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ONE DOLLAR



Mike Ferrians

Walla Walla DJ provided the sound system and entertainment for the evening.

## Pool Kickoff Event made a big splash

By Mike Ferrians | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — Waitsburg's Friends of the Pool with Rural Youth Enrichment Services (RYES) hosted a Pool Kick-off celebration and fundraiser at the Royal Block Wine Bar on Thursday, November 16. The event featured a silent auction, Walla Walla DJ music, and Daniel Rossi catering.

Pool Committee member Wendy Carter and Waitsburg Mayor Marty Dunn made speeches on the efforts to build a public pool in the city. Jesse Brown was recognized for her ideas and energy in making the well-attended event successful.

The silent auction offered six items, including a total yard makeover by Mayor Dunn, dinner for six at the Perry & Darlene Dozier Ranch, a family photo session with Tracy Daniel, a Hells Canyon jetboat tour, a birthday party event with dunk tank hosted by Waitsburg Firefighters, and an overnight stay for two at the Royal Block with an exclusive wine tasting.

Before the event, the Friends of the Pool raised \$50,000, which is enough to begin a feasibility study to build of a new pool. Waitsburg Parks and Recreation Commissioner Beth Daves will be meeting with PBS Engineering and Environmental, Inc. in Walla Walla on November 30 to begin work on the study.

According to City Council Member Jillian Henze, donations coming in between October 16 and November 20, excluding final silent auction bids, totaled \$9,305. An additional \$10,000 gift from the Waitsburg Lions Club was announced at the evening's celebration.



Mike Ferrians

Wendy Carter sharing news on the pool project's efforts.



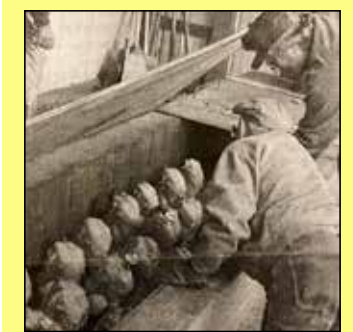
Lane Gwinn

Catering was provided by local chef Daniel Rossi.

### THIS WEEK



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## Dayton School Board working on levy

By Justin Jaech | THE TIMES

DAYTON – The Dayton School Board met in the High School Library on November 15, 2023. School board members present were Chair Jeffrey McCowen, Zac Fabian, Aneesha Dieu, Ryan Paulson, and Grant Griffin. Superintendent Rich Stewart and student representatives Madison Richardson and Lila Hutchens were also present.

One of the Board's first actions was to approve Lila Hutchens as a student representative to the Board. She joins Madison Richardson as the second student representative. The student representative and ASB reports recap student activities from the previous month.

Athletic Director Sam Korslund announced the start of winter sports: wrestling and boys and girls basketball.

Elementary School Principal Amy Cox updated the Board on the Leadership Team's progress on the Title I Part A School-wide Plan and the success of the PTSO-run book fair. She said each elementary school student was awarded a free book after the fair.

Cox announced the results of the election of ASB Elementary School officers. The newly elected officers are:

- President – Auston Ferguson
- Vice President – Lily Smith
- Secretary – Ronan Gemmell
- Treasurer – Molly Jonas
- Technology Coordinator – Rae Howard

Board member Dieu stated that she had questions about the book fair and was reminded that the PTSO, not the school, runs it.

Dieu said, "I guess I'm just wondering what type of books are coming into the school."

Cox said the teachers hand-picked those books, selecting them based on their students' interests and abilities.

Dieu said she wanted "a little bit of a heightened awareness of all the books and how they're coming in and out of the school. It might be where the principal needs to look things over, a body of teachers, something that we can somehow control that a little bit better."

Stewart took the opportunity to emphasize his belief that male figures in the family, fathers, and grandfathers, are most influential in developing children's reading habits. He encouraged fathers and grandfathers to take the time to read to or read with their children.

Secondary Principal Guin Joyce gave a shout-out to the FSA, who brought fresh apple pie to the board meeting.

Joyce said the secondary schools had mailed progress reports and letters explaining tutoring options and concerns about student attendance to families.

Head Custodian John Delp gave his report on maintenance, operations, and grounds. He said three controllers for the heating control system failed in the last week of October. Delp has been manually controlling the heat since the failure. He said the obsolete and failed controllers would need to be replaced.

Stewart announced a second school levy meeting scheduled for 6 p.m. on November 20, 2023, at the Port of Columbia board room. The previous meeting was held on November 7, 2023.

Board member appointee Ryan Paulson was sworn in during the November 7 work session. Members from the local Citizens for Education group participated in the levy discussion. The Superintendent seemed hesitant to ask for a levy of more than \$1.50/\$1000. Most attendees were concerned with student safety and the needed repairs for the

## Waitsburg School Board discuss levy, grant and attendance

By Mike Ferrians | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—All members were present at a meeting of the Waitsburg School Board on Wednesday, November 15.

Secondary Principal Joe Wirtzberger reported that he was pleased with the district's overall full-time enrollment attendance rates. However, the high school's junior class is currently under expectations, with half of that class under a 90% attendance rate. He said that the administration will continue to look at ways of improving that statistic.

Wirtzberger reported that the Preston Hall Haunted House event was a success.

ASB President and Student Representative Blake French said that this year, "the culture of school is way better than last year." He gave Principal Wirtzberger credit for helping improve the school's atmosphere. Commenting on the dissolution of the sports combine with Dayton, French said, "We've become a stronger school since the combine ended."

Superintendent and Elementary Principal David Woods said the administration is reviewing a new English Language Acquisition curriculum. He shared that the "discipline referral rate" at Waitsburg schools has been very low this year, with no major issues arising.

A Healthy Kids Grant for facilities upgrades has been awarded to the district. Woods reported the funds will be used to complete fencing of the Elementary/Preston Hall campus on the north, west, and south sides. This will prevent young students from being able to run off campus during recess times. Also being considered is a climbing wall for the playground area.

Woods reported that the district budget is in good shape. He outlined steps to be taken in preparation for next year's replacement levy submittal.

The district is seeking applications from residents interested in being appointed to a committee to write the for/against statements for the Walla Walla and Columbia County Local Voters' Pamphlets related to the district's ballot measure for the Replacement Educational Programs and Operation Levy to be considered on February 13, 2024. This will be a replacement levy, which is legislatively capped at 2.5% of voter property values.

Winter Cardinal sports are underway. The board approved hiring Lash LaRue as the new middle school wrestling coach. He will be assisted by coaches of Waitsburg's MatBirds. According to Athletic Director Wirtzberger, seven students have signed up for wrestling.

The board also approved hiring Chris Andrews as assistant coach for the middle school boys' basketball team. The team's head coach is Gabe Kiefel.

During the public comment, board member Stephanie Cole said she would like the board to consider ways to encourage community attendance at meetings "and not just when there's a problem people might not have known about because they hadn't been at a previous meeting."

The board approved closing district offices from December 18 to January 1 for winter break. The board's next meeting will be Thursday, December 7.

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# NEWS BRIEFS

## NEWS BRIEFS

## LETTERS

### AT THE LIBERTY: "Polar Express"

THE TIMES

"Polar Express" will show for free at the Liberty Theater on November 23 at 3:00 p.m.

When a doubting young boy takes an extraordinary train ride to the North Pole, he embarks on a journey of self-discovery that shows him that the wonder of life never fades for those who believe. Tom Hanks and director Robert Zemeckis ("Forrest Gump"; "Cast Away") reunite for "Polar Express," an inspiring adventure based on the beloved children's book by Chris Van Allsburg.

Rotten Tomatoes critics review is: "Though the movie is visually stunning overall, the animation for the human characters isn't lifelike enough, and the story is padded." The critics rate it 56% favorable, and audiences 64%. Rating is G, and runtime is 1 hour and 40 minutes.

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**DAYTON - FROM PAGE 1** continued operation of the schools. The board must also decide whether to seek a bond for capital projects. Dayton schools have not sought a bond for decades, and capital improvements have not kept pace with other school districts.

Stewart said he is researching the traits the district might use in the search for the new Superintendent. He is seeking input from a wide selection of stakeholders, including students, hoping to finish by Christmas. Stewart emphasized his desire to find a good fit and would prefer to hire an interim superintendent rather than be forced, by time considerations, to choose a candidate who is not a near-perfect fit.

Stewart closed his report by saying he was excited about passing the capital levy.

## BIRTHDAYS

**November 23:** Dr. John W.L. Bond, Miles Reese, Bill Johnson, Robbie Johnson, Cecile Carpenter, Heather O'Brien, Jennifer Wheeler, Alice Clifton, and Jean Lawrence.

**November 24:** Orville Branson, Clay Lindsey, Betsy Beck, Lisa Gosney, Brian Newbury, and Melissa DeCoria.

**November 25:** Brandon Leroue, Kelly Maib, Lucas Olona, Jody Lehr, Carey Demaris, and Tyler Green.

**November 26:** Devon Harshman, Donna Lee Harris, Donald Land, and Greg Gabel.

**November 27:** Peggy Lightfoot, Nita Snider, Rose Worth, Rod Baker, and Jaidyn Brown.

**November 28:** Norma Jean Green, Karen Hermanns, Shawn White, Michael Lafer, and Cara Rea.

**November 29:** Lewis Neace, Sherrie Morris, Pat Huwe, and Scott Lambert.





**Dayton Kiwanis Club**

**Thank You**  
to all our loyal bingo players, volunteers, and sponsors for another great community event!

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Bank of Idaho	Genie Crowe
Banner Bank	Inland Cellular
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Blue Mtn Realty-Kelley Right	Lions Club of Dayton
Boggs Ortuno PLLC	Moose Creek Café & Bakery
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### THANKFUL THOUGHTS FROM DAYTON

To the Editor:

Thanksgiving is a time to be appreciative, grateful, and thankful. It is a time to reflect on what we are thankful for.

I often say a silent prayer of thanks for my life in Dayton, an area, with a few exceptions, that doesn't have wild, crazy, and destructive weather like tornadoes.

I say a prayer of thanks for being able to safely walk around my community, meet neighbors, and enjoy conversations with people like Curtis at the post office, who is always cheerful and helpful.

There are many people I am grateful for; some have been in my life a long time, and others have shown up for a "reason." I have been fortunate to know Mayor Zac Weatherford and Dain Nysoe, longtime council member, who are leaving their positions at the end of the year. My role as a council member has been enriched, working with them while our life paths crossed in public service.

Of course, I feel blessed with a roof over my head, food, and water, while many in war zones struggle just to exist.

But for me, my life is made by the people in it. Friends, family, people I've met and instantly liked, classmates who have reconnected, and my church family.

I am grateful, thankful, and appreciative of my life and all that is in it.

Reflectively,  
Teeny McMunn  
Dayton, Wash.



## CLASSIFIEDS

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## Community Calendar

### Events, Live Music, Film Calendar




**Mythical / Movable  
Blue Mountain Bluegrass Jam**  
Weinhard Hotel - 7p.m.  
235 E Main St, Dayton  
Friday, November 24



**AMERICAN 35  
Wednesday,  
Nov. 29 @  
6:30 p.m.**



**Brunch is served.**



**@ AMERICAN 35**  
SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS FROM 9 A.M. TO 2 P.M.

### DAYTON'S CHRISTMAS KICKOFF FRIDAY NOVEMBER 25 AND SATURDAY NOVEMBER 26



#### Church Directory

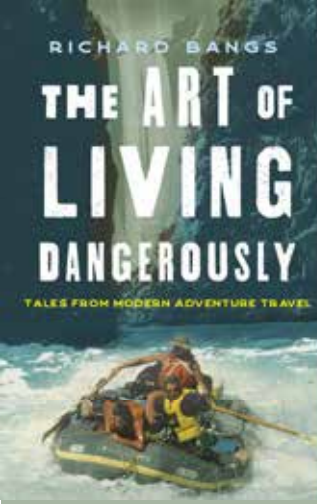
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382-2311  
Fr. Steve Werner

**Waitsburg Presbyterian Church**  
504 Main  
Worship 10:00 a.m.  
337-6589  
Pastor Stan Hughes

**Waitsburg Chapel**  
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Bible Study  
Wednesdays 7:30 p.m.  
337-6235  
Rev. Jimmie Daves

**Waitsburg Christian Church**  
604 Main St  
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Sunday School 9:00 a.m.  
Each Sunday  
337-8898  
Pastor Cameron Hedges

**ROYAL BLOCK  
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**NOV 22**  
AT 6:30PM

PROLIFIC AUTHOR AND GLOBALLY RENOWNED EXPLORER, RICHARD BANGS, READS FROM HIS 20TH BOOK "THE ART OF LIVING DANGEROUSLY"

**NOV 24**  
AT 6:30PM

READING AND CELEBRATION OF THE RELEASE OF CASCADIA POETICS LAB'S POETRY ANTHOLOGY 'CASCADIAN ZEN VOL. I',

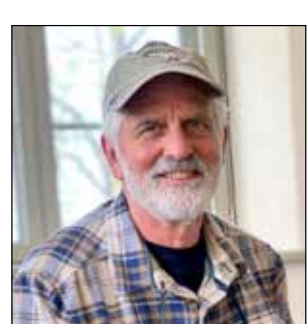
**NOV 25**  
AT 6:30PM

MINDFULNESS LEADER, KURT HOELTING, WILL READ FROM HIS BOOK 'CIRCLING HOME'

## Mindfulness leader Kurt Hoelting at Royal Block

THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — The Royal Block Reading Series welcomes author and mindfulness leader Kurt Hoelting, who will share reflections from his recent Zen Peace Ritual in Kyiv, Ukraine, and read from his book "The Circumference of Home" at the Royal Block in Waitsburg on November 25, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.. Admission is free and open to the public (21+).



Submitted photo  
Kurt Hoelting

From July 2 to 9, 2023, Hoelting was among six people who committed to spending 24 hours a day together - two Ukrainians, two Poles, and two Americans - holding a vigil during Russia's continuing, brutal invasion of Ukraine. Kurt will share reflections from that retreat, which unfolded one day at a time within a web of perplexing uncertainties.

## Royal Block to host Cascadian Zen Launch Event in Waitsburg

THE TIMES

Waitsburg — The Royal Block Reading Series will welcome poets Paul Nelson, Adelia MacWilliam, Dr. Jason Wirth, and Sharon Thesen for readings in Waitsburg on November 24, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. Admission for the reading will be free to the public (21+).

This event will celebrate Cascadia Poetics Lab's release of its poetry anthology "Cascadian Zen Vol. I", featuring work from distinguished artists and authors throughout the Cascadia bioregion, published by Watershed Press.

Work in the anthology connects the mission of Cascadia Poetics Lab by exploring the nature of the Cascadia bioregion, Zen practice, and the many questions that follow these topics.



Submitted photos  
Paul E. Nelson

Paul E. Nelson is a published poet, interviewer, and an editor of Cascadian Zen. In 1993, Nelson founded Cascadia Poetics Lab, which empowers people to practice poetry and deepen connections to place, self, and the present moment. Believing self-knowledge, bioregionalism, and expansive creativity converge through poetry, Cascadia Poetics Lab hosts workshops and poetry festivals to expose participants to community, education, and transformation through poetry.

Adelia MacWilliam earned her MFA at the University of Victoria and is a founding editor of Watershed Press. She is co-founder of Cascadia Poetics Lab, [www.cascadiapoeticslab.ca](http://www.cascadiapoeticslab.ca), which produces the monthly Red Tree reading series. Her most recent book is "Sweet Water: Poems for the Watersheds," edited by Yvonne Blomer and published by Caitlin Press.



Adelia MacWilliam



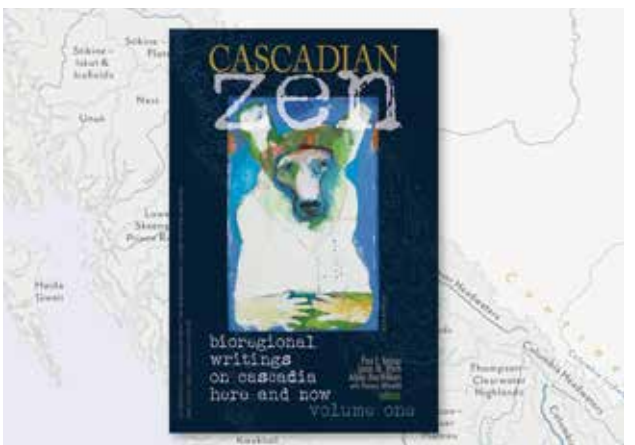
Dr. Jason M. Wirth

Dr. Jason M. Wirth is a philosophy professor at Seattle University, focusing on Continental Philosophy, Buddhist Philosophy, Aesthetics, and Environmental Philosophy. He is a founding editor of Watershed Press and a review editor for the journal "Comparative and Continental Philosophy." His recent books include "Nietzsche and Other Buddhas: Philosophy after Comparative Philosophy." He is an ordained Soto Zen priest and is founder and co-director of Seattle University's EcoSangha ([www.ecosangha.net](http://www.ecosangha.net)).



Sharon Thesen

Sharon Thesen is a Canadian poet and professor emerita at the University of British Columbia. Among her fourteen books of poetry are "The Wig-Maker" with Janet Gallant, "The Receiver," "Oyama Pink Shale," and "The Good Bacteria."



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# HOLIDAY & LEGALS

## Hometown Christmas offers curated Arts & Crafts Fair

WAITSBURG — Last summer, the Waitsburg Commercial Club reached out to the Gaudy Gals to see if they would host the 2023 Hometown Christmas arts and crafts show. Kimi and Lori gladly accepted the challenge and are working hard to create a beautifully curated show at Waitsburg Town Hall. A call for vendors went out in August and filled up within a few days.

To ensure a successful show for vendors and shoppers, interested vendors provided photos and descriptions of their wares to prevent overlapping items. The vendors chosen are area residents who create interesting and fun works of art.

Kate Hockersmith and musicians from the TVAMP youth program will play Christmas music on the Town Hall stage on Sunday. The show runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, December 2, and Sunday, December 3. All vendors will accept cash and credit and debit cards.

Come to the show to purchase a one-of-a-kind find.

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## American Legion Auxiliary Waitsburg Unit 35 Veteran's Benefit Bingo

November 26, 2023  
Waitsburg Elementary

Doors open @ 1:00 p.m.  
Games start @ 2:00 p.m.



## LEGAL NOTICES

### Ordinance / Resolution No. 2023-07

RCW 84.55.120  
WHEREAS, the COUNCIL of City of Prescott has met and considered its budget for the calendar year 2024; and,  
WHEREAS, the districts actual levy amount from the previous year was \$ 39,941.53 ; and,  
WHEREAS, the population of this district is less than 10,000; and now, therefore,  
BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the taxing district that an increase in the regular property tax levy is hereby authorized for the levy to be collected in the 2024 tax year.  
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Adopted this 13 day of November, 2023  
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11-23-a



### NOTICE OF 2024 PROPOSED BUDGET & OF PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the proposed budget for the City of Prescott for 2024 has been prepared and is on file at City Hall, 108 S. D Street, Prescott, WA. A final public hearing on the budget will be held at 6:30 pm December 11, 2023, during the regular City Council meeting followed by Council discussion and action. Copies of the proposed budget will be available to the public December 11, 2023. Dated this 16th day of November 2023  
Wendy Akes, City Clerk/Treasurer  
The Times  
November 23, 30 2023  
11-23-b

### Prescott Joint Park and Recreation District

Board of Commissioners  
VACANCY: Position #2  
Term Expires 12/31/2025  
Serving on the Board of Commissioners is an active year-round responsibility, overseeing the operation of the various aspects of the District. Commissioners will work on several sub-committees (Budget, Maintenance, Grants)  
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PO Box 30  
Prescott WA 00348  
Deadline - Dec. 1, 2023  
If you would like more information, please call the office at 509-849-2314, daily 9 to 1 pm.  
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November 9, 16, 23, 30, December 7, 2023  
11-9-c

**SMALL WORKS ROSTER**  
Columbia County Health District (CCHD) maintains a Small Works Roster which the District may utilize and update annually. Small Works contracts are for projects up to \$350,000.00 in value in accordance with RCW's 39.04.010, 39.04.155, and 36.32.250. This policy may be used as an alternative to formal advertisement and bidding of Public Works. Companies that have previously submitted applications and have been listed on the Small Works Roster, should submit a new application to update the information in our records. CCHD complies with the Prevailing Wage Law of the State of Washington (RCW 39.12) and requires all contractors to comply. All applicants must be properly registered and licensed to perform such work in the State of Washington. To obtain a Small Works Roster Application, Contact Columbia County District Administration Department, jorie.aukerman@cchd-wa.org or call (509) 382-3400.  
The Times  
November 23, 30 2023  
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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**  
In re the Estate of NO. 23-4/-00227-36 TERRY LEE KNAPP, 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 by RCW 11.40.070

by serving or mailing to the administrator'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 administrator 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 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 nonprobate assets.  
Date of first publication: Nov. 9 2023 (anticipated)  
Administrator: Suzanne Knapp c/o Michael E. de Grasse Counsel for Administrator 59 S. Palouse St. P. O. Box 494 Walla Walla, WA 99362 Walla Walla County Superior Court  
Cause No.: 23-4-00227-36 s/s: Suzanne Knapp Administrator  
The Times  
November 9, 16, 23 2023  
11-9-a

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON**  
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA  
In the Matter of the Estate of Kathryn A. Meliah, Deceased  
NO. 23 4 00241 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.  
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**In the Superior Court of the State of Washington for the County of Walla Walla**  
Yolanda Zuniga Contreras, Petitioner,  
No. (23-3-00201-36)  
Wenseslado Solorio, Respondent.  
The State of Washington to the respondent Wenseslado Solorio :  
You are hereby summoned to appear within 90 days after the date of the first publication of this dissolution of marriage summons, after the DATE, and defend the above-entitled action in the above-entitled court, and answer the complaint of the petitioner, Petitioner's name, 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 Yolanda Zuniga Contreras at 61 Farmland Rd Apt 101, Walla Walla, WA. 99362  
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# Weller Public Library Updates

By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — The Weller Public Library looks fresh after Walla Walla's Meticulous Touch Painting, LLC finished painting the front room and hallway. The building's historic tin ceiling stands out with a new coat of paint highlighting its decorative details. The shelves in the front room are painted and ready for library staff to restock, with books available for checkout starting on November 29.

The Friends of the Library are busy with holiday projects and programs. They held an ornament painting event on Saturday, November 18, in the "lift" room at the library. Twenty-five children came to paint snowman ornaments, which will be hung on the Friends' tree outside the library during the Holiday season.

In December, the Friends will sponsor a StoryWalk in Waitsburg. StoryWalk was created by Anne Ferguson to combine reading and the great outdoors. The library will laminate pages from a children's book and display them around Waitsburg. As readers stroll down the route, they're directed to the next page in the story.

To participate, go to the Weller Library beginning December 1 for a map of the route to read "Snowmen at Night."

The Friends will offer cocoa and cookies in the library on Sunday, December 3, before the Hometown Christmas lighted parade starts. Volunteers are welcome to assist the Friends of the Library with coordinated activities in the coming year.



The library has been repainted, and shelves are ready to be restocked. Karen Huwe



Snowmen painted by children, are ready to be hung on the tree.

# Wine of the Week

Sineann 2022 Abondante Red

By Paul Gregutt | THE TIMES

This unique blend is sourced from vineyards near the Dalles, far enough east to be outside the Columbia Gorge AVA, but in the slim slice of the vast Columbia Valley AVA that crosses the river into Oregon. This is a generous and versatile red blend, roughly half Merlot and half Zinfandel, with flavors of red currants, strawberries and peppery herbs. Despite its youth there are no rough edges, and the tannins have a gentle graininess that adds some texture to the finish. Note that the website still lists the 2021 which quite truthfully is every bit as good as this 2022, and probably benefits from an extra year of bottle age. Really well made Columbia Valley reds rarely show up at this price. 500 cases; 14.8%; \$20 (Columbia Valley) 91/100

<http://www.sineann.com/abondante>



# CARDINALS MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL

By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — Waitsburg Middle School boys have competed well in their first three games of the season despite not having any eighth graders on the team. The young Cardinal team is working hard, developing skills and experience that will benefit it in the future.

The team traveled to Walla Walla to play Liberty Christian on November

14, losing 33-29 in a close game. The Cardinals rallied from a 12-point deficit in the last two minutes to make an exciting finish in their first game of the season.

On November 16, both the "B" and "A" teams lost at Liberty Christian in Richland.

On Monday, November 20, the Cardinals played on Kison Court against Touchet. The "A" and "B" teams played competitively but lost their matches. Cardinal Damen Karl led the "B" team with seven points in the 18-17 loss. The boys had a big second quarter, scoring 10 points.



Karen Huwe

Defense (l-r) #35 Ollivyr Dahlby, #50 Arrow Groom, #42 Damien Karl, Carsyn Pennington and Levi Boudrieau against Touchet "B"

# Feline Fury

By Vicki Sternfeld-Rossi | THE TIMES

The other day, while Daniel and I were about to walk out onto the deck, Mugsy went a little crazy, whining and scratching at the door jam. Daniel said, "There must be a mouse or rat in the wall."



My stomach turned, not because I was afraid of rodents but because the idea of one being in the wall was upsetting. Daniel set traps in the pantry; the following day, it was trapped, snapped, and dead. Our gourmet mouse went for the brie cheese, and it paid the price. So far, it seems one and done—no traces of more invaders.

I have dealt with rodents both here and in Los Angeles. I don't like them, but I don't panic or run screaming to stand on a chair. When my first husband and I separated, I went to our house to pick out the pots and pans to take to my new apartment. There was one pot I wanted, and when I reached to get it off the shelf, a dead mouse was staring up at me. I took the pot and left the mouse on the shelf. Even trade? I think so.

In my next house, I spotted a roof rat running through the entertainment center. My two dogs sat on the couch, oblivious, as I froze for a few minutes. I got a grip and ran to the store and bought traps. I also had to buy a baby gate to keep the dogs from getting into the peanut butter-filled glue traps. After two weeks of watching the rat torment me, the dogs being

no help, I called an exterminator who guaranteed success.

First, he searched the house for any potential opening that allowed the animal to enter. He found plenty of points of entry that vermin could breach. He repaired and rescreened vents, filled holes, and set better traps. Thankfully, after two days, there was one dead rat, which I put into the trash. The exterminator dug it out to examine it.

After he determined it was a female rat, his crew came every other day for two weeks to ensure she didn't leave a family under the house. Two weeks and \$1,000 later, I was rat-free.

After tomato season in my first Waitsburg winter, I was advised to keep any green tomatoes in the pantry to let them ripen. I was ecstatic; I was eating my home-grown tomatoes into November. As colder weather struck, a mouse invaded the pantry, looking for food and warmth. More traps, more dead mice.

Thinking back on my interactions with rodents in Waitsburg, I am disappointed with the cadre of cats in our neighborhood. And there are plenty of them, from tabbies, calicos, cute grey kittens, and big fluffy adults. Most, if not all, have curled up on my front porch to stay warm and dry, sun-bathed on my car, and used our lawn and planters as their litter boxes. A few have hidden in sheltered areas in our backyard, and one recently was chased out from under the new tarp-covered table on the pergola. Go Mugsy.

My new mantra to the feline community that had previously been so welcomed in my yard, front porch, and garden, no more. There is no free ride. Catch the mice or find another warm place to nap. We are no longer benevolent hosts. Mugsy is fast; you will be chased into the cold if you don't do your job.

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<p><b>FRIDAY NOVEMBER 25</b></p> <p>10:00AM - 5:30PM   FESTIVAL OF TREES 219 E. MAIN ST (WENAHA GALLERY)</p> <p>10:00AM - 1:00PM &amp; 4:00 - 5:00PM   SELFIES WITH SANTA 219 E. MAIN ST (WENAHA GALLERY)</p> <p>10:00AM - 5:00PM   BELLEVEU! CRAFT BAZAAR &amp; HOLIDAY MARKET DAYTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM 614 S. 3RD STREET</p> <p>10:00AM - 6:00PM   CHRISTMAS MARKET AT HISTORIC DEPOT HISTORIC DAYTON DEPOT 222 E. COMMERCIAL ST</p> <p>10:00 - 10:45AM   REGISTRATION FOR 5K DASH 341 E. MAIN ST AT COURTHOUSE \$15 PER PERSON OVER 6 YRS OLD.</p> <p>11:00AM   UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER 5K DASH 341 E. MAIN ST - STARTS AT COURTHOUSE CASH PRIZES!</p> <p>11:00 - 4:00PM   A GOLDMAN HOUSE CHRISTMAS 410 N. 1ST STREET</p> <p>11:00 - 3:00PM   MULE DRAWN HAYRIDES (FREE) HISTORIC DAYTON DEPOT 222 E. COMMERCIAL ST. (WEATHER PERMITTING)</p> <p>12:00 - 3:00PM   LIVE REINDEER SOUTH 1ST STREET</p> <p>3:00 - 7:00PM   JZZY THE CAMEL NORTH 1ST STREET</p> <p>4:00 &amp; 5:00PM   LIVE NATIVITY NORTH 1ST STREET BEHIND DINGLE'S</p> <p>3:00PM   LIBERTY THEATER CHRISTMAS MOVIE</p> <p>6:00PM   LIGHTED CHRISTMAS PARADE MAIN STREET</p> <p>AFTER PARADE   TREE LIGHTING SING ALONG WITH THE CANDY CANE CAROLERS AND COUNTDOWN WITH SANTA ELK DRUG - 176 E. MAIN</p> <p>AFTER PARADE   FIREWORKS COURTHOUSE LAWN FOR VIEWING 341 E. MAIN</p>	<p><b>SATURDAY NOVEMBER 26</b></p> <p>10:00AM - 2:00PM   FESTIVAL OF TREES 219 E. MAIN ST (WENAHA GALLERY)</p> <p>10:00AM - 1:00PM   SELFIES WITH SANTA 219 E. MAIN ST (WENAHA GALLERY)</p> <p>9:00AM - 3:00PM   BELLEVEU! A HOLIDAY MARKET DAYTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM 614 S. 3RD STREET</p> <p>10:00AM - 4:00PM   CHRISTMAS MARKET AT HISTORIC DEPOT HISTORIC DAYTON DEPOT 222 E. COMMERCIAL ST</p> <p>11:00AM - 4:00PM   A GOLDMAN HOUSE CHRISTMAS (PIANO 11:00AM-2:00PM) 410 N. 1ST STREET</p> <p>11:00 - 3:00PM   MULE DRAWN HAYRIDES (FREE) HISTORIC DAYTON DEPOT 222 E. COMMERCIAL ST. (WEATHER PERMITTING)</p> <p>3:00PM   LIBERTY THEATER LIVE PRODUCTION OF "THE LITTLE MERMAID"</p>
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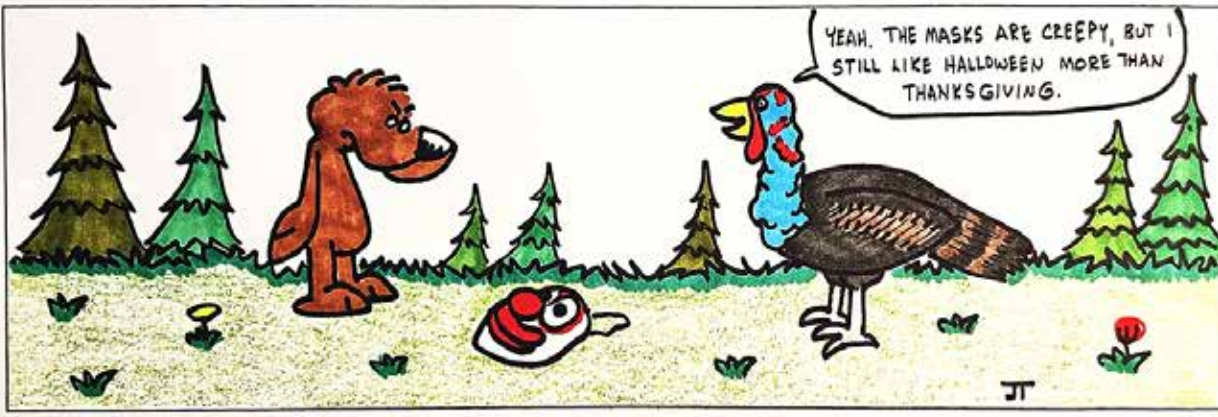
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# FUN & GAMES

## PIONEER PORTRAITS

### The Friendly Forest

By Jimmie L. Turner



### Just Like Cats & Dogs

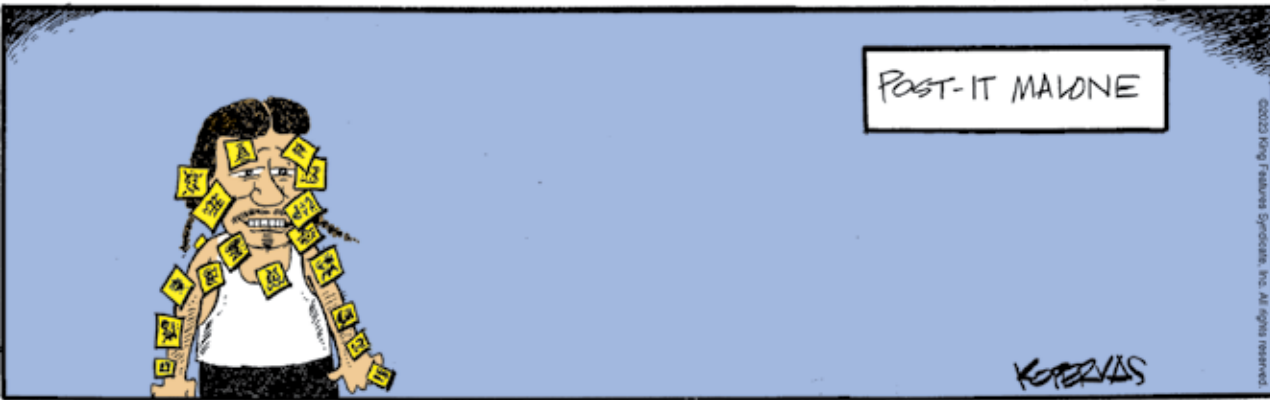
by Dave T. Phipps



"This is the first forest you couldn't see for the trees!"

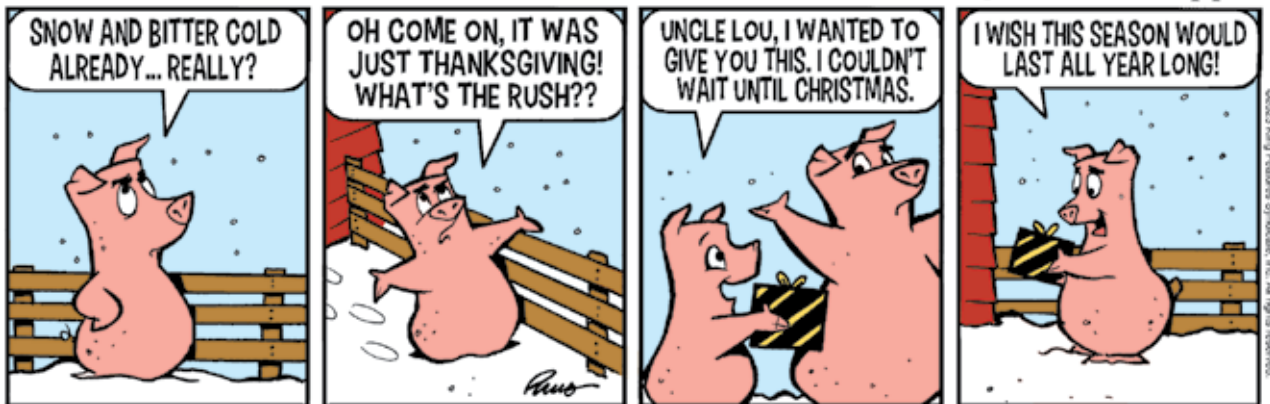
### Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



### Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



## Lunches

### WAITSBURG SENIOR CENTER

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

**Tuesday, Nov. 21**  
Chicken & Dumplings  
Fruit  
Vegetables  
Garden Salad  
Brownie

### WAITSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT

No School Thursday and Friday

#### Happy Thanksgiving

**Monday, Nov. 27**  
Breakfast  
Bagels & Yogurt  
Lunch  
BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwich  
Steamed Vegetables  
Oranges  
Crunchy Side

#### Tuesday, Nov. 28

Breakfast  
Biscuits & Gravy  
Lunch  
Chicken Fajitas  
Spanish Rice  
Refried Beans  
Pepper Strips  
Fruit Cocktail

#### Wednesday, Nov. 29

Breakfast  
Breakfast Cookie & Yogurt  
Lunch  
Hot Ham & Cheese Sandwiches  
Vegetable Soup  
Pears  
Ms. Brynne's House Salad



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### Ten Years Ago

November 21, 2013

At 4:30 p.m. on a wet and windy Thursday afternoon, about a dozen students – from Kindergarten through 8th Grade – are warm and cozy at The Cardinal's Nest, engaged in constructive pursuits as they await the arrival of their parents. The Nest – Waitsburg's after-school program – is not only a sanctuary for students, but provides employment to area residents as well. The program began in 2003 when Executive Director Kathy Carpenter applied for and received a five-year grant to start a 21st Century Community Learning Center, as part of the No Child Left Behind Act. Carpenter, assisted by Hilary Hogan (Ahmann), started the fully-funded program in January 2004. "We didn't really know what we were doing," said Carpenter. "We just went for it!" The program quickly gained momentum, and it was not unusual to have up to 65 students after school each day.

### Twenty-Five Years Ago

November 26, 1998



[Photo Caption] The Waitsburg Lions Club last week finished the savory task of smoking some 360 turkeys that they then sell for \$25 each as a fund-raising project. The service club is instrumental in many community projects, mostly to benefit Waitsburg young people. Lions Robert Danforth and Jim Hofer check a batch ready to come out of the smoking pit and be packaged in accordance to strict food service standards.

### Fifty Years Ago

November 22, 1973

Mrs. Chester Keiser was honored at an open house Sunday afternoon, Nov. 18 in observance of her 80th birthday. Hosts for the event were Mr. and Mrs. Denney Neace, Mrs. Imogene Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Pollard of Walla Walla, and Dr. Orville Burgner of Spokane. The beautiful two-tiered cake centered the serving table which was covered with an embroidered linen cloth made by Mrs. Keiser. The cake was a dainty confection of white lattice and yellow roses and was topped by an arrangement of fresh yellow roses and daisies. Mrs. Joyce Mantz presided at the coffee service and the cake was served by Mrs. Lucille Colvard of Walla Walla. Dining room hostesses were Mrs. Kenneth Gohlman and Mrs. Jim Wood with Mrs. Ed Henley and Mrs. Earl Smith assisting.

### Seventy-Five Years Ago

November 26, 1948

In recognition of long and faithful service as superintendent of the Methodist Sunday School in Waitsburg, Orville Fullerton was honored at a potluck dinner Sunday afternoon in the parish rooms of the church. During the dinner he was presented with a gift.

Mr. and Mrs. Hesper Archer returned Thursday morning from New York City where Mrs. Archer attended the National Council of Camp Fire Girls as representative of Region IV.

Carolyn Egli and Betty Lou Klundt were elected cheerleaders for the grade school during the coming basketball season.

### One Hundred Years Ago

November 30, 1923

Harvey Stonecipher entertained 25 of his school friends at a birthday party Friday night at his home on Main Street. Clever games and music furnished entertainment for evening after which a brunch was served by Mrs. Stonecipher.

Leland Kessler, Elmer Sayers and Dwight Schiltz returned Monday from a hunting trip over near Kahlotus. The boys say the ducks and geese were flying too high to make much of a record bag.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Thalman this week leased the Gus Mock 20-acre tract a mile or so west of town for a term of years and will take possession immediately.

### One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago

December 2, 1898

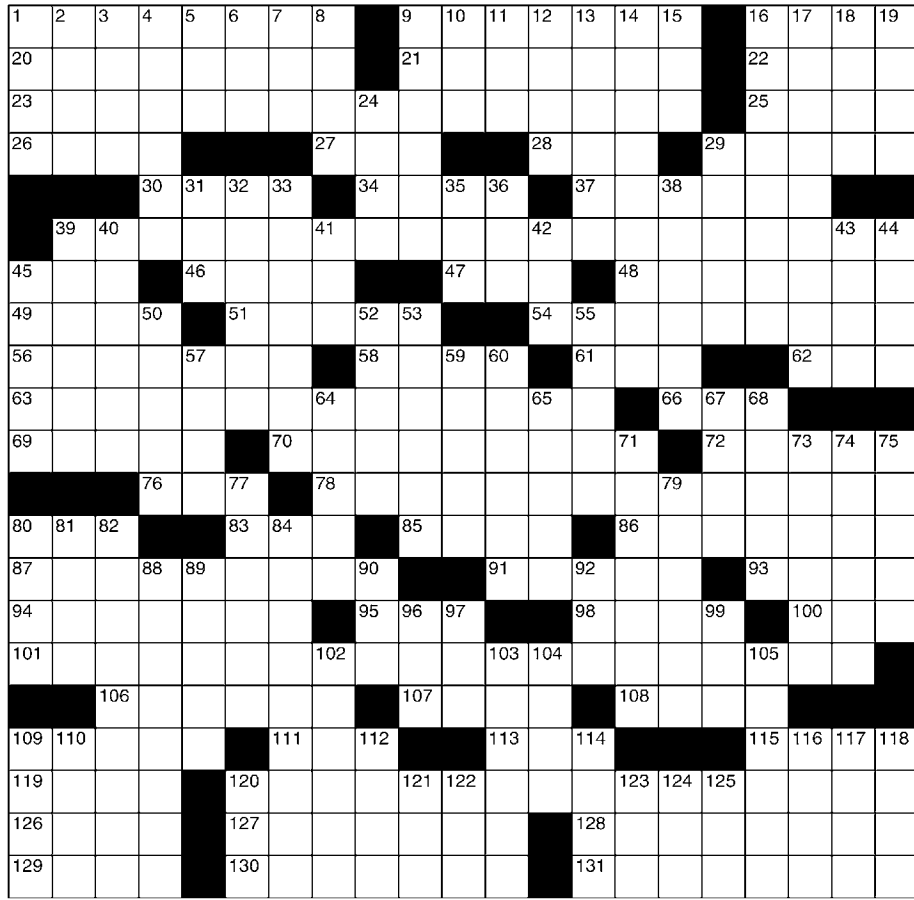
The Dickinson family met at the large residence of Hon. A. C. Dickinson on Thanksgiving Day to partake a bountiful feast such as Mr. and Mrs. Dickinson know so well how to arrange. About forty guests were present – all relatives of the family.

The Thanksgiving Ball given by the Waitsburg Band last Thursday evening was a success both socially and financially. The Armory Hall was artistically decorated and there was not a single incident to mar the evening. The band boys were well pleased with the result as they cleared about \$30.00, a sum that will materially aid them.

# PUZZLES & LIFESTYLES

## Super Crossword SHADES OF HISTORY

- ACROSS**
- 1 Holds inside  
9 Scrams  
16 Many millennia  
20 Chart of the Pacific, e.g.  
21 Eeyore's creator  
22 "Blue Jasmine" Oscar winner  
23 Start of a riddle  
25 Cawing bird  
26 Collate, e.g.  
27 Couch potatoes stare at them  
28 Maple stuff  
29 Thin coins  
30 Prayerful plea  
34 Designer Saaninen  
37 Sparks' state  
39 Riddle, part 2  
45 Subject for Dr. Ruth  
46 "Zip — -Doo-Dah"  
47 "... Mac — PC?"  
48 Hostess snack cake  
49 Onetime senator Trent  
51 Hiccup or charley horse
- 54 Convents and abbeys  
56 Colored rings of irises  
58 About 4.2 millimeters, in typography  
61 Footed vase  
62 Agnus — (Mass prayer)  
63 Riddle, part 3  
66 "This is SO frustrating!"  
69 Beelzebub  
70 Tools used in fixing flats  
72 Huge fat  
76 To date  
78 Riddle, part 4  
80 Ship's swerve  
83 Brow's curve  
85 Bygone  
86 Most speedy  
87 She won eight Oscars for Best Costume Design  
91 "Oops, I messed up"  
93 Comic-strip light bulb  
94 Sliding-open car option  
95 Like below-zero nos.  
98 "... — it just me?"
- 100 Highway goo  
101 End of the riddle  
106 "Perhaps ... ask me about it later"  
107 Band with the hit "Whip It!"  
108 — date (plan for marriage)  
109 Exuding testosterone  
111 Catch sight of  
113 Hobbit hunter  
115 Tide type  
119 Exhort  
120 Riddle's answer  
126 Aspersion  
127 Carry in the uterus  
128 They could use a welcome sight  
129 Quick flights  
130 Most bohemian  
131 Tilted
- DOWN**
- 1 Milked beasts  
2 Dos cubed  
3 Close by  
4 Body image?  
5 Moreover  
6 Texting shorthand for "I think"
- 7 Anti's call  
8 Catch sight of  
9 "Goldfinger" singer Shirley  
10 French thirst quencher  
11 Electric guitar connection  
12 Pointers  
13 Actor Everett  
14 Customs worker  
15 Golf bag item  
16 Fender bender, e.g.  
17 Tagged for a particular use  
18 Plains tribe  
19 Bulletin fodder  
24 Iris' layer  
29 Miles of jazz  
31 Student transcript no.  
32 Long-used adage  
33 Least shallow  
35 P-shaped Greek letter  
36 Sculler's tool  
38 Promising solemnly  
39 Illinois city  
40 Size  
41 "— culpa"  
42 Oreck product, for short  
43 St. Pat's land  
44 Lucy's Amaz  
45 BBQ sides  
50 In present times  
52 Church topper  
53 Bishops' toppers  
55 Greg Evans' long-running comic strip  
57 Isolated  
59 Poker IOUs  
60 Fliers' military branch  
64 Neopagan practice  
65 Full of racket  
67 Autos such as Ramblers and Pacers  
68 Half of Hispaniola  
71 Tanzanian tourist treks  
73 Must  
74 Pant-length measure  
75 Perfume from petals  
77 Chevy SUVs  
79 Chuck Berry title woman  
80 Rural assent to a woman  
81 Together, in music scores  
82 Bringing to a conclusion  
84 Bracing drink  
88 Singers executing quavers  
89 With vehemence  
90 Genetic ID  
92 — choy  
96 Conclusion  
97 "Goodness!"  
99 Mil. officer  
102 Share, as a blog entry  
103 Web-footed wading bird  
104 "Me neither"  
105 Pioneer Boone  
109 Maudlin sentimentality  
110 Guthrie of folk singing  
112 Legendary snow beast  
114 Hacienda house  
116 "Orinoco Flow" singer  
117 Yemeni port  
118 "Hey, over here ..."  
120 Org. for club swingers  
121 No, in Paisley  
122 Part of TGIF  
123 "Just joking!"  
124 Lingerie item  
125 The, in Arles



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## MY RECIPES Luke Chavez

# Salisbury Steak



Sometimes, when researching for this column, I like to search through my vintage cookbook collection for inspiration. It can be amusing, and sometimes a little frightening, to imagine what home cooks were putting on the table 60 or 70 years ago: So much JELLO. However, there are some homely favorites that deserve a fresh look, like this recipe for tender Salisbury Steak, smothered in a rich mushroom gravy. While some may only imagine the compartments of TV dinner trays, this updated version makes an impressive and satisfying weeknight meal.

### Ingredients:

#### For the steaks:

- 1 medium yellow onion
- 3 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
- 3 tablespoons ketchup
- 1 teaspoon packed brown sugar
- 1 large egg
- Salt and fresh ground black pepper
- 1 pound ground beef
- ½ to ¾ cup panko bread crumbs
- Olive oil

#### For the gravy:

- 8 ounces cremini mushrooms, thinly sliced
- 1 tablespoon all-purpose flour
- 1 cup beef stock
- ½ cup whole milk
- Fresh parsley or chives, chopped for garnish

### Directions:

Grate one quarter of the onion into a large mixing bowl (should yield about ¼ cup of onion pulp). Set the remaining onion aside for now. To the grated onion add Worcestershire sauce, ketchup, brown sugar, and egg. Season generously with salt and black pepper, then whisk with a fork to combine. Add the ground beef and panko, mixing until just combined. Don't overmix. With your hands, form the mixture into 8 small, oval-shaped patties about 1-inch thick. Place patties on a plate and set in the refrigerator to chill for at least 20 minutes.

Meanwhile, finely dice the remaining onion and set aside for the gravy.

Heat a large skillet over medium heat. Add enough olive oil to lightly coat the bottom of the pan. When the oil is hot, cook the patties in batches, until browned, about 2 to 3 minutes per side. Transfer to a plate and set aside.

To the same skillet, add the onion and mushrooms with a pinch of salt, and raise the heat to medium-high. Cook, until deeply browned, about 8 to 10 minutes, stirring occasionally. During the first half of the cooking time the vegetables will release a lot of water, then they will start browning. Be careful not to burn and add more oil to the pan if it looks too dry.

Sprinkle the flour evenly over the browned mushrooms, then stir to incorporate. Cook for about a minute, stirring constantly. Stir in the beef stock and milk, scraping up any browned bits, and bring to a simmer. Season the sauce with salt and pepper then reduce the heat to medium-low to maintain a gently simmer. Taste the gravy at this point and adjust seasoning. Add more Worcestershire or ketchup to build a rich flavor.

Add the seared steaks in a single layer to the skillet along with any accumulated juices. Baste gravy over the tops of each steak. Continue to simmer, basting the steaks a couple of times, until the gravy has thickened, and the steaks are cooked through, about 5 to 10 minutes. Serve with a garnish of parsley or chives.

### Notes:

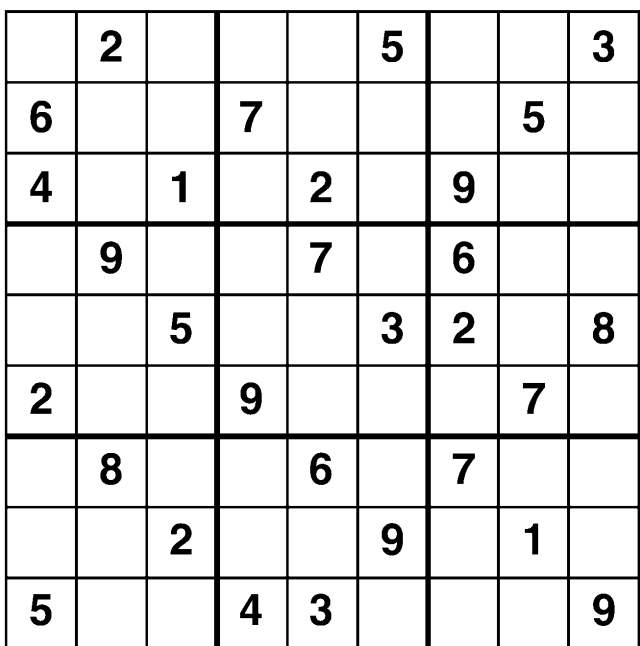
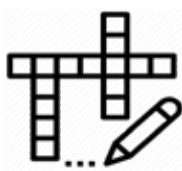
For a little more depth, try adding a splash of balsamic vinegar while the gravy is simmering. You could also try using a mix of wild mushrooms to create an elevated version of this dish.

In keeping with the mid-century theme, I served this with scalloped potatoes and buttered peas. This dish would also be wonderful served with mashed potatoes, buttered egg noodles, or steamed rice. A crisp green salad on the side would be a lovely way to balance out the richness.

Enjoy.

# Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

### DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

- ◆ Moderate
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## LAST WEEKS ANSWERS

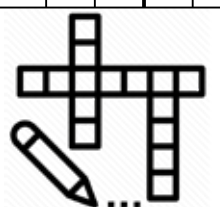
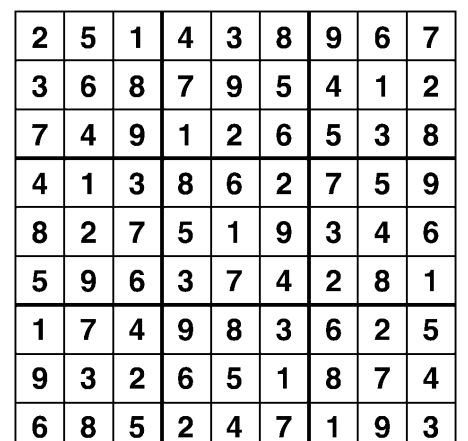
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#### Answers



### Weekly SUDOKU

#### Answer



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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 Zoom.

**Waitsburg School Board**  
Third Thursday of every month @ 6 p.m. Zoom info 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 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

**Waitsburg Parks and Recreation Public Meeting**  
First Thursday of the month, 6 p.m. @ Ten Ton Coffee  
Info email: [info@waitsburgparks.org](mailto: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**  
Fourth Monday of the month @ 7 p.m. Weller Public Library, 212 Main Street, Waitsburg

**Waitsburg Commercial Club**  
Last Thursdays of the month @ Waitsburg Business Center@noon. Last Thursdays of each month, Zoom info available by emailing [waitsburgcc@icloud.com](mailto: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 the month @ 9 a.m.  
Call-in information available at <https://www.columbiaco.com/114/County-Commissioners>

**Dayton City Council**  
Second Tuesday of the month @ 6 p.m.  
Call-in information available at <https://www.daytonwa.com/54-inside-city-hall/city-council>

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

**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>

**Dayton 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 the month at 6 p.m. at Starbuck City Hall.



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