

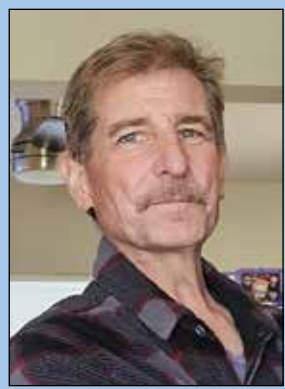


Karen Huwe

Five seventh graders and four sixth graders started basketball practice on January 6. The middle school girls' first game will be on Wednesday, January 22 at Rogers in College Place.

Back row l-r are Shylo Hedges, Laila Long, Madyson Potter, Audrey Kiefel, and Jaylynn Gleason
 Front row l-r are Tanna Ray, Kaitlyn Paul, Ava McCaw, and Peyton Childers

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Waitsburg Parks and Rec votes to pursue alternative pool site.

By Lane Gwinn | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — The Waitsburg Parks and Recreation District (WPRD) board has received the feasibility study it commissioned from PBS Engineering and Environmental in 2024. The purpose of the study was to determine if a pool could be rebuilt at its current location or on one of two alternative sites.

The completed study shows a new municipal pool could be built on the alternative site on the north side of the Touchet River. On January 2, the WPRD board voted unanimously to pursue building the new pool on the alternative site.

"The district had concerns that we would not be able to rebuild in our current pool location, and spending more time on the north site has generated excitement among the district and Friends of the Waitsburg Pool," said Bart Baxter, chairman of the district.

Baxter said the location is close to downtown, accessible by Main Street sidewalks, has power and water, and is larger than the original site.

"The district is moving full steam ahead on obtaining specific cost estimates, images, and flood plain and FEMA paperwork, and we will have much more to show and share in 2025," said Baxter.

The city last operated the pool in 2019 before closing it and decommissioning the 100-year-old pool due to structural damage in 2022. An architectural assessment, paid for by the city, found the pool's structure, plumbing, and outbuildings had far exceeded their life expectancy and recommended replacement.

The newly formed Waitsburg Parks and Recreation District surveyed residents in 2022 and 2023 to identify their recreational priorities. The community identified a municipal pool as its top priority.

Since then, the WPRD has partnered with the Friends of the Waitsburg Pool, Rural Youth Enrichment Services (RYSE), the City of Waitsburg, the Waitsburg Commercial Club, the Walla Walla YMCA, and energetic volunteers to tackle this five-year project. The Friends of the Pool has raised more than \$90,000 towards building a new pool, including nearly \$20,000 from its Community Fundraising Concert and the donations from the Valley Giving Guide in December 2024.

The PBS assessment estimates the cost for a new pool to be between \$1.7 million and \$2.4 million. This does not include additional "hard infrastructure" costs, including a bath house, mechanical room, landscaping, and site improvements. There would also be costs for professional services, including surveying, architectural and engineering services, and permitting.

The current pool location and the alternative site on the south side of the river are both in the FEMA-identified flood plain, making it too costly to build a pool to code. Though the site on the north side of the river is also in the flood plain, PBS said it is possible to work through the FEMA procedure to make it a viable pool site.

The topography on the north side of the river is higher than the south side. Through initial topographical survey, certified flood plain determination, and hydraulic modeling of the Touchet River at the proposed north pool site, the professional team will make a better-informed recommendation on the site's viability.

Donations to the pool project can be made at the Rural Youth Enrichment Services website at ruralyses.org. Or by check written to Friends of the Pool/R.Y.E.S. and mailed to Rural Youth Enrichment Services, PO Box 371, Waitsburg, WA 99361. Questions, comments or volunteers can go to info@waitsburg-parks.org.

By Justin Jaech | THE TIMES

DAYTON – The Columbia Port Commissioners held their regular meeting at 5 p.m. on January 8, 2025, at the port's conference room. Commissioners Seth Bryan, Johnny Watts, Mike Spring, and Executive Director Jennie Dickinson were present.

The meeting began with public comment. Some concerns regarding the potential sale of the port's railroad included the loss of the railroad and the effects on grain transport if the Snake River dams were to be removed.

Seth Murdock spoke first, saying that with continued government ownership, he was concerned that the railroad could turn into a "grant bonanza" beyond just running the railroad. He did not want the railroad to be turned into "more trails and less rails." He said, "Keep the railroad by selling the railroad."

Resident Rebecca Gibson said that she thought the railroad operator said he might fix the rails so they could carry passengers, which she believed would be a positive for the community.

Chuck Belany said, "We need to keep the railroad in the best condition possible in case the dams do go away." He said he thought private ownership was the best way to do that.

Dave Harvey reminded commissioners that the port had received grant money several years ago to improve the line, and the operator declined the funds.

Kevin Rust said he favored keeping the railroad and hoped the commissioners had exhausted all means of making the railroad profitable or at least break even.

Mitch Payne said he thought the port should maintain ownership of the asset. He believed that would be in the best interest of the Ag community in the Columbia and Walla Walla Counties. He didn't think it was a good idea to sell the railroad to an outsider, especially one involved in transportation. He said shippers should own the line.

After the public comments were closed, the commissioners elected officers. Spring suggested that the chairmanship rotate and suggested Watts for the role. However, Bryan and Watts re-elected Bryan in a 2-1 vote.

The commissioners then handled administrative items, including updating board policies without discussion or debate.

Dickinson said she had not given up on getting state assistance to fund the pull-through RV sites at Lyon's Ferry despite the legislature's current budget problems.

Bryan suggested a special meeting to discuss the sale of the railroad and hear public comment. Spring requested the commissioners invite representatives from other railroad operators, the Grain Growers, Columbia County, Seneca, and others. He recommended a public forum-type meeting with a presentation and an opportunity for the public to ask questions and get responses from the Commissioners and experts.

Bryan said he wanted the meeting to be run as a regular Port Commissioners' meeting with only one agenda item so that the public had time to comment. However, the commissioners would not have to respond to questions.

Watts wanted a format that was more like a workshop. The commissioners decided to have a workshop with experts and stakeholders invited, but no public comment. The port would host a following meeting that would include public comment. January 29 and February 5 will be considered as dates for the workshop and meeting; however the dates were not finalized before adjournment.



NEWS BRIEFS

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AT THE LIBERTY: "Sonic the Hedgehog 3"

THE TIMES

DAYTON — Sonic the Hedgehog returns to the big screen in his most thrilling adventure yet. Sonic, Knuckles, and Tails reunite against a powerful new adversary, Shadow, a mysterious villain with powers unlike anything they have faced before. With their abilities unmatched in every way, Team Sonic must seek out an unlikely alliance in hopes of stopping Shadow and protecting the planet. The cast includes Jim Carrey, James Marsden, Krysten Ritter, Idris Elba, and Keanu Reeves.

"Sonic the Hedgehog 3" received an 88% favorable rating from the critics on Rotten Tomatoes, one saying there is a "double helping of Jim Carrey's antics and a quicksilver pace befitting its hero. "Sonic the Hedgehog 3" is the best entry in this amiable series yet." The audience agreed, giving this film a very positive 96% and commenting, "It is a fun movie all the way through." The movie is rated PG for action, some violence, rude humor, thematic elements, and mild language, and has a runtime of 109min.

"Sonic the Hedgehog 3" will play January 17 through 21. The theater's live production of "THE WITCH IN 204" will play on January 24 through 26. The month wraps up with the screening of "A Complete Unknown," about Bob Dylan's early career. The movie will play from January 31 through February 4.

The live performance of "The Witch in 204" weaves a tale of ageless romance and the magic of true love through the lives of those who have lived (55+), which is entertaining, hilarious, and refreshing. Tickets are on sale now at libertytheater.org, the theater box office, or by phone at (509) 382-1380.

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COALITION FOR YOUTH AND FAMILIES GOES LIVE WITH UPDATED WEBSITE

THE TIMES

DAYTON — The Coalition for Youth and Families has updated and gone live with its website. The welcoming site gives information about the organization, including its key values on health, education, safety, research and prevention science, and family.

The coalition uses the Community Prevention and Wellness Initiative (CPWI) model to increase access to public resources for the best possible outcomes in prevention. The website provides information on events and encourages membership and community involvement. Meetings of the Coalition for Youth and Families are on the second Tuesday of every month at the Port of Columbia's conference room.

For more information visit <https://daytoncoalitionforyouthandfamilies.org>.

OES NURSING SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

THE TIMES

WASHINGTON — The Washington State Order of the Eastern Star offers two nursing scholarships for those pursuing a career in the field of nursing. The Alexandra Schencking Memorial Nursing Scholarship and the Glenna Hall Memorial Scholarship are awarded exclusively for the assistance to cover the cost of tuition and books. The date to apply for both scholarships is May 1, 2025.

Applicants do not need Masonic affiliation. More information is at the Grand Chapter of Washington of the Eastern Star's website at <https://washington-oes.org>.



OBITUARY

Corey E. Carter March 4, 1969 – January 6, 2025

Corey E Carter, a Waitsburg resident, passed away Monday, January 6, 2025, at the Dayton General Hospital. He was 55. Corey was born March 4, 1969, in Richland, Washington, to Bill and Sharon Carter. He grew up in a loving home full of siblings in the Burbank and Prescott area. Later, they moved to Waitsburg, where Corey played basketball and football in high school. He graduated from Waitsburg High School in 1987. Corey had such a love of basketball that he participated in city games at various locations into his adult life.

Corey loved spending time outdoors. He enjoyed snowmobiling with his family around their cabin in the mountains at Tollgate. He and his wife loved riding motorcycles and 4-wheelers all around our valley and mountains. He also enjoyed boating and fishing at Lyons Ferry and surrounding areas.

More recently, Corey re-connected with his high school sweetheart, Ronda Bell, and has been living in Waitsburg for the last five years. He was a talented and dedicated ironworker and traveled the Pacific Northwest for his job, often staying in his camper trailer near his work sites. Corey and Ronda married on February 14, 2024. Corey has been sick for just over a year with the diagnosis of Pancreatic Cancer. His life was cut short by this devastating disease, but the life he lived was full and filled with love.

He is survived by his wife, Ronda Carter, at their Waitsburg home, stepdaughter Jessica Richter, Mississippi, and stepson Kyle Darby, Walla Walla. His children, Taylor Zuger and Jason Carter, and granddaughter, Emma Lou Zuger, live in Walla Walla. And by his siblings, Dennis Carter in Walla Walla, Billy Kromm of W. Richland, Charlotte Harshman in Waitsburg, and Carmen Hunter of Touchet, Washington. He was preceded in death by his parents.



Corey E. Carter

March 4, 1969 – January 6, 2025

A potluck-style celebration of Corey's life will be held on Saturday, January 25, at the Lyons Building in Waitsburg from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. We will supply all beverages and chicken. We all hope you are able to come help us celebrate Corey's life.

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Lady Cardinal lose two games, continue season improvement

By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — The Waitsburg High School Lady Cardinals basketball team lost 83-11 at Garfield-Palouse on Friday, January 10, and 64-27 to Colton on Saturday, January 12.

“The girls have played these teams twice now and their improvement from the beginning of the season to now was evident. The girls are starting to understand how to break a press, which is helping a lot,” said Coach Kira Waggoner.

At Garfield-Palouse, Alyssa Hollingsworth scored six points, Hannah Peralez and Olivia Kiefel scored two points each, and Kadance Tiner added one point.

On Kison Court against Colton, Hollingsworth scored 17 points and rebounded six. Kiefel scored four points and had three rebounds, and Peralez added four points, six rebounds, and four steals. Cheri Mathews contributed two points, Jessika added a point, and Tiner rebounded five.

The Lady Cardinals play at Oakesdale and Tekoa-Rosalia on January 17 and 18.



Olivia Kiefel makes a steal and leads the fast break against Colton on January 12.

Karen Huwe

Watching the Fires from Afar

By Vicki Sternfeld-Rossi | THE TIMES

I am heartbroken watching the fires burn in Los Angeles. I don't have one friend or family member who has not been affected, from those who have lost their homes to those who have been on edge from evacuation orders in place, which were rescinded and then ordered again. Some have evacuated, others have their cars packed and ready.

The house we owned is in a hole at the center of the fires, like the eye of a hurricane. The Palisades and Malibu fires are to the west, the Kenneth fire to the north, fires in the Hollywood Hills are south, and the Eaton Fire is east. The homes in our old neighborhood have been safe from destruction, though residents will have considerable ash and debris to clean up. For now, they have their homes and are safe.

My old neighbors have been there for their friends and family who have lost homes or had to evacuate. Los Angeles consists of close communities and car-



ing people who immediately step up to help others impacted by disasters.

I even read that various sports teams in Los Angeles have donated substantial amounts of money to assist residents recover from the fires. Go Lakers, Rams, Dodgers, and Kings!

My phone has been bouncing with texts between friends and family since the fires started. Everyone is staying in touch, letting us know how safe or unsafe they are and the status of their communities during this quickly changing situation. It's very strange to have this much contact yet unable to help.

Places shown on the news are where I've shopped, restaurants I've eaten in, streets I've cursed for their lack of parking or expensive parking meters (I apologize now), and museums I've spent hours in.

In 1994, Los Angeles suffered a devastating earthquake. I lived at the epicenter and was out of my house for three years due to the damage. I know what many of the victims of these fires are facing, and it will be gut-wrenching. However, as I discovered in 1994, many people will pitch in and provide safety, support, advice, and even some good meals.

I reminded my tennis friends that the air here is clear, the skies fluctuate from gray to blue, and a reminder: we are in wine country, and Daniel is a chef. I can't promise warm weather, but we have indoor tennis courts where they can hit balls to take out their frustrations.

BIRTHDAYS

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

January 17: Anna and Anthony Reese, Bret and Bethany Moser, Kimmie Hamann, Zane Johnson, Dan Beckley, John Janovich, Tyler Woodworth, Eric Rich, Sheena Henze, Jeff Schulke, Jim Davison, and Jon Jensen.

January 18: Kelley Fouste, Jason Thomas, Jennifer Low, and Rowena Farrens.

January 19: Bob Deal, Lynda Hogan, Debbie Rubio, David Webber, Reina Bruce, and Clint Reser.

January 20: Joan Leid, Wilma Johnson, Judy Jackson, Justin Hill, Jack and Jill Largent, Becky Pearson, Tricia White, Ryan Abbey, Kaitlynn Miller.



January 21: Paige Wood, Haily Larsen, Vicki Christensen, Tony Scott, Amanda James, Joe Gagnon, Bob Hillis, and Julio Mercado.

January 22: Betty Bruce, Tammie Huwe.

CARDINAL JV BASKETBALL BEATS COLTON

By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — Waitsburg High School boys' varsity basketball lost against Colton on Saturday, January 11, on Kison Court. The Cardinals had a 27-19 lead at halftime before Colton came out and outscored the Cards in the second half to win 54-50.

“This is one we should have had,” said Coach Westin Wallace. “We had a ten-point lead in the third quarter. Our passes got slow and telegraphed, and we missed a lot of layups,” he added.

With about two minutes left in the third quarter, Colton took the lead: 34-33. The Cardinals had a chance to tie the game in the last minute and a half in the fourth when they were down 51-48, but the shots did not fall for the home team.

JJ Gleason led the team with 16 points, three assists, and two rebounds. Logan Seal added 12 points on four baskets, and Blake Benevides scored eight points, rebounded five, and had two assists and a steal. Jack Karl added two points, nine rebounds, and a steal. Teegan Kenney had a shot block, six rebounds, and six points. Landen Henry scored five, rebounded two, and had one assist. Rollin Carpenter pulled down three rebounds, and Issac Mahre contributed two rebounds.

Waitsburg junior varsity (JV) team beat Colton 46-31.

Liam Kiefel scored 12 points and rebounded five. Trace Nesje had a great first quarter, scoring eight points and ending the game with eight rebounds. Carter Barron scored eight points, Bryer Paul (7 rebounds) and Tyler Coulston scored seven each, and Alex Zuniga came off the bench to score four points and rebound thirteen.

At Garfield-Palouse (G-P) on Friday, January 10, the Cardinal boys' varsity team improved over their first time playing G-P. Coach Wallace said his team started pushing the ball and improving on defense.

Waitsburg lost 65-27 to the best team in the league. Offensive highlights are Seal with 13 points and Benevides with eight.

The JV team lost 42-20 against G-P. Paul led the Cardinals with seven points. Zuniga had five points, Jake Lynch had four, and Kiefel and Carter scored two points each.

The Cardinals play at Oakesdale on Friday, January 17, and at Tekoa-Rosalia on Saturday, January 18.



(above) Tyler Coulston on defense against G-P (below) Jack Karl (21) gets a steal against G-P; (l-r) Cardinals Kenney, Seal, Benevides

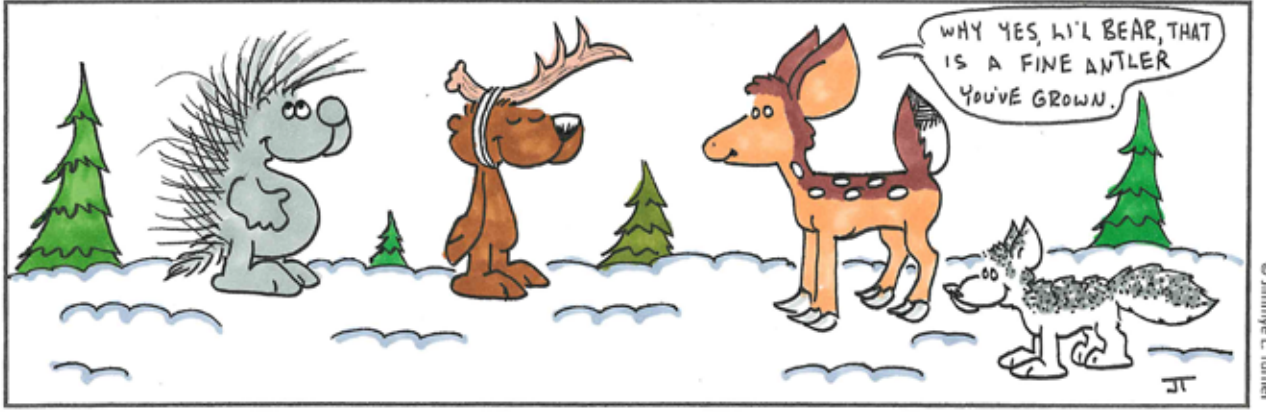
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MARSHALL NECHODOM NAMED TO SNHU PRESIDENT'S LIST

MANCHESTER, NH — Marshall Nechodom, a paraeducator for the Waitsburg School District, has been named to the Fall 2024 President's List at Southern New Hampshire University. As a full-time undergraduate student, Nechodom had to earn a minimum grade-point average of 3.7 and above to earn his place on the President's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer. The Southern New Hampshire University is a private, nonprofit, accredited institution recognized as one of the "Most Innovative" regional universities by the U.S News & World Report.

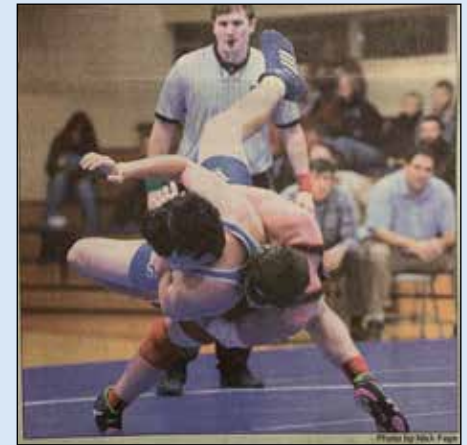
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PIONEER PORTRAITS

Ten Years Ago January 15, 2015



[Photo caption] WP wrestler Tyler Brooks performs a take-down on Wa-Hi's Isaac Melton during a home match against Wa-Hi and Columbia-Burbank on Monday night. Brooks won his only match of the night in a 7-4 decision in the 170-pound division. A highlight of the evening included a first-ever win by WP grappler Dejay Lalka who's win had the coaches and crowd in tears. Lalka won by a 11-7 decision in his second match against Walla Walla High junior varsity wrestler Cameron Bennett.

Twenty-Five Years Ago January 13, 2000

The recently resurrected Waitsburg Booster Club is starting small but dreaming big. Lofty goals include a permanent structure housing an announcer's booth/press box at the local football field. The group recently supplied the school district with a Cardinal-head stamp to imprint the mascot in red ink on the hands of those paying admission to basketball games. Interim president Ross Hamann, a 1980 graduate of Waitsburg High School, envisions the Booster Club doing more than holding bake sales and buying sports equipment. He sees the group promoting Waitsburg Schools not only with financial backing and community support, but also by conveying the message about the quality of life in Waitsburg and its excellent school as a means of attracting more families to town.

Fifty Years Ago January 16, 1975

Waitsburg Lions inducted five new members last Tuesday night: Scott Branson, Ken Cole, Alan Jackson, Ken Miller and Dean Shea. A Treasurer's report showed that the club has a balance of \$2,189.34 in funds to be expended on community projects and club expenses. Lee Mantz, Jr., brought up the possibility of a club uniform with matching shirts and bib overalls. It will be discussed at a later meeting. The Waitsburg Club has 12 rooms reserved for the convention in Penticton, B.C. Zone Chairman Jack McCaw is exploring the possibility of a chartered bus for transportation.

Seventy-Five Years Ago January 20, 1950

Mother's Club is holding a "Winter Wonderland" dance Saturday, January 21 in the grade school auditorium. The committee includes the W. H. Archers, J. W. McConnells, Homer Reeds, Leland Kesslers, W. Y. Johnson, J. O. Nettles, Percy Huwes and the Vernon Schmalenbergs. Sleet was falling Thursday morning with temperatures between 15 and 20 degrees. Drive Carefully! Nine girls of the 4-H Cooking Club met at the home of their leader, Mrs. Charlotte Danielson on Saturday, January 14. They cooked cereal, apple sauce and made cinnamon toast for the club members and three guests.

One Hundred Years Ago January 23, 1925

Joe Mitchell this week purchased his partner's half-interest in the barber shop of Mitchell and Rice, known as the O.K. Baths. Joe thus becomes the sole proprietor. Will Wardrip and family returned home Thursday of last week from Olympia where they have been for several weeks. Will says there is considerable building activity at the state capital just now and that business is reported very fair in that section. Fourteen members of the Priscilla Club met Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. G. W. Freeman. The hours were spent in needlework.

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago January 26, 1900

A number of Academy scholars made a raid upon the bachelor quarters of Gaston Wilson and George Latt one night last week in the form of a surprise party. The evening was spent very pleasantly with a taffy pull. George A. Williams of McMinnville, Oregon opened up a boot-black stand in Stewart's barber shop this week where you can get a first class shine for only ten cents. M. Zuger sold his wheat he shipped to Portland last fall for storage, to the PCE Co. last week. We could not learn the price received.

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Apples
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Celery & Carrots
Oranges



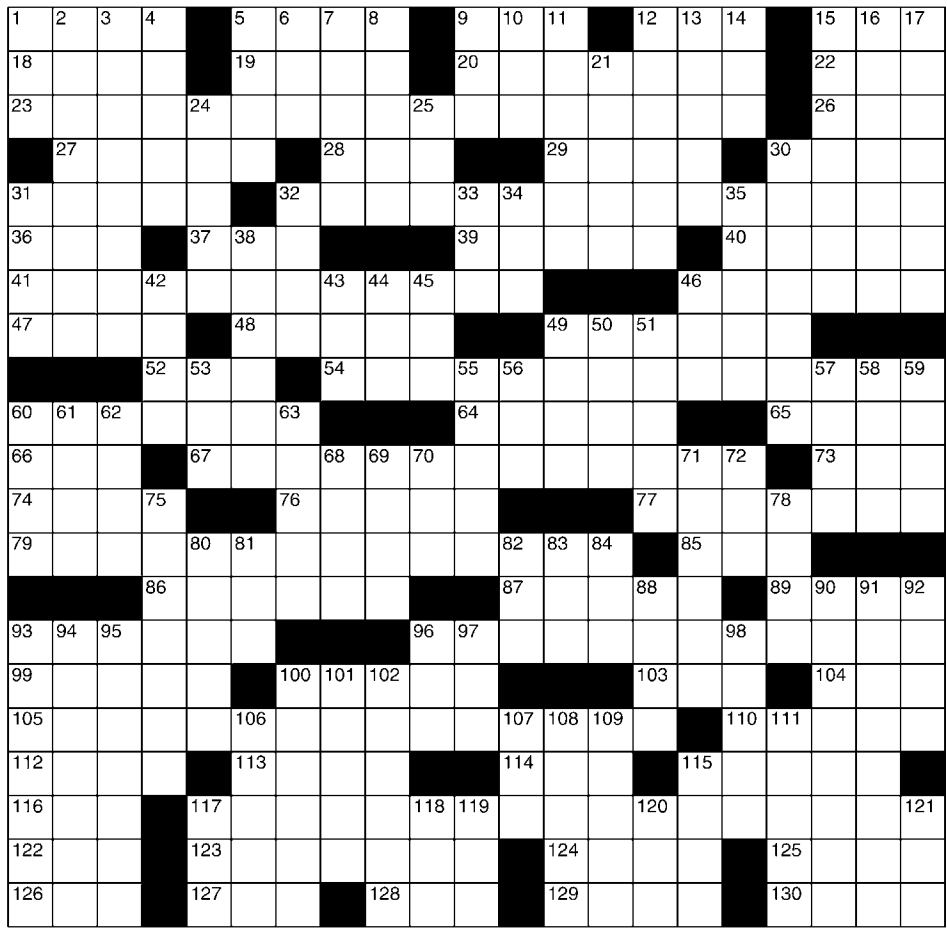
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PUZZLES & LIFESTYLES

Super Crossword

TURNABOUT

- ACROSS**
- 1 Cries noisily
 - 5 Stuff in steel
 - 9 Horse cousin
 - 12 Often-smoked food
 - 15 U.K. neighbor
 - 18 "As above," in citations
 - 19 Extremely deep sleep
 - 20 Pavarotti of opera
 - 22 U.S. neighbor
 - 23 Make every effort to be obliging
 - 26 Vivacity
 - 27 Mosaic work
 - 28 — -TURN (road sign)
 - 29 — Mason (asset management firm)
 - 30 BLT offerer
 - 31 To any extent
 - 32 Revolution of Triton with respect to Neptune
 - 36 Author Anaïs
 - 37 Twosome
 - 39 Not tidy
 - 40 Two-pip card
 - 41 Pressing it moves a cursor to the previous character
 - 46 Shorelines
 - 47 Off the shore
 - 48 Justice Sotomayor
 - 49 Program using ".doc" files, for short
 - 52 Mu — pork
 - 54 Horace Greeley's advice for American expansion
 - 60 Huge aid
 - 64 In base eight
 - 65 She's a star aria singer
 - 66 Palme — (Cannes film award)
 - 67 Bus driver's order
 - 73 Ship like Capt. Nemo's
 - 74 To — (exactly)
 - 76 Marisa with an Oscar
 - 77 Cadences
 - 79 Irritate
 - 85 Suffix with hell
 - 86 More pasty
 - 87 Horse opera
 - 89 Arthur of tennis
 - 93 Singers Idol and Ocean
 - 96 Sticker message on a rented VCR tape
 - 99 At full speed, old-style
 - 100 A deadly sin
 - 103 "Patience — virtue"
 - 104 Pro vote
 - 105 Do a 180, say
 - 110 Rapper with the album "Press Play"
 - 112 Old Italian stage actress Eleonora
 - 113 1953 Leslie Caron film
 - 114 "— always say ..."
 - 115 Jeopardy award
 - 116 "— my fault"
 - 117 Parent's mind game with a child (or what you have to use to solve this puzzle?)
 - 122 Even score
 - 123 Guys rowing
 - 124 Smartphone downloads
 - 125 Suffix with well
 - 126 States, informally
 - 128 Beltway VIP
 - 129 Watery castle protector
 - 130 Once, in olden days
 - DOWN
 - 1 Bro's kin
 - 2 Strange things
 - 3 Former Fed head Ben
 - 4 Little
 - 5 "Ugh"-worthy
 - 6 Bird of myth
 - 7 Muscat resident
 - 8 Honcho
 - 9 Lager cousin
 - 10 Nissan Rogue, e.g.
 - 11 Bawls out
 - 12 Irritable from being ravenous, slangily
 - 13 Lay — (really fail)
 - 14 Wild crowd
 - 15 Stimulus
 - 16 Vote in for a another term
 - 17 Lapses
 - 21 Notions
 - 24 Ralph — Emerson
 - 25 1921 Karel Capek play
 - 30 Feared a lot
 - 31 Author Seton
 - 32 Bull in a ring
 - 33 Cockney's residence
 - 34 Often-smoked food
 - 35 Stenches
 - 38 Actress
 - 42 Do laundry
 - 43 Jillian of TV
 - 44 Spanish aunt
 - 45 Relatives, informally
 - 46 Light bed
 - 49 Mixed breed
 - 50 Zest or Ivory
 - 51 "Ben-Hur" director
 - 53 The woman
 - 55 "Understood"
 - 56 S.Sgt., e.g.
 - 57 Yearn (for)
 - 58 Female cell
 - 59 Talks idly
 - 60 Yrly. gift-giving time
 - 61 Greek "I"
 - 62 Heightened
 - 63 — dish (bio lab item)
 - 68 T. — Price
 - 69 The "E" of EMT: Abbr.
 - 70 Snide
 - 71 Snicker
 - 72 Method: Abbr.
 - 75 "Liberté, —, fraternité" (France's motto)
 - 78 Bangkok citizen
 - 80 "Bye Bye Bye" band
 - 81 Exclamations of surprise
 - 82 "Sk8er —" (2002 hit)
 - 83 Assembly line labor org.
 - 84 Tpk., e.g.
 - 88 Actor Idle
 - 90 Parachute user
 - 91 Unmindful
 - 92 Online bidding site
 - 93 Roving robbers
 - 94 "Gotta go"
 - 95 — faire
 - 96 '50s prez
 - 97 Not pos.
 - 98 "Raider" Ralph
 - 100 Previous convictions
 - 101 Little brooks
 - 102 Tough-to-translate phrases
 - 106 Composer Edward
 - 107 Opposite of 104-Across
 - 108 Tea-growing Indian state
 - 109 River giant, for short
 - 111 Dunne of film
 - 115 Covert "Hey!"
 - 117 — Kippur War
 - 118 Half of a bray
 - 119 Wolf Blitzer's channel
 - 120 Clean air gp.
 - 121 Q-U linkup



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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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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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MY RECIPES

Brianna Wray

Plum-Apple Cobbler



All sorts of stories aim to explain how this dessert got its name, but we have not come to any consensus (according to Wikipedia, anyway). I've heard the pastries were invented by a shoemaker's wife who stared down the cobblestone lane waiting for her sweet to return. She put together a smattering of sweet and tart fruits for her husband, the cobbler, to gobble.

Similar desserts have been and are still called by various names such as tart, pie, etc., with only subtle differences between them. There are people in the south who will argue all day about acceptable crust composition, whether it be attached for floating, etc. Me? I'd rather eat it than define it. Is a rose not a rose by any other name? I think we can agree that cobblers are an American deep-dish fruit dessert with a thick crust. The rest is up to you.

INGREDIENTS:

- 12 red plums
- 1 pizzazz apple, grated
- 3/4 cup white flour
- 1 cup white sugar
- 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 1 1/2 tsp baking powder
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 beaten egg
- 1 cup melted butter, divided
- 1 sleeve graham crackers, pulverized
- 1 tsp pure vanilla extract
- 1 tsp vanilla bean paste

DIRECTIONS:

Preheat oven to 350°

Combine 1/2 cup of the melted butter and 1/4 cup of the white sugar with graham crackers and press into an ungreased 8x8 baking dish. Bake for 10 min, then allow to cool before filling.

On the stove, cook plums and grated apple until skins fall off and all water is cooked out of the fruit. Add white sugar to taste. Add vanilla extract and vanilla bean paste. Once cooled, spoon compote over graham cracker crust.

Mix the remaining sugars, flour, baking powder, and salt. Then combine this dry mixture with the egg—spoon mixture over plums. Drizzle with remaining butter.

Bake for 40 minutes or until the crumble crust on top is brown.

Serve with whipped cream or vanilla ice cream.

NOTES:

The fruits can easily be substituted by season and preference. Combinations I've tried are apricot-pear and peach-mango.

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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 waitsburg-cc@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, and community members are welcome.

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

Waitsburg Resource Center Community Food Bank
106 1/2 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

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

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

The Coalition for Youth and Families
Second Tuesday of the month @ noon @ The Port of Columbia - 1 Port Way, Dayton, Wash.

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

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WAITSBURG



Bar Bacetto is back on Feb. 5, 2025
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