

Brad Trumbo

A Rio Grande hen never looked so good in purple. Trumbo captured this photo as the hen shepherded her growing brood through a field of lupine in search of bugs that provide them needed protein. "Outdoor Palouse" continues on page 3.

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Victorian Tea at the Kirkman House Museum

By Rogers Miles | THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA — Imagine enjoying an afternoon tea in Victorian elegance without traveling to England or British Columbia. You can do so on Sunday, May 4, when Walla Walla's Kirkman House Museum hosts its annual Victorian tea.

What is afternoon tea? It is a culinary custom that arose in Britain in the early nineteenth century. Sharing a snack and a pot of tea helped Britons endure the long interval between lunch and dinner, which in those days was eaten late, often eight or nine hours after the midday meal.

Around 1840, Anna Maria Russell, 7th Duchess of Bedford and close friend of Queen Victoria, formalized the practice of afternoon tea, and her example spread rapidly among the upper classes. For the Duchess, a proper afternoon tea consisted of three courses, all accompanied by tea. The first course was savory, featuring a variety of dainty sandwiches like cucumber, egg and cress, or smoked salmon. The second course included crumpets or scones with clotted cream and jam. The third topped everything off with cakes and pastries. The Duchess had only one requirement for the food she served: it must not stain the white gloves of the ladies gathered around her table.

Afternoon tea crossed the pond to America in the 1870s when Americans began developing a thirst for tea, spurred partly by the temperance movement and its claims of tea's health benefits. The Protestant work ethic made Americans less inclined to take



Submitted photo

Still time to get tickets to the Victorian Tea at Kirkman.

afternoon breaks, and they typically drank their tea without reaching for a snack due to their earlier dinner hour. Consequently, Americans reserved afternoon tea for special occasions. Tea parties became fashionable among the middle and upper classes during America's Gilded Age.

In 1877, the Walla Walla Statesman observed, "Fashion in France, England, and America requires a lady to wear her bonnet at all receptions, lunch parties, and afternoon teas. The afternoon tea is after the English and is simply a small reception with a cup of tea handed in the most informal manner and usually takes place between 3 and 5 o'clock. Gentlemen may accompany the ladies."

Newspapers across America regularly reported on these afternoon teas. In 1899, one newspaper in Plattsmouth, Nebraska, described a particularly elaborate tea where the hostess entertained thirty-five ladies:

The parlors were decorated with cosmos—pink and white; the reception room and library were most beautiful with pink roses and trailing asparagus. The dainty tea tables, eight in number, were lovely with china, cut glass, and souvenir rosebuds. The name cards bearing the monogram of

Dayton's Friends of the Pool, Y provide swim safety to kids

By Lane Gwinn | THE TIMES

DAYTON — The Friends of the Pool Committee in Dayton promotes and raises funds to ensure kids in the community get swimming lessons. Many Columbia County kids are at risk without access to swimming and water safety lessons since the Dayton Pool closed in 2018.

"We have worked with the new school administration here in Dayton, resulting in Dayton school kids in grades 1 and 2 having been bussed to the Walla Walla YMCA in the last few weeks," said Chairperson Fred Crowe. "It was very successful, and full credit to the schools and the YMCA for putting it all together. We hope to expand the opportunities next school year."

The Friends of the Pool Committee outlined a long-term project for three or more years to provide swim lessons for school-age kids until a new community pool is opened. The program will also train older students and adults in lifesaving and teaching skills for those interested in working at the pool when it is completed.



Fred Crowe

An instructor at the Y in Walla Walla helps two Dayton second graders build swimming skills.



NEWS BRIEFS

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AT THE LIBERTY: “A Minecraft Movie”

May 2 – 6

THE TIMES

DAYTON — Welcome to the world of “Minecraft,” where creativity doesn’t just help you craft; it’s essential to one’s survival. The movie follows four misfits, Garrett “The Garbage Man” Garrison (Momoa), Henry (Hansen), Natalie (Myers), and Dawn (Brooks), after they are pulled through a mysterious portal into the Overworld: a bizarre, cubic wonderland that thrives on imagination. To return home, they must master the new world and protect it from evil creatures, including Piglins and Zombies.

They embark on a magical quest with an unexpected, expert crafter, Steve (Black). Together, their adventure will challenge the five to boldly use the qualities that make each uniquely creative in the skills they need to thrive back in the real world. The cast includes Jason Momoa, Jack Black, Emma Myers, Danielle Brooks, Jennifer Coolidge, and Sebastian Eugene Hansen. It is rated PG for violence/action, language, suggestive/rude humor, and some scary images, and the runtime is 101 minutes.

The audience on “Rotten Tomatoes” rated “A Minecraft Movie” 86%, with a consensus that it is a fun movie for anyone who has played and those who haven’t played the game. Jack Black and Jason Momoa are amazing and help bring the “Minecraft” world to life. The site’s critics were not as enthusiastic with their 48% rating; however, they said it was “a film about celebrating creativity and provides a colorful sandbox for Jack Black and Jason Momoa to amusingly romp around in a story curiously constructed from conventional building blocks.”

Coming in May is the theater’s spring melodrama “Peril on the High Seas” on Fridays, May 9 and 16, at 7 p.m.; Saturdays, May 10 and 17, at 7 p.m.; and Sundays, May 11 and 18, at 3 p.m. A beautiful heiress, Merry Ann Sweet, sets out for her first adventure in this roaring 20s dramedy. She will discover fun, friendship, and maybe romance. However, storms are brewing on the HMS Majestic, and a kidnapping plot unfolds, masterminded by the vile and villainous Snively Swine. Will dedicated police Sergeant Willy Ketchum be able to stop the dastardly plan, or will Snively succeed in whisking away the hapless heiress?

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DOH URGES MEASLES, MUMPS, AND RUBELLA (MMR) VACCINES AMIDST NATIONAL OUTBREAK

THE TIMES

OLYMPIA —The measles outbreak in the United States has surpassed 800 confirmed cases across 24 states, including a fifth reported case in Washington. The Washington State Department of Health urges parents and caregivers to protect their children from the disease with two doses of the Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR) vaccine. Adults are also encouraged to verify their measles vaccination status online at MyIRmobile.com or with their provider.

“I’m worried that some data show that Washington kindergartners have lower rates of MMR coverage than Texas or New Mexico – both of which are struggling with a measles outbreak,” said Dr. Tao Sheng Kwan-Gett, State Health Officer, DOH. “Besides causing fever and rash, measles can sometimes cause life-threatening pneumonia and brain inflammation. The MMR vaccine is our best defense against measles, and we need to get more people up to date on vaccination to prevent a similar outbreak in Washington.”

This week also marks National Infant Immunization, an observance created by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) that highlights the importance of protecting children two years and younger from vaccine-preventable diseases. Children should receive their first dose of the MMR vaccine between 12 and 15 months and a second dose between 4 and 6 years old.

Some cases of measles have occurred in infants who were too young to receive the MMR vaccine and traveled with their families to countries where there is a higher risk of measles. Parents planning travel to such places with infants 6 to 11 months of age should check with their healthcare provider to see if an early MMR vaccine dose can be given to prevent measles infection during travel. The dose must be given at least two weeks before departure for the best protection, and the infant will still need to start the regular two-dose series between 12 and 15 months of age.

Adults who have received two documented doses of the MMR vaccine do not need to receive additional doses. It is essential that high-risk adults, such as healthcare professionals, college students, people with Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) infection, or those preparing for international travel, confirm they’ve previously received two doses to be fully protected.

In 2020, the CDC declared measles eliminated from the United States after high vaccination rates stopped the spread of the disease within the country, and the only cases came from contracting it abroad. However, declining vaccination rates in recent years – especially since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic – have aided the disease’s recent spread.

Videos of Dr. Kwan-Gett discussing the importance of the MMR vaccine are available on DOH’s Instagram at <https://tinyurl.com/3hcv6av7>. Additional recorded materials are available upon request. For access to this content, media can contact DOH-PIO@doh.wa.gov.

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MAY 18 FUNDRAISER FOR WW HOMELESS ALLIANCE AT THE WALLS VINEYARDS

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WALLA WALLA — On May 18, the Walla Walla Alliance for the Homeless will host Shining Bright 10 Years of Hope and Community, a food and wine fundraiser. The benefit will celebrate ten years of compassion, resilience, and community support and ensure the future of the alliance’s work.

The event will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. at The Walls Vineyards, 1015 W. Pine St. The evening will include local cuisine, live music, an auction, inspirational stories of transformation, and the opportunity to make a lasting impact. Tickets are \$75 and available on the Charity Auction Today website at shorturl.at/BumJh.

The Walla Walla Alliance for the Homeless has worked since its inception in July 2015 to meet the needs of the Walla Walla homeless population. The alliance manages the Walla Walla Sleep Center, a low-barrier shelter that offers showers, food, and peer support to help individuals navigate a path out of homelessness.

Northwest Public Radio aired a segment on March 12 about the WWAH, “How one Washington county is making progress on homelessness.” It is available on the Northwest Public Broadcasting website at bit.ly/3Fs2h4r.

The alliance collaborates with many local groups, including Blue Mountain Action Council, Catholic Charities and The Loft-Walla Walla, Blue Mountain Community Foundation, Blue Mountain Humane Society, Blue Mountain Heart to Heart, Hope Street, Hope Heals-Walla Walla, SonBridge, Walla Walla Emergency Warming Center, Walla Walla Fire Department, YWCA Walla Walla, Walla Walla County Emergency Management, and Providence St. Mary Medical Center.



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Gerald Jacob Baker

January 1, 1954 – April 9, 2025

Gerald Jacob Baker, affectionately known as “Bake,” left this world on April 9, 2025, at the age of 71. He passed at his home, surrounded by memories that only a life well-lived can bring. Born on January 1, 1954, in Billings, Montana, to Martin and Lillian “Marie” Baker, Jerry was an extraordinary man who touched the lives of everyone around him with his humor and generosity.

With an infectious sense of humor and a “get it done” attitude, Bake was a man of action—often leading to some hilarious, friendly wagers. He could turn any challenge into a friendly competition, whether it was who could hit the longest drive, catch the biggest fish, or some ridiculous challenge involving cattle, farm equipment, or other motorized vehicles. Spoiler alert: Bake usually emerged as the champion, much to the disdain of his friends.

Jerry spent his early years in Page, AZ, where he lived near his cousins Bill and Marie. His father and uncle were employed in dam construction. This work later led the family to Waitsburg during the construction of the Lower Snake River Dams, where the Baker family would make their home.

Jerry graduated from Waitsburg High School in 1972 and soon after married Terri Conover, becoming an integral part of the family farm alongside LZ and Larry. Jerry and Larry continued to farm together for over 40 years. For Jerry’s nieces and nephews, it was a treat to work alongside Uncle Jerry, as there was never a dull moment. He turned even the most mundane farming tasks into friendly wagers, often ending with “Bake” triumphing yet again.

Bake never had children of his own, but his heart overflowed with love for his nieces and nephews, who were treated like his very own kids. He took on the roles of father figure, coach, and encourager with all the enthusiasm and get it done attitude in true “Bake” fashion. To those that were fortunate enough to have been a part of “Bake’s” life as a kid would agree that if there were a “Favorite Fun Uncle” status, he’d have it in spades. Whether it was coaching basketball or cheering from the sidelines, he showed the kids in his life how to believe in themselves and tackle life with full force.

Outside of farming and family, Bake had a passion for the great outdoors, and his hobbies reflected his zest for life. From swinging clubs on the golf course to tearing up the trails on his snowmobiles to cruising down the highway on his Harley during summer road trips or attending many sporting events all over the country, he embraced adventure at every turn and enjoyed traveling with friends. And let’s not forget his accomplishments in trap shooting.

But it wasn’t just sports and outdoor fun that defined Bake; he was a steadfast community member. For many years as the head girls’ basketball coach at Waitsburg High School, he tirelessly championed his players and demonstrated his unwavering belief



Gerald Jacob Baker
January 1, 1954 – April 9, 2025

in their abilities. His pep talks could turn the most anxious athlete into a fierce competitor, and his team’s victories were truly a testament to his belief that hard work pays off. “Bake could also be found helping prepare a barbecue feast of ribs and salmon during the annual Lions Club event or simply providing a delicious meal for his friends and family at the frequent shop lunches held on the farm.

Bake’s laughter echoed through those conversations shared over morning coffee at the local grocery store, where he could be found with his crew of early risers, sharing stories and light-hearted banter. It was impossible to have a bad day in his presence.

As we remember Gerald Jacob Baker, let us hold on to the joy and memorable moments he brought into our lives. His spirit will forever be in the laughter shared among friends, the sound of golf clubs hitting the grass, and the thrill of the open road. Bake will be greatly missed, but the memories he created will remain bright and alive in our hearts. Here’s to you, “Bake”—may the great beyond be filled with endless laughter.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Martin and Lillian “Marie” Baker, and sisters, Connie Summers and Margie Baker. Survived by cousins Bill Langley and Marie Peacock, extended family Larry (Linda) Conover, Sandra (Randy) Farley, Jared Farley, Drew Farley, Amy Farley, Diane (Joe) Harris, Jane (Bob) Waldher, Lillian Waldher, Grant Waldher, and Luke Waldher. Also, he leaves behind countless friends who were like family - too many to name, but every one of them mattered.

A celebration of life will be held on Friday, May 30, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. at the Waitsburg Fairgrounds.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Waitsburg High School ASB “Basketball,” PO Box 217, Waitsburg, WA 99361.

FUN FOR TEAMS AND SUPPORTERS AT T-BALL

THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — For a fun afternoon, visit the Waitsburg Fairgrounds to catch a T-ball game on Mondays and Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. The teams of pre-k through kindergarten age girls and boys are highly entertaining to watch. You will see all kinds of antics on the field during play as they bat, run the bases, field balls, and throw to first base. It will put a smile on your face.



Karen Huwe
Vera Ahler, on the Affordable Concrete team, waits at second base.



Papé Machinery team member Landon Long gets a hit.

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the hostess were also treasured souvenirs. The elaborate luncheon was served in courses and was discussed with much favorable comment from the guests.

Such displays of wealth allowed hostesses to signal their social status and position, particularly on the frontier, where it demonstrated they had “made it.” To avoid the appearance of self-aggrandizement, many hostesses chose to host teas as celebrations of friends and persons of impor-

ance. In 1909, the Walla Walla Evening Statesman suggested that a neighborhood tea would honor “a choice friend staying with you.” Members of sororities at Whitman College learned of the practice by holding teas for visiting alumna at the homes of local alumna.

Charity teas also gained in popularity. “Kensington” teas combined tea with needlework. At one such event in Miami in 1918, ladies were asked to “bring their knitting or other Red Cross work,” while at another in 1899, the hostess sponsored a sewing contest with prizes.

Although cocktail parties eventually supplanted tea parties in the twentieth century, you can still go back in time to experience an afternoon tea by attending the Victorian Tea the Kirkman House Museum is hosting on Sunday, May 4, from 1:00 to 3:00 PM. This year’s tea features a Mad Hatter theme, so guests are encouraged to wear their most flamboyant headwear in honor of Lewis Carroll’s 1865 classic “Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland.” Tickets must be purchased in advance at kirkmanhousemuseum.org.



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Palouse Outdoors:

A Wild Turkey Conservation Success Story

By Brad Trumbo | THE TIMES

Spring is a magical time. We've survived another winter. The daffodils are up, fruit trees are boasting a vibrant palette of snow white to fuchsia, and asparagus is popping like mad. Spring's splendor is bookended by birdsong. The American robin song is a quintessential tune at dawn, but it's far from the only warbling that brings a smile to folk's faces.

Those taking to the forest are hoping to hear the voice of North America's largest game bird, the "thunder chicken," "boss tom," "Mr. Waddles," or plain old wild turkey. The guttural gobble of a wild turkey rings through the timber and over farmland hills and can be felt in one's chest when sounding off nearby. Pursuing wild turkeys during the spring mating season excites nearly as many hunters as the fall big game seasons. They're the second most popular game animal, edged out only by the white-tailed deer.

Turkeys are commonplace in many areas and thrive in rural communities like Dayton and Waitsburg. While popular with the hunters, your mail carrier may have a different opinion of these often-aggressive 20-pound descendants of dinosaurs with sharp beaks and spurs. Don't be fooled by the goofy snood dangling from the tom's face. He can be quite rude if caught in the wrong mood.

The Rio Grande wild turkey is the bird in our neck of the woods, but they didn't originate here. They thrive here because their southwestern US roots make them right at home in the semi-arid Palouse climate. Wild turkeys across the continent have a varied past, and their current commonplace existence is owed to a conservation legacy that began with the (first) Great Depression.

According to the National Wild Turkey Federation, approximately 10 million wild turkeys roamed North America at European settlement and presented a fine food source. Unlike most "game" animals today, turkeys were hunted year-round without regulation for subsistence and the market.

Settlers cleared timber for agriculture and community development as the eastern colonies grew, and they moved across America. The cumulative impact of hunting and habitat loss decimated and isolated wild turkey populations.

"Connecticut had lost its wild turkeys by 1813. Vermont held out until 1842, and other states followed. By 1920, the wild turkey was lost from 18 of the original 39 states and Ontario, Canada, in its supposed ancestral range," the National Wild Turkey Federation reports.

North American wild turkey populations plummeted below an estimated 250,000 by the 1930s, but proposed legislation and the Great Depression would serve the wild turkey well.

In 1900, the first iteration of the Lacey Act regulated market hunting by prohibiting trade in wildlife, fish, and plants that were illegally harvested, possessed, transported, or sold. In concert with early wildlife management regulations, this Act reduced



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A stunning Rio Grande tom turkey listens to hen yelps from Trumbo's box call. This bird was one of seven competing for hens in the same canyon

the overall hunting impact on turkey populations.

The Great Depression fell upon America in 1929. Over the following decade, Americans vacated their homesteads and small farms as 14 million sought work in cities and factories. With fields left fallow, natural succession converted former cropland to grasslands and shrublands. This natural landscape change resulted in the rebirth of wild turkey habitat.

Another keystone piece of legislation – the Pittman-Robertson Act of 1937 – established a conservation fund via excise tax placed on the sale of sporting goods and ammunition. These funds were used as seed money to develop large-scale conservation efforts. State fish and game agencies began trap-and-transport programs to reestablish turkeys throughout their native range. "By 1952, bird numbers nationwide had grown to 320,000," wrote Gary Garth in USA Today.

By 1973, the national wild turkey population reached approximately 1.3 million birds. At that time, the National Wild Turkey Federation was founded with the mission of "wild turkey conservation and the preservation of North America's hunting heritage."

These and other conservation efforts have resulted in the recovery of wild turkeys, with over 5 million estimated across 49 US States and five subspecies in 2022. The Eastern subspecies is the most populous, comprising approximately 81 percent of the wild turkey population, followed by the Rio Grande at 13 percent, the Merriam's at 4 percent, the Osceola at 2 percent, and the Gould's at less than 1 percent. This incredible recovery since 1973 is no simple coincidence with the founding of the National Wild Turkey Federation.

If you have not hunted wild turkeys, now is the



Trumbo poses with a Rio Grande tom from one of several flocks he encountered that morning.

time to join the ranks in one of America's oldest hunting traditions. The Washington season is open until May 15th. Get after them to see why these birds are a special part of our landscape and routinely haunt a hunter's dreams.

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<p>Sunday - May 18</p> <p>Fun Run in Memory of Dr. Roger and Mrs. Laura Jean Hevel, Waitsburg Athletic Field, 7 a.m.</p> <p>Cowboy Church, Preston Park, 10 a.m.</p> <p>Luck of the Duck Fundraiser Preston Park, 11 a.m.</p> <p>Softball Game Waitsburg Fairgrounds, 12:30-3 p.m.</p> <p>Inflatable Games & Obstacle Course Waitsburg Fairgrounds, 12-4 p.m.</p> <p>Face Painting, 12-4 p.m. Waitsburg Fairgrounds, 12–4 p.m.</p>	

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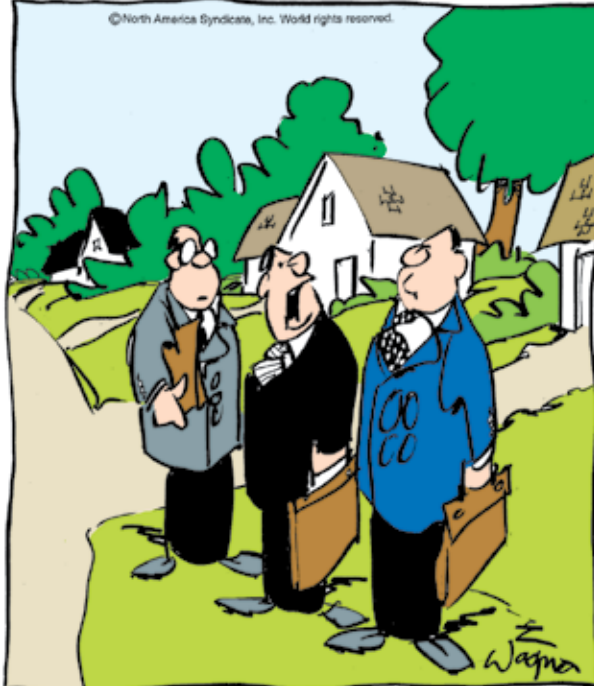


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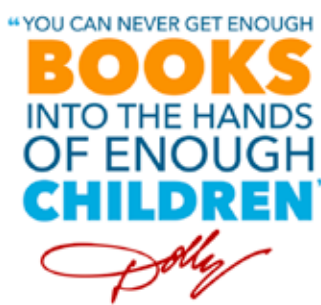
State ends funding for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

By Lane Gwinn | THE TIMES

OLYMPIA — The final 2025–2027 operating budget for Washington State was released on April 26, 2025, with the legislative session officially concluding on Sunday, April 27. Despite earlier commitments made by the state in 2022, funding to expand the Imagination Library of Washington was excluded in the final budget, impacting over 121,000 children enrolled in the program.

Founded by Dolly Parton in 1995 in honor of her father, who could not read or write, the Imagination Library is the flagship program of The Dollywood Foundation. The program provides children from birth to age five with a high-quality, age-appropriate book every month, at no cost to families to inspire love of reading and strengthen early literacy.

"This is a heartbreaking loss to our team, our 46 local Imagination Library partners, and, most importantly, the 121,000 children across Washington, who receive the gift of a free book each month,"



statewide program out of 21 nationwide. The public-private partnership relies on a 50/50 funding match between the state and local Imagination Library partners. In 2022, Washington lawmakers affirmed their support and funding through House Bill 2068.

"With the loss of state funding, our statewide programmatic framework has been altered, and we must now pivot to address this funding challenge. We need the public to rally and help us preserve this impactful program for young children. Please act and contribute now to ensure its survival," stated Fisher-Clark.

Donations can be made at www.imagination-librarywashington.org/donate, or checks may be mailed to: Imagination Library of Washington, 400 Union Avenue SE, Suite 200, Olympia, WA 98501.

stated Brooke Fisher-Clark, Executive Director of Imagination Library of Washington.

Established as a statewide program in 2022, the Imagination Library of Washington became the first west coast expansion and the eleventh

Lunches

WAITSBURG SENIOR CENTER

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

Tuesday, May 6
Chicken Fried Beef Steak
Potatoes
Bread, Cookie
Fruit

WAITSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT

Thursday, May 1

Breakfast
Muffin & Yogurt
Lunch
Teriyaki Chicken & Rice
Roasted Broccoli
Mandarin oranges

Friday, May 2

Breakfast
Scrambled eggs & Sausage
Lunch
Turkey Sandwich
Caesar Salad
Carrots, Apples
Something crunchy

Monday, May 5

Breakfast
Yogurt Parfait
Lunch
Pepperoni or Cheese
Pizza
Caesar Salad
Carrots, Pineapple

Tuesday, May 6

Breakfast
Biscuits & Gravy

Lunch

Chicken Burrito
Bowl
Fresh Toppings
Black bean salsa
Apples

Wednesday, May 7

Breakfast
Cereal & Combo Bar
Lunch
Cheeseburger
French fries
Ms. Brynne's house salad
Kiwi



PIONEER PORTRAITS

Fifteen Years Ago

April 29, 2010



[Photo caption] Outgoing Waitsburg Mayor Markeeta Little Wolf gifts a gavel to new Mayor Walt Gobel.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

May 4, 2000

Sealed within a common glass gallon jug which was then embedded within a concrete monument for 55 years, 25 pieces of paper bearing the names of Waitsburg Schools students, teachers and other writings about Captain Lewis and Sacajawea, have held up remarkably well. The documents, retrieved April 22 from the time capsule buried within a small concrete tepee which has been at the corner of Coppei Avenue and Willard street since May 2, 1946, were opened and examined for the first time. While the moisture rotted parts of a few of the pages that were probably laying in the neck of the bottle, Larry Dodd, curator at Penrose Library, believes the moisture was also an advantage. "The dryer the paper, the more fragile it is," Dodd commented while working on the delicate documents. "Any paper is destined to deteriorate."

Fifty Years Ago

May 1, 1975

Waitsburg School District No. 401-100 board adopted the affirmative action program at their last meeting, Wednesday, April 23. The following School Board's statement provides the policy upon which the Affirmative Action Program is based and will continue to develop. School Board's Statement of Policy: It is the policy of Waitsburg School District No. 401-100 to recruit, hire, train, and promote persons in all job classifications without regard to race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, marital status, or because of a sensory, physical or mental handicap, unless a bona fide occupational qualification applies. All personnel actions will conform to an Affirmative Action Program, the basic purpose of which is to increase the utilization of minorities and women at all levels necessary in the work force, and to provide equality of treatment to all employees with respect to the terms, benefits, and privileges to employment. It is the responsibility of all personnel to conduct themselves in their daily activities in such a way as to ensure that all personnel actions with respect to compensation, benefits, privileges, promotions, layoffs, return from layoff, training, and social and recreation programs are administered equally. Those decisions account for all valid relevant factors with respect to ability, performance, potential, and real job requirements.

Seventy-Five Years Ago

May 5, 1950

Four Boy Scouts from Waitsburg including Bob Wright, Dick Brunton, George Lloyd and Rodney Dilts and their Scoutmaster Ernest Kison will leave June 19 for the National Boy Scout Jamboree at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania.

The senior class of Waitsburg High School "sneaked" to the dude ranch at Bingham Springs Wednesday. They were accompanied by Miss Fanny Weller, Mrs. Leland Kessler, Mrs. Harold Roberts, Mrs. Carl Dilts and Supt. Leslie Taylor.

One Hundred Years Ago

May 8, 1925

The contractor on the new Main Street bridge has a crew of men busy this week getting cement delivered and getting ready to start the work of actual construction.

Our former townsman, J. L. Harper of Portland, has been dangerously ill for a time with a case of infection which started from the heel of one foot.

The Boy Scouts of America are making an effort to earn their scout sits. Anyone having jobs that boys can do will kindly call up Scoutmaster Dwight Howell.

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago

May 11, 1900

The fishing season is now open and J. B. Caldwell carries the most complete line of fishing tackle ever before seen in the city.

The family of D. L. Cox left Tuesday for Hot Springs, in the hopes of benefiting the health of their son who is threatened with consumption.



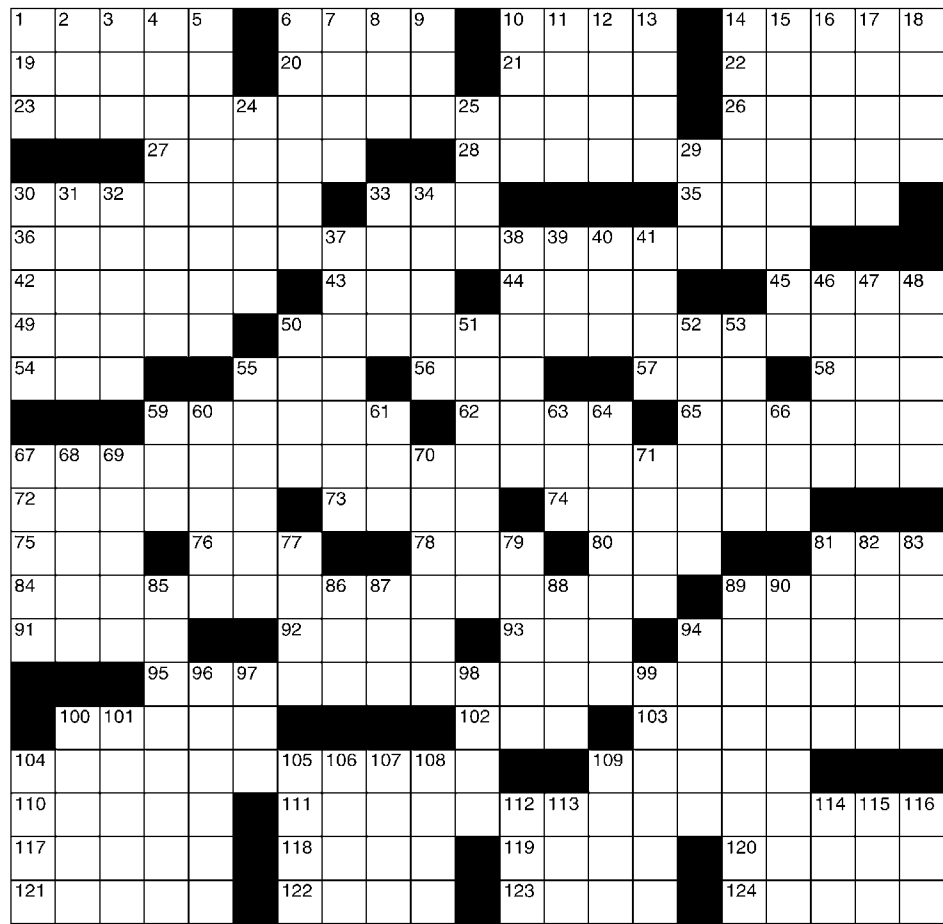
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PUZZLES & LIFESTYLES

Super Crossword TRIPLE-E PLAY

- ACROSS**
- 1 Degrade
 - 6 Sandler of "Grown Ups"
 - 10 Adverse fate
 - 14 Birch's cousin
 - 19 Bob of folk rock
 - 20 It uses poses called asanas
 - 21 "Waterloo" group
 - 22 Wife of Gorbachev
 - 23 Paper version of an online publication, informally
 - 26 Cairo's home
 - 27 1989 Series champs
 - 28 Share the same view
 - 30 Region of northern France
 - 33 That man's
 - 35 The "P" Var.
 - 45 Befuddled
 - 49 Give rise to
 - 50 Hearly brunch dishes
 - 54 People with clout
 - 55 That woman
 - 56 NBC TV inits.
 - 57 The "S" of RSVP
 - 58 Pi follower
 - 59 Port in Italia
 - 62 Moore of the Brat Pack
 - 65 San — (certain Californian)
 - 67 Christmas carol whose titular flower symbolizes Mary
 - 72 Hindu god incarnate
 - 73 — bene
 - 74 Brainpower
 - 75 TV's Turner
 - 76 Q followers
 - 78 Curve part of S&P
 - 80 Geller of psychic acts
 - 81 Just out
 - 84 Portrayer of Rainbow Johnson on "Black-ish"
 - 89 Clan
 - 91 Kett of comics
 - 92 Bona fide
 - 93 Lamb nurser
 - 94 Israeli money
 - 95 "Sixteen Tons"
 - 100 See 123-Across
 - 102 Hi-fi discs
 - 103 Sets off to the right of the margin
 - 104 Fish also called "unagi"
 - 109 Fury
 - 110 Root in perfumery
 - 111 R.E.M.'s debut single
 - 117 Garlic mayonnaise
 - 118 Old overlord
 - 119 Pub projectile
 - 120 Rapids craft
 - 121 Jam-packed
 - 122 "Don't look —!"
 - 123 With 100-Across, sailor's greeting
 - 124 Flee to marry
- DOWN**
- 1 Tack on
 - 2 "Later!"
 - 3 Styled like
 - 4 Sob stories
 - 5 Make a king
 - 6 Sailor's positive reply
 - 7 Performs
 - 8 Era
 - 9 Furious
 - 10 Itinerary info
 - 11 Big Apple stage award
 - 12 Wind quintet instrument
 - 13 Lots of
 - 14 Playground retort
 - 15 Like a shallow bay in an atoll
 - 16 Handy sort
 - 17 Some sports awards
 - 18 Per-unit cost
 - 24 Color again, as hair
 - 25 Rae of "Insecure"
 - 29 Start for glottis or Pen
 - 30 Joe of "Home Alone"
 - 31 "To clarify ..."
 - 32 Grade just above average
 - 33 Man, in Berlin
 - 34 Wall-climbing plants
 - 37 Level of rank
 - 38 Actress
 - 39 Fleece-lined boot brand
 - 40 Insurance co. bailed out in 2008
 - 41 General — chicken
 - 46 1994 French Open winner
 - 47 Actor Hawke
 - 48 "I feel — coming on!"
 - 50 Thunder god
 - 51 Makes lovable
 - 52 Olympic skater Ito
 - 53 "The Waste Land" poet
 - 55 Scanty
 - 59 "Fat chance!"
 - 60 Enlightened
 - 61 Kin of "equi-"
 - 63 Wifely title
 - 64 Early PC operator, often
 - 66 Gp. activated by a 911 call
 - 67 Espresso with hot milk
 - 68 Undisguised
 - 69 Attacked
 - 70 Sells online
 - 71 Metallica drummer
 - 77 Beach bird
 - 79 Inch along
 - 81 Pentax rival
 - 82 Roger of film review
 - 83 Solders, e.g.
 - 85 Tall marsh plants
 - 86 Golf's Trevino
 - 87 — Vegas
 - 88 Is in the red
 - 89 2017-19 HBO drama series
 - 90 Doctor's pass-along to a specialist
 - 94 Burn slightly
 - 96 Itty-bitty
 - 97 Science educator Bill
 - 98 Greeting to "Enry" Iggins
 - 99 Forty-five times two
 - 100 Actress Dressler
 - 101 Chef's wear
 - 104 "The Grapes of Wrath" hero
 - 105 Mex. miss
 - 106 Sunrise side
 - 107 Dutch cheese
 - 108 St. Pat's land
 - 109 Prefix with space
 - 112 Rx watchdog
 - 113 Cheer word
 - 114 Artist Yoko
 - 115 Dad
 - 116 Apt shoe width to wear when solving this puzzle?



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Waitsbrug Senior Portraits

By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES

Madison Kaehler

Prescott resident Madison Kaehler has attended Waitsburg Schools since preschool. Kaehler is Waitsburg High School's ASB treasurer served as ASB secretary in her junior year. She played volleyball four years, was on the cheer squad for two, and played softball for three. She shows pigs at the local fairs as a 10-year 4-H member.

During the summers, Kaehler has worked as a lifeguard at Prescott and Walla Walla Memorial Pools.

After graduation, Kaehler plans to get her prerequisites at Walla Walla Community College before transferring to a college to receive her radiology certification.

Waitsburg Homecoming week is Kaehler's favorite high school memory, especially her junior year.



Madison Kaehler at WW fair.

Sawyer Nichols

Sawyer Nichols has been attending Running Start at Walla Walla Community College since his junior year. After his summer classes, he will receive his Associate of Arts Degree in General Studies.

Nichols played soccer in elementary school and was a 4-H club member in middle school, showing pigs. His favorite memory was a class trip to a Walla Walla Sweets baseball game in middle school.

This summer, he would like to work at Burlington in Walla Walla and then attend Eastern Washington University in the fall to obtain a graphic design degree.

Nichols has volunteered to help the Dayton Lions Club at the Columbia County Fair, assisted at Walla Walla Community College events, and helped clean Waitsburg's Little League field.



Sawyer Nichols will study graphic design.

Cougar Anderson

Cougar Anderson has enjoyed car racing since he was 15. He now participates in demolition derbies at the Walla Walla Fair & Frontier Days, Dayton Days Fair, and the Lind Combine Demolition Derby.

Anderson played football and baseball since his sophomore year at Waitsburg High School. His favorite memories are the bus rides after football games.

He plans on attending Walla Walla Community College to earn a Commercial Driver's License and work for his dad at Kyle's Custom Toys & Towing.



Cougar Anderson loves to race.

Arek Araya

Arek Araya remembers fun times while attending Waitsburg Schools since preschool. He played soccer and baseball in elementary school and basketball in middle school. Araya showed a pig at the fair as a 4-H member. His favorite school time memories are the field days and the Walk for Water event.

After graduation, Araya plans to work for his dad during the summer and attend Walla Walla Community College to get his Commercial Driver's License. He said he would like to see the country with his cat Appa on long-haul trips.



Arek Araya wants to travel cross country as a long-hauler.

Photos by Karen Huwe

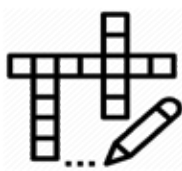
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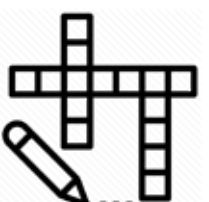
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Super Crossword

Answers

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Community Calendar

WAITSBURG MONTHLY MEETINGS

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

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

Waitsburg School Board
Third Thursday of every month @ 6 p.m.
Zoom info is available by emailing waitsburgcc@icloud.com

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

Waitsburg Historical Society
Third Thursday of the month @ 6:00 p.m. @ Weller Public Library

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

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

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

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

Waitsburg Commercial Club
Last Thursdays of the month @ Ten Ton Art 216 Main St. @noon.
Zoom info is available by emailing waitsburgcc@icloud.com

Waitsburg Resource Center Community Food Bank
Food donations on Thursdays, 2 – 4 p.m.
106 ½ Preston Ave
Clothing donations at the Waitsburg Christian Church
604 Main Street, upstairs, Thursday, 2 – 4 p.m.



DAYTON & COLUMBIA COUNTY MEETINGS

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

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

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

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

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 District Board of Commissioners
Fourth Wednesday of the month @ 1:30 p.m. Call (509) 382-2531 for information.

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

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

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

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



STARBUCK MEETINGS
Starbuck City Council
Second Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. at Starbuck City Hall



Church Directory

St. Mark Catholic Church

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

Waitsburg Presbyterian Church

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

Waitsburg Chapel

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

Waitsburg Christian Church

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

Events, Film, Performance, Live Music

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

MAY 1
OPEN MIC NIGHT &
SPRING RELEASE WINES
6:30-8PM

MAY 2
4-6PM SPRING RELEASE WINE FLIGHTS
6-9PM ROYAL BLOCK X KOBAYASHI EVENT
(TICKETED - SOLD OUT)

MAY 3
2-7PM SPRING RELEASE WINE FLIGHTS
5:30-6:30 ART TALK WITH
JOSEPH ROBERTS

Waitsburg Historical Society Events for May

Bruce House Museum
Open on Saturday, May 3
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Community Yard Clean-up
Saturday, May 10
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Bruce House Museum open for
Celebration Days
Saturday, May 17
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



2025 Waitsburg Celebration Days Fun Run

In Memory of
Dr. Roger & Mrs. Laura Jean Hevel

Sunday, May 18
7 a.m. Check-in
8:00 a.m. 10K Start
8:05 a.m. 5K Start
8:10 a.m. 1K Start

Adults – \$15
12 and under – Free

Registration at
Evenbrite.com through
Saturday, May 17

All ages
All welcome
Music,
Beverages,
Snacks, and
Fun



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Friday, May 2 @ 6 p.m.

Walla Walla Public Library
238 E. Alder, Walla Walla



BIRTHDAYS

May 1: Josh Smith, Jennifer Jameson, Adam Erikson, Troy Larsen, Corinne Atkinson and Barbara Saxon Abbey.

May 2: Kevin Davis, Patsy Fredericks, Roger Hillis and TerriLynn Stensgar.

May 3: Juniper Langford, Alexander Reese, Hanna Becker, Dorothy Wolfe and Andrew Peterson.

May 4: Liya Senter, Tom Land, Anna Ray, Kathryn Fry and Ashley Janovich.

May 5: Jim Tuttle, Dian McQuade, Pamela Parsons, Todd Wood, Rhiannon

Chapman, Kin Hofer, Kelly Thomas Ward, Jim Crawford.

May 6: Emma Langford, Scott and Ellie Johnson, Betty Mosley, Joan Kennedy, Barbara Danforth, Annette Bergevin, Marcy Thompson, Theron Barbee, Jonathan Cosper and Kylie McConnell, Katelynn Martin.

May 7: Jake Kibler, Richard Ford, Herb Mettler, Brayden Wood, Rose Rinell, Fred Knudsen, Lydia Rose Roberts, Della Mae and Daisy Rae Rowson.

"GITCH'YER BIB ON!" WAITSBURG LIONS CLUB RIB-FEED

15TH ANNUAL, SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2025

Pork Baby Back Ribs, French Bread, Baked Beans, Mac Salad - Beer & Wine
Tickets Available - Waitsburg Grocery, Banner Bank in Waitsburg
Walla Walla Electric, Pearson Dental in Walla Walla
Northwest Grain Growers, Pioneer West in Dayton
or Online at [EVENTBRITE.COM](https://www.eventbrite.com)

Adults 21 & Over - Tickets \$35

Starting at 6:00 pm at the Fairgrounds in Waitsburg

