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“Peyton Lake” is one of the photographs by Waitsburg resident Dave Tipton. He is opening the Nature Portraits Gallery at 121 Main St., Waitsburg on Saturday, December 7 during Hometown Christmas. The full story is about Tipton and his work is on page 5.

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Tis the season to be scammed

If it doesn't make sense, check it out.

By Lane Gwinn | THE TIMES

WASHINGTON — Every day, internet thieves make millions of attempts to take advantage of consumers online. Banks and other financial institutions warn their customers to be constantly aware of scams. They offer information on their websites and online help for customers who get unsolicited or confusing calls or emails from their banks.

Three of the most common scams used by cybercriminals during the holidays are:

Package Delivery Scams – An estimated three billion packages were shipped last holiday season. Package delivery is an opportunity for cyber-criminals to get your personal financial information.

One scam involves texts or emails that ask the recipient to click on a link or call a representative to update information on a delivery. The sender will ask for confidential financial information or a shipping fee if a consumer clicks the link.

The perpetrators of fraud often create a sense of urgency, so the victim will act without checking that the delivery is authentic.

It is often easy to spot fraudulent texts and emails by misspellings and other errors. The text or email may include the company's logo or other information. However, if you click on the sender's return email, you will see an email address not from the company. It might have words, including service, delivery, or part of the company's name, but it will not be a legitimate

address for the company it is claiming to be. Never reply, close out the email, and if it has claimed to be from a company you do business with, call them directly and ask.

One significant danger of clicking on a fraudulent link is it may be designed to infect your phone or computer with malware that enables the cybercriminal to capture your passwords or even take control of your device.

Missed Package Scams

In some cases, cybercriminals will leave notes on doors saying a package could not be delivered. They leave a number to reschedule the delivery, and when the resident calls, they are asked questions to verify their identity.

Gift Card Scams

Gift card scams usually begin with an email appearing to be from a friend, relative, or employer asking the recipient to buy multiple gift cards. The reasons vary from easily dismissed as false to more plausible stories. Gift card companies recommend that anyone who receives unusual requests to buy gift cards should reach out directly to the individuals they think are asking by phone to confirm the authenticity of the request.

Of course, cybercrime goes on year-round. Ensure you know how to contact your bank to verify suspicious emails or calls. Banks use texting and email to send alerts or other information, including asking a customer to confirm a transaction. However, banks never ask customers to provide personal details or confidential information via text. When in doubt, call your bank directly and ask if they sent the text.

If you receive a text or email from a business or service you do business with, including streaming services (Netflix,) utilities, or investment firms, contact them directly by phone or logging into your online account.

If it looks suspicious or surprisingly urgent, check it out before your click.

Port commissioners discuss potential lot sale, legal costs, budget

By Justin Jaesch | THE TIMES

DAYTON – The Columbia Port Commissioners met at 5 p.m. on November 13, 2024, at the port's conference room. Commissioners Seth Bryan, Johnny Watts, Mike Spring, and the Executive Director, Jennie Dickinson, were present.

Gerry Kaiser spoke during public comment, asking the commissioners to direct Dickinson and her staff to pursue state and federal grants to repair the port's rail system. He said the federal government has given \$150 million to nine municipalities in the state of Washington for rail improvements.

Dickinson presented the monthly budget for approval. The commissioners discussed payment of legal costs associated with investigating a complaint made by a whistle-blower. The port was asked to pay all or half the bill.

Spring said the port should pay fifty percent. Bryan said he was not keen to pay since he hadn't seen the report. Spring asked if they would see a report, and Bryan said he had been told they would receive it.

Port attorney Kimberly Boggs told commissioners that the county had not yet received a report and believed it was most likely because the bill had not yet been paid.

The commissioners did not discuss the details of the complaint. The investigation results were still unknown to the executive director and commissioners since they had not received the law firm's report.

The commissioners voted 2 to 1, with Bryan voting against, to pay fifty percent for the legal cost.

Dickinson presented the 2025 proposed budget to the commissioners. She said there had been no change to the budget since the last meeting or its publication in the paper.

The director said the port's budgeted tax income may be reduced since Columbia Pulp has challenged its tax liability to the county. The county had not notified her of any change, so it is not reflected in the budget to be approved by the commissioners at the meeting.

Spring asked if the port's attorney or her surrogate could be paid to attend future commissioners' meetings. He felt it was within the budget. Bryan wanted to know what the cost would be before deciding.

"It will probably cost us less than what we just spent," said Spring, presumably referring to the investigation costs.

Boggs said she would write a letter to the commissioners with availability and cost.

The commissioners unanimously approved the 2025 budget as written after the public hearing. The budget can be viewed at <https://portofcolumbia.org>.

The commissioners passed the adoption of Resolution 2024-06 to certify no increase to the levy from the previous year. Spring said he had difficulty seconding the motion, stating concerns about the resolution due to inflation.

AT THE LIBERTY:
“Fiddler on the Roof”

THE TIMES

DAYTON —The Liberty Theater and TVAC Productions will present “Fiddler on the Roof” premiering on November 14 and running through December 7, 2024. The musical is based on “Tevye and his Daughters” and other stories by Sholem Aleichem.

Tevye, a poor dairyman in the village of Anatevka, tries to maintain his Jewish religious and cultural traditions as outside influences encroach upon his family’s lives. With the help of a colorful and tight-knit Jewish community, Tevye tries to protect his five daughters and instill them with traditional values in the face of changing social mores and the growing anti-Semitism of Czarist Russia. Rich in historical and ethnic detail, and layered with comedy and pathos, “Fiddler on the Roof” will charm and captivate the entire family.

Directed by Mike Ferrians and Brenda Henderson, the production features over 50 local cast and crew members. The handmade costumes, and props created with the help from the gifted Mary Luce and the handpainted backdrops set the stage for the colorful musical.

Get tickets online at libertytheater.org or at the box office on Tuesdays or Fridays; 2 -5 pm. On November 14 and December 5, will be family night and all tickets will be \$10.

Remaining performance schedule:

Friday Nov. 22 - 7 p.m.
Saturday Nov. 23 - 7 p.m.
Sunday Nov. 24 - 3 p.m.
Wednesday Nov. 27 - 7 pm
Saturday Nov. 30 - 3 pm & 7 pm (2 shows)
Sunday Dec. 1 - 3 pm
Thursday Dec. 5 - 7 p.m. (Family Night) \$10
Friday Dec. 6 - 7 p.m.
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2024 XMAS TREE PERMITS
AVAILABLE

THE TIMES

PENDLETON, ORE — Christmas tree permits for the Umatilla National Forest are now available to purchase at Forest offices, several local businesses, and online through www.recreation.gov.

All National Forests offer Christmas tree permits online as an added convenience to in-person interactions. As specified on the permit, Christmas tree permits purchased online must be printed to be valid and can only be used on Umatilla National Forest lands. Christmas tree permits cost \$5 each and are limited to one per household. An additional \$2.50 fee for permits purchased through the website will be charged.

Traditional Christmas tree permits are still available through Umatilla National Forest offices and several local businesses listed at the end of this news release. Participating vendors are conveniently open evenings and weekend hours.

Remember, traditional permits are valid on National Forest System lands only and do not authorize tree cutting on private, state, or other federally managed lands.

As part of the national Every Kid Outdoors initiative, all fourth graders are eligible for a free Christmas tree permit from their local National Forest. To receive a free tree permit, students must present a valid paper voucher printed from the website for Every Kid Outdoors at <https://everykidoutdoors.gov/>. Follow the instructions to obtain and print the paper voucher on the website.

For more information about the Christmas tree program on the Umatilla National Forest, please visit www.fs.usda.gov/umatilla.

NATIONAL OES RULES OPEN
MEMBERSHIP TO MORE
WOMEN

THE TIMES

WASHINGTON — At the Order of the Eastern Star (OES) 51st General Grand Chapter held in Florida in October 2024, a resolution was passed to allow membership to all women who are sponsored by two members of the Order and are eligible for membership. This is a change from the previous requirement that OES members have a Masonic family affiliation or have been a members of a Masonic youth group. OES members nationwide are excited about this change as it will allow more women the opportunity to experience the friendship of Star and to make a difference in the world through its charitable works and kindness to others. Information regarding the OES can be found at the websites <https://washing-tonoes.org> or <https://easternstar.org>.

During fiscal year July 2023 – June 2024, Washington State Eastern Star members gave over \$85,000 to various charities including, service dogs, cancer research, and the Make-A-Wish Foundation. This amount does not include support provided to local non-profits by individual chapters. Over \$45,000 was also provided for educational, nursing, and religious study scholarships.

The Order of the Eastern Star is associated with the International Order of Freemasons and has been part of Waitsburg since Waitsburg Chapter #9 was chartered in 1889.

KEEP BAUMGARTNER TO HIS
CAMPAIGN PROMISE

To The Editor:

Did you vote for Michael Baumgartner for the U.S. House? Please take note of this from his campaign website. “This is non-negotiable: Medicare and Social Security benefits will not be reduced. It is important that we continue these vital programs and that people who have paid into them get back what was promised.” Yes, it’s a campaign promise, probably as durable as any. However you voted, keep this in mind, and if he starts to waffle, he will need to feel the heat.

Randal Son,
Walla Walla, Wash.

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ECOLOGY ENCOURAGES
WASHINGTONIANS TO ‘USE
FOOD WELL’ THIS HOLIDAY
SEASON

THE TIMES

OLYMPIA – Nobody likes to see food go to waste, especially during the holiday season. Why not get inspired this holiday season? A few simple tips can help you reduce waste and save money.

When food ends up in the trash, it means wasted money – but once that trash ends up in a landfill, it also produces methane, a potent greenhouse gas. To help holiday hosts reduce the amount of food they waste, the Washington Department of Ecology is launching a holiday edition of its “Use Food Well” food waste prevention campaign.

Washington wastes half a million tons of edible food each year, and the holidays are the peak season for food waste.

The Use Food Well campaign teaches food waste prevention through simple steps like smart shopping, meal planning, and proper food storage. The campaign website <https://tinyurl.com/4zxwcam6> now includes holiday food-saving tips and recipes.

Step number one in preventing food waste? Proper storage. For instance, raw foods should always be kept separate from cooked foods, fruits, and vegetables. Food staples like flour, sugar, and other dry goods should be stored in a cool, dry place and sealed in containers or storage bags to maintain their taste and freshness.

“Food waste is bad for the environment and our pocketbooks,” said Ecology’s solid waste program manager Peter Lyon. “It’s not small change. When people make choices that help use food well and reduce waste, it can add to real savings, especially during holiday celebrations.”

Recent data from ReFED at <https://refed.org>, a non-profit that tracks food waste across the U.S., shows that the average family wastes about \$3,000 annually.

When food waste and other organic material enter a landfill, it produces methane – a greenhouse gas that has 80 times the climate impact of carbon dioxide in the short term. In Washington, about 16% of methane and 2% of carbon dioxide emissions come from organic material decomposing in landfills. The most effective way to reduce greenhouse gas production in landfills is to prevent food waste and other organic materials from reaching them in the first place.

Washington is partnering with Pacific Coast Collaborative, a group of West Coast states and cities, and British Columbia, working together to cut food waste in half by 2030. Go to the <https://tinyurl.com/3xzf2fv6> for more information on the collaboration.

This past spring, Ecology kicked off a partnership with Safeway stores by introducing a food waste reduction campaign to help inspire change. Select Safeway and Albertson stores will promote the Use Food Well messaging again in spring 2025 during National Food Waste Prevention Week.

“Farmers, restaurateurs, chefs, and grocery stores all bring different perspectives and ideas to the table that are vital to achieving our goal of wasting less food,” said Jade Monroe, a food waste reduction expert with Ecology. “Partnering with Safeway allows us to put tips and tricks right in the grocery aisle.”

Ecology is also partnering with celebrity chef Joel Gamoran and his company Homemade. Chef Joel is a passionate food waste reduction culinary ambassador for the campaign, who will share holiday-left-over-inspired recipes and provide tips on saving money through proper storage and creative cooking.

More information about food waste reduction in Washington and tools and resources to help people make informed choices are available at usefood-well.org.

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Ed Fischer, CDR. USN

Ed Fischer, CDR. USN. Retired. 77, passed away suddenly on 3 March 2024. His career as a Surface Warfare Officer included 4 years at the Naval Academy (Class of 68) & three wartime deployments to Vietnam.

In 1975, while attending the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California, he married LT Margaret “Maggie” Zuger. He graduated with an MS degree in physics. He later taught weapons systems engineering at the Naval Academy & electrical engineering at the Naval Postgraduate School. He retired after 23 years in the Navy at Pt Mugu, Ca. He worked at Defense Technology in Dahlgren, Virginia for 20 years, retiring in 2011. He is survived by his wife, Maggie (Zuger) Fischer, his son LCDR Paul Fischer, USN (Ret.), daughter in law, Dr Kimberly Termeus Fischer, grandsons Liam & Elias, sister Marie Straub and extended families. His funeral was on March 15th, and his burial Arlington National Cemetery was August 5th.

A Note from Maggie
October 12th was my 50th Anniversary when my dialysis shunt was removed. St. Theresa the Little Flower interceded for me bringing me a huge bouquet of roses as a sign I would survive



Submitted photo
Ed Fisher with his wife, Maggie.

vive dialysis early in October 1974. (I was given a bad Smallpox shot at WOS in 1969 and ordered to get a booster before going overseas for duty in August 1974. Three weeks later my kidneys failed.) Still Praising the Lord each day!

I wish to thank all those in my family, classmates, & friends in Southeastern Washington and members of St Mark’s Catholic Church who prayed for my recovery. It has been great being part of the Navy family as we traveled across the country several times before settling in Virginia close to Ed’s family.

God Bless You all!
Margaret (Maggie) Zuger Fischer.
OFS

Merrilee Rose Samson

March 20, 1932 – November 19, 2024

Merrilee Rose Samson, Waitsburg resident, passed away Tuesday morning, November 19, 2024, at her Waitsburg home. She was 92. A graveside service will be held Saturday, November 23rd, at 9:00 AM in the Dayton Cemetery.

Merrilee was born on March 20, 1932, in Spokane, Washington to William and Marjorie Roberts Tate. She graduated from Waitsburg High School in 1950 and then attended Walla Walla Community College where she learned to be a medical secretary.

She married William Orval Samson on December 23, 1952, in Dayton and for most of their life they made their home in Waitsburg. Merrilee was a member of the Waitsburg Grange and the Rainbow Girls. She liked to knit, crochet, sew, and quilt. She was also an avid gardener, and the family liked to go camping.

Her husband William passed away in 1995.

Merrilee is survived by her sons; Andrew in Haysville, Kansas, Alan in Waitsburg, Michael in Irrigon, Oregon, and William, Jr. in Soldotna, Alaska; her daughters; Cindi Putnam, Spokane, Cynthia Smith, Spokane, and



Submitted photo
Merrilee Rose Samson
March 20, 1932 – November 19, 2024

Christine Cloin in Waitsburg; by 29 grandchildren, 77 great-grandchildren and 11 great great-grandchildren; and by her brother William Price Tate in Spokane. In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her sister Bess Tate.

On-line guest book is at www.corbeillfuneralhomes.com
Corbeill Funeral Home in Dayton is caring for the family.

NEWS

PORT - FROM PAGE 1

“Our job is to help get grants and monies from federal and state partners to enhance our community,” said Spring. “You have to have a reserve to match those grants. They are never 100% ever; I have never gotten a 100% grant. You have to be able to match, and how do we match? We match it with our monies, which are in our reserves or generated from other sources.”

Resolution 2024-06 passed 2 to 1, with Spring dissenting.

The commissioners approved the 2025 Capital Facilities Plan with no discussion.

Dickinson said the federal audit had been completed; however, the port has not yet received the final report.

The commissioners approved three port property lease renewals for Jordan Henderson Fine Arts, the Columbia County Hospital District, and Dayton Tractor and Machine.

The commissioners considered a sales proposal from 2Cannon River Construction to purchase lot V adjacent to Tema, Inc. at the port’s industrial park.

Josh Westergreen, owner of 2 Cannon River Construction, said he wanted to purchase the lot to expand his excavation business. His plan is first to fence the property and put in utilities in the spring, before building a shop within a couple of years. He said his excavation company has four employees who live in Columbia County and does concrete and excavation, mostly under government contracts.

Answering a question by Bryan, Dickinson said

the business aligned with the port’s comprehensive plan for the industrial park. A proposed ADU for the property could be approved for business use, and could not be rented out as a separate business. Westergreen said the ADU would be used for employee housing. He has no immediate plans to build a unit but wanted to include it in the proposal for future use.

Westergreen said the shop building would match the look of the Columbia County Transportation building.

The port had approved a sale of the same lot to Table Rock Meat, Co. for a meat processing plant in 2022; however, the sale fell through after the buyers did not obtain permits or complete the purchase agreement. Dickinson said the commissioners should consider requirements included in the previous sales agreement. Requirements of the agreement included a green strip in front of the facility, approval of fencing, and a one-year clawback should the buyer not proceed with their project. Dickinson also said a time limit for an approval should be added.

Dickinson believed the appraisal and market report for the Table Rock Meat sales agreement could still be used. She said the port could legally add up to 10% to the valuation. The average of the property’s appraised values was \$58,000, and the total with the addition would be \$63,500. This approach would save the port and buyer the cost of a new appraisal. The last appraisal cost \$7,000, according to Dickinson.

Boggs said she did not think using the old analysis was a good idea. She suggested the port consult with someone with appropriate qualifications to determine the suggested price. Bryan suggested they ask the old appraiser to give an updated report for a reduced price. Dickinson told Westergreen that the cost appraisals are split 50/50 between the purchaser and the port.

The board approved Dickinson to move forward on the sale by getting further information on the appraisal and sales agreement.

The Mainstem Malt/Grain Cluster project continues to progress. The project architect and engineers are preparing plans to send to the Community Economic Revitalization Board (CERB.)

Dickinson said a pasta company from Portland, Ore. is considering expanding its business and potentially moving to a Port of Columbia property. The company was attracted to the area because of news of the port’s development of the Grain Cluster.

Dickinson said the appraisers for the rail line had completed their physical inspection of the rail and will present their report by Zoom at the December meeting.

Dickinson asked to reschedule the December meeting since she will be out of town. She said the meeting is important because it includes the railway appraisal and closing the year’s bills. She offered to attend the scheduled meeting on Zoom if the commissioners did not wish to reschedule. The commissioners moved the meeting to 5 p.m. on December 18, 2024, at the Port conference room and on Zoom.






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“Portraits of Nature” Gallery opens in Waitsburg

By Lane Gwinn | THE TIMES

Growing up in Western Montana, Dave Tipton said he has photographed landscapes and wildlife since the 5th grade.

With a passion for wildlife, he found himself wanting to capture everything he encountered outdoors, keeping a constant eye on the weather patterns. His travel includes Canada to Belize, thourhgout Colorado, Wyoming, and Montana. He focused much of his attention on Yellowstone, the Grand Tetons, and Glacier Park National Parks.

Tipton’s appreciation for the ever-changing outdoors has continued since moving to Waitsburg, Washington in September 2021. He has found many opportunities for photographing the rolling hills of farmland along with the beautiful coastal scenes of Oregon and Washington.

“Mountainous areas inspire me because there’s always something unexpected around the corner,” said Tipton.

Tipton said his photography skills grew as he worked with photographers from National Geographic, Outdoor Photography Magazine, Getty Images, Canon Explorers of Light, and Nikon Ambassadors.

His big break was in 2011 when he was hired by a L.A. based entertainment company to shoot Super Bowl XLV in Dallas. He photographed and interviewed players from the Green Bay Packers and



Submitted photo
Dave Tipton



Dave Tipton

“Lost in the Rockies”

Pittsburg Steelers.

He has photographed celebrities and numerous events, including The Black Eyed Peas, Hugh Jackman, Gene Simmons, A Taste of the NFL, and the Porsche Experience, .

And now, With the encouragement of friends, family and customers who already own his prints, he is opening the Portraits of Nature Gallery in Waitsburg, Wash. The small gallery in the front of The Waitsburg Town Hall will have big art and big ideas by Tipton. The gallery will have a wide variety of prints, available mounted on foam core, ready to hang, and as greeting cards.

In addition to selling prints, Dave will also be giving photography classes, including Learning Composition, Mastering Your Camera, Taking Better Photos Outdoors, Night & Low Light Photography, Headshot & Portrait Photography, On-Location Lighting, Take the Studio Outdoors and Under-

standing Flash Photography.

“I’ve been teaching photography for close to 20 years and have had over 4000 attend classes and Photo Tours,” said Tipton.

Many in Waitsburg know Tipton who is on the board at the Waitsburg Town Hall and Lions Club. He is also a very active member of the Cardinals booster club.

Meet the photographer and support one of Waitsburg’s newest businesses at the grand opening of Portraits of Nature Gallery during Waitsburg’s Hometown Christmas on Saturday, December 7, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Waitsburg Town Hall located at 121 Main Street.

Business hours will be Thursdays, noon to 6 p.m., Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, or to sign up for a class, please visit www.big-skyphotography.net/.

Seasons Change, and So Do I

By Vicki Sternfeld-Rossi | THE TIMES

Song lyrics often provide an accurate mood determinant for me. The lyric running through my head now, “Seasons change and so did I,” from the song “No Time” by the band The Guess Who. Fall is quickly turning to winter, and I am feeling (and maybe dreading) the changes, some of which could be good. But mostly, I keep asking, is it spring yet?

The roads will soon be treacherous, with fog rolling in and snow, ice, and icy fog following. Driving to tennis games in Walla Walla and Costco runs will be less frequent. I have even started to look to make those drives without fishtailing every time I turn the steering wheel.

Playing ball with Mugsy to tire him out will be tough. He doesn’t like the rain, cold, or wet ground, and finding a ball in a heap of snow is challenging. It’s even become difficult to get him to go on a walk now because he’s not happy when it’s raining or if he must step on wet leaves.

The weather has inspired me to pull out my knitting supplies. First, I unloaded a trunk full of yarn, including bags of matching yarn and some random balls left over from past projects. I have patterns without pictures or titles; some are so difficult that I have no idea what I thought when I purchased them. It took me two hours to find my collection of needles and other knitting accessories to start. Evidently, I bagged them, bagged the bag, and then covered it with another



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er bag in the attic, but I found them!

Daniel’s route will take longer during the holidays. First, the plethora of catalogs, then the mailers that must be placed in every mailbox along his route, on top of bad weather, poor visibility, and now a portion of another route has been added to his.

Mondays are his busiest, making him very late getting home. I am back to dinner duty, which I am not sure is worse for me or Daniel. I have yet to cook a meal that he hasn’t critiqued with notes on how it could have been improved. I may just give him a package of Lipton’s Cup of Soup for his next meal.

My neighbor told me about Albertsons’ program, “Fresh Pass,” which I joined. Members can have food delivered for an annual fee, which is currently on sale. Maybe I should order some prepared dinners for Daniel, and he can diss Albertsons’ cooking, and I won’t have to drive in bad weather—a win-win.

I should be glad to have a few months of no mowing, weeding, trimming, and watering, but it’s a straight trade for the sub-zero question of whether the pipes will freeze this winter.

To be better prepared, we have a new modern radiant heater in the kitchen. The studio now has a mini split for heat, and I will remain diligent in weeping the pipes when the temperature is below fifteen degrees. I have warm clothes, thermal underwear, yarn to knit more scarves, and a dog to keep my feet warm on the couch.

Even though winter can be dreary, newly fallen snow is pretty, and we will hopefully celebrate a healthy new year with friends, good food, and wine.

Cards’ A Team Wins First Game of the Season

WAITSBURG — The Waitsburg Middle School boys’ A team opened their basketball season with a win over Rogers on Kison Court, Tuesday, November 12.

The young Cardinals won the game 48-30 with point guard Liam Kiefel leading with 22 points.

Alex Zuniga added 12 points, Jake Lynch 9, Carter Barron 4, and Carson Pennington had 1 point.

“The A team did well for their first game,” said Coach Gabe Kiefel. “They lost to Rogers twice last year, having been seventh graders, playing eighth graders. They are excited to play teams their own age this year.”

“The B team played hard. Some of these players have never played in an official game before,” said Kiefel.

The B-team lost 42-23 but showed improvement in the second half with Wylee Gagnon leading the team with 10 points. Arrow Groom contributed with six points, Mitchell Hays and Ollivyr Dahlby each scored 4, and Emerson Kiefel added one point.

The team will play in Waitsburg on Wednesday, November 20 against Touchet at 4 pm.



Karen Huwe

(above) Wylee Gagnon shoots and makes a hook shot in the B-game against Rogers

(left) Liam Kiefel shoots a three-pointer against Rogers.

FUN & GAMES

The Friendly Forest

By Jimmye L. Turner



Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

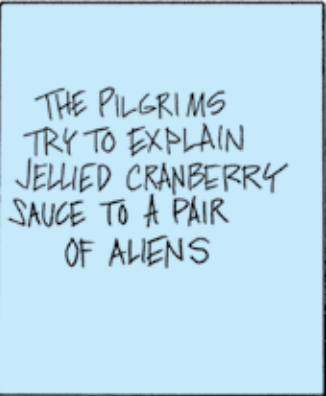


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Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



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11 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Tuesday, November 26
Turkey and stuffing
Mashed potatoes
Green bean casserole
Roll, Pie, Cranberry sauce



WAITSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT

Wednesday Nov. 20
Breakfast
 Combo bar & biscuit
Lunch
 Chicken Alfredo
 Green beans
 Mixed fruit

Thursday, Nov 21
Breakfast
 Pancakes & sausage
Lunch

Chicken drumstick/nuggets
Mashed potatoes & gravy
Roasted corn, apples
Warm roll

Friday, Nov 22
Breakfast
 Donuts with grownups
Lunch
 Pb&j
 Caesar salad
 Carrots, apples
 Something crunchy

PIONEER PORTRAITS

Ten Years Ago
November 20, 2014



[Photo caption] Die-hard Green Bay Packers fans and Waitsburg natives Joan Helm (r), Jackie Helm (c), and Judy (Helm) Gross (l) (joined here by Joan's nephew Robbie Kvitek, to Judy's right) killed time before Sunday's Packers vs. Philadelphia Eagles game at Lambeau Field in Green Bay by reading The Times. The Packers made their fans proud with a 53-20 drubbing of the Eagles.

Twenty-Five Years Ago
November 18, 1999

If anyone in Waitsburg can talk turkey, pass this message along to the local flock: You're safe for now but watch out! The Waitsburg Lions Club will be smoking another batch of turkeys come Christmas! All kidding aside, Waitsburg's flock of wild turkeys is forever safe from the local Lions Club which concluded the cooking segment of its Thanksgiving turkey smoking project yesterday and now has the delicious smoked birds to sell for the upcoming holiday. The reduced sodium and lightly smoked turkeys are for sale for \$25 from any Lions Club member, at the Waitsburg Cenex service station.

Fifty Years Ago
November 21, 1974

Southeast Washington's Blue Mountains topped all other elk hunting areas this year for producing the most success stories, as the 1974 general bull elk hunt closed with the year's first major winter storm. In contrast to last year, when heavy snow at the end of October denied hunter access into the Blues, hunting conditions were excellent throughout the season, providing a substantial harvest in this area which did not occur in 1973. As of Sunday evening, a Blue Mountains total of 4106 hunters had been tallied by Game Department personnel with 808 elk for a success ratio of one elk for every five hunters checked.

Seventy-Five Years Ago
November 18, 1949

On Monday, the large granite memorial marker of the old Waitsburg Academy was put in place by R. B. Wylie of Walla Walla. It is located on the former Waitsburg Academy school grounds which is now the athletic field and just north of the former Golf Association Club House.

Monte Shaffer was honored at a stag-party Wednesday night at the home of Kenneth Smith. Monte is being married on Thanksgiving Day to Miss Dorothy Murphy.

One Hundred Years Ago
November 21, 1924

Miss Aletha Harsh and Mr. Mount Shaffer were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Harsh, Wednesday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Pol-lard, Miss Naomi Patton with the immediate families of the contracting parties were guests at the ceremony.

Wm. Wardrip and wife left Saturday for Olympia where they will visit relatives and friends for a few weeks. Frank Wardrip will have charge of the truck business during Will's absence.

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago
November 17, 1899

Mrs. Maude Lyons of our school and Miss Anna Arnold of the country schools attended the teachers' examinations in Walla Walla last week.

Chas. James, formerly a member of Co. K. has accepted a position as Barber with O. G. Beeler as soon as the barbershop can be re-fitted.

Chas. Groom of Waitsburg and Miss Ida Harting of Dayton were united in marriage last Saturday in the Dayton courthouse by Justice Holman.



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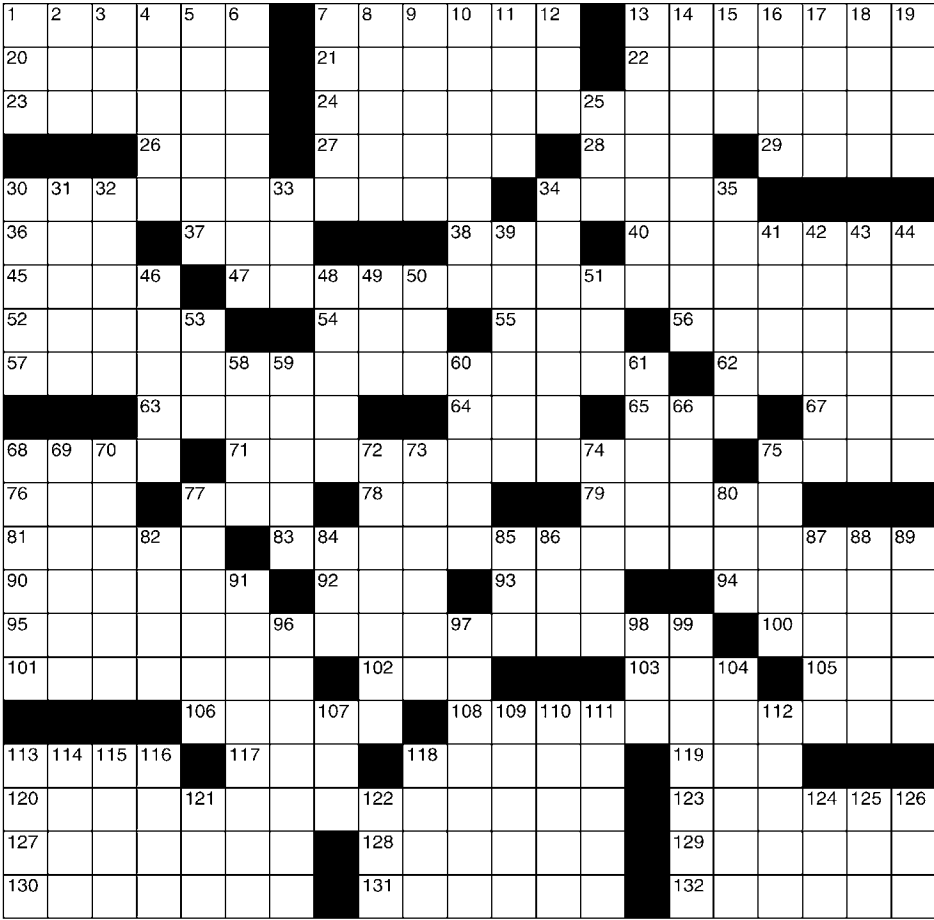
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Super Crossword

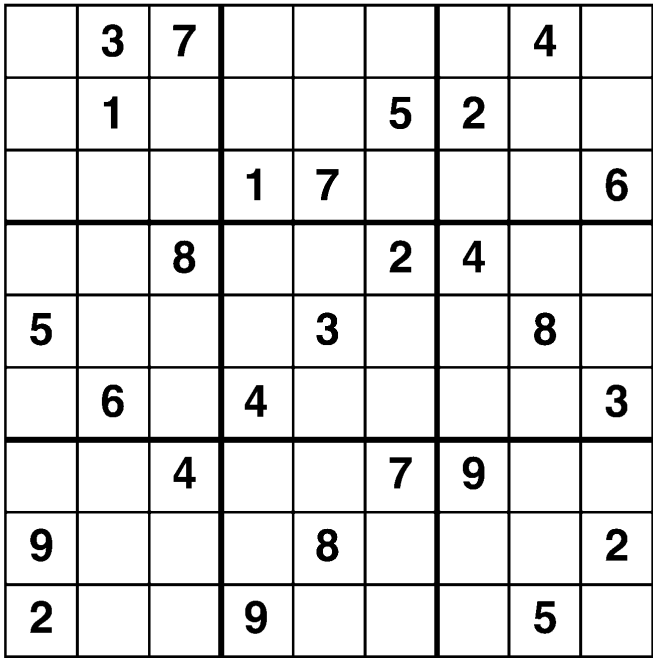
“TAKE THAT!”

- ACROSS
- 1 Printed news sources
- 7 Rival of Nike
- 13 More potent, as liquor
- 20 Supposed evil repeller
- 21 Stephen King's "— Lot"
- 22 Grow bigger
- 23 "The Client List" actress Shepherd
- 24 Result of vandalism
- 26 Match draw
- 27 "Them's fightin' words!"
- 28 Suffix with Canton
- 29 Right fielder Slaughter
- 30 Officials at first or third
- 34 Inner self, to Jung
- 36 Quarterback Manning
- 37 Eight minus two
- 38 Nav. officer
- 40 Sweater with a pattern of raised bands
- 45 Ripens
- 47 Auto exhaust and such
- 52 River craft
- 54 Nav. officer
- 55 Rainbow, e.g.
- 56 Incentive
- 57 Cardiologist
- 62 Return to 000
- 63 Digital holiday greeting
- 64 Shipping box: Abbr.
- 65 Digital color inits.
- 67 Suffix with host
- 68 Kuwaiti royal
- 71 Peck upon parting
- 75 Italy's Villa d'—
- 76 Prefix with partisan
- 77 Singer Des'—
- 78 English lav
- 79 Have an — mystery
- 81 Peter out
- 83 Belief that people are noticing you more than they really are
- 90 Total up wrongly
- 92 Source of 24/7 \$20 bills
- 93 Hot tub site
- 94 More subtle, as a point
- 95 Presidential hopeful's bid
- 100 Old Icelandic literary work
- 101 Dais stand
- 102 Suffix with cannon
- 103 "Oh, gross!"
- 105 President pro —
- 106 Fighting it out
- 108 Thor and Indra
- 113 Spanish for "hand"
- 117 Forbid
- 118 "Symposium" philosopher
- 119 Peter out
- 120 Personal psychosocial conflict
- 123 Subsidies
- 127 Pop flop of 1985
- 128 Catalog again
- 129 Manorial home
- 130 Whole number
- 131 Unlocked
- 132 What the starts of nine answers in this puzzle might be
- DOWN
- 1 Lobby gp.
- 2 Comedian Poehler
- 3 Saloon
- 4 Upper crust
- 5 Holy artifacts
- 6 Canonized ninth-century pope
- 7 Savory jelly
- 8 — Vader
- 9 "You beat me this game"
- 10 Removal from office
- 11 Prayer ender
- 12 Russ. or Ukr., formerly
- 13 Prompt for the iPhone's personal assistant
- 14 Nateness to a certain region only
- 15 In the style of
- 16 Agatha Christie's title
- 17 Tehran locale
- 18 Kellogg's waffle
- 19 "Cheers" actor Roger
- 25 Eight plus two
- 30 Ocean liner?
- 31 Pond slime
- 32 Tuscan city
- 33 Wood splitter
- 34 Oto or Hopi
- 35 Sponge up
- 39 Give a poker hand, e.g.
- 41 Toy with a tail
- 42 Sounds
- 43 Build a financial portfolio
- 44 Fly of Africa
- 46 More miffed
- 48 Gives ear to
- 49 "Ltd." cousin
- 50 15-season CBS series
- 51 They often work with DJs
- 53 List-limiting abbr.
- 58 "For heaven's —"
- 59 Snoops
- 60 Keep — head (stay calm)
- 61 "Have a bite"
- 66 Richard of "Primal Fear"
- 68 Nail coating
- 69 Item hanging above a crib
- 70 "Be there shortly"
- 72 Small racer in a groove
- 73 Grew irate
- 74 Religion in 17-Down
- 75 Escort in "The Hunger Games"
- 77 Brew colored from oxidation
- 80 Slightly amiss
- 82 Social skill
- 84 Pot's partner
- 85 EarthLink or MSN
- 86 High no. for a valedictorian
- 87 "Is there no — this?!"
- 88 Handed over
- 89 Trolleys
- 91 All-terrain motorcycle
- 96 How Jesus walked, miraculously
- 97 Aetna alternative
- 98 What a H.S. dropout may earn
- 99 Syringe parts
- 104 Most crooked
- 107 At least one
- 109 Welcomes to one's home
- 110 Of service
- 111 Snooped (around)
- 112 Arrive at
- 113 Skirt style
- 114 Yemen city
- 115 Pond wriggler
- 116 Previously
- 118 Job of some cooks
- 121 Dress fancily, with "out"
- 122 — Magnon
- 124 Magle of the old Giants
- 125 Adaptable truck, in brief
- 126 Corral



Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

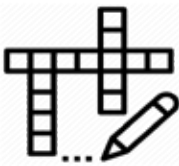


Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Super Crossword

Answers

R	A	H	S	M	A	G	I	C	B	U	T	T	S	S	A	M	S
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MY RECIPES

Luke Chavez

Pumpkin Sage Rolls

The beauty of autumn is in full colorful display, and the count-down to one of my favorite holidays, Thanksgiving, has officially begun. A celebration of the season in the form of a lovingly prepared feast, shared with friends and family, is a tradition dear to my heart. The menu served over the years has slowly morphed, the result of trying new recipes and perfecting those passed through the generations. Whether you are hosting the big meal, or you are a guest tasked with bringing a side, having a collection of tried-and-true favorite dishes to turn to can make all the difference. Over the next three weeks I will be sharing some of the classics which I have prepared for my loved ones, year after year. First up, these soft, buttery dinner rolls have just a hint of pumpkin sweetness balanced with the aromatic earthiness of sage.



Ingredients (yield 12 rolls):

- ¼ cup warm water
- 2 ¼ teaspoons instant yeast (1 package)
- ¼ cup brown sugar
- ¾ cup pumpkin puree
- 1 large egg, room temperature
- ½ cup milk, scalded
- ½ cup unsalted butter
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 3 ½ - 4 cups all-purpose flour, plus more for dusting
- 8 fresh sage leaves, thin sliced (see notes)

Directions:

Dissolve yeast in warm water in the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with the paddle attachment. Let sit for 10 minutes. Melt ¼ cup of the butter in a small saucepan, set aside.

Add brown sugar, pumpkin, egg, milk, melted butter and salt to the yeast, and mix well. With mixer running, slowly add 2 cups of the flour, then mix on medium speed for 2 minutes to fully incorporate. Next, slowly add more flour, ½ cup at a time, until a soft dough is formed. You might not use all the flour. Dump dough on to floured work surface and knead by hand for 5-7 minutes. Add more flour if needed as you knead, until a soft, smooth dough is created.

Lightly oil a mixing bowl, then place the dough inside and turn once so that dough is lightly oiled on all sides. Cover with a kitchen towel and let it rise in a warm spot for 45 minutes to 1 hour, until it has doubled in size.

Meanwhile, melt the remaining butter and whisk in the sage. Allow to steep on low heat for a few minutes, then remove from heat. Don't brown! Set aside.

When dough has doubled, punch down and then turn onto floured surface. Divide the dough in half, then cut each half into 6 equal-sized pieces, forming 12 pieces of dough. Divide each piece into thirds and roll the pieces between our hands to form dough balls. There will be 36 smooth balls of dough. Dip each ball into the melted sage butter to coat, and place 3 buttered dough balls into one cup of a standard muffin tin. Repeat with remaining dough to create 12 rolls. Make sure the rolls have plenty of sliced sage leaves throughout. Reserve leftover melted butter. Cover and allow to rise for 30-45 minutes, until rolls have doubled in size.

While rolls are rising, preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Bake for 15 to 18 minutes, or until beautifully browned. Brush tops with remaining sage butter, remove from pans and cool on wire racks.

Notes:

The best method for slicing the sage leaves is one called chiffonade. Stack the sage leaves together, then roll tightly lengthwise into a small roll, like a cigar. With a sharp knife, thinly slice crosswise through the roll. Unfurl the rings, to open up the long thin slices. This is a great technique to use with fresh flat-leaved herbs like basil, sage, and mint. I also use it as a cutting technique when prepping hearty greens like kale, spinach, or Swiss chard for a salad.

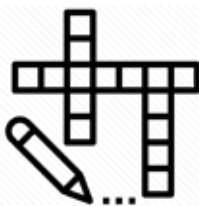
The oven is crowded prime real estate on Thanksgiving, but thankfully these can be made in advance, wrapped in foil and reheated just before serving. Wrap groups of 4 to 6 rolls together in foil, adding more butter to the tops to keep them from drying out. I usually place them in the oven to reheat while the turkey is out resting, and I'm at the stovetop making gravy.

Though they are perfectly paired with turkey and cranberry sauce, these attractive rolls would be a lovely addition to any autumnal dinner party. Enjoy!

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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Community Calendar

WAITSBURG MONTHLY MEETINGS

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

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



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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

DAYTON & COLUMBIA COUNTY MEETINGS

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

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

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

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



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

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

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



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



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

Events, Film, Performace, Live Music

AMERICAN 35

Every Wednesday is Trivia Night at 6:30 p.m.
Join Rich Lather, join a team, join the fun.

Every Thursday is Thirsty Thursday: enjoy a pint of beer or a glass of wine for just \$5 with the purchase of any item on our snack menu.

Live music every Friday: on 11/29 its music by Quin Wise.

Every Sunday is Craft Corner: each week, a different craft project with all materials provided.



Friends of the Waitsburg Pool Present

Community Fundraising Concert

6 P.M. PLAZA THEATER
The Frog Hollow Band

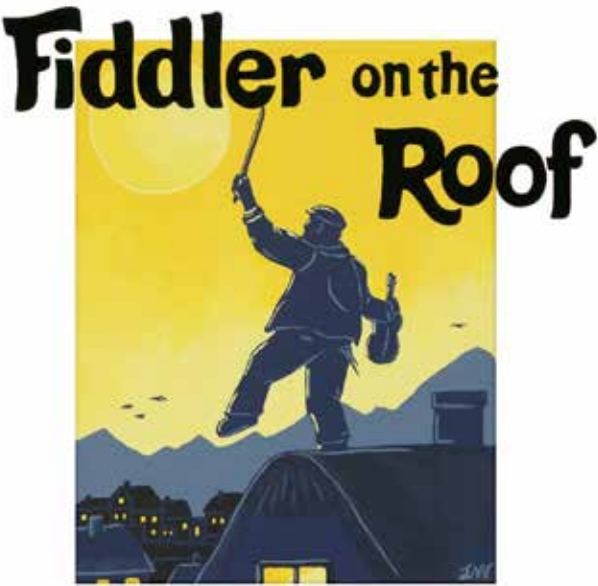
7 P.M. THE ROYAL BLOCK
21+ After-Party & Silent Auction

7 P.M. PLAZA THEATER
Free Kids Movie

Friday, Dec. 6

Tickets: waitsburgparks.org/pool

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At the Liberty Theater
November 14 to December 7

ROYAL BLOCK WAITSBURG

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

NOV 23
TASTE of
THANKSGIVING
TAPAS w/
WINE PEARINGS
3-6PM

NOV 24
"GET SOME BAGELS"
POP UP
BAGELS, SMOOTHIES,
MIMOSAS AND COFFEE
11-12PM

NOV 25-DEC 1
THE ROYAL BLOCK is ON VACATION!

Mythical / Movable
Blue Mountain
Bluegrass Jam



Friday, Nov 22 at
R&B BBQ @ 7 pm
232 E Main St.
Dayton, Wash.



SEWING WORKSHOP @ TATE ART
WAITSBURG

Nov 9, 2024 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM



Fall/Winter 2024 - 2025
Sewing Instruction Workshop Schedule:

Session #1 Saturday November 9th, 2024
Session #2 Saturday November 16th, 2024
Session #3 Saturday, December 7th, 2024
Session #4 Saturday, February 1st, 2025
Session #5 Saturday, February 8th, 2025
Session #6 Saturday, March 8th, 2025

Class Fee: \$50.00 per person
Learn basic sewing instruction in this 2 1/2 hour workshop using one of our vintage machines. Supplies provided to create a take-home project.
Each class is limited to 3 attendees.



BIRTHDAYS

November 21: Stacia Deal, Colleen Berry, Buster Katsel, Dana Simmons.

November 22: Betsy Harkins, Connie Creswell, Tanya Vargas.

November 23: Dr. John W.L. Bond, Miles Reese, Bill Johnson, Robbie Johnson, Cecile Carpenter, Heather O'Brien, Jennifer Wheeler, Alice Clifton, Jean Lawrence.

November 24: Orville Branson, Clay Lindsey, Betsy Beck, Lisa Gosney, Brian Newbury, Melissa DeCoria.

November 25: Brandon Leroue, Kelly Maib, Lucas Olona, Jody Lehr, Carey Demaris, Tyler Green.

November 26: Devon Harshman, Donna Lee Harris, Donald Land, Greg Gabel.

November 27: Peggy Lightfoot, Nita Snider, Rose Worth, Rod Baker, Jaidyn Brown.