



January 23, 2026

FRIDAY FUN FACT!

Seattle picks 'Seahawks'

SEATTLE, Wash. (AP) — Seattle's National Football League franchise will be known as the Seahawks when it begins play in 1976.

The name was selected Wednesday by Seahawks General Manager John Thompson and the owners of the NFL franchise from 20,365 entries which suggested 1,741 different names for the team.

The Seattle Seahawks' colors will be blue, green

and silver with the emblem a takeoff on an Indian design of the osprey—a fish-eating hawk of the Northwest.

"Our new name shows aggressiveness, reflects our soaring Northwest heritage, and belongs to no other major league team," said Thompson. "The fans did suggest the name. It was not one of our original working selections."

Thompson said 151 people proposed the Seahawk's name. Hazel Cook's name was drawn from a glass tumbler at the announcement in the Olympia Hotel as a winner of two season tickets for the 1976 season in return for suggesting the name.

Selection of the name ended weeks of deliberation. "Certainly they're were names more indigenous than Seahawks, but I think the name fulfills that requirement reasonably well," Thompson said.

NFL Commissioner Pete Rozelle approved the Seahawk colors and graphics Monday, and franchise attorneys have registered the name, emblem and color with appropriate state and federal attorneys.

Thompson said neither the NFL, nor individual clubs profit from merchandising items and all royalties from the sale of Seahawks's merchandise will be distributed to national charitable organizations.

No uniform design has yet been selected for the team, although it apparently is leaning toward silver pants to match the helmet.

Seattle's minor-league hockey team was known briefly as the Seahawks in the 1950's, between using Ironmen and the Bombers. Miami's entry in the shortlived All-America Conference also was known as the Seahawks.



Did you know?

Over 50 years ago, on June 17, 1975, an announcement was made that a name had been chosen for Seattle's National Football League franchise. The team will be known as the **Seattle Seahawks**. The above article is from the Vancouver (WA) Columbian, Wed, Jun 18, 1975, Page 12. While folks were not excited in Anacortes since their high school team had that name, they eventually came around. As The Seattle Times noted in an editorial soon after the announcement, "be happy folks, it could have been the Seattle Sockeyes!"

The **Seattle Seahawks** played their first NFL regular season game on September 12, 1976, at the Kingdome, losing 30-24 to the St. Louis Cardinals. Tune in this

Sunday at 3:30pm to watch the Seahawks take on the LA Rams for the NFC Championship. Congratulations to the Seahawks on a great 50th season.

Picture courtesy of Patrick McDonald, WA Secretary of State's Office and Seahawk fan!





Dine - Eat - Drink Local
January 2026

Rules:

*Spend \$10 or more from the menu to get a stamp from that business
*Collect 5 stamps to be eligible for prizes (Dayton Dollars, Gift Baskets)
*Turn in completed form by 1/31/26 to one of the participating businesses

Adventure Espresso	Blue Mountain Station	Bobcat Room	Buckwheat Brewing
36709 Hwy 12	700 Artisan Way	229 E. Main	148 E. Main
Elk Drug Fountain	General Store	Liberty Theater	Locally Nourished
176 E. Main	426 W. Main	344 E. Main	245 E. Main
Moose Creek Bakery	My Dad's Place	Paige's Floral	Table Rock Meat Co
330 E. Main	127 E. Main	207 E. Main	406 E. Main

Name: _____ Phone: _____



DISH UP DAYTON!

Winter is the perfect time to rediscover what Dayton has to offer—one great meal or beverage at a time. **Dish Up Dayton** invites you to dine, eat, and drink local during January and February and be rewarded for it. Pick up a monthly Dish Up Dayton passport, spend \$10 or more at participating local restaurants, eateries, or beverage spots, and receive a stamp. Fill your passport and you'll be entered to win fun prizes, giving you even more reasons to come back and try new local favorites.

By choosing to eat and drink locally, you're doing more than enjoying a good meal—you're supporting local jobs, small businesses, and the heart of Dayton's economy during the slower winter season. **Dish Up Dayton** is a fun, simple way to support the places that make our community special while enjoying great food, warm hospitality, and a little extra incentive along the way.

Participating merchants include: **Adventure Espresso, Blue Mountain Station, Hotel Hardware/ Bobcat Room, BuckWheat Brewing, Elk Drug Fountain, General Store, The Liberty Theater, Locally Nourished, Moose Creek Café & Bakery, My Dad's Place Restaurant and Bar, Paige's Floral & Gifts, and Table Rock Meat Co.** This campaign is sponsored by the **Port of Columbia** and **Choose Columbia County**.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION



U.S. Small Business
Administration

SBA Funding Workshop for Small Business

Join Janie Sacco with the **US Small Business Administration** for a 90-minute virtual workshop that is designed for small business owners and entrepreneurs seeking a clear overview of SBA funding options. The session, held **Tuesday January 27th from 1-2:30pm**, will cover available loan programs, basic eligibility, and steps businesses can take to better prepare for financing. Time will be reserved at the end of the webinar for questions and discussion. This is a free virtual event. Registration is encouraged to help inform future programming. Click [HERE](#) to register.

Thanks to Mason EDC for sharing this valuable workshop!



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MIDDLE SCHOOL MATH SURVEY

If you live or work in Walla Walla or Columbia Counties and your role—professionally or personally—touches middle school grade math (such as being an educator, caregiver, student, youth-serving professional, or community partner), **United Way / Elevate** would like to invite you to share their perspective and identify which questions are most essential in the context of our region by taking part in our [**Middle Grade Math survey**](#).

Your input will help inform the Middle School Working Group's understanding of current conditions and guide future strategies.



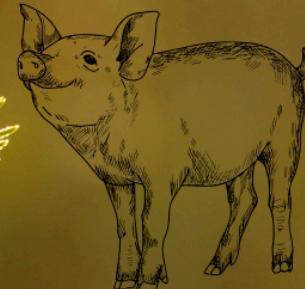
IMPORTANT MESSAGE from the DAYTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

From the **Dayton School District**: Attention Dayton community, we need your help. *Our elementary students are experiencing regular issues with dog poo on their playground.* As you can imagine this has made for some very unpleasant scenarios. We have posted signage and are asking you to [**please keep dogs off of the playground.**](#)

MEMBERSHIP DRAWING!

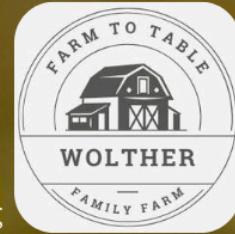
Renew or Sign up for a Co-op Membership this year for a chance to win 1/2 a pig!

Must Sign-up or Renew by the last week of February



1/2 Pig Graciously donated by:
Wolther Family Farm

Winner Pays for the Cut & Wrap
Butchered at Mr C's Smokin Co in Waitsburg

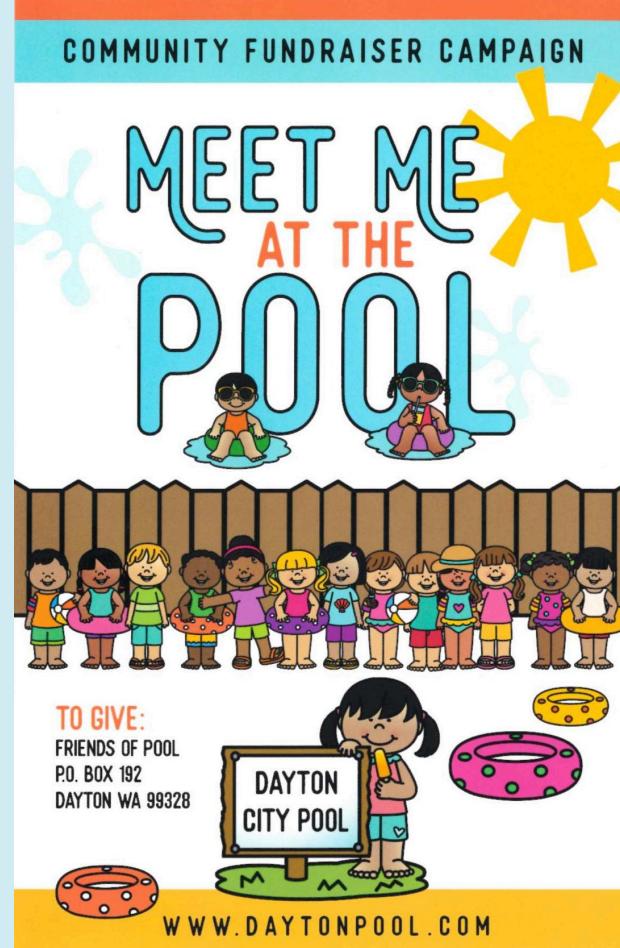


BLUE MOUNTAIN STATION CO-OP MARKET 2026 Membership Campaign & Drawing

This year, the **Blue Mountain Station Co-Op Market** is having a membership drawing! Everyone who renews their membership or signs up for a new membership will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win a 1/2 pig graciously donated by **Wolther Family Farm**.

Memberships must be in by **February 28th** to have your name entered into the drawing. Pig will be butchered by **Mr C's Smokin Co** in Waitsburg. Please note that the winner of the drawing is responsible for cut & wrap.

For more information, visit the Blue Mountain Station website by clicking [HERE](#)



FUNDRAISER YARD SALE!

The Parks & Recreation District (Pool Team) are soliciting clean, usable items to donate for a yard sale in the spring to benefit the building of the Dayton pool. Items can be dropped off at 408 E. Clay in Dayton. Pick up is also available by calling Terri Hessler at 509-629-1573

For more information on the pool, please click: <https://www.daytonpool.com/>

An advertisement for Columbia Connects. The top left features the text 'Real Connections, Real Growth.' in white on a teal background. Below this is a photo of a man with glasses and a young boy sitting on a bench, with an orange wavy line connecting them. The text 'Columbia Connects – A Mentorship Program for Columbia County Youth' is in a white box. The bottom left has a green box with the text 'Mentorship leads to:' followed by a bulleted list: 'Higher self-esteem', 'Stronger academic performance', 'Fewer disciplinary issues', and 'A greater sense of purpose and belonging'. The bottom right has an orange box with the text 'Become A Mentor Today.' and a phone number '509.382.3954' with the website 'daytoncoalitionforyouthandfamilies.org'. To the right is the Columbia Connects logo, which includes a stylized tree and the text 'Columbia Connects'.

Youth Mentoring Program Available - **MENTORS NEEDED!**

The Coalition for Youth & Families is pleased to announce the launch of a new mentoring program right here in Columbia County. This program will connect Mentors who will be able to share their expertise, inspire others, and help shape the future of Mentees. Mentees will be able to learn from experienced professionals, gain valuable insights, and take their lives to the next level.

To become a Mentor, please contact Kristen - Program Coordinator at: 509-382-3954 or via email at: Kristen_Thorstenson@co.columbia.wa.us. For more information, click: daytonscoalitionforyouthandfamilies.org



SUPPORTING THE FUTURE OF ENGINEERING

Anderson Perry & Associates is committed to fostering the next generation of engineering talent within our community. They have awarded over \$240,000 in scholarships in the communities we serve. This year, they are excited to announce that they will be offering four scholarships of \$5,000 each to high school seniors in Eastern/Central Oregon and Eastern Washington who plan to pursue an engineering or related degree.

Scholarship Details:

- Eligibility: Graduating high school seniors with preference given to students in Eastern/Central Oregon and Eastern Washington planning to pursue an undergraduate engineering or related degree.
- Application Deadline: March 30, 2026, by 11:59 PM PST.
- Application Requirements:
 - Current high school transcript, highlighting STEM-related coursework.
 - Three letters of recommendation:
 - From a school official or teacher confirming the student's interest in engineering.
 - From an employer or volunteer supervisor confirming the student's work ethic.
 - Other (such as coaches, mentors, extracurricular club leaders, etc.) attesting to the student's qualifications and engineering interest.
 - A personal essay describing the student's engineering interests and career aspirations.
 - Participation in a finalist interview via Zoom or Microsoft Teams.

PORT of COLUMBIA INFORMATION

FOR LEASE



**Cameron
CoWorking
Suite E**



SPACE AVAILABLE FOR LEASE

The Port of Columbia has a great space available for lease.

CAMERON STREET COWORKING - Suite E is 912 sq ft with an outside entry as well as two interior doors. With large windows allowing lots of natural light, this space is bright and roomy. As part of the CoWorking model, the unit has access to the shared meeting room, kitchen and restroom. For more details, click [HERE](#)

For more information, or to make an appointment to view the space(s), please contact Tracy Clark at 509-382-2577 or tracy@portofcolumbia.org



FEBRUARY PORT COMMISSION MEETING

The Board of Commissioners for the **Port of Columbia** will hold their next regular meeting on Weds **February 11, 2026**. The meeting will begin at **5pm** and be held in the Port of Columbia Conference Room located at 1 Port Way in Dayton. For those that cannot attend in-person, a remote option via ZOOM is available. Please click the below link.

[Port Commission Meeting ZOOM LINK](#)

For more information, please contact the Port at 509-382-2577 or auditor@portofcolumbia.org

Have an event or news you want to get out? Contact us!

If you have a community event, program or news you want to get out, please email the information to: shane@portofcolumbia.org.

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