
		TASSEL	STALE

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Even Exchange

by Donna Pettman

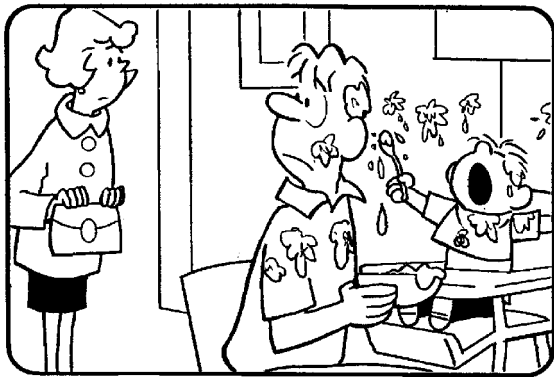
Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

1. Old Glory feature	___ _ _ _ P _	Refuse to work	___ _ _ _ K _
2. Shortstop's mitt	___ _ _ V _	Round Earth map	___ _ _ B _
3. ___ Powers, spy	A _ _ _ _ _	Actor Hoffman	D _ _ _ _ _
4. Four-leaf plant	___ _ O _ _ _	Ingenious	___ _ E _ _ _
5. From Athens	___ _ _ _ K	Dr. Seuss' eggs	___ _ _ N
6. Take a taste	_ A _ _ _ _	As easy as pie	_ I _ _ _ _
7. Smart and stylist	N _ _ _ _ _	Caesar's L	F _ _ _ _ _
8. Harbor	___ _ _ _ A	Gomer Pyle's corps	___ _ _ E
9. Children	Y _ _ _ _ _	Estuary	M _ _ _ _
10. Hooded jacket	___ _ _ A	Playgrounds	___ _ _ S

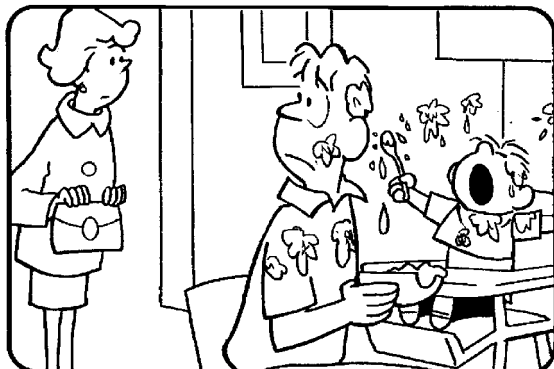
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Hair is different. 2. Skirt is smaller. 3. Food spat is missing. 4. Chair back is lower. 5. Nose is smaller. 6. Hair is different.



DETRIMMING THE TREE! Christmas trees come down a lot faster than they go up. How many ornaments can you count in the above picture? It's up to you to decide.

SUMMING SEVEN IS SIMPLE! See if you can arrange these seven numbers so that they add up to 100:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 = 100

Answer: 15 + 36 + 47 + 2 = 100

TRY CHEWING ON THIS ONE! It's blue ribbon time if you can find the following "cow" words. All of the words get progressively longer, and they all start with the word COW. Use the following definitions:

1. COW (in place).
2. Monk's hood.
3. Frightened off.
4. Cattle herder.
5. Tuft of hair.
6. Yellow primroses.

1. COW
2. COW _
3. COW _ _
4. COW _ _ _
5. COW _ _ _ _
6. COW _ _ _ _ _



Illustrated by David Coulson

DOWN THE LADDER!

In this type of puzzle you are given a word that must be changed into another word in a series of moves. During each move you must change one letter in the previous word so as to form a new word. In our example we changed FEET to CLAY in four moves. See if you can change the following five words in four moves.

1. CAMP to SITE
2. WORK to FAME
3. BELL to ROPE
4. LIMP to CANE
5. DADO to CUTS

1. CAMP, GAME, SAME, SATE, SITE.
2. WORK, FORK, FARE, FAME.
3. BELL, BOLL, ROLL, ROPE.
4. LIMP, LIME, LINE, CANE.
5. DADO, PADS, DUPS, CUTS.

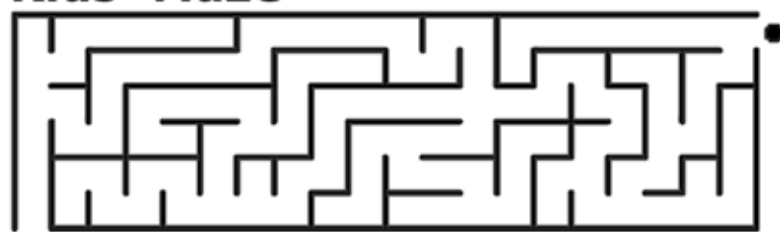


Even Exchange

Answers

1. Stripe, Strike
2. Cow, Cowl
3. Cowed
4. Cowboy
5. Cowlick
6. Cowlick
7. Nifty, Fifty
8. Martina, Marine
9. Youth, Mouth
10. Parka, Parks

Kids' Maze



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WINTER ARTS - FROM PAGE 1

kids enjoy the art days at the Cardinal's Nest so much. Friday's acrylic pour was the big project. Schirm said that she was a little worried that she had bitten off more than she was able to chew, but as the morning got rolling, everything came together for a smooth operation. Dane Kiefel, Margie Benson, Ginny Jones and Ginger Kessel were there with their kids, but they didn't hesitate to jump in and help with various parts of the project. Programs like this would not be possible without the quiet help from volunteers, and Schirm could not express enough gratitude to the individuals that rearranged their day and stuck around.

A mixture of acrylic paint, pouring medium, and silicone oil waited in cups at the 5 different pouring stations in the multipurpose room. There were a handful of paints for the kids to choose from, and the adults helped them mix their colors. Once the paint was ready, the kids placed a canvas over the cup of paint, and quickly flipped it over. After setting the canvas down, they lifted and moved the cup around, creating marbled masterpieces. Some of the kids even achieved cell spaces in their artwork, courtesy of the silicone oil and a dash of patience.

The kids got creative with their pours. Some of the kids were blowing on the paint to manipulate the mixtures. Some of the canvases were tilted at sharp



Beka Compton

Trees, sunsets, and mountains were among a few of the masterpieces painted on wooden rounds. Cardinal's Nest students said their inspiration came from teachers, their favorite places to visit, and family pets.

kids be kids in a constructive setting is a great way to tap into otherwise dormant creativity.

Since there were only enough adults and stations for 5 kids to pour at a time, the kids had access to a plethora of markers and paper, and they were encouraged to draw while they waited their turn. One youngster created a 'Treats: 10c Each' sign, and others were drawing animals and landscapes. It turns out that was just a cover, though. What they were really doing was creating a thank you card for Schirm. Natalie Knudson, a fifth grader, took charge of making the card, and getting all of the kids to sign it. The kids made the card all on their own, without any prompting. The sweet gesture had Schirm just tickled pink.

The final results of the pours were amazing. There were bright yellows mixed with orange and green. Some of the kids chose a patriotic red white and blue theme, and others mixed pinks and blues for cotton candy appearances. Some of the designs turned out pleasantly simple, while others had endless twists and swirls. There were a couple of leftover canvases, and the adults jumped on the chance to use the leftover paint and created masterpieces of their own.

Schirm described the program as 'beautifully, pleasantly done,' and she said she was so proud of

how well everything came together. She is currently exploring options for an art program during spring break, and she would love to host something over the summer. If you are interested in keeping the program strong, Schirm said that the program happily accepts donations of supplies, painting shirts, and volunteer hours.

Beka Compton

Kaitlyn Paul took her time pouring her paint mixture and achieved the classic 'cell spaces' of an acrylic pour. The cell spaces are created by the silicone that was added to the acrylic paints.

Below: The final projects, some of which can now be viewed in the display case at Waitsburg Elementary. The projects took more than 24 hours to dry.



Beka Compton

Addie Kessel created a red fox, complete with felt ears and whiskers. Addie really enjoys the art days at the afterschool program, and enjoyed having something to do during the winter break.

angles, while others took their time and slowly moved the paint around. You could see the lightbulbs glowing when something worked, or when they observed a friend doing something cool. The art aspect was fascinating enough, but watching the kids experiment with the paint was refreshing in its own way. Letting



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