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City Council News

The regular monthly City Council meeting was held on December 8, 2025, at the Adams City Hall. The meeting was chaired by Mayor Charles Vickery with Councilors John Thomspson, Justin Stewart, Ethan Colvard and Jeff Rost present. Councilor Wendy Chase was absent.

Ordinance #273 which regulates storage containers, was reviewed and approved with two amendments for posting. The second reading will be at the upcoming Council Meeting held January 12, 2025. If adopted, Ordinance #273 will take effect on February 12, 2025. Residents with storage containers will have a six month grace period to obtain a permit at no cost and bring them into compliance.

In other business, the Council approved a spending authorization for gravel and one for a new computer at City Hall.

Park Vandalism

For the second time, the City is having to replace a light near the tennis court. The light is being shot out using a pellet gun. If you see something please say something. You can contact City Hall or call the Sherrif's Department at 541-966-3651.

Minors Operating AVTs

There have been several reports of minors riding AVTs in the City without helmets and lights. At dusk, these kids are at risk of being stuck by a motor vehicle because they cannot be seen by drivers. If your children operate ATVs, they are required to follow the rules of the road. Please don't let your child become a statistic. Make sure they follow all the required safety procedures especially as evening approaches. This applies to bikes as well. You can call the Sherrif's Department to report unsafe riding of ATVs and Bikes.

September 29, 1885

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Five miles west of Centerville (Athena), also on Wild Horse Creek and near the edge of the reserve, laid out only two years ago, has made the most rapid growth of any town in the county, containing many enterprising and substantial businessmen. One firm will ship from this point this year a million bushels of wheat. When the reader reflects that all this comes from only one side of the town, he can imagine whether it is surrounded by desert or not.

A weekly paper has just started here. The land throughout all this region varies in price, but little is to be had except by purchase from private individuals. It ranges in price from five to fifty dollars an acre.

October 27, 1885

ADAMS ITEMS

From the TIMES

The new schoolhouse seats have arrived.

Reese & Redman's new brick is ready for the roof. Work will now begin upon Simpson's two-story brick.

J.C. Hodges has opened the Pioneer chop mill and is doing good work. He also keeps Pendleton flour, best grade for sale.

Louis McMorris, from near Walla Walla, sold his immense wheat crop of 14,500 bushels, to one of our buyers this week.

Parties from Pendleton are in town this week considering the feasibility of opening a two-bit restaurant.

Mr. R.H Whitehead has purchased the extensive farm of Mr. William Ferguson, near Adams, adjoining John F. Adams on the west. One hundred and sixty acres under cultivation. Supposed price is about $5,000.00.

Traditional New Year's Food

Greece-. Onions are also a symbol of prosperity because they are easy to grow.

Ireland-Buttered bread is a special New Year's food. New Year's Day is known as "Day of Buttered Bread."

Eastern Europe and Germany-Cabbage has been a staple for centuries. Its green color represents financial prosperity, while the long strands in dishes like coleslaw or sauerkraut symbolize a long and thriving life.

Netherlands-If you are looking for a sweet way to bring in the New Year then doughnuts might be just the thing. These ring shaped treats are believed to bring good luck, symbolizing the year coming full circle.

Southern United States-Collard Green are a late crop grown mostly in the south. The color green represents money. Black-eyed peas also resemble money-coins. The beans are combined with rice and bacon for a lucy New Year's dish called Hoppin' John. Cornbread is also served as the saying goes, "peas for pennies, green for dollars and cornbread for gold."

Japan-Toshikoshi soba is traditionally served. The length of the soup's soba is said to symbolize a long life while the buckwheat flour noodles are made of brings resiliency. Part of the tradition is slurping these noodles since the luck from this New Year's day meal runs out if you break or chew the noodle.

Spain-On New Year's Eve, Spaniards eat a grape of each stroke of midnight, with each grape representing a page of the calendar ahead. If one grape is bitter, watch out for that month!

Mexico-Tamales symbolize family bonds as they gather together to help make the dish.

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