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Karen Huwe

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## Former Waitsburg City Hall has new buyers

By Lane Gwinn | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — The Waitsburg City Council voted unanimously to accept a new offer for the former Waitsburg City Hall building at its regular meeting on January 15. Todd and Carrie Alexander’s offer included a letter introducing the couple and their interest in the building.

The Alexanders have many interests, including food, wine, travel, design, art, and music. They recently bought and renovated the JL Elam bank building in Milton-Freewater, built in 1906. It sat empty for over ten years before the couple purchased it. The couple created Atelier Freewater, an inviting wine-tasting and event space, keeping the Elam Bank’s old vault and adding a commercial kitchen.

They plan to renovate the Waitsburg property as a mixed-use for residential and retail, including two guest rooms, an owner’s apartment upstairs, and one guest suite downstairs.

On the ground floor, the couple will repair, renovate, and reuse existing architectural materials to maintain the space’s original character for a retail, art, and wine-tasting room. Todd Alexander is known as an innovative winemaker for his projects and wineries, including Force Majeure and WeatherEye. Carrie works with him, handling sales and hospitality and sharing their creative vision.

The couple said they had been interested in the building for some time. However, the building went under contract in October 2024 before they could make an offer. Wanting a project in Waitsburg, they purchased the Whoopemup Hollow Café building next to American 35. The Alexanders have begun cleaning and are working on their concept for that space.

The building was last under contract to Chet Childers of Burbank, who hoped to turn the building into a beer spa with hotel rooms or apartments on the second floor. After completing an extensive feasibility study, Childers decided not to close per the conditions under the sales agreement.

The building offers several challenges beyond those expected when renovating a building built in 1889. The city-owned property is one of only two commercial buildings on Main Street with steps from the sidewalk to the main floor entrances. New owners will be required under the Americans with Disabilities Act to create an accessible entrance.

Potential buyers have also had issues with an easement between the owners of the Hubbard Law Offices next door and the former city hall. A loft apartment above the law offices is only accessible through the city hall building.

“First, the fact that there is an easement through the building is a non-issue for us. We are aware of the tenant in the loft, that is no problem,” wrote Todd Alexander in the offer.

At the city council meeting, Waitsburg residents Paul and Karen Gregutt said they knew the Alexanders and were confident they were the right buyers for the historic building.

The agreed purchase price for the old City Hall is \$125,000, with a closing date of March 11, 2025.

## Dayton City Council meeting update

By Justin Jaech | THE TIMES

DAYTON — Mayor Roger Trump called the Dayton City Council meeting to order at 6 p.m. on January 14, 2025. Trump and council members James Su’euga, Joann Patras, Michael Smith, and Shannon McMillen attended the meeting at Dayton City Hall. Kyle Anderson was not present, and Laura Aukerman joined the meeting later.

Sheriff Helm reported 565 incidents in December, consisting of 134 traffic stops, 23 other traffic calls, one DUI investigation, and 16 traffic accidents. Helm reminded everyone to drive appropriately, considering the winter weather.

Helm also announced the retirement of Deputy Lee Brown on December 31, 2024, after serving 32 years in law enforcement. Helm is seeking to fill two vacant positions.

Columbia County Commissioner Ryan Rundell informed the council that the county must now have a separate coroner position rather than have the prosecutor fill that position. He said the county arranged with Macy Lindley to fill the position. He said the computers at the county’s Department of Licensing will be offline for maintenance on February 14, 2025, and no tabs or licensing will be processed on that day.

The council appointed Matt Zanger to the Historic Preservation Commission as part of the consent agenda. Zanger’s term expires on December 1, 2028.

The council considered appointing a mayor pro-tem to act as mayor in his absence. A permanent appointment was deferred until the full council was present, and Smith was appointed to the interim position.

Public Works Director Ryan Paulson said the city was regrading and graveling the alleyway between the Historic Depot and Main Street. He will pave the alley when funds become available.

Paulson said he was working with the Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) to ameliorate some of the problems with the Otta Seal project by resealing with 3/8” gravel to make a smoother road surface. The project would focus on a prioritized list of streets. The plans for the project have not been finalized.

The meeting adjourned just after 7 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 11, 2025, at 6 p.m.

## PORT TO HOLD WORKSHOP ON THE RAIL SALE

THE TIMES

DAYTON — The Port of Columbia commissioners have scheduled a workshop to discuss the potential sale of the port-owned rail line for February 5 at 5 p.m. The meeting will be available on Zoom through the link at <https://portofcolumbia.org>.

The rail operator, Columbia Rail, has expressed interest in purchasing the rail and right of way from the port.

An assessment of the rail and property has been completed, and Chair Bryan is pursuing the matter. The agenda for the workshop has not yet been posted but should be available before the meeting.

The workshop will not be a forum for the public to comment or ask questions of the commissioners or other workshop participants.

A public meeting that would include public comments has not been scheduled. However, the commissioners said they may open a public meeting during the February board meeting on February 12, 2025, at 5 p.m.



# NEWS BRIEFS

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### AT THE LIBERTY: "The Witch in 204"

THE TIMES

DAYTON — The Liberty Theater will present a live production of "The Witch in 204" from January 24 through 26. Don't let the title fool you; this is not a Halloween show. It is a tale that weaves ageless romance with the magic of true love through the lives of some 55+ seniors. This entertaining and hilarious sequel to Barbara Pease Weber's popular play "Seniors of the Sahara" revisits Sylvie's hopes of living happily ever after with Eugene. Her hopes soon dissipate when the next-door neighbor turns out to be Eugene's mysterious former paramour, who proceeds to wreak havoc on Sylvie and Eugene's wedding day as the uninvited guest. A scandal quickly ensues.

Enjoy this modern-day fairy tale for grownups, starring Kim Boggs, Dale Slack, Samantha Steinhoff, Jae Goodridge, Deb Fortner, Kris Takemura, Roz Edwards, and Fred Crowe.

Friday, January 24 at 7 p.m.

Saturday, January 25 at 7 p.m.

Sunday, January 26 at 3 p.m.

Tickets are on sale now for this live production of "The Witch in 204" at [libertytheater.org](http://libertytheater.org) or the theater's box office on Tuesday and Friday from 2 to 5 p.m., in person or by phone at (509)382-1380.

The upcoming movie lineup includes "A Complete Unknown" about Bob Dylan at the start of his career from January 31 through February 4, and "Mufasa: The Lion King" on February 7 to 11.

### YWCA HONORS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S 28 YEARS OF LEADERSHIP ON HER RETIREMENT

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA — The YWCA Walla Walla Board of Directors announced the upcoming retirement of Anne-Marie Schwerin as Executive Director after over 24 years, effective spring.

Schwerin came to the YWCA as Chief Financial Officer in 1996, following a career in public accounting and agribusiness management. Under her leadership, YWCA Walla Walla has significantly expanded its impact, enhancing programs and services for individuals and families in Walla Walla and Dayton.

Key achievements include the introduction of comprehensive domestic violence support services, women's empowerment initiatives, and childcare programs supporting hundreds of local families.

"Anne-Marie's tireless dedication and inspiring advocacy, along with strong donor and volunteer engagement, have made YWCA Walla Walla a cornerstone in our community," said Becky Kettner, Board President.

During Schwerin's tenure, YWCA Walla Walla achieved several key milestones and accomplishments that have strengthened the organization's capacity to serve the community:

- **Expansion of Services:** Under Schwerin's leadership, the YWCA significantly expanded its programs, including introducing comprehensive domestic violence support services, a women's empowerment initiative, and childcare programs supporting hundreds of local families in need.
- **Increased Community Outreach and Advocacy:** Schwerin led successful efforts to raise awareness and advocate for critical issues, such as gender-based violence, racial justice, and economic equality. The YWCA's public policy work has made an enduring impact.
- **Strong Capital Funding and Financial Stability:** Schwerin played a pivotal role in securing critical capital funding and overseeing the management of grants that have helped build a solid financial foundation for the organization. This strong financial framework has ensured the sustainability of YWCA's programs and services, allowing it to weather economic downturns while continuing to grow in its mission.

A video update from Schwerin on this exciting next step for her will follow.

The Board of Directors has initiated the process of identifying an interim Executive Director and will conduct a comprehensive search for a permanent successor. This process will be thoughtful and inclusive, with input from staff, stakeholders, and community partners.

"We are confident that the future of YWCA Walla Walla is bright," Kettner added. "We remain committed to providing crucial services to our communities in Walla Walla and Dayton."

The board invites community members to celebrate Schwerin's legacy in the coming months. More details will be provided as they become available.

About YWCA Walla Walla:

YWCA Walla Walla is dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women, and promoting peace, justice, freedom, and dignity for all. For more than 108 years, it has served local communities, offering critical services such as housing assistance, childcare, domestic violence prevention, and empowerment programs.



YWCA Walla Walla

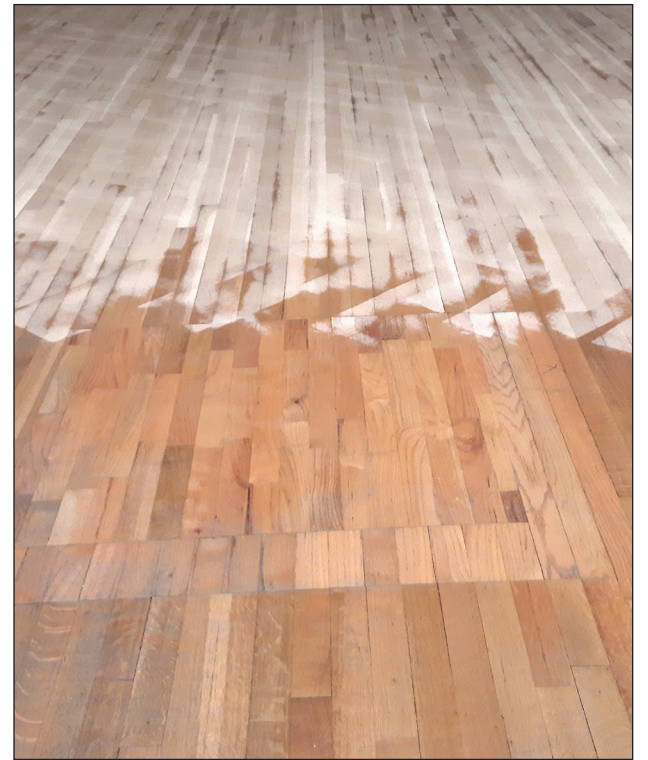
The YWCA posted a video by Ann Schwerin on their Facebook page at <https://tinyurl.com/yvz4h559>

### WAITSBURG TOWN HALL'S FLOOR SHINES

WAITSBURG — The Waitsburg Town Hall has been closed for January by the board of directors to refinish the facility's floor.

The board hired Jonathan Abbey, a graduate of Waitsburg High School, to do the work, including removing floor vents and patching the hardwood floor. Abbey replaced previously repaired floorboards to reweave new boards into the original staggered pattern.

Abbey will complete sanding and sealing the floor, and the hall will reopen in February after the varnish has cured.



Karen Huwe

An area previously patched without staggering the planks will be replaced to unify the overall pattern.

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by Barbara Pease Weber

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Friday January 24 7pm  
Saturday January 25 7pm  
Sunday January 26 3pm

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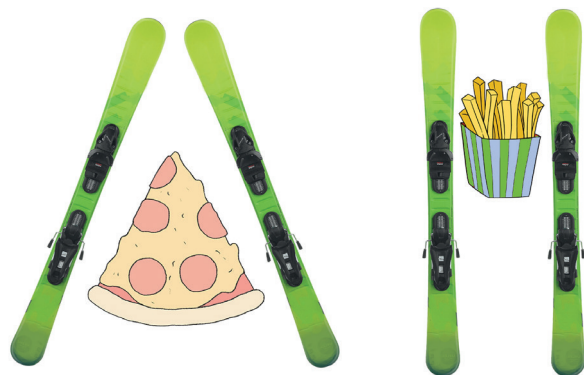
# Whoo-hoo Snowshoe

By Vicki Sternfeld-Rossi | THE TIMES

Recently, friends invited me to join them at a snowshoe event hosted by the Blue Mountain Land Trust at the Horseshoe Prairie Nordic Ski Area near Tollgate, Oregon. I've never snowshoed before. The event organizers said they would provide snowshoes and snacks. They had me at snacks.

My friends are two of the most active and well-traveled people I know. This year marked their record of visiting all seven continents. I'm impressed and a little jealous. They always find adventure on their trips; although local, our snowshoeing was no different.

They picked me up promptly at 8 a.m. and made a quick coffee stop at Ten Ton Coffee. Fully caffeinated, we hit the road, ogled the remarkable scenery, and made great time. We were the first to arrive, proudly checked in, and were handed the first three pairs of snowshoes on the rack. Andrew, always the gentleman, helped secure them onto our boots. Un-



Lane Gwinn

fortunately, his good deed was punished by a broken strap on his.

While Andrew hustled to the check-in point for a replacement pair, Zee and I hustled to the ice fort for hot drinks and snacks. We were happy to see the available snacks, which included a variety of hot soups, chili, cookies, donuts, coffee, and hot chocolate. Unfortunately, Andrew learned there were no more snowshoes available. He told Zee and me to go ahead and that he would enjoy some hot soup while he waited for us.

Luckily, a handy Blues Crew member repaired Andrew's broken snowshoes. He called and let us know he would meet us on the trail. We gave him what we thought were clear instructions, precisely where to turn from the main road to get to the trail. He missed the turn. We waited, then hiked back towards the road, looking for cell service. We waited there before walking back to the trail, where we

waited some more. A chivalrous Blues Crew volunteer found us and stayed, concerned we could be lost forever in the forest waiting for Andrew.

After finally reaching Andrew by cell phone, we tried to determine where he was, where we were, and where we should meet – it became its own event. With our cell service cutting in and out, trying to read the map, we were warned by the Blue Crew volunteer about the dangers of being eaten alive by wild animals or dying of hypothermia. We were exhausted, worried, and hungry for those snacks.

Eventually, we regrouped, safe and sound. It turned out we'd never been more than ten minutes away from each other, and that was accounting for our relatively slow pace of traipsing through snow. Safely back together, we realized the worrying and stress gave us an appetite.

Besides the soup, chili and other treats, the crew set up a fire pit, and we toasted marshmallows. I don't mean to sound unappreciative, but I did offer to bring chocolate bars and graham crackers the next time, so we could enjoy the full smores experience.

After my recent return to downhill skiing, I may be inclined to stick with the snowshoe trekking. I didn't fall, I could walk fast, and although the shoes look a little dorky, it's fun. Also, everyone else looks dorky as well. On the slopes, I am easily intimidated by those who beautifully and effortlessly shush downhill, while I mutter to myself, "French fries, Pizza, and don't go down the hill on your butt." There are no snacks that can compensate for that level of embarrassment.

## CARDINAL SPORTS

### BATTLE IN THE BLUE WRESTLING INVITATIONAL

WAITSBURG — Waitsburg High School's wrestling team participated in the Battle in the Blues Invitational competitions at College Place High School on Saturday, January 18.

Competing in the 175-pound weight class, Cardinal Jarod Hankins made it to the championship semifinals with back-to-back wins. He ended the day 2-2. Graycen Teal wrestled in the 175-pound class and went 1-2.

Senior Will Ahler, a first-year wrestler, finished the day 0-2 in the 150-pound weight class, and freshman Dylan Guitierrez went 0-2 in the 126-pound class. Cardinal Karissa Potts, wrestling for her first year also went 0-2.

The Cardinals wrestled against athletes from Cle Elum, College Place, Dayton (Hunter Griffen), Echo, Heppner, Highland, Irrigon, Pendleton, Elgin, Mabton, Mac-Hi, Riverview, Umatilla, WA-HI, and White Swan.

"Overall, we got much better," said Coach Lash LaRue. "The results were not what we were looking for, but the improvement from Burbank to this tournament was very noticeable. Each kid gave us good matches and made it easy for us to build a plan to help them keep improving. I want to thank Joe Adams and Ray Compton for coming and volunteering their time to help this program."

LaRue's team will next wrestle at WA-HI's Foot-hills of the Blues Invite on Saturday, January 25.



Karen Huwe

Junior Jarod Hankins gets out of the takedown to finish on top with an 8-2 win.

### CARDINALS GET WIN AGAINST TIMBERWOLVES

By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — The Waitsburg High School boys' basketball coach, Westin Wallace, said the game against the Tekoa-Rosalia Timberwolves on Saturday, January 18, was the boys' best complete game of the year. Winning 52 to 50, he said the boys did not panic and played solidly on both offense and defense.

"Everyone stepped up in different ways," said Wallace.

JJ Gleason had four steals, hit two big free throws, and ended the game with nine points. Jackson Karl made two 3-point shots and many offensive rebounds. Blake Benavides had a career-high 19 points, and Logan Seal added 16 points and showed leadership skills at his point guard position. Teegan Kenney did a good job rebounding.

"The kids who did not play much supported their teammates, and the

whole team earned the win," said Wallace.

At Oakesdale, the Cardinals lost 80-31 on Friday, January 17.

"We played ourselves out of the game early, and Oakesdale is a good enough team to take advantage of that," said Wallace.

Seal led the team with 12 points. Waitsburg High School's boys' junior varsity team lost to Oakesdale and Tekoa-Rosalia.

"The JV boys led Tekoa-Rosalia most of the game but lost momentum in the fourth quarter," said Wallace. "We are young, and we have a lot to learn, but the future is bright at Waitsburg."

The Cardinals play on their home court on Friday, January 24, and Saturday, January 25. Coach Wallace would love to have the town come out to support the teams.

At the gym there will be a booth selling custom Waitsburg Cardinal socks as a fundraiser to purchase a shooting machine. The socks will sell for \$17 a pair or \$30 for two pairs. Donations will also be accepted.

Come support the Cardinals and check out the sock booth. The teams appreciate the community's support!

### LADY CARDS LOSE TWO, KEEP IMPROVING

By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — The Lady Cardinals' high school basketball team suffered two losses last week.

The team lost at Oakesdale on Friday, January 17, 81-14, and on Saturday, January 18, at Tekoa-Rosalia, scoring 63-26.

Senior point guard Alyssa Hollingsworth led her team in scoring in both games.

"The girls have improved a lot over this season," said Coach Kira Waggoner. Tekoa-Rosalia and Oakesdale are two teams that we have played already. Against Tekoa-Rosalia we were missing four girls, and the team still managed to have one of their best games. The girls scored more points this time around and looked like they were a team playing together, making good passes, and there were some great looks and attempts, but the ball just did not make it in the basket."

The girls will play St. John-Enidcott in Waitsburg on Friday, January 24; game time is at 6 p.m.

"We are excited for this game as we beat them last time, and the girls have worked hard, so we are hoping for a home victory," Waggoner said.

On Saturday, January 25, the Lady Cardinals will play Dayton with a game time of 4 p.m.

*Church Directory*

**St. Mark Catholic Church**  
405 W. Fifth, Waitsburg  
Mass Sunday 5 p.m.  
382-2311  
Fr. Steve Werner

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**Waitsburg Presbyterian Church**  
504 Main  
Sunday School 8:45 a.m.  
Worship 10 a.m.  
337-6589  
Pastor Heidi Lum

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**Waitsburg Chapel**  
320 W. 2nd  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Worship 11 a.m.  
Evening Worship 6 p.m.  
Bible Study  
Wednesdays 7:30 p.m.  
337-6235  
Rev. Jimmie Daves

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**Waitsburg Christian Church**  
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337-8898  
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## BIRTHDAYS

**January 22:** Randy Charles

**January 23:** Kurt Baker, Brittany Zuger.

**January 24:** John Liebermann, Faith Mayberry, Barbara Huff, Darryl McCauley, Bill Davis, Treavor Zuger, Barbara Brown, and Kynde Kiefel.

**January 25:** Matt Schiermeister, Markeeta Little Wolf, Lula Mae Cameron, Nick Baumann, Matt Frohreich and J. C. Picton.

**January 26:** Hirut Senter, Marie Hayes, Rebecca Wilson, Christopher Brunton, Peter Jones, Deanne Donovan, Kimberly Huwe, Zach Brown.

**January 27:** Diane Estes, Micki Box, Gayle Broom, Casey Acevedo.

**January 28:** Tana Lynch and Jennifer Thames.

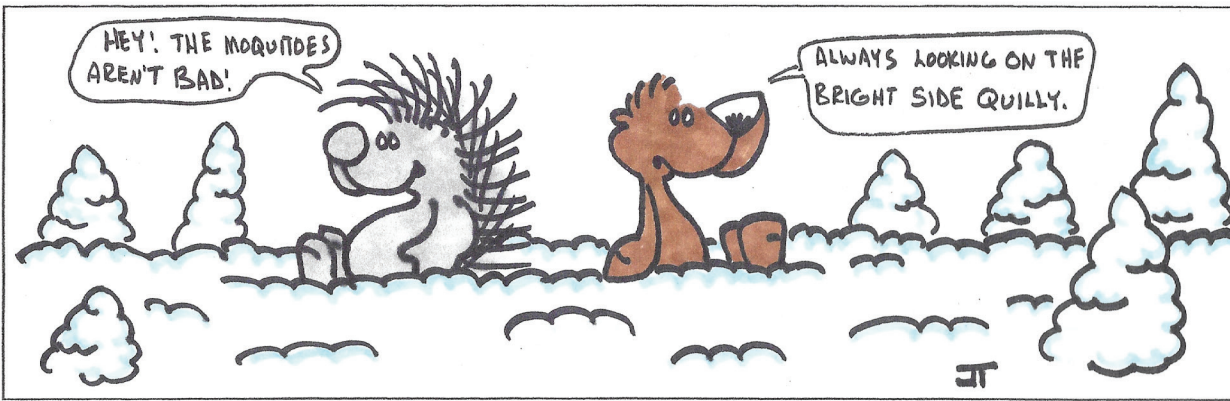
**January 29:** Dan McKinley, Wm. Hoops, and Marci Jo Lanning.



# FUN & GAMES & LEGALS

The Friendly Forest

By Jimmye L. Turner

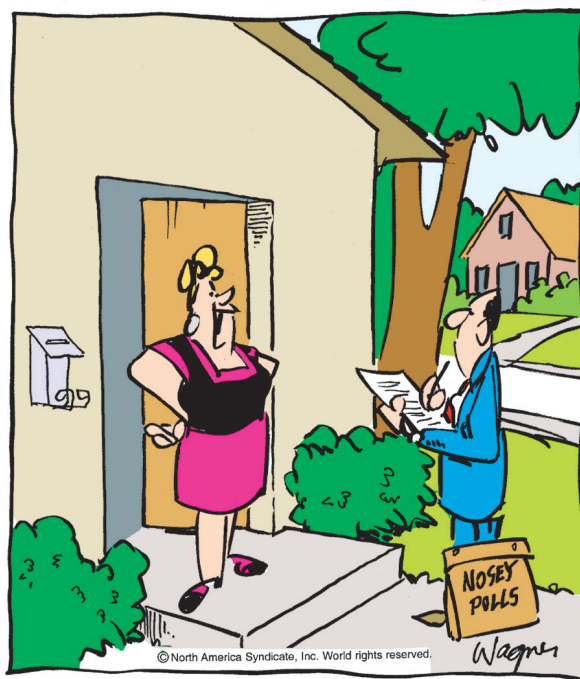


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by Dave T. Phipps

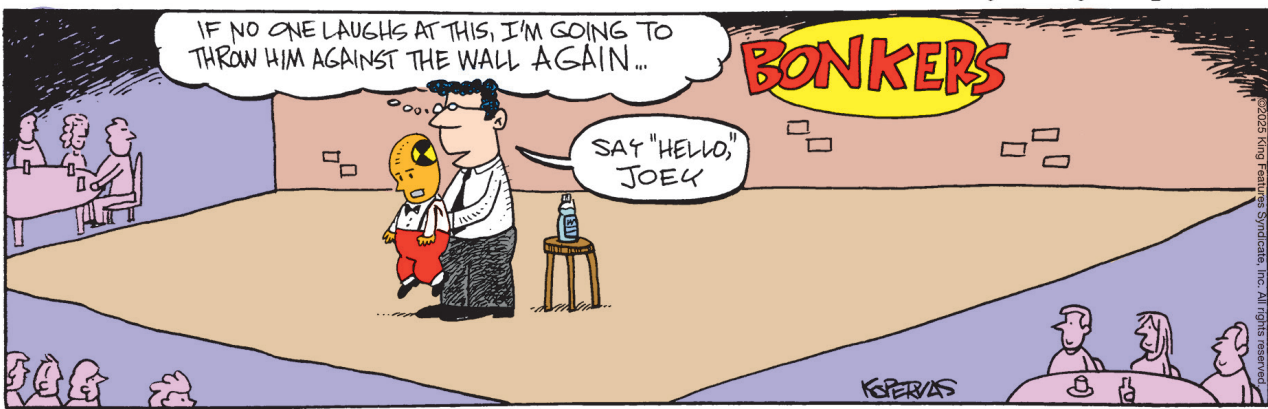


GRIN and BEAR IT



Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



## LEGAL NOTICES

### NOTICE OF STATE'S INTENT TO NEGOTIATE LEASE

Department of Natural Resources will begin negotiation of expiring leases with existing lessees on the following parcels. All leases are subject to third party bids by interested parties. Lease terms and bidding information is available by calling the Southeast Region at 1-800-527-3305 or by appointment at the Region Office at 713 Bowers Road, Ellensburg, Washington 98926. The lease expires June 30, 2025.

Grazing Lease: 10-C69678, Part, Sec 36, Twp 10.0, Rge 33.0E

Grazing Lease: 10-D62574, All, Sec 36, Twp 13.0, Rge 35.0E

Dryland Lease: 12-D63163, Part, Sec 36, Twp 13.0, Rge 36.0E

Dryland Lease: 12-E60317, Part, Sec 36, Twp 11.0, Rge 33.0E

Written request to lease must be received by February 24, 2025, at the Department of Natural Resources, 713 Bowers Road, Ellensburg, Washington 98926.

Each request to lease must contain a certified check or money order payable to the Department of Natural Resources for the amount of any bonus bid, plus a \$100 deposit. The envelope must be marked "Sealed Bid" and give the lease number, expiration date of lease applied for, and give the applicant's name. The applicant must be prepared to purchase any improvements that belong to the current lessee. For details and qualifications to submit a request, contact the Ellensburg office or call 509-925-8510.

DAVE UP THE GROVE, Commissioner of Public Lands  
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STATE OF WASHINGTON  
DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY  
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR SEASONAL CHANGE/TRANSFER OF WATER RIGHT UNDER ONE (1) GROUND WATER CERTIFICATE WITH CERT OF CHANGE NO. 1-3-150  
TAKE NOTICE:  
That Susan Robison Kummer

on December 17, 2024, has made application for SEASONAL change/transfer of water right in order to add a point of withdrawal and change/transfer the place of use as granted under Ground Water Certificate No. G3-00245 with cert of change no. 1-3-150. That Ground Water Certificate No. G3-00245 with cert of change no. 1-3-150 authorizes the withdrawal of 1280 gallons per minute, 825 acre-feet per year, from January 1 to December 31, each year, for the irrigation of 330 acres.

That the authorized points of withdrawal are from three wells located within the NW¼ of Section 8, T. 7 N., R. 36 E.W.M., Walla Walla County, WA.

That the authorized place of use is located within the SE¼, E½E½SW¼ and SE¼SE¼NW¼ and S½S½NE¼ of Section 7 and N½SW¼; S½SW¼NW¼ of Section 8; all within T. 7 N., R. 36 E.W.M., Walla Walla County, WA.

That she proposes to add a point of withdrawal within the SE¼NE¼ of Section 12, T. 7 N., R. 35 E.W.M., Walla Walla

County, WA. That she proposes to change the place of use to the S½S½N½ and the S½ of Section 7; the S½NW¼ and SW¼ of Section 8 all within T. 7 N., R. 36 E.W.M., also the North 250 feet of Section 18, all within T. 7 N., R. 36 E.W.M. and also those portions of the S½S½NE¼ and the SE¼ of Section 12 lying easterly of State Route 125, all within T. 7 N., R. 35 E.W.M. All within Walla Walla County, Washington.

Protests or objections to approval of this application must include a detailed statement of the basis for objections; protests must be accompanied by a fifty-(\$50.00) dollar recording fee and filed with the Department of Ecology, at the address shown below, within thirty (30) days from January 30, 2025.

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January 23, 30, 2025  
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## PIONEER PORTRAITS

Ten Years Ago  
January 22, 2015



[Photo caption] Seahawks fever struck the Waitsburg Grocery Store early Monday, after the Hawks won the NFC Championship Sunday with a stunning comeback against the Green Bay Packers. This artwork was painted by Waitsburg Grocery employee Kasmira Grende.

Twenty-Five Years Ago  
January 20, 2000

Waitsburg Elementary is boosting reading in grades K-6 with a very simple philosophy: The best way for students to improve their reading is to read.

To encourage more reading, Elementary Principal Russ Knopp serves ice cream during the first of the month to those students who read 20 days a month and properly record their reading on a school-provided form. Knopp also posts photos of the students in the school, a feature which has attracted lots of attention. "The scoop is ice cream pays," he told the school board last week.

Fifty Years Ago  
January 23, 1975

Waitsburg City Council was informed by the State Highway Department that their suggested changes in speed limits in the east part of town are not justified by either the speed or volume of traffic.

Council had earlier decided to enlarge the 25-mph zone to Wood Street. The Highway Department ran a traffic check and informed council that such a change was not warranted.

Council okayed a building permit for the remodeling of the Vaughn Hubbard law offices.

Dale Fauvre and Pat Streamer presented the final bills on the sidewalk costs to the council. Total bill for work was \$85,154.50, with the sidewalk portion set at \$25,508.00. The costs will be approximately .38 cents per running foot more than the memo billing which was sent to Main Street property owners in December. Total cost per foot to property owners is \$15.18.

Seventy-Five Years Ago  
January 27, 1950

Anita Abbey was honored on her fifth birthday Saturday afternoon when a number of little friends shared her birthday cake and ice cream at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. Jennie Abbey.

Robert Leid is a member of the newly organized all-male pep band at Washington State College.

The Methodist youth Fellowship will hold a ground hog dinner in February. Menu will consist of sausage, scalloped potatoes, green beans, cabbage salad and gingerbread.

Nancy Kean of the phone company got a call from a gent who said, "I would like to report an obscene phone bill." (Bob Curran in Buffalo Evening News)

One Hundred Years Ago  
January 30, 1925

The alternate basketball team known as the "Five Horseman" had to take the floor against Prescott last Friday night. The Horseman gathered a lead in the third quarter but a couple long ones by Porter left the score knotted at the end of the period. In the overtime session "Wildhorse" Sam Wills proved that he does not live in the gym for nothing and Waitsburg won 16 to 20.

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago  
February 2, 1900

Born - Near this city, last Friday, January 26, 1900 to the wife of A. Londagin, a daughter. Mother and child doing well. "Pete" is the happiest man in town. We extend congratulations upon the arrival of their first born.

Anderson Cox of Portland, brother of Mrs. J. L. Harper and Miss Jennie Cox, was married yesterday in Portland to Miss Daisy Summers. The Times extends congratulations.

Last Monday, January 29th was the tenth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Laidlaw and they observed the occasion by reception in the evening. About 20 of their friends were present and a very pleasant time was spent.

## Lunches

### WAITSBURG

#### SENIOR CENTER

504 Main Street  
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Tuesday, March 28

Roast Beef  
Potatoes  
Cookie, Vegetable  
Fruit, Bread

### WAITSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT

Thursday, Jan. 23

Breakfast  
French Toast & Bacon  
Lunch  
Macaroni & Cheese  
Chicken Strips  
Broccoli  
Applesauce

Friday, Jan. 24

Breakfast  
Scrambled Eggs  
Hashbrown  
Lunch  
Corndogs  
Caesar Salad  
Carrots, Apples  
Something crunchy

Monday, Jan. 27

Breakfast  
Yogurt Parfait  
Lunch  
Chicken Alfredo  
Green Beans

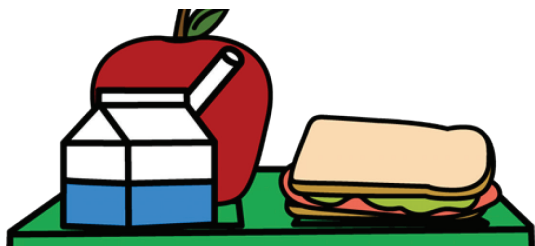
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Tuesday, Jan. 28

Breakfast  
Biscuits & Gravy  
Lunch  
Beef Taco Salad  
Fresh Toppings  
Black Bean Salsa

Wednesday, Jan 29

Breakfast  
Bagels & Yogurt  
Lunch  
Pulled Pork Sandwich  
Sweet Potato Fries  
Celery & Carrots  
Apples



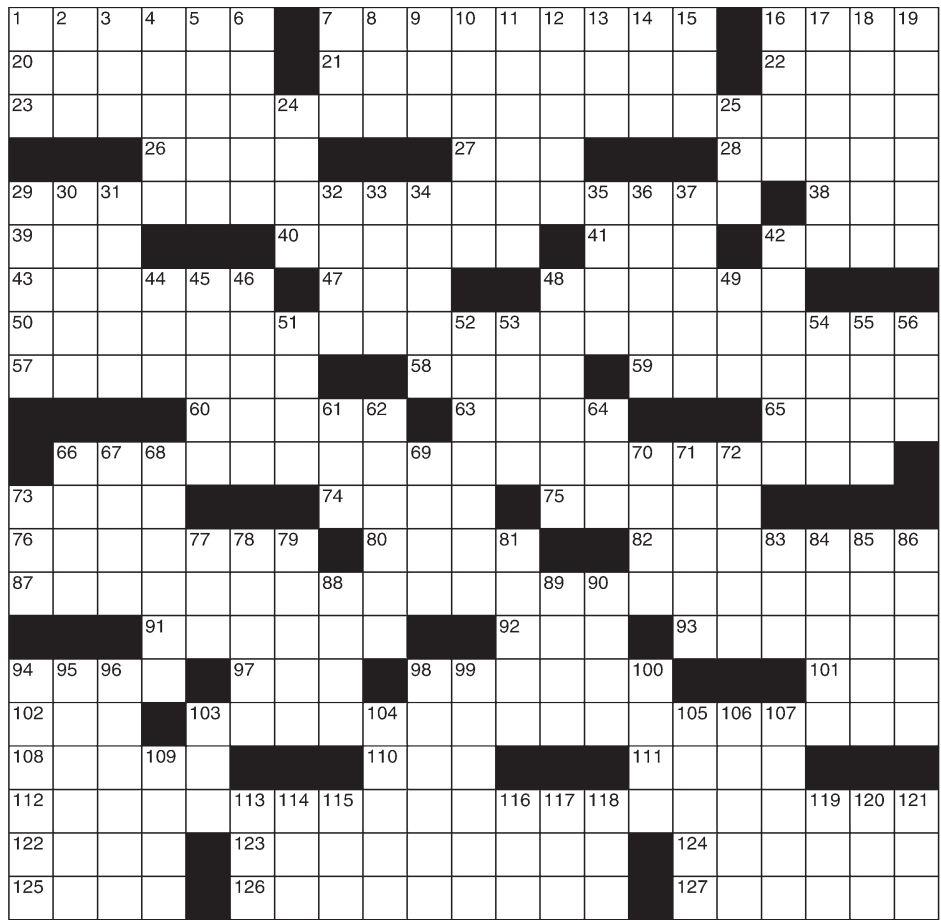
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# PUZZLES & LIFESTYLES

## Super Crossword EXPANSION TEAM

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- 1 Horse house
  - 7 Talked about
  - 16 iPhone buys
  - 20 Medieval weapon
  - 21 Stimulus
  - 22 Garbanzo, for one
  - 23 Kids' writer who was a frequent flier?
  - 26 North Carolina university
  - 27 Ca++ or Cl-
  - 28 Make up (for)
  - 29 Architect who loved internet chatting?
  - 38 "Oh yeah? — who?!"
  - 39 That man
  - 40 In a chair
  - 41 Rural tract
  - 42 Helper
  - 43 Not round-trip
  - 47 Three, in Italy
  - 48 1999-2004 Oldsmobiles
  - 50 Mystery writer who was a constable?
  - 57 Give the right
  - 58 Actor Arnaz
  - 59 Old Japanese governors
  - 60 Classic toothpaste brand
  - 63 Org. supporting sober motorists
  - 65 Env. alerter
  - 66 Novelist who had a law degree?
  - 73 Pear center
  - 74 Litigant
  - 75 Extensive, informally
  - 76 Vehicle often traded in
  - 80 Actress
  - Rae
  - 82 Chess plays
  - 87 Showman who rehabilitated injured people?
  - 91 Song that Kim sings to
  - Hugo in "Bye Bye Birdie"
  - 92 Long span
  - 93 Third-century pope
  - 94 Alpine goat
  - 97 Test facility
  - 98 Grinding tool
  - 101 "— 'er rip!"
  - 102 Anonymous guy
  - 103 Comedian who did plumbing work?
  - 108 Soda giant
  - 110 Obama health law, for short
  - 111 Camp shelter
  - 112 Actor who was always providing precedents?
  - 122 Casino cubes
  - 123 Has as a goal
  - 124 Really must
  - 125 Suffix with novel
  - 126 Sticks firmly to a decision
  - 127 Prized violins, for short
  - DOWN**
  - 1 Health club
  - 2 Actor Cruise
  - 3 Part of IPA
  - 4 Visorless cap
  - 5 Boxer Ali
  - 6 Former inmate
  - 7 Awful racket
  - 8 — jiffy (PDQ)
  - 9 — -fi
  - 10 Bright red
  - 11 Remove the cargo from
  - 12 Bee attack
  - 13 Moral lapse
  - 14 Actress Best
  - 15 French article
  - 16 Slightly
  - 17 Nancy in the House
  - 18 Gave a lousy review of
  - 19 "Gesundheit" elicitor
  - 24 Kitchen pests
  - 25 — tai
  - 29 "God willing!"
  - 30 Curtain fabric
  - 31 Fuse, as ore
  - 32 Dole (out)
  - 33 Sheriff Wyatt
  - 34 Ending for bed or home
  - 35 Vogue rival
  - 36 Hammerhead ends
  - 37 Sun orbiter
  - 42 Jokingly
  - 44 Nintendo game system
  - 45 Second part of a play
  - 46 Barks of pain
  - 48 In the thick of
  - 49 Eye, in Spain
  - 51 Extinct
  - 52 Deep regret
  - 53 Old autocrat
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  - 55 —'acte
  - 56 ID for the IRS
  - 61 Rejections
  - 62 Keenness
  - 64 "Lah-di- —!"
  - 66 Joke around
  - 67 Harold of the Manhattan Project
  - 68 Boston team
  - 69 Keyboardist John
  - 70 Dull and heavy
  - 71 Ex-Yankee Hideki —
  - 72 Shortstop
  - 73 Half-pint
  - 77 The Bengals, on scoreboards
  - 78 Fast Amtrak train
  - 79 Morocco's capital
  - 81 "Am not!" rejoinder
  - 83 "I'll return very shortly," in texts
  - 84 As a whole
  - 85 Fixed the pitch of
  - 86 Actor Jimmy
  - 88 Brain section
  - 89 — and crafts
  - 90 Part of IPA
  - 94 Hamper
  - 95 Withdrawal of the U.K. from the E.U.
  - 96 Await
  - 98 Printed circuit board, as for a laptop
  - 99 Brings joy to
  - 100 Comics' Kett
  - 103 Reddi- — (dessert topping brand)
  - 104 — to go (fired up)
  - 105 Plants with fronds
  - 106 Map extra
  - 107 Old-time anesthetic
  - 109 Captain Hook henchman
  - 113 "Deck the Halls" syllables
  - 114 Suffix with novel
  - 115 Transcript fig.
  - 116 AOL or MSN
  - 117 — low ebb
  - 118 Pithy remark
  - 119 Toothpaste box inits.
  - 120 "Inc." relative
  - 121 — Alamos



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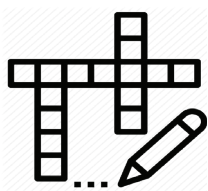
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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ◆◆

- ◆ Moderate
- ◆◆ Challenging
- ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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## MY RECIPES Luke Chavez

# Sloppy Joes

Sometimes, while re-searching recipes, I am overcome by unexpected cravings. This week, I was reminded of the flavorful and messy childhood lunchroom classic, the sloppy joe sandwich. Always up for a challenge, I set out looking for an alternative to the overly sweet version that comes out of a can. Here, ground beef is simmered in a tangy homemade sauce that comes to life with a zesty combination of spices.



### Ingredients:

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 pound ground beef (80/20)
- ½ yellow onion, chopped
- 1 jalapeño, seeded and chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- Salt and fresh ground black pepper
- 1 tablespoon chili powder
- 1 tablespoon paprika
- 2 teaspoons dried oregano
- 1 teaspoon onion powder
- ¼ teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes, or to taste
- 1 tablespoon tomato paste
- 1 tablespoon apple cider vinegar
- 1 cup chicken stock
- 1 cup tomato puree
- ¼ cup ketchup
- 1 tablespoon plus 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
- 1 teaspoon molasses

### For serving:

- 4 buns or rolls, buttered and toasted
- Red cabbage, finely shaved
- Pickles

### Directions:

In a large skillet, heat the oil over high heat. Cook the beef, breaking it up with a wooden spoon, until evenly browned but not cooked all the way through, about 6 to 8 minutes. Transfer beef to a bowl with a slotted spoon, leaving drippings in the pan.

Reduce the heat to medium and sauté the onion, jalapeño, and garlic, stirring frequently, until soft but not browned, another 6 to 8 minutes. Season to taste with salt and black pepper. Next, stir in the chili powder, paprika, oregano, onion powder, and pepper flakes, cooking until very fragrant, about 1 minute. Add the tomato paste, stirring for a few minutes until it incorporates with onion mixture and lightly darkens in color. Then add the cider vinegar, stock, tomato puree, ketchup, Worcestershire, Dijon, and the molasses, scraping up any browned bits from the bottom of pan.

Return the beef to the pan, along with any accumulated juices, and bring to a simmer. Continue to cook at steady simmer, stirring and scraping the bottom, until mixture is thick and saucy, about 15 minutes. Taste and adjust seasoning, adding more salt and pepper as needed.

To serve, spoon beef mixture onto buttered rolls and top with shaved cabbage. Serve with chips or French fries, and a pickle spear on the side.

### Notes:

This easy and fun weeknight dinner can be made lighter by using ground turkey or chicken. You could also try making it vegetarian by using ground seitan or crumbled firm tofu. If using tofu, be sure to thoroughly drain and press out extra moisture before cooking.

For a slightly less spicy version, you could use ½ a green bell pepper in place of the jalapeño.

Have lots of napkins on hand if you attempt to eat this sandwich with your hands. Or, for the more refined, eat open faced with a fork and knife. Either way, this makes a satisfying meal. I served it this week with homemade sweet potato oven fries, and crisp dill pickle spears. Enjoy!

## LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

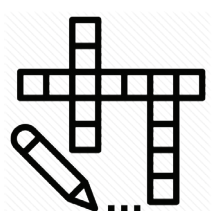
### Super Crossword

#### Answers

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## Community Calendar

### WAITSBURG MONTHLY MEETINGS

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

**Planning Commission**  
Second Friday of the month @ 10 a.m. @ City Hall and on Zoom.



**Waitsburg School Board**  
Third Thursday of every month @ 6 p.m.  
Zoom info is available by emailing [waitsburgcc@icloud.com](mailto: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 Booster Club**  
First Tuesday of the month, 6:30 p.m. @ High School Home Ec. room

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

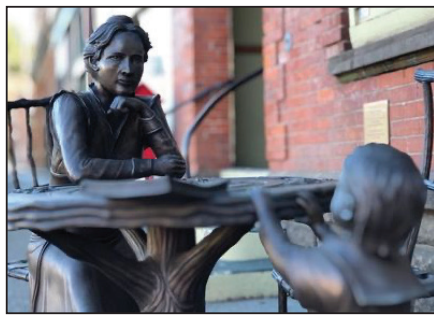
**Waitsburg Parks and Recreation Public Meeting**  
First Thursday of the month, 6 p.m. @ Ten Ton Coffee  
Info email: [info@waitsburgparks.org](mailto:info@waitsburgparks.org)

**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**  
Second Tuesday of the month, @ 7 p.m.

**Waitsburg Commercial Club**  
Last Thursdays of the month @ Ten Ton Coffee @noon. Zoom info is available by emailing [waitsburgcc@icloud.com](mailto: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/Cou-ty-Commissioners>

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



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

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

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

**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

### STARBUCK MEETINGS

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



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