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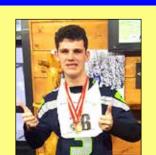


Lane Gwinn

On July 3, a group of French adventurists stopped for doppios at Ten Ton Coffee. They were part of a 20 day motorcycle trek from Seattle to Miami. Road2Luxe is a French tour company offering guided tours in Europe, Africa, and the United States. Flying from Paris, the 14 riders were paired up with high end motorcycles including Indian Scouts and Roadmasters, Honda Goldwings, and several Harley-Davidson models.

The riders were full of energy and found Waitsburg a charming ambassador of Western hospitality and culture.

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Waitsburg Presbyterian has new pastor

By Lane Gwinn | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — The Waitsburg Presbyterian membership has made it official; Heidi Lum has been named Pastor of the church. She takes over from Pastor Stan Hughes, who has been serving in a transitional role since April 2019.

Lum, her husband Ellery, and son Matthew moved to Waitsburg last year after Hughes invited her to intern at the church. She met Hughes at the Presbytery of the Northwest after the Lums moved to Kettle Falls, Washington from Honolulu, Hawaii. Lum said she chose Washington to look for an opportunity to continue her ministry work in a small, rural community.

Since 2005, Lum has worked in two African nations to help orphans and their communities. She founded Advocates for Africa's Children in 2006, working in Swaziland, now Eswatini, and Tanzania. Lum said the focus in Eswatini was on creating self-sustaining projects to provide clean water and food and covering education costs. She said the programs have become sustainable, and the organization is wrapping up its work there.

In Tanzania, the focus is on providing accessible schools to rural children. The organization started a school in a village where 80% of kids were not in school, offering three preschool classes, grades 1-4, and will add grade five in January.

Since the area is very rural, Lun said they have school buses to bring the kids in from multiple villages in the area.

"We work in very rural areas, so we have school buses because we don't want the little three-year-olds coming through the tall grass to school," said Lum.

She and her family traveled to Africa frequently, spending two months over the summers when the kids were younger. She hopes to bring people from Waitsburg to Tanzania next year.

"I like to travel with groups and introduce them to a radically different culture," she said.

The new pastor said her Involvement in the community may be more indirect than direct. "As a pastor in the church I'm trying to get



Lane Gwinn

Heidi Lum and Stan Hughes have worked well together.

people out of the pews and into community, said Lum.

An example of the church's outreach is the Waitsburg Kids Club afterschool program. The program is offered by the church to kids between grades 1 and 5 on Mondays. The church heard from some parents that they needed an additional day of afterschool care to add to what is available from the Cardinal's Nest program. With the Kids Club, there is now four days, though

space is limited.
On Sunday, July 14, after services, the church will host a farewell party for Pastor Hughes. The celebration will be a potluck and open to the public. Lum said she already misses Hughes, no longer seeing him daily as he winds down his responsibilities.

"She comes with a boatload of life and ministry experience," Hughes said. "she has been easy and enjoyable to work with"

A FOURTH OF JULY TRADITION



Lane Gwi

In 2010, Laurette dared her husband Jack McCaw and the late Tom Baker to march down Waitsburg's Main Street with an American flag on the 4th - wearing shorts.

Now an annual event, McCaw was joined by Rose Englebright and other community members for the Veterans' March. After their first appearance, the shorts have not been part of the tradition.

DROUGHT CONDITIONS IMPACT WASHINGTON AG

THE TIMES

OLYMPIA, WA. — According to the USDA, seven days were suitable for fieldwork in Washington, unchanged from the previous week. The continuing drought in Western Washington has caused difficult farming conditions.

Central Washington dealt with heat and lack of moisture, which impacted wheat and forage crops. Forage crops had little regrowth; in some areas, cattle grazed fields that should have had a second hay-cutting.

In Yakima County, daytime highs for the week started in the lower 80s but neared triple digits by the end of the week. The county received no rain, and several brushfires started throughout the county, with some fires shutting down interstate highways. Growers started peach harvest. There were late-maturing sweet cherries that passed through the packing houses. Pear growers moved bins into orchards to prepare for the Bartlett harvest. Vegetable harvest picked up with more cucumbers, summer squashes, peppers, sweet corn, and melons at roadside stands. Some early hop cones were maturing, and hop harvest was anticipated to start within the next few weeks.

In east-central Washington, producers geared up for harvest. Northeast Washington experienced continued dry conditions, and harvest was expected to begin soon. Southeast Washington experienced warm temperatures and high winds, with harvest already in full swing.

For more information, contact the Ag Statistics Hotline at 1-800-727-9540 or www.nass.usda.gov.

NEWS BRIEFS

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AT THE LIBERTY:

"Inside Out 2"

THE TIMES

DAYTON — "Inside Out 2" shows at the Liberty Theater for a second week. The movie returns to the mind of newly minted teenager Riley just as headquarters is undergoing a sudden demolition to make room for something entirely unexpected: new Emotions! Joy, Sadness, Anger, Fear and Disgust, who've long been running a successful operation by all accounts, aren't sure how to feel when Anxiety (voiced by Maya Hawke) shows up. And it looks like she's not

This movie has been highly rated by critics and audiences (90% and 96%, respectively on the Rotten Tomatoes website). Critics at the Rotten Tomatoes website summed up their review as "Spicing things up with the wrinkle of teenage angst, 'Inside Out 2' clears the head and warms the heart by living up to its predecessor's emotional intelligence." This movie is rated PG for some thematic elements and has a runtime of 96 minutes.

Our free summer movie series for children continues with "Detective Pikachu," on July 12, at 1 pm. A small popcorn and small beverage are available for only \$2. The movie summary is as follows: Ace detective Harry Goodman goes mysteriously missing, prompting his 21-year-old son, Tim to find out what happened. Aiding in the investigation is Harry's former Pokemon partner, wisecracking, adorable super-sleuth Detective Pikachu. Finding that they are uniquely equipped to work together, as Tim is the only human who can talk to Pikachu, they join forces to unravel the tangled mystery. This movie is rated PG for some rude and suggestive humor/

action/peril/thematic elements. Runtime is 1 hour and 44 minutes. Then, showing on Tuesday, July 16, and Friday the 19th, the children's movie will be "Lego Batman," rated PG



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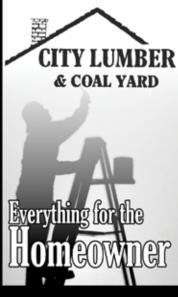
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FORMER COMMISSIONER SUPPORTS BERTHA CLAYTON

To the editor,

As a Republican and former county commissioner, I am supporting Bertha Clayton for Walla Walla County Commissioner, District 1, as I believe she is the best educated and most qualified candidate to hold this position.

Prior to becoming a member of Bertha's campaign committee, I met with her over a nine-month period and vetted her extensively. I am satisfied her governing philosophy will be non-political and her fiscal position conservative.

The vast majority of decisions made by the Board of County Commissioners are monetary and administrative based on state statute. Local county elected officials, for the most part make decisions for the entire county without political idealisms. Electing the most qualified person for the job, setting aside partisan politics, will benefit us all. Bertha is extremely ethical, an attorney by profession who is articulate and will communicate with the public well.

Please take the opportunity to acquaint yourself with Bertha and her platform by viewing her website, www.electberthaclayton.com. I believe you will find her experience, community involvement and overall vision for Walla Walla County's future to be a refreshing approach to governing.

Pam Ray Walla Walla, Wash.

ROUNTABLE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRIBUSINESS

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA — Walla Walla Valley Chamber of Commerce presents Chamber Cafés and Roundtables on industry-specific topics. These events are designed to foster an environment of sharing knowledge and making connections within specific

The Chamber is hosting a roundtable on agriculture and agribusiness open to anyone in these sectors to pose questions, discuss current challenges and exchange ideas. The event will take place on Wednesday, July 17, from 8:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. and RSVP is required due to limited space. Go to wwvchamber.com for more information and to RSVP.





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SUPPORT FOR BERTHA CLAYTON

Dear Editor,

LETTERS

Bertha Clayton will bring excellent and responsible leadership to Walla Walla County Commission. Her skills are based on a strong family, impressive education, successful work experience, and devotion to our area of Washington State. Bertha grew up in Waitsburg on her family's farm, earned a bachelor's degree from Washington State University and a law degree from University of Idaho.

Devoting her skills and knowledge to local organizations, Bertha has already enhanced our area in many ways. Before law school, Bertha was a paralegal and taught ESL and GED classes at Walla Walla Community College. In 2016 Washington State Employment Security hired her to advocate for migrant seasonal farmworkers' interests. She practiced law at Hernandez Immigration Law and Hess Law Offic-

While serving with Bertha as trustees for Blue Mountain Community Foundation, I observed her leadership and concern for local residents. She was also on the Providence St. Mary Medical Center Mission Board and WSU Alumni Association Board. With her experience and approachable attitude, Bertha will sensibly manage county finances and seek revenue without raising taxes through the assistance of local, state, and federal agencies.

Please join me in voting for Bertha Clayton as Walla Walla County commissioner, District 1.

Sandi Blackaby Walla Walla, Wash.

BIRTHDAYS

July 11: Susan Roberts.

July 12: Judy Townsend, Dick Surry, Lynette Newbill, Deandra Smith, Gayle Durkee, and Bruce Anderson.

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

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

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

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

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



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Columbia County Public Health is accepting applications for a full-time registered nurse to preform comprehensive nursing services requiring independent professional judgment and carries additional responsibilities for working in programs i.e.: Maternal Child Health (MCH), STD, HIV, Tuberculosis, Communicable Disease, COVID-19 related duties, and Immunization. This position expected to ensure the overall health and safety of our community through education, advocacy and delivery of care. This is a 32-hour a week benefited position with an annual salary range of \$63,859-\$112,908 DOQ. This position will remain open until filled.

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required by the position OR an Associate Degree in Nursing from an accredited School of Nursing with three (3) years work experience with infants, children and/or families. Current in cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR). A current valid Registered Nursing license for the State of Washington. Maintain a current driver's license and vehicle insurance. Must successfully pass a background check and a driving record check.

Application Process: County application, resume and cover letter required. Job description and information available on our website, https://www. columbiaco.com/jobs.aspx. Mailing address: Jan Strohbehn, Administrator, Columbia County Public Health, 112 N. 2nd St., Dayton, WA 99328 (509) 382-2181 or email jan_ strohbehn@co.columbia.wa.us

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NEWS

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Celebration of Life July 20th, 2024 2 pm – 4 pm **Waitsburg Town Hall**

Waitsburg resident Jim Young, 83, passed away on June 22, 2024 at his home. A Celebration of Life will be held on July 20, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. at Waitsburg Town Hall, 121 Main St, Waitsburg, Wash.

Please bring your stories to share. Family & Friends may view a full obituary and share memories & sign the guestbook at mountainview-colonialdewitt.com



An enduring story of family, community, and heros

By Lane Gwinn | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — Wendy, Brian, and Coe Richards are inviting the Waitsburg community to join in celebrating the 25th anniversary of the surgery that saved their family.

In July 1999, two-year-old Coe had already endured months of chemotherapy and hospitalization at Seattle's Children's Hospital before undergoing a liver transplant. A softball-sized tumor was found on his liver the prior December. Though the seven rounds of chemo managed to reduce its size by half, the tumor's position on the liver made it impossible to remove surgically.

Transplantation became the only option. In a decision that illustrates Wendy and Brian's strength and sense of humor, the couple (by couple, I mean Wendy) decided she would be the donor. According to Brian, she said his liver may have been a bit roadworn, so it had to be hers for their little boy. Brian

said this was said with a good-natured smirk.

Of course, there were other considerations, including work obligations; however, fear of surgery was not among them. Brian found it amazing that Wendy, who has a low tolerance for any intrusive procedures, volunteered so easily and with no hesitation.

"This from someone who would faint when getting blood drawn," said Brian.

He also said there would have been no talking her out of it. "At that point, we were going to do everything to keep "Coe-man" alive," said Brian.

"The Seattle Times" reported on Coe's transplant in a front-page article on July 22, 1999. The paper said Coe's was the first liver transplant from a living, related donor performed in the Pacific Northwest and only one of 40 to 60 that year in the

The couple is proud to have been part of the cutting-edge healthcare that helped advance living donations. They hope their story will inspire others to learn more about organ donation and the process to qualify as living donors.

The Richards and the Waitsburg Fire Association are hosting a Coe-mmunity Celebration at the Waitsburg Fire Station on Sunday, July 22, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. The Richards won the fire station party in a silent auction benefitting the Waitsburg Friends of the Pool. Donated by the Waitsburg Fire Association, the event will have games, station and firetruck tours, time with volunteers, and plenty of water to run through. Daryl's BBO will be on hand to offer food and refreshments.



(left) Brian and Wendy Richards celebrated son Coe's two gold and one silver medal at the Eastern Region Invitational at Mt. Spokane on Feb. 4, 2018.

TRANSPLANT ANNIVERSARY Summer Station Night Celebrate Coe's 25th liver transplant anniversary at the Waitsburg Fire Station Daryl's BBQ, popsicles, Games, firetruck tours, water games, and a silent auction to benefit the Waitsburg Friends of the Pool **FIRE STATION 21**

(left) Silent auction items to benefit The Friends of the Pool inlcude a Walla Walla Sweets Baseball Family Package and a Cinemark Family Movie Package. Let's have some fun & help fund a pool for Waitsburg!

Cardinals at Ilwaco Basketball Camp

By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — Coach Westin Wallace saw growth in his Waitsburg team at the Ilwaco basketball camp June 24-

The young men improved individual and team basketball skills and bonded during team activities off the

The team of two eighth graders, a junior, and two seniors was joined by WHS alum Blake French, who traveled with the team as a mentor. The young team played against experienced varsity players from other schools but

fought hard. The team figured out what worked and what did not. The older Cardinal players became better leaders for the younger players on and off the court. One Cardinal made it to the semi-finals in the 3-point shootout.

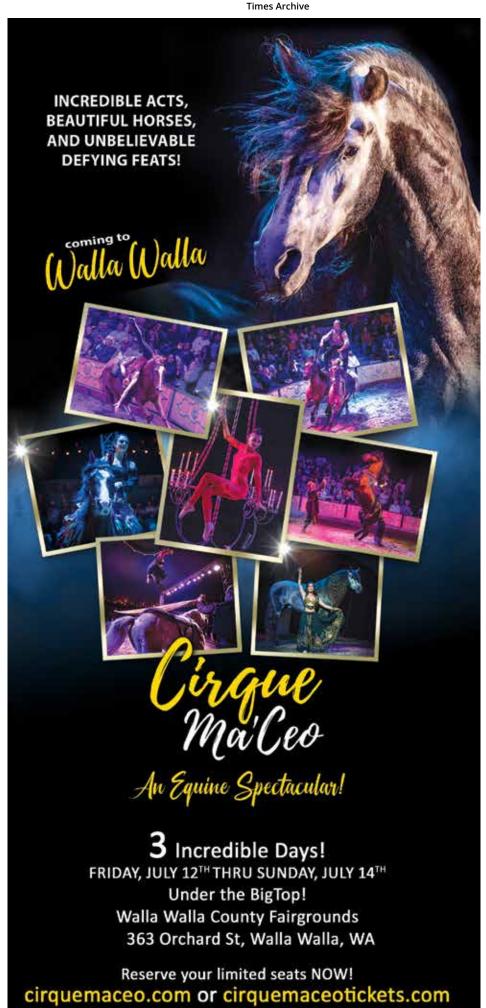
Coach Wallace said the camp was a fantastic experience for players Carter Barron, Liam Kiefel, Blake Benavides, Jackson Karl, and Lucas VanHoose. He was grateful for the support from the community, the parents, the Lions Club, and the Waitsburg Booster Club for the privilege of attending the camp. The boys will have many memories to look back upon.

"I believe this experience will pay dividends for us in the long term," said Coach Wallace. "The improvement and fight I saw in them from the start to the end made me very proud to be their coach as I witnessed their joy and work ethic."



(L-R): Liam Kiefel, Blake French, Carter Barron, Blake Benavides, Jackson Karl, Lucas VanHoose.





LEGALS & NEWS

Baseball at **Borleske Stadium**

By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA — The Walla Walla Sweets amateur baseball team plays in the West Coast League, a collegiate summer baseball league. There are north and south divisions with eight teams each. The Sweets are in the south division and play at Borleske Stadium in Walla Walla. Their last home game this season is August 8.

Coming out to watch the Sweets play is a fun family activity. Besides watching the game, there are great food options and fun fan activities between innings. Some games between innings include three-question trivia and pillow fights on a balance beam.

A few of Waitsburg's kids joined the action in June. Carter Barron and Rowdy Cole competed in the "spin ten times on a bat and run to Sweet Lou" event, with Barron winning. Erin and Jeremy Elsey's son Rhett raced Sweet Lou from first to third base. Little Elsey hit second base and continued to run out to left field before making a big turn for third base. Elsey still beat Sweet Lou!

The Sweets hold promo events throughout the season. On Del Taco Tuesdays, burritos are only \$1 while supplies last.

On Winning Wednesdays, contestants are given the chance to win \$500 provided by Legends Casino Hotel. I was selected to roll the oversized dice and needed a 12 to win the big money. My first die was a six, and the crowd cheered. I needed another six and rolled the second die. It tumbled end over end and ended up a FIVE. Oh well, that was good for \$50. The check is in the mail.

On Thursdays, adults can purchase discounted beer, and on Sunday Fundays, the first 50 kids get a free baseball and can run around the bases after the game. There are also balloon animals and face painting for kids on Sunday.

Every game, if the Sweet pitchers combine for ten or more strikeouts, each attendee can turn in their game ticket for a free scoop of ice cream at Pine Cone Creamy in Walla Walla.

There are great seats in different price ranges in the well-kept stadium owned by Whitman College. The stadium is named for Raymond Vincent Borleske, a legendary Whitman College athlete and coach. The Walla Walla Sweets and Whitman College baseball teams, high school football programs, and other sporting events use the facility.

The Sweets and Whitman Blues have a new 3,300-square-foot clubhouse at the stadium. It features a team locker room, training and recruiting rooms, and changing rooms for coaches and um-

Single tickets are available online at wallawallasweets.com up to the day before and at the stadium on game day. Come spend a summer evening watching the Sweets play ball. It is a great place to spend the evening with family and friends. You might even be watching a future MLB player; fourteen Sweets players have made it to the big leagues.



Courtesy photo

Sweet Lou gives me a high-five after winning \$50





Ks on the fence total nine strikeouts. Sweets got another later in the game for 10 Ks and free ice cream for attendees

LEGAL NOTICES

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

IN AND FOR WALLA WALLA COUNTY PROBATE NOTICE TO **CREDITORS** CAUSE NO. 24 4 00148 36 RCW 11.40.030 In re the Estate of: RONALD KENNETH LOWE, 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

Thirty (30) days after (1) the Personal Representative served or mailed the Notice to the Creditors as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or Four (4) 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 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and non-probate assets. Personal Representative: **RONDA FONTES** Attorney for the Personal Representative: Mona J. Geidl of Minnick-Havner, PS Address for Mailing or Service: Minnick-Hayner P.O. Box 1757 Walla Walla, WA 99362 Court of Probate Proceedings and Cause Number: Walla Walla County Superior Court Cause No. 24 4 00148 36 Date of First Publication: July 4. 2024 /s/ Ronda Fontes Personal Representative Dates of Publication: July 4, 2024 July 11, 2024

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA PROBATE NOTICE OF **CREDITORS** No. 2440015036 In Re the Estate of JOSEPH E. GRANT, 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 stated below a copy of the claim and filing of 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 If the claim is not presented

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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 30, 2024 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 office. BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

David Woods Secretary to the Board The Times July 11 & 18, 2024

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IN THE SUPERIOR **COURT OF THE STATE OF** WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA **WALLA**

PROBATE NOTICE TO **CREDITORS** No. 24 4 00 15 3 36 In re the Estate of SHAWN PRENDIVILLE, de 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 manner as provided by RCW

11.40.070 by serving or mailing to the personal representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and

filing the original of the claim the court in which the probate

proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented

personal representative served or mailed the notice to creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) Four (4) months after the date of first publication of this notice. If the claim is not

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decedent's probate and nonprobate assets Date of first publication: July

11. 2024 Personal Representative: Malinda G. Prendiville c/o Michael E. de Grasse Counsel for Personal Representative 59 S. Palouse St. P. O. Box 494 Walla Walla, WA 99362

Walla Walla County Superior Court Cause No.: 24 4 00153 36 /s/: Malinda G. Prendiville Personal Representative

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

CITY OF WAITSBURG ANNUAL EXTENSION OF 6-YEAR ROAD PROGRAM

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a regular meeting of the City Council, City of Waitsburg, WA will be held in Waitsburg City Hall, 106 Main St. Waitsburg, WA at 7:00 p.m. or soon thereafter on Wednesday, July 17, 2024, In accordance with RCW 35.77.010, to consider and adopt a revision of the Official Six (6) Year Road Program for the City of Waitsburg for the Six (6) Year period 2025 to 2030. Information on how attend the meeting remotely will be posted to the City website www.cityofwaitsburg.com on or around July 12, 2024. City Council City of Waitsburg

By Randy Hinchliffe, City Clerk The Times July 11, 2024 7-11-e

Superior Court of Washington, Walla Walla County

Probate Notice to Creditors No. 24-4-00158-36 (RCW 11.40.030) In re the Estate of Barbara A. Schmierer, 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 (30) days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to the creditors as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four (4) months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this timeframe, 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 the decedent's probate and non-probate assets. Date of First Publication: July 11. 2024 William P. Schmierer, Personal

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

WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA PROBATE NOTICE TO **CREDITORS** NO: 24-4-00160-36 RCW 11.40.030 In re the Estate of: BRONWYN M. KNOX-MCK-INNEY,

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 11, 2024. Karleigh McKinney Personal Representative Attorney for Personal Representative: Courtney Lawless, WSBA #57415 Basalt Legal PLLC 61/2 North Second Ave., Suite Walla Walla, WA 99362



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July 11, 18, 25, 2024

The Times

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Palouse Outdoors: A Gopher Snake in the Grass is Nature's Hidden Hero

By Brad Trumbo | THE TIMES

"We're missing snakes," Ali said. "It's the apex predator at ground level."

"You're right. We've seen one gopher snake on this property in eight years," I replied.

Rarely would anyone utter a thought about needing more snakes in their life, but this conversation followed a moment of compromised composure. A pocket gopher eating the entire root system from beneath a beautiful three-year-old sagebrush that had grown from seed provoked red-faced rage and copious obscenities. I'm not one to "throw shade" on wildlife. Pocket gophers must "make a living," too, but their burrowing and gnawing are mowing down our fruit trees and shrubs and wreaking havoc on my speck of native grassland that has taken me four years to establish.

Given that red-tailed hawks and great horned owls nest on our property and coyotes stroll through routinely, it seems there are plenty of predators afoot to keep the vermin from becoming prevalent, yet they have failed. We've had great horned owl fledglings starve to death while I trap a dozen mice a week in my shop and truck cab and have that many more gopher mounds between the house and barn.

Just last year, a three-foot gopher snake appeared on our sidewalk, and I've rarely been more excited about a wild visitor to the house. Gopher snakes may be more commonly known as bull snakes in these parts, and they're a beautiful beige color with large chocolate brown blotches on their backs and smaller blotches on the sides. They have a black stripe across their head that wraps over the eyes. Vertical black bars stripe across their lips like zipper teeth, and they sport banded tails.

Gopher snakes prefer warm, dry habitats like deserts and grasslands and are common in the public lands along the Snake River. In eastern Washington, they typically grow three to four feet long and can be mistaken for western rattlesnakes, mainly due to their spotted markings and aggressive behavior when threatened. An agitated gopher snake coils



This beautiful gopher snake found its way onto Trumbo's sidewalk and was released into the grasses behind his

up, flattens or widens its head, puffs up its body, and vibrates its tail. I don't recall a gopher snake ever striking at me, but they will if provoked. Of all these warnings, I find their hissing most startling.

Back in high school, I was an asset to the football team's offense. I was quick and agile for a 330-pound lineman and was relied upon to make holes for my fullback and quarterback. The plays required me to pull back and sprint down the line behind my teammates, then cut around the right end or turn up a gap and ensure the opposing linebacker was subdued before the fullback caught up to me. That was 25 years ago, but let a gopher snake erupt from waist-high grasses with a guttural hiss as I pass by, and you would think I was back on the football field running a three-second 40-yard dash. They may be harmless, but surprise intimidation is a keen defense mechanism.

Gopher snakes are aptly named as they prefer snacking on gophers over other vermin. I've not since seen the one that visited the house last spring, which could mean that it died from obesity. Our few acres grow pocket gophers like weeds and could sustain dozens of gopher snakes.

Like all wildlife, snakes need suitable habitat, not just plentiful food. The fallow areas surrounding wheat fields are prime, but large and connected habitat areas can be a limiting factor where roadways expose snakes to traffic and predators. This year's protracted spring with cool days has been hard on gopher snakes as they frequently sunbathe on the warm asphalt. Coyotes and red-tailed hawks prey upon gopher snakes; we have more of them than snakes in this country. Speaking of roads, just last week, I watched a red-tailed hawk take a gopher snake off Highway 124 near Prescott. Perhaps a gopher snake obesity epidemic is of lesser concern than the predators.

While snakes appear slithery, scaly, and even a little creepy, they play an important role in our local ecosystem. Life would be far more annoying without them. Consider a scene from an Australian mouse plague the next time you spot a gopher snake sunbathing on the blacktop and ask yourself, "Do I need more snakes in my life?"

One and Done, nope, not me

By Vicki Sternfeld-Rossi | THE TIMES

Three and Done (for now). I recently completed my third week of tennis camp. Exhausted doesn't begin to describe how I ache. But persevere, I have, and I'm sure the makers of Advil are celebrating my stubbornness and my dependence on their miracle drug.

With all that time and money spent, you'd think I'd be scouted to play at Wimbledon, but nope. I am relegated to my usual but fun, regular games. And I am grateful that I can still play, have friends to play with, and have not been sidelined with injuries.

I mentioned earlier that I was a little helter-skelter this year with my garden "design."

I am now realizing that along with my random planting style and the birds, bees, and squirrels contributing theirs, it will be an interesting season.

Possibly because I planted my cabbage too close, the heads are growing conically instead of roundly. Along with my cone-head cabbages, the volunteer tomato plants are not the beautiful accordion tomatoes but cherry tomatoes. I should have about a million of those to harvest.

I was so excited to see that after planting about ten Armenian cucumber

seeds and six plants, the leaves were getting larger, and fruit appeared. But, after a closer look, it's a breed of zucchini that I didn't plant.

There are a few potential cucumber plants, but they are only spindly leaves with pathetic flowers. I may have gone from an overabundance of cucumbers the last two years to none this year. I wonder if I can trade someone cherry tomatoes for cucumbers. Any takers?

Under the rule of three, some say, "things happen in threes," and although I usually don't subscribe to that philosophy, I may have to rethink my disbelief. A few years ago, I came within inches of hitting a deer (my worst fear after frozen water pipers). It was on a foggy morning drive to the airport for an early flight to Seattle. The deer and I suddenly came face to face, staring each other down, but I could drive around him and made it to the airport in time for my flight. A little shaken, I was lucky that Alaska Air still poured coffee, wine, or beer. The wine was a welcome sedative.

A few weeks ago, I heard a loud thump while driving to Walla Walla for my morning tennis game. I realized a bird had flown into my windshield and was now "roadkill." At least there was no damage to my windshield. The outcome was not as good vesterday.

While on my way to Walla Walla, enjoying the cool morning temperatures, with my top down, cruising along around 62 miles per hour, I saw something in my peripheral vision heading towards me. I think it was a turkey. It crashed onto my windshield so fast it was hard to be sure. All I saw was a big bird, a long neck, dark feathers, and the rest a blur.

My first reaction was anger over my broken windshield, then I felt bad for the giant bird, and finally, relief that the bird didn't land inside my car. It would have been a mess to clean up after needing to sweet talk someone into removing the injured or dead bird from my car.

I am three and done with Tennis Camp until October. I hope I'm three and done with animal obstacles and crashes on the highway!



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Local Breweries Beer Tasting Cornhole Tournament

Music **Dancing** Food

Ticket Prices:

- **\$35.00 General**
- \$45.00 VIP
- \$10.00 Designated Driver
- \$40.00 Cornhole Tournament per team (must be 21+ & Brew fest ticket required to participate)
- Free Kids (babysitting onsite, games, crafts, movie)

SATURDAY, July 13, 2024

5:00 - 9:00 pm

Where: Waitsburg Fairgrounds - E Tenth Street Waitsburg, WA Must be 21+ & have Valid ID to attend

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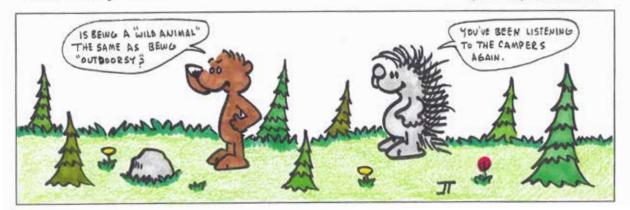
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The Friendly Forest

By Jimmye L. Turner



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"But seriously ..."

Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



Touchet Valley Weather

July 10, 2024



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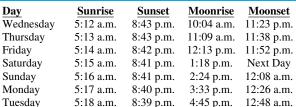
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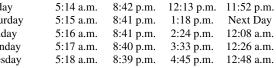
Sun/Moon Chart This Week













Lunches

WAITSBURG SENIOR WAITSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT **CENTER**

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504 Main Street 11 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Tuesday, July 16 Spaghette & Meat Sauce Garlic Bread Fruit Vegetable Coleslaw



FREE SUMMER MEALS

Waitsburg Schools will provide free meals to those 18 years and younger this summer break at the Elementary multipurpose room starting June 24.

The program ends on July 19, and meals will not be served on

Breakfast will be served Monday through Friday, 8:30 to 9 a.m., and lunch from 11;30 a.m. to noon.



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PIONEER PORTRAITS

Ten Years Ago July 17, 2014

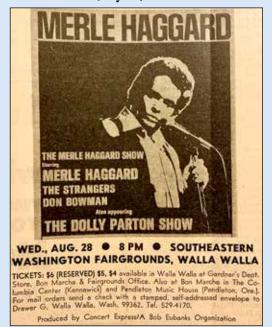
"I'm so great at swim lessons!" announced Alyssa Array as she exited the dressing room following her Level 3 swim class at the Waitsburg City Pool on Tuesday morning. That statement - along with the fact that 60 children participated in lessons this year - is a testament to the success of Waitsburg's swim program. This year Waitsburg offered one two-week session of swim lessons, from beginners at Level 1, to the more advanced Level 4 swimmers. Lessons are taught by guards Zac Brown, Paige Wood and Devin Newman.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

July 8, 1999

Ten cyclists - all with some connection to leukemia save having the disease - passed through Waitsburg Saturday on a two-month trek across America to raise money and awareness for leukemia research. The group of university undergraduates and graduate students are promoting awareness and have counted over \$10,000 in pledges toward their \$250,000 goal. Called Pedaling for Progress, the group will donate proceeds to the Leukemia Society of America for the research of cures.

Fifty Years Ago July 18, 1974



Times Advertisement Archive

Newspaper people operate under deadline pressure and often are able to shorten up the length of time it takes to do a job. That's why we were able to take our two-week vacation starting Thursday noon and ending Monday afternoon. Don't laugh. You may have noticed it is only four days. The one thing that hasn't changed is the expenditure of funds. You can spend the normal two-week's vacation cash in four days now or less. After some 20 or so years, this is the first summer trip in memory that we have taken without one, two, or three kids to account for.

Seventy-Five Years Ago

July 22, 1949

"Bud" Simonis, Waitsburg jockey, is the leading rider at Longacres track in Seattle. To date, he has 17 first, 12 seconds and 7 thirds.

Frederick C. Wilson, assistant bursar at Whitman College since 1943, has been elected bursar-comptroller of the College, President Chester Maxey announced.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Singer have sold their home on Coppei Avenue to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fisher and are moving to Walla Walla.

One Hundred Years Ago

July 25, 1924

It was learned today that one lot of turkey red wheat grown on Eureka Flats had been sold by William Struthers to the Jones-Scott Co. for \$1.25 net F.O.B., a record price for the season.

The combine owned and run by Ray Small who farms the Weller ranch north of town turned clear over and righted itself again while being run Wednesday morning.

Master Paul Bailey is spending the week at the Harve Davis ranch and Miss Marion Bailey is visiting at the farm home of H. E. Fry, both near Dayton.

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago July 21, 1899

Will Shaffer moved his family to Thayer's Mill Saturday, where they will spend the summer. There are now six families camped there.

J. M. Chew went to Prescott Sunday by wheel. If you want to know just how hot it was on the road between this city and Prescott Mr. Chew probably can give you the desired information.

While hauling hay for A. L. Storie Thursday afternoon load turned over with Orlan Phipps and Archie Martin with results to badly bruise the boys up and causing them to lay off a couple of days. Orlan received a badly sprained ankle and Archie had one of his hips injured.

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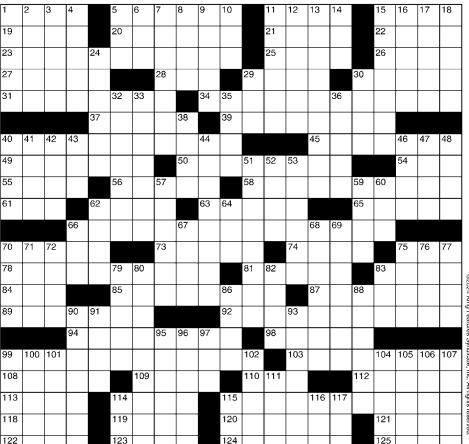
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

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Summer Barley

Salad

Several years ago, we were in Los Angeles visiting friends and family during a milestone birthday. As part of the festivities, we were invited to a friend's house for a potluck barbeque. Being very familiar with the culinary trends of health-conscious southern California, I made a joke



on our way there that the potluck would be nothing but raw kale. When we arrived at the party, there was fresh guacamole made from avocados grown in someone's backyard, gorgeous wild-caught seafood on the grill, and taunting me on the buffet, were no less than three (slightly) different raw kale salads. While I honestly do, love a good kale salad, there is such a thing as too much of a good thing.

Since then, I have made it a mission to research and test a range of summer salad recipes that are perfect for backyard entertaining. For variety, I often turn to chilled grain salads as an unexpected and nutritious option. Here fresh green herbs, peas, and tomatoes mingle with delightful pearl barley for a distinctive side dish.

Ingredients:

- 1 cup fresh peas, shelled
- 2 cups pearl barley
- 1 pint cherry tomatoes, halved ½ white onion, thinly sliced
- 2 tablespoons rice vinegar
- 1/4 cup fresh mint, chopped
- 1/4 cup fresh parsley, chopped 1 teaspoon ground coriander
- ½ teaspoon paprika ½ teaspoon garlic powder
- Juice and zest of one lemon
- 1/4 cup olive oil 1 tablespoon balsamic vinegar
- Salt and fresh ground black pepper

Add the shelled peas to the bottom of a large mixing bowl and set aside. Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil, like you would for cooking pasta. When boiling add the barley, stir, and reduce heat to medium. Cook barley for 15 to 18 minutes, until just tender, stirring occasionally. Drain water, then immediately add the hot barley on top of the peas. Let sit for 3 to 4 minutes to steam the peas. Stir and test one pea for doneness, you want them to be bright green and still have a fresh bite. Stir to incorporate the peas into the barley, then place bowl in fridge, uncovered, to cool quickly.

Meanwhile, place the onion slices in a small shallow bowl and top with the rice vinegar. Add a pinch of salt, and stir to combine, adding a little more vinegar if needed to just barely cover the onions. Allow to sit at room temperature and macerate until the onions lose any harsh raw flavor and soften.

When barley and peas are chilled, add the tomatoes, parsley, mint, coriander, paprika, garlic, lemon zest and juice. Stir well to evenly distribute the spices. Add the onions and the vinegar maceration liquid. Next stir in the olive oil, balsamic vinegar, then season to taste with salt and black pepper. Return to the fridge and allow to chill for at least one hour, to allow flavors to marinate together. When fully chilled, taste and adjust seasoning as needed. Add more olive oil if needed to get desired texture. Serve chilled with more whole fresh mint sprigs as a garnish, and a final flourish of cracked black pepper.

Notes:

Pearl barley is found in health food stores or in groceries with large bulk food sections. If you can't find fresh peas, try using snap peas sliced crosswise into half inch segments. You could also use thawed frozen peas, adding them to the chilled barley at the same time as the tomatoes. Other fresh summer produce can be added to your liking, such as diced sweet peppers, or, yes, even tender kale. Other fresh herbs such as chives, basil or tarragon would also be lovely mixed into the salad. If you are a fan of heat, some pickled peppers such as Mama Lil's would be a fantastic

This recipe is vegan as-is, but it would also be lovely with some crumbled fresh goat cheese or feta cheese. The barley will absorb a lot of oil, so do not be alarmed if you end up adding a bit more olive oil before serving.

This bright and satisfying salad makes a wonderful side dish to any grilled meat or fish. A healthy alternative to those made with pasta or potatoes, this salad gets its distinctive nutty flavor and hearty texture from the barley. This week, I served it with some curry spiced chicken skewers, and grilled vegetables with my cucumber yogurt sauce on the side, for a memorable backyard family barbeque. Enjoy.

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Community Calendar

WAITSBURG MONTHLY MEETINGS



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

Planning Commission

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

Waitsburg School Board

Third Thursday of every month @ 6 p.m.

Zoom info is available by emailing waitsburgcc@icloud.com

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

Waitsburg Historical Society

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

Waitsburg Booster Club

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

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

New Meeting Time - Second Tuesday of the month @ 7 p.m. Weller Public Library, 212 Main Street, Waitsburg

Waitsburg Commercial Club

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

Waitsburg Resource Center

Community Food Bank 106 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/54inside-city-hall/city-council

Dayton School Board

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

Columbia County Public Hospital District Board of Commissioners

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

Dayton Memorial Library Board of Trustees Meeting

Third Monday of the month @ 7 p.m. Delany room and Zoom Meeting ID: 852 3836 3787

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

Columbia County Parks and Recreation Pool District

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

Dayton Kiwanis Club Meeting

Second and fourth Thursday @ Noon

Hybrid in-person meetings at the Delany Library with online Zoom available.

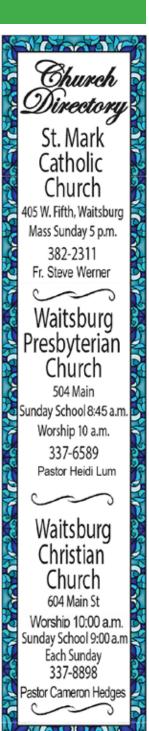
PRESCOTT MEETINGS

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



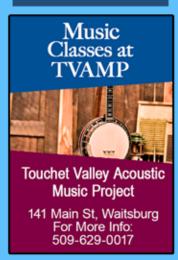
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