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A row of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) at the Waitsburg fire station. The safety of the volunteers depend on the effectiveness of their gear. The future of local volunteer fire services needs adequate funding and support by the community. CWWFD#2, and rural fire departments across the country, fight rising costs to update and maintain infrastructure.

THIS WEEK



Ronnie Mings



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CWWFD#2 ask community for "Lid Lift" on fire levy

The fire district invites the public to The Plaza on July 17 for a discussion and Q&A on the August 1 ballot proposition.

By Lane Gwinn | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—Tuesday afternoon, Waitsburg residents saw a familiar sight at harvest—three wildland engines and a tender heading towards a fire, with sirens blaring. The trucks left in quick succession from the Columbia Walla Walla Fire District #2 (CWWFD2) fire station, carrying eight volunteers who turned out for the call.

The call was for a standing wheat field fire on the west side of Lower Waitsburg Road in Fire District #7. The Waitsburg crew joined fire districts #7, 9, 4, City of Walla Walla, and College Place person-

The fire threatened structures, including Kristen Darrow's home, who described her experience in a letter to the editor on page 2. The firefighters were able to get the blaze under control in under three hours, returning safely to the station by 5 p.m.

These types of calls are a big part of the work volunteer firefighters provide to our community and adjacent districts.

The plume of smoke seen west of town was a reminder that it is up to taxpayers to do their part in supporting the CW-WFD2 volunteers and their families.

Walla Walla County voters who live in the Columbia Walla Walla Fire District #2 service area will vote on a lid lift to its regular fire levy. The district, based in Waitsburg, provides EMS and fire service to residents in portions of Columbia and Walla Walla Counties. There are four regular levies that fund the district, two in each county, one for EMS, and one for fire

The district collects around \$240,000 from the combined levies annually. The total dollar amount collected from the levies can only be increased by 1% an-



A Walla Walla County resident watched the firefighters from local fire districts protect her home from a wheat field fire on July 11.

nually on assessed value, excluding new construction. As the assessed property values rise, the levy rates are reduced to keep any increase to the dollar amount collected limited to 1%.

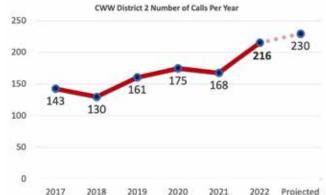
The CWWFD #2 is asking Walla Walla County voters to approve a "lid lift" to raise the levy rate in that county from \$ 0.47 to \$1.00 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The one-dollar rate would become the basis for subsequent years.

According to CWWFD #2 Commissioner Matt Spring, the annual 1% increases have not been enough to keep up with inflation. Costs to effectively run the fire district, including maintaining and purchasing equipment, attracting and training volunteers, and handling increased call volume, have risen signifi-

The CWWFD#2 board and volunteers are hosting a public meeting at The Plaza in Waitsburg on July 17 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss and answer questions about the "lid lift" and the need for increased funding to keep the fire services up to date and effective. The ballots, including the levy proposition, were mailed out by the county on July 12 and must be mailed or dropped off by 8 p.m. on election day, August 1, 2023

> FIRE LEVY LID LIFT **PRESENTATION AND Q&A** 6:30 P.M., JULY 17 **PLAZA THEATER WAITSBURG**

(left) The call response for the fire district continues to grow, outpacing funding increases.



NEWS BRIEFS

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AT THE LIBERTY:

"Asteroid City"

THE TIMES

DAYTON—"Asteroid City" is a poetic meditation on the meaning of life. It tells the story of a fictional American desert town circa 1955 and its Junior Stargazer convention, which brings together students and parents from across the country for scholarly competition, rest/recreation, comedy, drama, romance, and more. It has a cast of very well-known stars including Tom Hanks, Scarlet Johansson, Bryan Cranston, Matt Dillon, Steve Carrell, and many

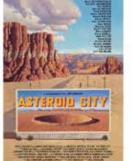
This movie has received some mixed ratings. The IMDb website rates this movie as 7.1 out of 10, and Rotten Tomatoes critics gave this a 73% favorable rating, but 62% of the audience on that website liked it. It is rated PG-13 for brief graphic nudity, some suggestive material, and smoking. The IMDb parent's guide has identified this movie as moderate for sex and nudity (including brief full frontal female nudity), and mild for all other rated categories. It has a runtime of 105 minutes.

We will continue to run closed-captioning on Sundays and Tuesdays. Our free kids' movies continue for several more weeks on Tuesdays and Fridays. Please see the Liberty Theater website for details and the schedule for upcoming movies. A special discounted price of \$2 for a small drink and small popcorn is available.

The balcony remains closed because we are waiting for handrails to be constructed. We hope to reopen the balcony as soon as possible; probably in late July. Thank you for your patience.



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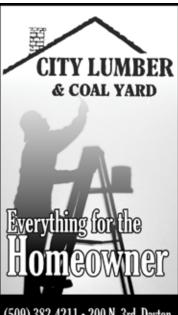


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CCHS RECOGNIZED FOR PALLIATIVE CARE PROGRAM

THE TIMES

DAYTON—The Columbia County Health System (CCHS) and Ocean Beach Hospital & Medical Clinics were awarded the Rural Quality Everyday Extraordinary Award from the Washington State Hospital Association (WSHA). The association recognized the hospitals at its Rural Hospital Leadership Conference on June 28 in Chelan, Wash.

Columbia County Health System was chosen for its innovative approach to improving patient care through its Palliative Care Program. Program leaders set goals and succeeded in reducing emergency room visits and facilitating care goals, including end-of-life planning and spiritual care. Patients and their families have praised the program.

"Both award recipients demonstrated a proactive approach to meet the needs of their patients," said Darcy Jaffe, WSHA senior vice president for safety and quality. "They recognized challenges in their communities and created programs that reached outside the walls of the hospital to improve the health of their patients."

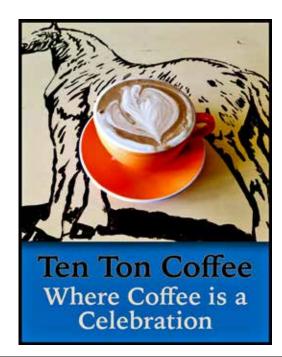
"This team is dedicated to providing holistic care to the whole person and their family dealing with the stressors of advancing disease states. Palliative Care's goal is to assist patients with symptoms, medications, and coordination with Primary Care, hospitals, and Specialty Care," said program director Dawn Meicher, ARNP. "Our RNs, Community Health Worker, Home Care Aid, and Physical therapist all work together and coordinate care with the goal to keep folks living independently, seek other living situations, or provide a seamless transition to end-of-life care when appropriate."

JULY IS PARKS & RECREATION MONTH AT CCRLD

THE TIMES

DAYTON-July is Parks and Recreation Month at the Dayton Rural Library. The staff invites you to check out a state park pass, hiking or birdwatching kits, or other library resources to enjoy our region's many natural wonders.

Let the library staff help you find books and activities to expand your appreciation of the Palouse, Blue Mountains, and Washington State Parks.





SAVED BY THE CAVALRY FIREFIGHTERS FROM THREE **COUNTIES**

LETTERS

To the Editor

As we stood in the front yard looking at a fleet of fire trucks and water trucks from three counties this afternoon, I was filled with deep gratitude and admiration for the crews that showed up to stamp out the wheat fire that had, just minutes before, come within 50 yards of my house. Jake Adams - Captain of the volunteer Columbia Walla Walla Fire District #2 stationed in Waitsburg, was first on the scene, along with my neighbor farmer and friend, Bill Fra-

The wheat fire that started by my house this afternoon looked small as I drove by it on my way home from Walla Walla. I texted my neighbor, Bill Frazier, to be sure he knew about the fire. He called me right back, and we chatted briefly about it. The fire seemed adjacent to our properties but closer to Hart Road than our backyards. I failed to factor in the strong southwesterly wind this afternoon.

After Bill drove to check things out, he returned a few minutes later, banging urgently on my front

"It's right on your doorstep. Do you have any sprinklers?" I was shocked to see how close the fire had moved as smoke poured down the hill behind my house. I turned on all the sprinklers I could find, wishing I had more and was better prepared (notes to self were taken).

When Jake Adams arrived, he watched the fire from the back property line as it came rolling down the hill, eating the wheat as it roared toward Bill's machine shed and my house. After tracking the fire, wind direction, and speed, Jake said, "Take your animals and get out of here." A sentence that seemed more from a movie than my actual life.

I ran inside and alternated between frantically loading bags full of clothes, shoes, musical instruments, laptops, and important papers; and running outside to see what was happening. How powerless it felt at that moment. Gus, my yellow Labrador, kept following me inside and out. Molly, my black Labrador, was on her bed in the living room, confident we would figure it all out. I was not.

Joining Bill on the property line, having gathered the dogs and important stuff, the smoke was so thick it looked like a thunderstorm was passing over. Bill said he wished he could plow a fire break, but his tractor was harvesting other fields. We both stood silent for a minute, watching the distance close between the fire and our property lines. Suddenly, as if from a movie, a tractor came barreling over the hill through the smoke faster than I have ever seen a tractor move. It fishtailed around the curves, cutting a fire break in the wheat a few yards from where we stood. Cavalry! Howard Smith Jr. and/or his crew sure can drive a mean tractor. The tractor disappeared into the smoke, emerging on the other side, cutting a widening fire break between the burning field and my house. It then circled Bill's machine shed. Seriously. Amazing.

I noticed that my driveway had filled with fire and water trucks. Second cavalry! Crews came from everywhere-Waitsburg, Prescott, Walla Walla, College Place, Columbia County, and even Franklin County. There could have been other crews, but those stand in my memory.

There were close to twenty firefighters who answered the call. Focused and professional. They got the fire under control within the hour. At one point, I looked towards the hilltop across Lower Waitsburg Road to see a fire truck standing vigil, surveying the scene. Calm competence was evident at every turn from everyone I observed.

I don't know how many acres burned. Lots of dust still to settle. Chuck and I were thinking of grilling this evening. Instead, we are heading out for a beer. We left the sprinklers running.

Kristen Darrow

Waitsbiurg, Wash.

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OBITUARY

Ronnie Mings

August 15, 1941 – June 24, 2023

onnie Mings was born on August 15, 1941. He was the son of Henry and Ruth Mings. Ronnie passed away peacefully and very well cared for at Park Manor in Walla Walla, Washington, on June 24, 2023. Ronnie attended and completed school in Dayton, Washington. After completing high school, Ronnie was off to serve in the United States Army. Ronnie married the love of his life, Ruth Angell, on July 25, 1964. Ronnie and Ruth went on to have two children. Ronnie worked construction around the area and owned his company, QC Construction.

Ronnie loved life; he had lots of interests and a love for the outdoors. He was an avid sturgeon fisherman. He loved to go to Elk camp every year with his son-in-law and the younger guys. Ronnie spent many weekends and evenings following his August 15, 1941 – June 24, granddaughters', nieces', and nephews' sports and 2023 activities.



Ronnie Mings

He is survived by his daughter, Rita Brown, and her husband, John, of Waitsburg; his son Rod Mings and wife, Lorie, of Goodyear, Arizona; five grandchildren Felicia Brown of Walla Walla, Rebecca Brown of Waitsburg, Lexus Benson of Waitsburg, Tristan Mings of Goodyear Arizona, Miranda Mings of Goodyear Arizona, five great-grandsons, and his brother Ray Dean Mings of Prescott.

Ronnie was preceded in death by the love of his life Ruth Mings; his parents, Ruth and Henry Mings; his brothers, Cecil, Glen, and Melvin Mings; and his sister Janet Pomrov.

We will have a Celebration of Life on August 19, 2023, at 2:00 PM at Bryan's Landing at the Little Goose Dam.

FOODSTOCK IS BACK AT BMS ON JULY 15

DAYTON—Blue Mountain Station is hosting Foodstock 2023 on Saturday, July 15, from 11 a.m.

This year's event features a variety of internationally influenced foods, including Mexican, Italian, American, and Asian—sample different tastes from food trucks and Blue Mountain Sta-

There will also be a selection of wines, cider, and premium liqueurs to enjoy on the day and to take home for later.

Talented musicians will provide entertainment throughout the day. Other activities include bead stringing, making tie-dye shirts, yard



Fun at last year's event

games, and shopping from various arts and crafts vendors. The idea for Foodstock came from Regina Weldert, owner of Reys Roast, who suggested holding an event on the 45th anniversary of the iconic music festival Woodstock. The other BMS vendors were excited to pair food and music, which became an annual event. Since its start in 2014, the event has moved to the third Saturday of July to coincide with Dayton's Alumni Weekend.

This is a family-friendly event that is free to the public.

mes Trave



Randy and Antoinette Charles brought The Times on a Scottish adventure.

Lunches

504 Main Street

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

Tuesday, July 18 Lasagna

Vegetable (Chef's Choice) Coleslaw Garlic Bread Fruit



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Free summer meal program for any child 18 and under at Waitsburg Elementary School. June 19 – July 28 (Closed July 4 & 5) Breakfast will be served from 8:30 -9:30am and lunch 11:30 – 12:30 M_F



TERRITORIAL PRISON ESCAPE GAME IS RETURNING JULY 15 &16 TO FT WW.

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—Time to test your pre-CSI-era fugitive hunting skills at Fort Walla Walla on July 15 and 16. Join the search for the escaped criminal Orvy Whipstitch Horvath, known to keep company with lowlifes and horse thieves. He escaped from Walla Walla's territorial prison and took an escape route through Fort Walla Walla, leaving behind careless clues.

Over this two-day family-friendly event, visitors are invited to form search teams and help track down this desperado. Successful teams will be rewarded with prizes from the muse-

The game is an interactive puzzle, where clues throughout the museum include a wanted poster that might lead to a newspaper clipping detailing Horvath's escape, which might lead to the horse he stole, and onward. Participants will need their wits and observation skills to trace the fugitive's trail through the grounds to discover the criminal in his hiding spot.

This is a weekend-long event; searchers can join anytime from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

On Sunday, July 16, at 2 p.m., the



museum will present Living History: Lettice Millican Clark Reynolds, pioneer settler and community leader.

Lettice Millican, portrayed by Pam Myers, was born in 1830, the oldest of 12 children. In 1843, her family headed west with a wagon train carrying 1,000 settlers. After her family settled in the Willamette Valley, she married Ransom Clark, who, in 1855, obtained a 640-acre donation claim along Yellowhawk Creek. Lettice and her husband came to Walla Walla to "prove up" their claim in 1855 but were driven out by the Indian War of that year. Ransom Clark died in Portland in 1859, and Lettice returned to Walla Walla the same year to complete their cabin, which is now located in the Museum's Pioneer Village. She was the first white woman to reside in the Walla Walla Valley after the Whitman tragedy, later marrying mill owner Almos Reynolds and becoming a public benefactor who made substantial gifts to Whitman College

Wine of the Week

Dowsett Family 2018 Celilo Vineyard Gewurztraminer

By Paul Gregutt | THE TIMES



Chris Dowsett's winemaking resumé would occupy this entire page. Suffice it to say that the family brand is his most personal, and this often-overlooked grape his particular passion. This is a dry, full-bodied wine sourced from an old vine site in the Columbia Gorge. Such richness as you'll find here is exceptional, and this is supported by tangy citrus and underlying wet stone minerality, while keeping the aggressive perfume character of Gewurz in check. A substantial, evocative wine, this all but begs for experimentation with food -black cod or halibut would be a good start. Produced right here in Walla Walla, it should be easily found locally. 14.2%; \$30 (Columbia Gorge) 94/100.

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SPORTS & NEWS

NW TEAMS HAVE A STELLAR HOCKEY SEASON, WITH MORE TO COME

By Paul Ocker | THE TIMES

July may seem an odd time to talk about the hardest-hitting and most fun-to-watch sport, which requires great skill to speed around (both forward and backward) to make stunning plays—all on ice. Now that the NHL and AHL playoffs have wrapped up and the NHL draft was just concluded, why not talk about hockey?

Reflecting on the great things that happened in our area's hockey programs this year, I have high hopes for next year, starting in September. What was so great? Ohhh, let me count the ways.

National Hockey League

In the Seattle Kraken's second year of existence, with 46 wins, 28 losses, and eight overtime losses, the team finished fourth in its division and made the playoffs for the first time. In the first round, they beat the defending NHL champion, the Colorado Avalanche, but lost to the Dallas Stars in the second

Kraken center Matty Beniers won the 2023 Calder Memorial Trophy, the NHL's Rookie of the Year award. During the off-season, the team released former Tri-City American Morgan Geekie and picked up current Tri-City American defenseman Lukas Dragicevic in the second draft round.

The Kraken will host the 2024 Discover NHL Winter Classic, the first outdoor game of the season, at T-Mobile Park (Mariner's stadium) on New Year's Day against the Vegas Golden Knights. The Seattle team will become the 29th NHL team to participate in a regular-season outdoor game and the first Pacific Division team to host the Winter Classic.

East Coast Hockey League

The ECHL is a mid-level professional ice hockey league based in New Jersey, with teams across the United States and Canada. Yes, the Northwest is represented in the ECHl; by the Idaho Steelheads in Boise. The Steelheads had a phenomenal year with the best record of all 28 teams, including 58 wins, 11 losses, and three overtime losses. They also went deep into the playoffs beating the Utah Grizzlies, Allen Americans, and Toledo Walleye. Eventually, losing, believe it or not, to the Florida Everblades. At least it was not the Orlando Solar Bears.

Western Hockey League

Nearly all our local WHL teams had good to great years, and most went to the playoffs this year. The Western Hockey League is a major junior hockey league based in Western Canada and the Northwestern United States. Seattle Thunderbirds won the WHL Championship, earning a berth in the 2023 Memorial Cup. They advanced to the final but ultimately lost to the Quebec Remparts in the continent-wide major junior hockey tournament). As a result of their success, six players were drafted into

the NHL, more than all of the other U.S. teams combined.

While Portland and Everett had solid years, Spokane struggled mightily, winning only 15 of 68 games.

In a surprise move, the Winnipeg Ice pulled up stakes from central Canada and relocated to Wenatchee, Washington. The team will start next season as the Wenatchee Wild. The move brings the U.S. Division up to six teams. The stadium can seat 4,300 people per game, so hopefully, the team can draw the crowds needed to make it financially secure and allow it to stay.

Our local team, the Tri-City Americans, finished third in the WHL U.S. division, a significant improvement over the previous three seasons when it finished last. The team had one player drafted into the NHL. Parker Bell, a twenty-year-old NHL draft pick, will return for his final WHL season. A sports commentator recently picked 16-year-old Jordan Gavin as a top NHL draft pick in two years. The Americans have a bright future.

So, things are looking up for hockey in our area. With the increased number of teams, lots of successes last season, and player improvement, this is some of the best live entertainment you will find in the middle of winter. While there is often a pre-season tournament in September, the first regular season home game for the Tri-City Americans is October 7. Join the fun this season for home games at The Toyota Center in Kennewick; you won't be disappointed.

LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE SUPERIOR **COURT OF THE STATE OF** WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA In the Matter of the Estate of Janet G. Hughes Deceased NO. 23 4 00140 36 PROBATE NOTICE TO **CREDITORS** RCW 11.40.030 The Personal Representative named below has been appointed as Personal Representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the Personal Representative or the Personal Representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the Personal Representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(3); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of this notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both decedent's probate and non-probate assets. DATE OF FIRST PUBLICA-TION: June 29, 2023. Patricia F. Hughes, Personal Representative Daniel J. Roach, WSBA #14633 Roach Law Firm Attorney for Personal Representative 126 F Alder Street Walla Walla, WA 99362 509-522-6800 The Times June 29, July 6, 13, 2023

In the Superior Court of the State of Washington for the **County of Walla Walla**

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No 22-3-00073-36 Aaron Z. Fowler Plaintiff, Samantha Fowler, Defendant. The State of Washington to Aaron Z. Fowler: You are hereby summoned to appear on (Sept 21, 2023, Oct 03-04) at (9:30 am) for a Non-Jury pre-trial and trial. Please take note that this case is now at issue and the Clerk is requested to note it on the trial docket to be brought on for trial at the time set by the Court. This case is ready to be set for trial. The undersigned certifies this case to be at issue in that all pleadings are on file and no affirmative pleadings are unanswered. Samantha Fowler, Respondent. 1021 St John St, Walla Walla, WA 99362 The Times June 8, 15, 22, 29, July 6, 13,

IN THE SUPERIOR **COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON**

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF COLUMBIA No. 23-4-00020-7 NOTICE TO CREDITORS In the Matter of the Estate of TERRY M. JACOY. Deceased. The Administrator named below has been appointed as Administrator of this Estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the Administrator or the Administrator s attorney at the address stated above. a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the Clerk of the Court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the Administrator served or mailed the notice to creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020 (1) (c): or (2) Four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and RCW 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets. DATE OF FILING OF NOTICE TO CREDITORS: June 21, 2023. DATE OF FIRST PUBLICA-TION: June 29, 2023. /s/ Ryan Jacoy, Administrator Address for mailing or service:

Kimberly R. Boggs, Attorney for the Personal Representative **BOGGS ORTUNO PLLC** PO Box 7 | 338 E. Main Street, Dayton, WA 99328 The Times

June 29, July 6, 13, 2023 6-29-b

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to RCW 28A.505.050 and RCW 28A.505.060, that the Board of Directors of Waitsburg School District No. 401-100, Walla Walla County, Washington will meet for the purpose of fixing and adopting the proposed 2023-2024 Budget, the four-year budget plan summary and the four-year enrollment projection at a special meeting on July 31, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the Waitsburg Elementary School Library in the Waitsburg School District. All District residents are invited to attend the meeting and be heard for or against any part of the budget, the four-year budget plan, or any proposed changes to uses of enrichment funding under RCW 28A.505.240. Copies of the Budget will be available at the hearing or can be obtained after that date at the district BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS **David Woods** Secretary to the Board The Times

July 13, 20, 27, 2023

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA NO: 23-4-00147-36 PROBATE NOTICE TO **CREDITORS** RCW 11.40.030 In re the Estate of: ALVIN G. HARDING, Deceased. The personal representative named below has been appointed as personal representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the personal representative or the personal representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the Court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) thirty days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and RCW 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets DATE OF FIRST PUBLICA-TION: July 13, 2023. Lori Schmerer

Personal Representative Attorney for Personal Representative: Jeremy Hyndman, WSBA #44320 Basalt Legal PLLC 61/2 North Second Ave., Suite Walla Walla, WA 99362 509-529-0630 The Times July 13, 20, 27, 2023 7-13-b **ORDINANCE NO. 2002** AN ORDINANCE OF THE

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DAYTON, WASHINGTON, VACATING A PORTION OF TOUCHET STREET SOUTH-WEST OF SOUTH 2ND STREET AND ALL OF SOUTH 1st STREET SOUTHEAST OF TOUCHET STREET AND AL-LEY IN BLOCK 6 OF McCall's ADDITION TO DAYTON WHEREAS, a petition was filed with the Dayton of Dayton pursuant to Chapter 35.79 RCW to vacate public rightof-way located in McCall's Addition of Dayton, namely, All that portion of (60ft) of Touchet Street Southwest of South 2nd Street, All (60ft) South 1st Street Southeast of Touchet Street and All of (20ft) alley in Block 6 of McCall's Addition of Dayton WHEREAS, the petition received requested vacation of approximately 72,400 sq ft portion of public right-of-way, whereas the described portion

is un-developed vacant city property; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Dayton scheduled the public hearing for June 13, 2023, at 6:00 pm or shortly thereafter via Resolution 2002. adopted on June 13, 2023;

WHEREAS, public notice of the hearing was provided in accordance with RCW 35.79, including: posting at three public places throughout the City and a physical posted notice on the portion of the right-ofway requesting to be vacated on May 24, 2023, 20 total days prior to the scheduled hearing;

WHEREAS, notice of the public hearing was advertised in the paper of record on May 25, 2023; and June 1, 2023 WHEREAS, staff has reviewed the vacation and request and in considering the existing development, potential for future development, and land use trends, support the vacation request as requested. NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF CITY OF DAYTON, WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS: Section 1: Findings. The following findings are hereby adopted in support of the vacation proposal: Bryan Martin, Land Surveyor, filed the petition to vacate the presented right-of-way on April

17, 2023. 100% of abutting property owners signed the petition request, including representation from 1316 S. 2nd Steet, 1109 S. 4th Street, 1200 S. 2nd Street, and 911 S. 3rd Street. Notice of the public hearing to take testimony for or against the proposed vacation was published in the paper of record on May 25, 2023, and posted in three public places and at the location of the

proposed vacation on May 24,

2023.

Notice was sent to adjoining property owners within 300 ft of the on April 27, 2023. A public hearing was scheduled for by the Dayton City Council for June 13, 2023, at 6:00 pm or shortly thereafter to take testimony for or against the proposed vacation. The public interest will not be prejudiced because the area vacated is not needed for street right-of-way purposes and the street right-of-way terminates at the end of South 1st Street and South 2nd Street at the levy of the Touchet River. Access from this portion of City streets and said alleys have not been

utilized or will not be in the future. Section 2: Vacation. Pursuant to RCW 35.79, the portion of the Touchet Steet West of 2nd Street right-of-way between South 1st Street and South 2nd Street in the City of Dayton and alley in Block 6 of McCall's Addition described on Exhibit A and as identified on Exhibit B attached hereto and incorporated herein shall be vacated in accordance with the terms of this ordinance, provided all petitioners comply with Section 3 of this ordinance within 6 months from the date this ordinance is approved.

Section 3: Easements. In consideration for the rightof-way vacation approved herein, the petitioners shall acknowledge and consent to such reservation and all other conditions and terms herein by making prepayment on a pro rata basis to the City for its fees to record this ordinance in the Office of the Columbia County Auditor. Petitioners shall further acknowledge such reservation by executing and recording a formal easement acceptable to and in favor of the City for such use. Each petitioner shall pre-pay to the City the amount of \$109.50 as reimbursement to the City for costs incurred to record such easements in the Office of the Columbia County Auditor. Section 4: Severability. If any section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance should be held to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity of unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity of constitutionality of any other section, sentence, or phase of this ordinance. Section 5: Effective Date. This ordinance shall be in full force and effective five (5) days after its passage and publication as required by law. However, the vacation shall not be effective until such time as the ordinance is recorded. The City Clerk is directed to record a certified copy of this Ordinance with Columbia County, thereby making the vacation effective, only when the owners of all abutting property have executed any such formal easements and have made such payments to the City for the cost of recording this ordinance and said formal easements, as are required by the City pursuant to Section 3 of this Ordinance. PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF DAYTON, WASH-INGTON, AT A REGULAR MEETING THIS 13th DAY OF JUNE 2023. City of Dayton Attested/Authenticated by: Debra M. Hays, City Clerk

Approved as to form: Quinn Plant, City Attorney ORDINANCE SUMMARY BY TITLE ONLY FOR PUBLICA-TION PURPOSES ORDI-NANCE NO. 2002 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DAYTON, WASHINGTON, **VACATING A PORTION OF** TOUCHET STREET SOUTH-WEST OF SOUTH 2ND STREET AND SOUTH 1st STREET SOUTHEAST OF TOUCHET STREET AND AL-LEY IN BLOCK 6 OF McCall's ADDITION TO DAYTON The full text of Ordinance No. 2002, adopted the 13TH day of June 2023, is available for examination at the Dayton City Hall, 111 South 1st Street, Dayton, WA during normal business hours, 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday - Friday. By: /sf Zac Weatherford, Mayor Attest: /s/ Debra M. Hayes,

City Clerk Treasurer

Treasurer

Approved as to from: /s/ Quinn Plant, City Attorney Published: July 13, 2023 The Waitsburg Times The Times July 13, 2023 7-13-d

ORDINANCE SUMMARY BY TITLE ONLY FOR **PUBLICATION PURPOSES**

ORDINANCE NO. 2000

AN ORDINANCE OF CITY OF DAYTON, WASHINGTON **GRANTING TO SPECTRUM** PACIFIC WEST, LLC LOCAL-LY KNOWN AS CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS THE NONEXCLUSIVE RIGHT, PRIVILEGE, AU-THORITY AND FRANCHISE TO LOCATE, CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, OWN, MAINTAIN, REPAIR. REPLACE. EXTEND OPERATE AND USE FACIL-ITIES IN, UPON, OVER, UN-DER, ALONG, AND ACROSS THE FRANCHISE AREA FOR PURPOSES OF THE TRANS-MISSION, DISTRIBUTION AND SALE OF FIBER OPTIC **TELECOMMUNICATIONS** AND COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES The full text of Ordinance 2000

adopted the 13th day of June 2023 is available for examination at the City Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer's Office, 111 S. 1st St., Dayton, WA during normal business hours, Monday - Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Full text of the Ordinance shall be mailed upon request. By: /s/ Zac Weatherford,

Mayor Attest: /s/ Debra Hayes, City Clerk Approved as to form: /s/ Quinn Plant, City Attorney

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Public Hearing Notice NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that the Waitsburg City Council will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, July 19, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. or soon thereafter at Waitsburg City Hall, 106 Main Street in order to hear public comment on the proposed easement vacation petition submitted to the City on behalf of KC and Kris Kuykendall. City Council action may or may not include approval of the alley easement petition. All interested citizens are invited to attend the hearing and present evidence in favor or opposition of the vacation. Complete copies of the petition are available at City Hall 106 Main Street, P.O. Box 35, Waitsburg, WA 99361 or (509) 337-6371. Written testimony may be forwarded to the Waitsburg City Council, P.O. Box 35, Waitsburg, WA 99361. Dated this 11th Day of July

2023 City Clerk Randy Hinchliffe The Times July 13, 2023 7-13-e

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And, back to Los Angeles....

By Vicki Sternfeld-Rossi | THE TIMES

Cardinal's Nest

for summer

Cardinal's Nest summer program.

cracker pizza and enjoyed every bite.

banana splits.

By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES

brings art & science

WAITSBURG—Program Coordinator

Schirm and her assistants have provided activities

for Waitsburg's first through eighth-grade kids at the

"It has been good for the kids and the families,"

A group of 26 first, second, and third-graders

On Tuesday, they made gooey slime and tie-dyed

The kids kept busy on Wednesday with marbled

enjoyed making pizza box solar ovens on Monday,

June 26. They cooked smores, little smokies, and Ritz

shirts before finishing the day by making delicious

milk painting, making bottle rockets, and elephant

toothpaste. The toothpaste is a classic science proj-

ect that uses a few ingredients, including Hydrogen

peroxide, to create a bubbling, expanding foam. The

I recently returned to L.A. for the sole purpose of renewing my California driver's license. I hope this will be my final foray into the famous (or infamous) California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). Under California law, drivers of a certain age no longer qualify for an automatic renewal. It is now required to take both the written and vision tests, which I last took five years ago. I am still having nightmares over that day.

First, I was traveling and had to wait until two days before my birthday for an appointment at the DMV. When I checked in, I was turned away immediately because the name on my

driver's license didn't match the name on my Social Security card.

I hadn't changed my name at Social Security when I married Daniel, as I used my maiden name for work, paychecks, and IRS filings. However, I did change my last name on my driver's license (a BIG mistake). My license was automatically renewed three times, each with five-year terms. After fifteen years of automatic renewals, the world of identification tracking had changed. As a result, I had one day to go to Social Security to have my name updated to match my driver's



fit for an elephant.

"toothpaste" squeezed from a tube is so big that it is

Over 30 fourth through eighth-grade students participated in activities on July 10 through 12.

"What is fishy about our environment?" is the theme for this week's summer program, where science and art will be used to teach kids about the environment, according to the Cardinal's Nest President Nancy Bickelhaupt.

On Monday, July 10, the students learned to paint fish with Tom Schirm. He gave the kids fish shaped from wood and drew pictures on the whiteboard to demonstrate how to paint their fish realistically.

Tuesday, the students played a habitat game and visited the Walla Walla Community College's Water and Environmental Center on Wednesday.

This summer, Shirm has been supported by her husband Tom, Cardinal's Nest President Bickelhaupt, and board member Katie Knighton. Carol White, Tabita Jadin, Sarabeth McGowen, Aubri Araya, Natalie Knudson, and Tyler Coulston also assist Schirm.

The art and science activities have been provided at no cost to the families through the generous support from Sunny Day Foundation, Waitsburg Lions Club, Wildhorse Foundation, Waitsburg School District, Northwest Grain Growers, WHS Alumni Association, Blue Mt. Community Foundation, McGregor Company, and local individual donors.

license. Remarkedly, it was easy, quick, and painless; I was ecstatic.

With my updated Social Security card. I zipped back to the DM

With my updated Social Security card, I zipped back to the DMV early the following day. I took the test and had my license with less than twelve hours to spare before the old one expired. It felt like a success.

Unfortunately, I should have proofread my temporary license. The last name was misspelled, which I didn't realize until I completed the paperwork for a mini-split I bought for my house. Luckily, it wasn't an issue for Pacific Power, but I knew there would be a day of reckoning at the DMV, and that day is here.

I was not concerned with passing the written or driving tests on this trip. I was worried about dealing with DMV, which never admits it made a typo. I will have to accept the DMV's spelling of my last name until I finally make the official move to Washington.

The trip was quick, but I had time to show off some of my garden bounty. My carry-on luggage had a large zip-lock bag filled with sugar snap peas from my garden. I came very close to picking my one large yellow zucchini, but I was sure it would be a squashed mess by the time I landed, so it was giant when I returned.

Somehow, a slew of bright yellow California poppies is growing in every corner of my yard, including the raised bed vegetable planters. I can't tell the poppies from the cucumbers; all their leaves and stems are entwined. Now I see a field of yellow flowers and hope there's no cross-pollination, and I end up with very peculiar cucumbers.

While Daniel is working in Europe, he expects me to mow the lawn with our heavy, stinky, noisy gas mower. I haven't told him that shortly after he left, I bought an electric mower (he had threatened to throw it away if I bought one). I was never great at obedience. The good news is when he asks if I am using our mower, I can honestly respond, yes, I am. If he ever asks if it's the gas mower, I'm sunk, but right now, I'm a mowing hero!



Ryden Huxoll (second from left) and friends taste their snacks cooked in their pizza-box solar ovens.



photos by Karen Huwe arn about fish and

Tom Schirm (top left) led the kids through the steps to create realistically painted fish plaques. It was an opportunity to learn about fish and painting. A perfect Cardinal's Nest project.

LEGAL NOTICES (Cont.)

Request for Bid-Station #1 Metal Storage Building Columbia County Fire District #1 is soliciting sealed bids from qualified contractors licensed to do business in the State of Washington for the construction of a 4970 SqFt pre-engineered metal storage building with concrete slabs and other miscellaneous work in accordance with the contract documents. The location for the building is at Front Street, Starbuck, WA 99359 We hope your company is interested in this project. Important Dates & Times Bids are DUE: Thursday, July 20th, 2023 at 7:30 PM PST DISTRICT #1: Metal Building PART A Bidders Packet (Part A-1 to A-8) PART B Engineer Construction Drawings Please call or text the Co**lumbia County Fire District**

at 509-520-7381 or email at

Krubenser2688@gmail.com

and a hard copy (only) will be

mailed to your attention.
Firm proposals are due no later than July 20th, 2023 PM PST or must be delivered to the Columbia County Fire District #1 at 815 HWY 261, Starbuck, WA 99359. Faxed or email proposals will not be accepted.
The bids will be publicly

or email proposals will not be accepted. The bids will be publicly opened by Columbia County Fire District #1 staff. Official bid results shall be made public. Columbia County Fire District #1 expressly reserves the right to reject any and all bids, and the right to waive any informatlities or irregularities in any bid or in any bidding and to further award the Project to the lowest, responsive, responsible bidder whose bid complies with all the prescribed formatlities, as it best serves the interest of the fire district. The Times July 6, 13, 2023

In the Superior Court of the State of Washington for the County of Walla Walla No. 23-3-00078-36 William D. Black Petitioner, Jessica Rae Black,

Respondent. The State of Washington to the respondent Jessica Rae Black: You are hereby summoned to appear within 90 days after the date of the first publication of this dissolution of marriage summons, after the 13th of July, 2023, and defend the above-entitled action in the above-entitled court, and answer the complaint of the petitioner, William D. Black, and serve a copy of your answer upon the petitioner at the address below stated; and in case of your failure, to do so, judgment will be rendered against you according to the demand of the dissolution petition, which has been filed with the clerk of said court. If

you do not serve your written

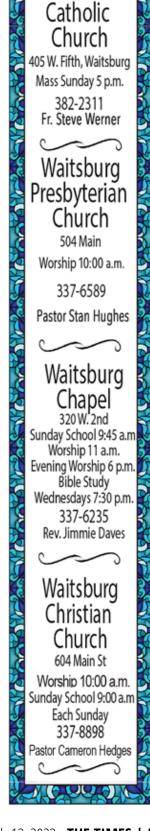
response within 60 days after the date this summons was served on you, exclusive of the day of service, the court may enter an order of default against you, and the court may, without further notice to you, enter a final order and approve or provide for the relief requested in the petition. The court will not enter the final order until at least 90 days after filing and service. Serve a copy of your response on William D. Black at 209 N. 4th Ave #6, Walla Walla, WA. 99362

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The Friendly Forest

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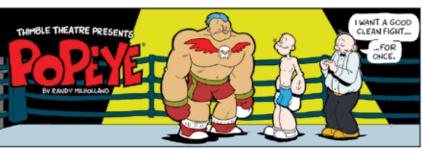


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PIONEER PORTRAITS

Ten Years Ago

July 11, 2013

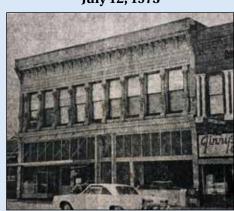
At five minutes 'til noon here this July 4, a small cadre of servicemen advanced with Old Glory and service flags to an agreed upon rendezvous point - the intersection of Main Street and Third. Once assembled, the eight men spread the width of the street – six hoisting the colors, the other two bookending the group as rifle bearers. At the sounding of the noon siren, the unit advanced in patriotic reverence two blocks toward the hardware store to the sound of the applause of a few dozen or more appreciative onlookers. The group consisted of John Lieberman, Dorn Hall, Bruce Abbey, Jim Harting, John Stellwagen, Jack McCaw, Rod Baker, and Bret Moser, with Ike Keve and Tom Baker bringing up the rear guard a few steps behind them. Once in front of the hardware store, Moser, a retired Army captain, read from the Declaration of Independence and said a prayer. McCaw, an enlisted navy man during World War II, concluded the downtown proceedings by leading the crowd in a rendition of "God Bless America".

Twenty-Five Years Ago July 16, 1998

Robert Hinchliffe, son of Jill Hinchliffe, Waitsburg, and George Hinchliffe of Prescott, has been honored for academic achievement during the spring semester at the University of Idaho. He is a 1995 graduate of Waitsburg High School.

Jason Payne, son of John and Kathy Payne, is being published in the Journal of Bacteriology, August 1998, Volume 180, No. 15. The title is "Purification and Characterization of EDTA Monooxygenase from the EDTA-Degrading Bacterium BNCI". Jason is working on his Ph.D. in Microbiology at WSU. He is in his third year. He received his undergraduate degree in Microbiology in May 1995 from WSU. He is working under Dr. Luying Xun. He also recently attended the National Microbiology Conference in Atlanta, Georgia. Along with taking in many seminars and new ideas, Jason presented a poster on his work. Jason is married to Micki McCoy Payne, daughter of Terry McCoy, Waitsburg.

Fifty Years Ago July 12, 1973



[Photo Caption] Sidney Conner, owner of the Waitsburg Pharmacy, has purchased the Allen Building in Waitsburg from J. V. Glover. Sid has drawn up plans to move the pharmacy across the street as "soon as possible." Albert Land, contractor, will work on remodeling the new store space. The Allen Building contains the Walla Walla County Justice Court rooms, and it housed, for many years, Allen's Grocery and Markey, and most recently was the site of Craig's Variety Store. Sid says that the new location will give him lots more room, and the location will be very convenient to the post office location.

Seventy-Five Years Ago

July 16, 1948

Jacqueline Archer, Marilyn Collingwood, Jean Gibson, Margaret McBride, Sharon White and Sereta Patton were among the busload of singing Camp Fire girls who left for Camp Kiwanis at Kooskooskie on July 11th.

New owners of Waitsburg Welding Works, Inc. are David Barer and I. J. Barer of Walla Walla.

Gardening prizes were awarded this week to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Atkins, Dr. and Mrs. E. J. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Neace, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Dyar, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Butler and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Dilts.

One Hundred Years Ago

July 20, 1923

George Reid and Willie Bowles, and Wesley Lloyd of Waitsburg, this week received their respective "Humming Bird" threshers manufactured by Wood Brothers Thresher Co. of Iowa.

Mrs. W. O. McCaw started the season this year with nine birds; one gobbler and eight hens. To date her hens have hatched and raised to be good-sized birds, 160 turkeys.

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago

July 22, 1898

A fight between two drunken hobos occurred on Monday morning on 2nd Street near Neace-Hanger Co. store in which both parties received some pretty ugly cuts. Marshal Prescott separated them and after partly sobering them up in the city "cooler" escorted them to the city limits and bade them goodbye.

Isaac Neace, a son of Lewis Neace arrived in this city on last Friday with his bride, on a visit to friends and relatives.

Mrs. Jennie Marvin and daughter Lucile spent several days in Walla Walla.

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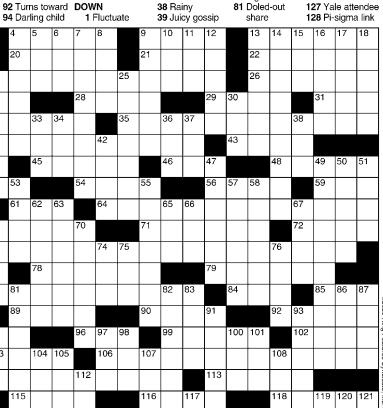
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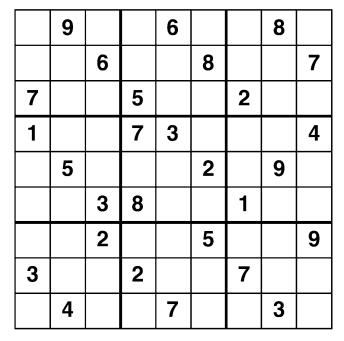


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Weekly **SUDOKU**

by Linda Thistle



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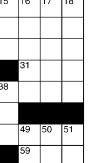
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MY RECIPES Luke Chavez

Summer Garden **Minestrone**

This time of year, apart from the occasional burger or sausage on the grill, I find myself craving meals made up mostly of fresh seasonal vegetables. There are certain vegetables and fruits that never taste as good as they do in the middle of summer. This week we had some beautiful spinach ready to harvest, along with the first of our zucchini, which got me thinking about minestrone. This summery take on the classic Italian soup recipe is full of vibrant flavors and colors. Finished



with fresh basil, this delightful version is satisfying without ever feeling heavy. A perfect choice for a cozy summer weeknight dinner.

Ingredients:

34 cup ditalini, or other small dry pasta 1/4 cup olive oil, plus more for serving

1 large onion, finely chopped

2 carrots, peeled and finely chopped

4 garlic cloves 5 thyme sprigs

1 bay leaf

Kosher salt

1 quart chicken or vegetable stock

½ pound fresh green beans, cut into 1-inch segments

1 medium zucchini, cut into half-moons (about 2 cups)

1 (15-ounce) can chopped tomatoes

1 tablespoon fresh rosemary, minced Pinch crush red pepper flakes

1 (14.5-ounce) can white beans, rinsed and drained

1 (14.5-ounce) can chickpeas, rinsed and drained

2 to 3 cups fresh spinach, coarsely chopped

1/4 cup fresh parsley, minced 1 tablespoon apple cider vinegar

1/4 cup fresh basil, torn

Grated Parmesan cheese, for serving Fresh ground black pepper

Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Cook the pasta about 2 minutes less than the package cooking time for al dente. Drain and set aside.

Meanwhile, in a large heavy pot, or Dutch oven, heat the olive oil over medium heat. Add the onions and carrots and cook until onions are translucent, about 10 minutes. Add the garlic, thyme sprigs, and bay leaf, then reduce the heat to medium-low. Season with salt, and cook for an additional 5 minutes, until fragrant.

Next add the chicken stock, raise the heat and bring to a boil. When boiling add the green beans and cook for 5 minutes. Reduce heat to maintain a gentle low boil. Then add the zucchini, tomatoes with all their juices, rosemary, and crushed pepper flakes. Continue to cook at a gentle boil, stirring occasionally, for 15 minutes.

Add all the beans along with the spinach, and cook for an additional 5 minutes, until spinach is wilted, and beans are heated through. Then, stir in the parsley and vinegar. At this point, taste the soup for seasoning, and add more salt as needed. If the soup is too thick, add more stock or water to dilute. Reduce heat to low.

When ready to serve, bring soup back to simmer. Then add the cooked pasta. Stir to combine, then take off the heat and let the soup sit for a couple of minutes. Serve in warm bowls garnishing the tops with torn basil leaves, a crack of black pepper, and plenty of grated Parmesan. A small drizzle of olive oil over the top is also a nice finishing touch.

This is a versatile recipe that can be adjusted to highlight the seasonal bounty you have growing in your own garden, or from what you find at a local farmers' market. Instead of spinach you could try using kale or Swiss chard. Various summer squash and different shelling peas can be used. Try making it with fennel bulb or leeks for more lovely aromatics. If you have ripe tomatoes, you could use them instead of canned. Use 2 to 3 medium tomatoes that you peel and chop. This soup can easily be adjusted to be vegetarian or vegan.

Instead of canned white beans and chickpeas, you could try cooking your own beans for this soup. Soak 1 cup of dry beans overnight and then cook per package instructions. This should yield 2 ½ to 3 cups of cooked beans. Drain and use as you would the canned.

I served this with plenty of cheese and basil to pass around the table. Some toasted crusty bread and a chilled bottle of Pinot Grigio rounded out this lovely meal. Enjoy!

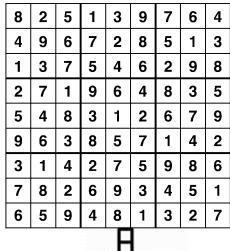
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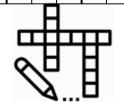
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Community Calendar

Waitsburg Monthly Meetings



Waitsburg City Council Third Wednesday of each month @ 7 p.m. at City Hall. April meeting was canceled, next meeting July 19.

Planning Commission

Second Friday of the month @ 10 a.m. @ City Hall and on Zoom. Next meeting on July 13

Waitsburg School Board

July 20 – Third Thursday of every month @ 6 p.m. Zoom meeting information is available at https:// www.waitsburgsd.org/o/waitsburg-school-district/ page/school-board--272

Zoom info availble by emailing waitsburgcc@ icloud.com

Waitsburg Historical Society

Third Tuesday of the month @ 6:00 p.m. @ Weller Public Library

Waitsburg Booster Club

First Tues. of the month, 6:30 p.m. @ High School Home Ec. room

Next meeting on Tuesday, August 7, 2023 @ 6:30

Waitsburg Parks and Recreation Public Meeting

Next meeting Thursday, August 3. Any questions, call Bart Baxter at (509) 730-0781.

Regular meetings are held the first Thursday of the month, 6 p.m. @ Ten Ton Coffee For more information email:

info@waitsburgparks.org

Weller Public Library

Board of Trustees

Second Tuesday of the month, next meeting on August 8

Friends of the Weller Public Library

4th Monday of the month @ 7 p.m. Weller Public Library, 212 Main Street, Waitsburg Next meeting on July 24



Waitsburg Commercial Club

July 27 @ Ten Ton Coffee @noon. Last Thursdays of each month,

Zoom info available by emailing waitsburgcc@ icloud.com

Waitsburg Resource Center Community Food Bank

106 ½ Preston Ave Thursdays, 2 – 4 pm

Dayton & Columbia County Meetings

Board of Columbia County Commissioners

Regular meetings - First and second Monday of each 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

August 8- Second Tuesday of every month @ 6 p.m. Call-in information available at https://www. daytonwa.com/54-inside-city-hall/city-council

Dayton School Board

July 5 & 19 — First and Third Wednesday of every month @ 6 p.m. @ Dayton High School auditorium

Columbia County Public Hospital District Board of Commissioners

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

Dayton Memorial Library Board of Trustees Meeting

July 17 @ 7 p.m. Delaney room and Zoom Meeting ID: 852 3836 3787

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85238363787Dayton

Kiwanis Club Meeting

Second and Fourth Thursday @ Noon Hybrid in-person meetings at the Delaney Library with online Zoom available.

Zoom Meeting ID: 559 815 3650

Starbuck Meetings

Starbuck City Council

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

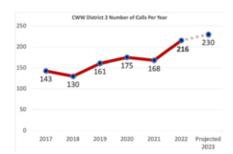
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July 13: Tom and Gracie Lyman, Terri Schuler, Ron Kessler, Tom John, Janis Austin, Steve Low, Gary Vaughn, Kimberly Williams, Tucker Gleason.

July 14: Karen Gregutt, Brett Tuttle, Pat Davis, Megan Price, Lauren Rohde.

July 15: Howard Hays, Steve Witt, Mary Duncan, Ray Clayton, W.L. Clayton.

July 16: Margaret Fitzekam, Judy Bauerlie, Karlee Young.

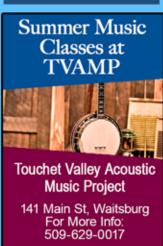
July 17: Mack Garrett, Bill Hamann, Emily Hubbard.

July 18: Andrew Estes, Jean Krause, Mike Hinchliffe, James Hamilton, Connie Maiden, Judy Groom, Courtney Gritman, Stephanie Thomas, and Thomas (Josh) Pennington.

July 19: Ray Johnson, Jessica Hofer, Jacob Johnson, Adam Mellish, Zachariah Beasley, Marilyn Stellwagen, Porter Larsen.

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