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ONE DOLLAR

Ace Automotive fires up for business

By Lane Gwinn | THE TIMES

DAYTON – At the beginning of the year, Ace Automotive began its journey offering domestic and foreign car repair at 527 Cameron Street in Dayton. Andres Lara, 34, bought Jay Ball's garage after working there for seven years.

Jay's Garage offered service for close to ten years at the Rock Hill Industrial Park. The Port of Columbia County signed a three-year lease with the new owner in December last year.

"Jay and I had been talking for a while about his retiring and selling the place to me," said Lara. "But it came a little sooner than I expected," he laughed.

Taking over a successful business has its upsides and possible downs. Clients who have come to rely on the previous owner may be nervous after a change. As part of Ball's team, Lara is determined to carry his previous employer's high level of customer service and satisfaction.

Barbara Jaksa, a recent customer, said, "In November 2023, Jay's Garage replaced the engine in my 2007 Ford Ranger. Jay has since sold the business to Andres Lara, and I am happy to say that I received great customer service (Andres was aware of my situation).

"Typical of an engine replacement, there is usually fine-tuning that needs to be done after the vehicle is back on the road. When the Ranger started running rough, Lara asked me to bring it in, and he would honor the recent engine replacement. With-

in 36 hours of dropping off my truck, I was back behind the wheel with confidence that Ace Automotive stands behind its work and customers,"

Ace Automotive is Lara's first business, but he brings years of automotive experience since he began working on friends' and family's cars, primarily Hondas, when he was 17.

His automotive interests led him to work with a mechanic in Athena, Oregon, where he became a "Chevy Guy."

"People started asking me to work on their cars," Lara said, "So finally, I decided to go to school for auto mechanics."

Lara studied at Walla Walla Community College and graduated in 2012. He joined Jay's Garage in 2017.

Lara sums it all up with a smile. "I started on Honda, then I got into Chevy, then when I came to work with Jay, he was a Ford guy, so I became a Ford guy, too."

Newly elected Dayton Mayor Roger Trump continues at the front desk, and Lara has brought in his cousin Omar Diaz as a second mechanic. Taking over from Jay's Garage, Ace Automotive will continue working on Ford and other domestic and foreign makes and models, including Toyota, Subaru, and, of course, Honda. While diesel is not one of Lara's specialties, he can do some diesel work on domestic models.

Lara lives in College Place with his wife, Jocelyn, and two kids. His son Andreas goes by his middle name, David, and his daughter Aubrianna is called Kaylee.

When deciding on a name for his business, Lara first thought to call it A's Garage, after his and his kids' names. It sounded like Ace, so he made one of his first executive decisions and went with Ace Automotive.

Lara is working on a logo for his business and is



Ace Automotive owner, Andres Lara (left) with his cousin, Omar Diaz.

leaning towards a design with a playing card. One option features an ace of spades superimposed on a stylized sports car. Soon, he will have a new website and Facebook and Instagram accounts.

Appointments can be made by calling (509) 382-3078 or sending email inquiries to aceautomotive@dayton527.com.

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Columbia Port of Commissioners updated on Malt study

A two-to-one vote changed the Port Director position from contract to month-to-month, "at-will"

By Justin Jaech | THE TIMES

DAYTON – The Port of Columbia Commissioners held its regular meeting at 5 p.m. on February 14, 2024, at the port's office. Commissioners Seth Bryan, Johnny Watts, Mike Spring, and Executive Director Jennie Dickinson were present.

The commissioners approved the last meeting's minutes.

In the budget review, Dickenson said the year ended in great shape, and the port spent a little less than it took in.

Dickenson said there were no new leases for the month. However, a part-time health and wellness business owner would like to lease a port space on March 1. She asked the commissioners if she could go forward with the lease.

At Rock Hill Business Park, the director said the GSA inspection had gone very well.

The director described a Pacific Power lighting incentive to the commissioners. The utility will cover 90% of the cost to upgrade lighting to LED. The port's cost would be mainly the taxes.

Dickenson said the port worked with the tenants to ensure they took precautions before the recent extreme cold weather, avoiding extra maintenance or frozen pipes.

Lyons Ferry KOA owner Joanne Knouff attended the meeting on Zoom. She said that, according to the Resource Conservation Office, the port can't apply for grants for projects in the water. They can apply for funding for the pull-through RV sites. They can also apply for funds to cover planning and permitting for bulkheads and other underwater projects.

The Artisan Grain Cluster Feasibility Study has been completed by Arrowleaf Consulting for the Port of Columbia. The director is working with Mainstem Malt, the proposed malting operation, considering a facility in Columbia County. Dickenson said the best of the two strategies being considered was for the port to build the building and lease it to the processor. She described possible Community Economic Revitalization Board (CERB) funding.

The port staff plans to survey growers on topics including shared grain storage and specialty grains that may interest local farmers.

Dickenson said the commissioners would have to approve a resolution for her to apply for CERB funding. She would travel to Olympia to assist the potential tenants when they apply for CERB funding.

The director updated the commissioners on the glass recycling opportunity offered to the port by a glass recycler in Walla Walla. The proposal is to allow Dayton residents to drop off recyclable glass at BMS once a month for the non-profit to collect.

After Dickenson provided an update on the broadband projects, Watts said he wants the port to



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Executive Director
Jennie Dickinson

Dayton City Council to work update Procedure and Ethics Handbook

By Justin Jaech | THE TIMES

DAYTON- Mayor Roger Trump called the Dayton City Council to order at 6 p.m., February 13, 2024. Councilmembers Teeny McMunn, James Su'euga, Michael Smith, Kyle Anderson, Joann Patras, Laura Aukerman, Shannon McMillen, and Mayor Trump were present in City Hall.

In the public comment, Katie Roughton referred to her remarks at the January council meeting suggesting a voter referendum on whether the city should withdraw from the Columbia County Rural Library District (CCRLD).

Roughton said she was concerned that "appointed people" (the Library Board of Trustees) decide how to spend her tax dollars. She said she had not requested to withdraw from the library district, "it was never my request. I never, one time, attempted to hurt the library. I tried to come to a different conclusion that might assist in other funding in our city. That's what I came to do. I apologize that I gave you such a big task in such a short time-period. That is my fault. As a college instructor, I should know that. But now, it falls upon you guys to listen and do the research. Is it beneficial? Is it not? Would it hurt the library? Wouldn't it hurt the library? What are the actual things going on? That's all I asked."

Jonathan Watson asked the council if anyone would be talking to the adjacent landowners of the planned wastewater treatment plant. Ryan Paulson, Public Works Director, said the city would reach out.

Roughton returned to the podium, focusing her comments on Councilmember McMunn, saying she was making an ethics complaint to the city.

She said, "A known councilmember, Councilmember McMunn, was then at the library board meeting the following week, and properly stood up – and remember, this is recorded – and said Katie is trying to hurt the library. Oh, yes. It is recorded."

She said McMunn distributed pamphlets at a workshop meeting, to show the library's budget. However, the pamphlets were published by a local political group. Roughton said that was highly illegal and against the city's code of ethics. She expects the council to take up her complaint, adding, "If you don't, I will."

After public comment closed, Columbia County Sheriff Joe Helm gave his report. He said the department had received three new patrol cars, with three more expected. Helm also announced a new deputy on the force.

Helm said his office will participate in the Coalition of Youth and Families event at the Liberty Theater on February 29, 2024, and schedule another Citizen's Academy.

In response to a question from McMillen on staffing, Helm said the department has seven road deputies and two administrative staff. He said there is one administrative and one road position that has not been filled.

Desirae Lockard presented the County's Emergency Management Department report. She wanted to remind the public that anyone who accidentally dials 911 should stay on the line to let the operator know it was an accident. This keeps 911 from having to dispatch a deputy to check on the caller.

Ryan Rundell, speaking for the County Commissioners, said they passed the resolution to establish the Columbia County Parks and Recreation District per the

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AT THE LIBERTY: "The Color Purple"

THE TIMES

DAYTON — This bold new take on the beloved classic invites you to experience the extraordinary sisterhood of three women who share one unbreakable bond.

This new movie is rated highly by both critics and the audience (82% and 95% favorable) on the Rotten Tomatoes website. That website's critics consensus is "Building on the legacy of the previous film adaptation while incorporating elements of the stage musical, "The Color Purple" is a crowd-pleasing testament to resilience in the face of trauma." The audience says "Much more than a remake, the musical film version of "The Color Purple" stands on its own as a vibrant, uplifting experience -- and the singing and dancing are superb. Some reviewers did not think the musical aspects of this movie were appropriate considering the serious subject matter of this movie. The movie is rated PG-13 for mature thematic content, sexual content, violence and language. The IMDb parent's guide classified all categories considered as moderate. Runtime is 140 minutes.

Please note: The Innovia Foundation is sponsoring a special free showing of the 1939 movie "The Wizard of Oz" at the Liberty Theater on Saturday, Feb. 24, at 1:30 pm. Free popcorn and soda (or water) is included. It is rated PG and runs 101 minutes.

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ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER AT WAITSBURG TOWN HALL

THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — The Waitsburg Town Hall's annual St. Patrick's Day dinner and silent auction fundraiser is Saturday, March 9. The doors will open at 5 p.m., and dinner will be served at 6 p.m.

Donations are \$15 per person, and tickets must be purchased in advance at Gaudy Gals and from Waitsburg Town Hall board members Jim Davidson, Louie Gagnon, Marie Gagnon, Ron Griffen, Allen Huwe, Jim Romine, Ron Stranding, and Dave Tipton.

There will be no ticket sales at the door. All proceeds go towards Town Hall's operation and maintenance costs.

The Town Hall board is grateful for items donated for the silent auction. Anyone who would like to donate additional items can bring them to Gaudy Gals on Main Street, located in the front of Town Hall.

Let the shenanigans begin.

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A smiling Sara is reading The Times at Fred Hutch.

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February 24: Susan Segraves, Jason Wheeler, Helen Porter, Eric Nunn, Wanda Gales, Dane Henze, Misty Reid, Andy Maib, Martha Kenney, David Danforth, and David Baker.

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February 26: Jayton "JJ" Gleason, Dena Martin-Kennison, Alisha Marshall, Dorothy Hall, Wayne Emerson, Walter White, Emilie Baker, Jeff Jameson, Sally Harmon and John Garrett.

February 27: Rylan Lybecker, Jerry Baker, Larry Land, Bill Broadhead, Jane Schulte, Katy Pearson Zemke.

February 28: Jill McConnell, Brock Winegar, Cindy Hiatt, Sharon McDaniel, Jean Coe, Tressa Johnson, Merry Nelson, David Marr, Todd Dimak and Jeremy Nichols.



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FULL MOON HIKE OVER WAITSBURG

By Lane Gwinn | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — On Saturday, February 24, get your hiking shoes on and join Barbara Jaksa to hike up to the cell towers north of town to watch the Full Snow Moon rise. Meet up with Jaksa and fellow hikers in front of American 35, at 128 Main St, Waitsburg, at 5 p.m.

The group will head out of town over the Main Street bridge. From there, the route follows Millrace Road

east, left on Whoopem Up Hollow Road and left on the service road that leads to the top of the hill. The roundtrip hike is five miles from top to bottom.

Enjoy great views of the northern Palouse and east across the valley towards Dayton. With a view of the western horizon, hikers will also see the 5:32 p.m. sunset.

Jaksa recommends hiking shoes with good soles, wearing layers for warmth, water, and headlamps. And bring a sense of adventure. Contact Jaksa at Jaksabarb7@gmail.com for more information.



Barbara Jaksa

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November election results.

The council passed the following four action items:

- Resolution 1532, declaring, authorizing, and directing the disposal of surplus items.
- Resolution 1533, appointing an agent to receive claims for damages.
- Authorization for the city to provide a letter to the Dayton School District in support of grant applications to repair the football field.
- Ordinance 2010, amending the Animal Control authority in the municipal code.

The meeting went into an executive session, per RCW 42.30.110(i), stating pending litigation. The council returned to the regular session in just under 30 minutes.

The mayor scheduled a council workshop for February 20, 2024, at 3 p.m. to update the "Council Rules of Procedure and Ethics Handbook."

Paulson said the hydro-geological survey for the wastewater treatment plant is ongoing, and the cultural resource survey is complete.

In the Public Works report, Paulson said the city obtained a \$2 million grant to resurface about 90% of the city's streets with Otta Seal. The grant is part of a trial project by the Washington Transportation Improvement Board. He said information on the schedule for the project will be available soon. The Otta Seal is a replacement for chip sealing, and he expects it to be a better surface.

Paulson said it will make it a busy and hectic summer, but it is needed and worth the inconvenience. Main Street, Dayton Ave., Third Street, and Fourth Street are not included in the project.

The mayor adjourned the meeting just before 7 p.m.

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survey customer satisfaction, though

he acknowledged that the port does not provide services. He said he wants to know if the broadband projects are doing what was promised.

Dickenson said one indicator that the projects are doing well is that the adoption rate is the envy of other broadband projects.

Bryan suspended the public meeting to go into an executive session for the following reasons:

- To consider minimum pricing of port real estate that will be offered for sale or lease.
- To evaluate qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee.

Following the executive session, Bryan moved to change the Executive Director position from a contracted position to a non-contracted, at-will position. Watts seconded the motion. There was no discussion before the vote. Bryan and Watts voted for the motion and Spring voted against it.

Dickenson's contract expired on January 31, 2024. A contract is not required to work at the port, and Dickenson will continue as an at-will employee. Since the commissioners had not offered a new contract, the vote may not have been necessary.

After the vote, Bryan said, "I guess what I'd like to say is that I don't believe there's a necessity to have an executive director position as a contracted position. In my opinion, it's unnecessary. It puts the port in a difficult situation. I don't see the benefit for the port, and really leaves very little repercussion unless there is very severe consequences and very severe actions or very poor behavior."

Bryan continued, "Now, the behavior hasn't always been the way I would like to see it. There has definitely been some occasions where there's been some insubordination. Sometimes, I've met with Jennie where she was trying to find ways to discipline or punish another commissioner for attendance reasons. Trying to, in my opinion, drive a wedge between [inaudible] hardship. There have been situations where in meetings, when things do not go according to the way it seems that she feels they should, that her demeanor after the public meetings has been less than professional and so for these reasons I do not believe..."

Spring said, "I'm going to stop you here."

"You can try and stop me but I'm the chairperson," responded Bryan.

Spring continued, "Well, you are bringing up personnel evaluation things."

"I'm not bringing up personnel evaluation," said Bryan. "I'm bringing up things that have not been in public meetings. So, that is not personal evaluations. I'm not going into past evaluations. It is no attack. I'm just bringing up concerns of mine that happened in public meetings," he said.

"For these reasons, I am not willing to enter into a contract with Miss Dickenson at this time," concluded Bryan.

Spring said, "I completely and totally disagree. I think the professional way to run a business is to have a contract. People will know where they stand in the process. And you're saying, in your opinion, I hope all that was captured on her evaluation because that's where you are supposed to try to correct behavior or reward great behavior. To me, it is a whole bunch better to get things done with a carrot and not a stick, and you seem to be a stick guy."

Bryan, "Well, I didn't bring any carrots with me tonight."

Tracy Clark, the port's office manager, asked to comment. She said, "I think what just happened is really unprofessional. Those things you're feeling should never have been done publicly on record. If you have a problem with Jennie, you talk to Jennie behind closed doors, in private. Or, like Mike [Spring] said, in her evaluation. You don't bring it up in front of everybody else here. I think that was really, really - very rude and not a nice way to treat your employees."

The meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m. The next Port Commissioners Meeting is scheduled for 5 p.m. on March 13, 2024.

IT'S TIME FOR THE ANNUAL AAUW BOOK SALE AT THE MARCUS WHITMAN

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—The American Association of University Women (AAUW) will hold its 59th annual book sale on February 23 through 25 at the Marcus Whitman Hotel in Walla Walla. The sale will be open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday.

The book sale will feature approximately 40,000 items, including quality paperback and hardback fiction and nonfiction books, children's books, DVDs, CDs, audiobooks, and collectibles. Patrons can find books for their reading pleasure and as gifts, from coffee table books, cookbooks, golden oldies, or the latest best-sellers.

The books are organized into 40 well-marked sections, including fiction, history, cookbooks, self-help, biographies, military history, western fiction, religion, art, science fiction, sports, and animals. Books in fiction (except Westerns) will be displayed alphabetically by author with a section for popular authors so shoppers can easily find their favorite authors.

There will be a large selection of science fiction and fantasy books, graphic novels, and manga, approximately 2,000 titles. Classics from Star Wars, Star Trek, and other fun books from TV, movies, and computer games will be included. Popular authors include Isaac Asimov, Frank Herbert, Neil Gaiman, and Terry Pratchett. Women science fiction authors, such as Marion Zimmer Bradley, Andre Norton, Anne McCaffrey, and Mercedes Lackey, will be featured.

The young adult (YA) category will have over 1,500 titles. Young adult books are for 12 to 18-year-olds and have more adult themes than children's chapter books. The Harry Potter series is an example of YA, and The Goosebumps series are children's chapter books. Separating the YA section will make it easy for age-appropriate readers to find books and graphic novels they would enjoy. Popular authors to be located in the young adult section include Suzanne Collins, Garth Nix, Veronica Roth, Tamora Pierce, and Patrick Ness.

Besides books, the young adult section will feature hundreds of paper comic books for one dollar each. Organizers suggest comic book fans come early because the comic books sold out on the first day of the sale last year.

Customers will find affordable items, with most between fifty cents to four dollars. Prices start at fifty cents for sheet music, picture books and CDs are \$1.00 each, DVDs are \$2.00, paperbacks are \$2.50, and hardbacks

and audiobooks cost \$4.00. Collectibles are priced individually. Credit and debit cards, checks, and cash payments will be accepted. Children 14 and under will be invited to choose a free book from the picture or chapter book categories.

This year's selection of collectibles includes an impressive number of Northwest books and many hard-to-find titles. Signed copies, fine bindings, limited editions, and illustrated books are available for prices as low as six dollars.

Paper bags will be available for shoppers every day of the sale, but shoppers are encouraged to bring their bags on Friday and Saturday. On Sunday, books will be priced at \$15 per bag, using the provided paper bags to ensure standardized volume. Once a paper bag full of books is paid for, customers may transfer purchased books to their own bags.

Walla Walla is proud to be the largest AAUW branch in the state, with over 270 members. Anyone who joins the branch during the book sale will receive a discount on their membership.

The AAUW's mission is to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research. In the past 18 years, AAUW Walla Walla has given over \$195,000 in scholarships to local high school women and local women returning to college. The organization awarded mini-grants of \$176,367 to local educational programs and events. In 2023, fifteen women were each awarded \$3000 in college scholarships for \$45,000.

The sale provides countless children and adults in the community with reasonably priced books. Visit AAUW Book Sale Walla Walla on Facebook for book sale facts and happenings. For more information on the sale, AAUW, or scholarships, visit the AAUW Walla Walla website at aauwallawalla.org. To apply for AAUW college scholarships, visit the Blue Mountain Community Foundation website at blue-mountainfoundation.org.



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Ruth Ladderud has sewn totes from pet food packaging that book sale shoppers can purchase for \$10. Proceeds help fund the Book for Babes Program at Providence St. Mary's Hospital.



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SPORTS & NEWS

WAITSBURG MS GIRLS BUILDING SKILLS EVERY GAME

By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — Waitsburg Middle School girls basketball team has improved over the last couple of games. The group comprises seven sixth-graders and three seventh-graders, with only four girls with previous basketball experience.

Playing against eighth graders has been challenging. The girls play hard, yet their shots have not been falling.

The young Cardinals played Rogers in back-to-back games, losing the first by a score of 24-14 and the second 17-10. Olivia Kiefel led the team in scoring with six points in each game.

Against Desales, the Cardinals lost a close game 26-24. Olivia Kiefel

scored 12 points in the game, had seven steals, and rebounded eleven. Kayla Kuykendall and Lillian Carpenter scored four points each, and Audrey Kiefel scored two points and rebounded five. Madyson Potter scored two points, and Kaitlyn Paul contributed seven rebounds.

Liberty Christian of Richland's eighth graders beat Waitsburg 29-11 on February 8. During the fifth quarter of play, LCR played their seventh-graders, and the Cardinals won 9-0. Olivia Kiefel led the team in scoring with eight points. She rebounded 13 and had six steals. Audrey Kiefel scored six points and rebounded eight. Paul scored three points and rebounded seven, Carpenter scored two points, and Potter had one point.

The girls have out-rebounded their taller opponents in four of their five games. Sophia Castillo, Tanna Ray, Lucy LaCross, and Maeci Strickland have contributed with rebounds and strong defense.



Karen Huwe

Olivia Kiefel shoots for two against LCR - #4 Kuykendall, #34 Paul and #15 Potter

Events Calendar

WAITSBURG



St Patrick's Day Dinner and Silent Auction @ Waitsburg Town Hall

Saturday, March 9, 2024 @ 6 p.m.
Advanced Ticket Sales at Gaudy Gals and from Town Hall Boardmembers. No sales at the door!

AMERICAN 35



Thursday, Feb. 22 is National Margarita Day At America 35 that means a 1 margarita + 1 margherita pizza combo = \$25
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RCW 11.40.030

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RCW 11.40.030

In the Matter of the Estate of Emily K. Parsons Deceased

The Personal Representative named below has been appointed as Personal Representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the Personal Representative or the Personal Representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the Personal Representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(3); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of this notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both decedent's probate and non-probate assets.
DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: February 15, 2024.
Karen A. Stalder,
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Walla Walla, WA 99362
509-522-6800
The Times
February 15, 22, 29 2024
2-15-b

Thad Sirmon Const,

Thad Sirmon, 54 W Rees Ave Walla Walla, WA 99362-1155, is seeking coverage under the Washington State Department of Ecology's Construction Stormwater NPDES and State Waste Discharge General Permit. The proposed project, 942 Spitzenburg Apartments, is located at 942 NE Spitzenburg St. College Place, WA 99324 in Walla Walla County. This project involves 1.5 acres of soil disturbance for Other (multi family) construction activities. All discharges and runoff goes to ground water. Any persons desiring to present their views to the Washington State Department of Ecology regarding this Application, or interested in Ecology's action on this Application, may notify Ecology in writing no later than 30 days of the last date of publication of this notice. Ecology reviews public comments and considers whether discharges from this project would cause a measurable change in receiving water quality, and, if so, whether the project is necessary and in the overriding public interest according to Tier II anti-degradation requirements under WAC 173-201A-320. Comments can be submitted to: ecyrewqiano@ecy.wa.gov, or ATTN: Water Quality Program, Construction Stormwater Washington State Department of Ecology P.O. Box 47696 Olympia, WA 98504-7696
The Times
February 15, 22 2024
2-15-c

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA
NO. 24 4 00041 36
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS
RCW 11.40.030

In the Matter of the Estate of Doris V. Jacky Deceased

The Personal Representative named below has been appointed as Personal Representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the Personal Representative or the Personal Representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the Personal Representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(3); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of this notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both decedent's probate and non-probate assets.
DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: February 22, 2024.
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Co-Personal Representative
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The Times
February 22, 29 March 7, 2024
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA
No. 24 400022 36
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS
RCW 11.40.030
In re the Estate of: ELIZABETH HOLBEN, Deceased.

The Co-Personal Representatives named below have been appointed as personal representatives 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 Co-Personal Representatives, or to the Co-Personal Representatives' 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: Thirty (30) days after the Personal Representatives served or mailed the Notice to the Creditors as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1) (c); or Four (4) months after the date of first publication of the Notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and non-probate assets.
Personal Representatives: Sylvia Ann Allen and Katherine Joyce Hogan
Attorney for the Personal Representatives: Kathryn Unbehaun, Minnick-Hayner
Address for Mailing or Service: Kathryn Unbehaun Minnick-Hayner P.O. Box 1757 Walla Walla, WA 99362
Court of Probate Proceedings and Cause Number: Walla Walla County Superior Court, Cause No. 24 4 00022 36

Sylvia Ann Holber Allen
Sylvia Ann Allen, Personal Representative
Kathi Jaya Hosm
Katherine Joyce Hogan, Personal Representative
The Times
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Prescott Joint Park and Recreation District Board of Commissioners

Position # 2 VACANCY: Term Expires 12/31/2025
Position # 4 VACANCY: Term Expires 12/31/2027
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)
• Attend 12 monthly meetings, and between 5-8 specialty meetings
• Spend 3-5 hours/month during off season; 15-30 hours/month when things ramp up in Spring
Please submit a letter of interest to:
Prescott Joint Park & Recreation District (PJPRD)
PO Box 30 Prescott WA 99348
If you would like more information, please call the office at 509-849-2314, daily 9 to 1 pm.
The Times
February 15, 22, 29 March 7, 14, 21, 28 2024
2-15-d

Notice of Special Meeting

Prescott City Council
Thursday, February 29, 2024, at 6:30 PM
City Hall
Purpose of Meeting
City Council will hold a special meeting to discuss the following topics:
Draft ordinance and other matters related to proposed changes to garbage service in Prescott;
Mayor-proposed priorities for 2024; Credit card for City Clerk; and
Discussion and appointment of Mayor pro tem
No other topics will be discussed at the special meeting.
The Times
February 22, 2024
2-22-c

Kids Heart Challenge

By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — Waitsburg elementary students and parents went above and beyond this year, raising over \$9,500 for the American Heart Association participating in the Kids Heart Challenge on February 14. Last year, Waitsburg students raised \$6,329.

Schools nationwide participate in the annual Kids Heart Challenge, where students participate in heart-healthy physical activities and raise money for the American Heart Association.

Waitsburg's kindergarten through fifth-grade students spent Valentine's Day morning jumping rope, hula hooping, playing multiple shooting games, dribbling, participating in passing drills, and enjoying a healthy snack of apples and oranges.

This year, the school offered an incentive for students who raised \$100 or more. Those who reached the goal won the opportunity to slime P.E. teacher Maia Fastabend and paraeducator John Langford. Over 40 students participated in the slime assembly on Friday, February 16.

Kindergartner Kennedy Henze earned the privilege of being a P.E. teacher for a day after she raised \$1,046 as the school's top fundraiser.

The top three student fundraisers, Henze, Phoenix Stahl, and Israel Stahl, earned a Kids Heart Challenge Buster keychain. They will join their kindergarten classmates, the top fundraising class, for an ice cream sundae party.



(below) Kennedy Henze

(above) Phoenix & Israel Stahl

(left) John Lanford and Maia Fastabend were good sports before and after their sliming.



On Being Retired

By Vicki Sternfeld-Rossi | THE TIMES

It is official: I am now one of the many retired people on the planet. Friday was my last official day of employment, and on Saturday afternoon, I began the process of becoming a Washingtonian.

I had an appointment at the Walla Walla Department of Licensing (DOL) to apply for my Washington driver's license. Last July, it took three and a half hours at the California Department of Motor Vehicle (DMV) to renew my driver's license. When I walked into the Walla Walla office, I was a bit "freaked out," as they say, because I was the only one there besides the two employees. Culture shock, to say the least.

With my last California DMV experience still fresh, I arrived at the Walla Walla office thirty minutes ahead of my scheduled appointment. After a quick vision test, they punched a hole through my California license, registered me to vote, and processed me for my Real ID. I was finished and back in my car before the actual appointment time. California DMV could certainly take some lessons from Washington DOL.

The company I retired from was also somewhat delinquent in its responsibilities. I assumed that on Friday at 5:01 p.m. I would be cut off from my business email account. I guess they forgot, and all weekend and Monday, I was receiving emails. Finally, on Monday afternoon, they emailed all employees an invitation to a "rainy day lunch." I replied with a "decline," which woke up the



right person. I am now off the email list, whew!

The good news is that Daniel is now more comfortable with his mail route. Now that the weather has calmed down, he gets home early enough to relieve me of dinner duty. I almost feel like a lady of leisure, but there's still laundry that needs to be done, the dishwasher needs emptying, paperwork for taxes needs organizing, and floors need to be swept again and again and again. Mud is a constant.

How did I ever do all of that and work, too? And it was only my first day of retirement. A retired friend gave me some sage advice for my retirement: "Just say no" to committees or volunteering for everyone and every organization that asks. It is advice I will take in, but I already have a few volunteer assignments I am happy to assist with. Of course, with the caveat that they don't involve insurance or bookkeeping or interfere with my tennis schedule.

Soon, gardening will take up my time, which will help keep my volunteering in control. I have difficulty saying "no" to friends, so I am sure I'll be involved with a few community activities. After all, retirement has its responsibilities, too.

Frequently checking my email is a hard habit to break, so I've made a goal: by Friday, I will not pick up my phone unless I'm expecting an important email.

I have been in contact with my friends and family in Southern California, and though it's been a long time since I've been through So Cal flooding, I am sympathetic to the torrential rain, potential mudslides, and recent earthquake. Although it's scary right now, there are some entertaining pictures of their dogs that, like Mugsy, develop exceptional bladder control to keep their paws dry. I've seen some very amusing rain gear on their dogs. I remind my friends that it's dry here (for now), and there is indoor tennis and lots of wine. Hopefully, they will be tempted and come for a visit.

Wine of the Week

Dowsett Seghesio 2021/2022 Sonoma Zinfandel

By Paul Gregutt | THE TIMES

Now under the guidance of the fifth generation, this founding California winery makes a wide range of pricey single vineyard Zins, along with this more affordable yet high quality bottling. Often a featured wine at Costco, its listed price is \$26 but you should be able to find this almost anywhere for around \$22. This is serious Zinfandel, neither light nor sweet. Its blackberry, plum and cherry fruit is accented with woody herbs and baking spices. A light touch of pepper adds texture and bite. Be sure to look for the 'Sonoma' bottling, and give it an hour or two to breathe before drinking. Guaranteed to fire up any lingering winter doldrums. 15% alcohol; \$20 - \$26 (Sonoma)

<https://www.seghesio.com/wine/sonoma-zinfandel/>



Church Directory

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

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

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

Waitsburg Christian Church
604 Main St
Worship 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Each Sunday
337-8898
Pastor Cameron Hedges

CLASSIFIEDS HELP WANTED

CLASSIFIED POSITIONS OPEN FOR 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR
STARBUCK SCHOOL DISTRICT
LEAD COOK: 5 hrs./day. We are accepting applications for a lead cook. Preferred: experience working in a school setting, with customer service and food prep for groups of 40+. Needed: someone who is dependable, punctual and has good attendance. Training will be available and mandatory.
BUS DRIVER: We are accepting applications for a Bus Driver. Training is available and required for certification as a school bus driver. Bus routes will be early morning and early

afternoon. A good driving record is required.
SUBSTITUTES: We are accepting applications for substitutes for custodial, food service, parapro and teachers. Starbuck School District is a TK-8, small, rural school with a collaborative work environment. If interested in applying for a position, or being placed on our substitute list, please direct questions and inquiries, or requests for an application, to Connie Fox Boyer, Office Administrator, at 509-399-2381, or 509-566-7251, or email cfoxyboyer@ssd35.org. Positions are open until filled. Starbuck School District is an equal opportunity employer.

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FUN & GAMES

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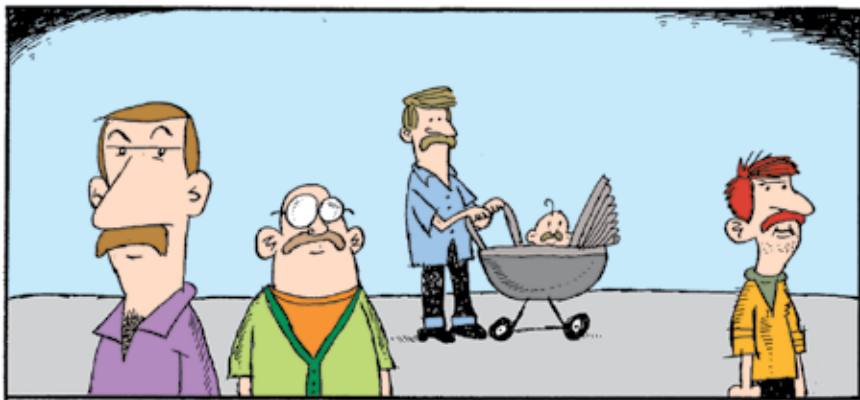
GRIN AND BEAR IT



"You've had your foot in your mouth again, haven't you, Senator?"

Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



PIONEER PORTRAITS

10 Years Ago
February 27, 2014



[Photo Caption] Members of the Prescott Knowledge Bowl try to reach a consensus. Front row: Andre Potts, Erik Sandoval, Oscar Garcia, Tyler Fedderson Back row: Alberto Sandoval, Emily Wilson

25 Years Ago
February 25, 1999

Waitsburg's Anne Bickelhaupt exploded with 3 points, 11 blocked shots and 11 rebounds to vault the defending district champion Waitsburg Cardinals past St. John-Endicott 63-36 in the second round of the District 9 tournament here Tuesday night. The Cardinals advance to the championship game for the second year in a row where they'll face Tekoa-Oakesale at 6:30 p.m., Friday, Feb. 26. Last year Waitsburg flew through District then went 3-1 at the State B tournament for fifth place. "The girls did a good job feeding the ball to her (Bickelhaupt)" said an elated Coach Jerry Baker. "They were giving it to us so we took it." "I'm more tickled with our defense," he added, "holding another Whitman County team into the 30s... you've done something."

50 years Ago
February 28, 1974

Jenny McKinney, daughter of Mrs. Patty McKinney, Waitsburg, was chosen for the 1974 Homecoming Royalty at Walla Walla Community College. Jenny and Janice Yelliott were presented six white roses at half-time activities during last Saturday's game against Spokane. Princesses were Mary Freeburg, Brenda Westerskow and Colleen Kelly. Jenny has also been appointed to serve as the vice-president of the WWCC Associated Students. Bob Campbell, elected president in the spring of 1973, vacated his position because of personal reasons. Betty Bendixon was named ASB President by the Student Senate, and Jenny was selected to fill the veep spot previously held by Betty.

75 Years Ago
March 4, 1949

John Hulce, former owner of the Plaza Theater, has purchased the Price Tate property which includes 8 lots on Coppei Avenue where he plans to build a duplex and a residence.

Miss Myra Wardrip was honored at a pre-nuptial shower last Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Percy Gentry who was assisted by Mrs. T. M. Nifong, Mrs. Bob DuPree and Mrs. Orle Katsel. She will become the bride of Ben Bloor on March 9.

Miss Betty Baim is being honored at a pre-nuptial shower Friday evening at the home of Miss Molley Kellogg. Miss Baim will become the bride of Cecil Webber on March 20.

100 Years ago
March 7, 1924

The Exchange Bank of Waitsburg failed to open its doors for business Friday morning, a notice on the door reading "This bank is closed by order of the Board of Directors and is in the hands of State Bank Examiner."

Harvey Stonecipher Jr. and Carlisle Bare, members of the local Boy Scout troop, appeared before the Court of Honor Friday evening and successfully passed the requirement for First Class Scout.

Mrs. Walter Price has taken over the dress-making parlors in the Waitsburg Mercantile store, formerly occupied by Mrs. Adams.

125 Years ago
March 10, 1899

Miss Lizzie Wills returned to Pampa, Wash. on Saturday. She closed a five month school there two weeks ago but will conduct another term of three months there commencing Monday, March 6th.

David Miller's best milk cow was stolen from his corral near the house, one night a short time ago. It was a belled cow and the farmers lining on the road between there and Walla Wala heard the bell pass in the night. This and cow tracks leading to the city were the traces found. The rest may be read between the lines.

Touchet Valley Weather

Feb. 21, 2024

Waitsburg's Seven Day Forecast

Wednesday Mostly Cloudy Areas of Fog High: 52 Low: 35	Thursday Partly Cloudy High: 55 Low: 32	Friday Partly Cloudy High: 54 Low: 34	Saturday Partly Cloudy High: 55 Low: 37	Sunday Scattered Rain High: 54 Low: 32	Monday Rain & Snow Possible High: 45 Low: 31	Tuesday Cloudy High: 42 Low: 27

Weather Trivia

What is the "green sky" effect?
Answer: A greenish tint to the sky is often a precursor to hail.

Local Almanac Last Week

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Precipitation
Tuesday	48	32	46/33	0.00"	0.22"
Wednesday	40	28	46/33	0.02"	0.39"
Thursday	32	30	46/33	0.11"	-0.17"
Friday	36	27	47/33	0.00"	33.4°
Saturday	33	23	47/33	0.00"	39.9°
Sunday	38	31	47/33	0.08"	-6.5°
Monday	38	32	48/33	0.01"	

Data as reported from Walla Walla

Sun/Moon Chart This Week

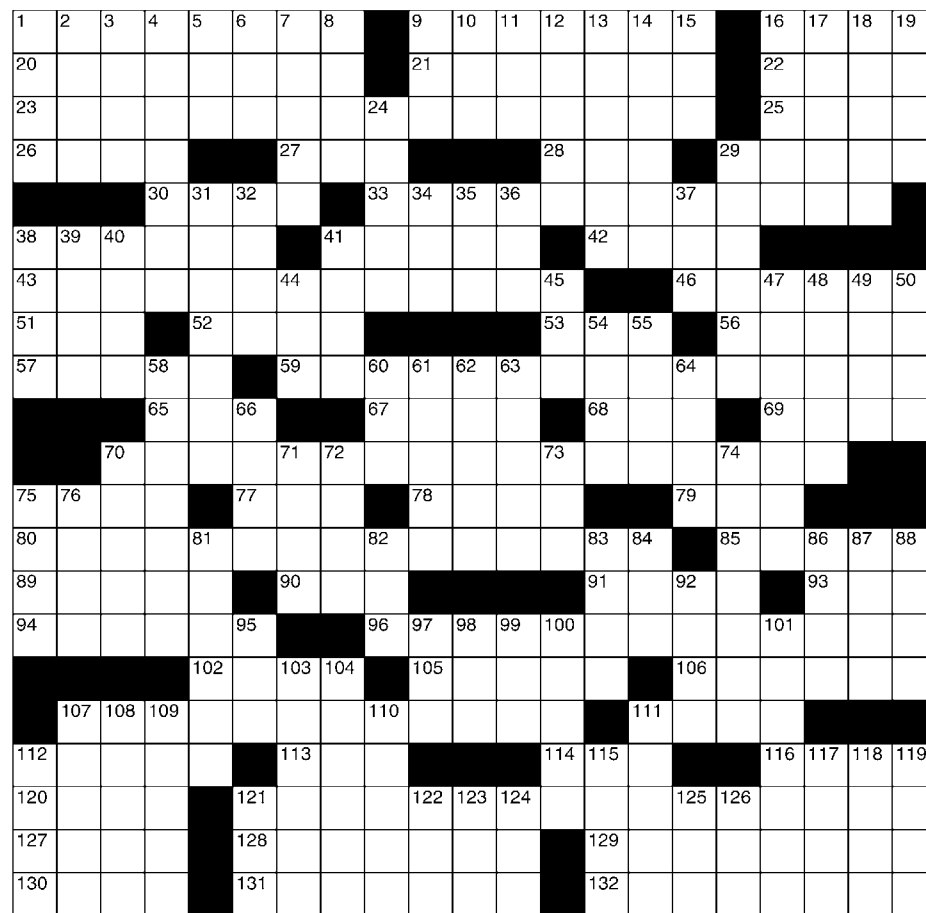
Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Wednesday	6:46 a.m.	5:27 p.m.	2:31 p.m.	5:58 a.m.
Thursday	6:44 a.m.	5:29 p.m.	3:39 p.m.	6:26 a.m.
Friday	6:43 a.m.	5:30 p.m.	4:47 p.m.	6:48 a.m.
Saturday	6:41 a.m.	5:31 p.m.	5:52 p.m.	7:06 a.m.
Sunday	6:39 a.m.	5:33 p.m.	6:57 p.m.	7:22 a.m.
Monday	6:37 a.m.	5:34 p.m.	8:01 p.m.	7:37 a.m.
Tuesday	6:36 a.m.	5:36 p.m.	9:05 p.m.	7:51 a.m.

PUZZLES & LIFESTYLES

Super Crossword

RULING PARTY

- ACROSS**
- 1 Gilda Radner character on "Saturday Night Live"
 - 9 Certain martial arts surface
 - 16 Just OK
 - 20 Enthusiastic reply to a request
 - 21 Raised, as a building
 - 22 Central point
 - 23 British ruler applying veneer?
 - 25 Violent anger
 - 26 Nutrition Facts category
 - 27 Brewed beverage
 - 28 Great Plains tribe
 - 29 The Devil
 - 30 Nile goddess
 - 33 Turkish ruler's pungent condiment?
 - 38 Quaint office transcribers
 - 41 Sleep study diagnosis
 - 42 Regarding
 - 43 Something a French-kissing Arab ruler has?
 - 46 Small sailboats
 - 51 Nuptial vow
 - 52 Really smell
 - 53 Kind of tide
 - 56 China's Zhou —
 - 57 Actress Perez
 - 59 Hindu ruler's radio sign-off?
 - 65 Secretive U.S. org.
 - 67 Tehran's land
 - 68 Jug handle
 - 69 Skye of film
 - 70 Save the Russian ruler from tumbling to the ground?
 - 75 Actors Mineo and Landi
 - 77 Car club inits.
 - 78 Coin-op hole
 - 79 Thesaurus entry: Abbr.
 - 80 Afghan ruler caught up in a tornado?
 - 85 Stared in amazement
 - 89 Agate playing marble, informally
 - 90 Lingo suffix
 - 91 Greek money
 - 93 Brewed beverage
 - 94 Exam taker
 - 96 Very easy task for a Muslim ruler?
 - 102 Many a war vet's affliction
 - 105 Behave badly
 - 106 Yellowstone gusher
 - 107 English ruler making mouse sounds?
 - 111 Bomb part
 - 112 Liquid- (Drano rival)
 - 113 Electees
 - 114 Iowa college
 - 116 Louver strip
 - 120 Hula —
 - 121 What's revealed by taking an X-ray of a Persian ruler?
 - 127 Shower affection (on)
 - 128 Butt forcefully
 - 129 Waters north of Australia
 - 130 Went swiftly
 - 131 Visits during a trip
 - 132 Car mileage recorder
 - 2 Tibet locale
 - 3 Bat very gently
 - 4 Emerging
 - 5 Actor Studi
 - 6 Herr's "Alas!"
 - 7 Sits tight
 - 8 Writer Rice
 - 9 Pa Clampett
 - 10 Arg. neighbor
 - 11 Last mo.
 - 12 Golfer Lorena
 - 13 Volcano in E. Sicily
 - 14 — Fables
 - 15 Six-pt. plays
 - 16 Shredded bit
 - 17 Pontificate
 - 18 Fructose, e.g.
 - 19 Yoked yaks
 - 24 Utters breathlessly
 - 29 Oral
 - 31 Most vinegary
 - 32 "Understood"
 - 34 Sch. in the Granite State
 - 35 Director Ang
 - 36 Mai — (drink)
 - 37 UFO pilots
 - 38 Commotion
 - 39 Commotion
 - 40 Actress Mireille —
 - 41 Singer Paul
 - 44 Ending for cash
 - 45 Comedian Hart, casually
 - 47 Hoosier State
 - 48 Building story
 - 49 Part-goat god
 - 50 Where it's at
 - 54 "It's — real!"
 - 55 Boast
 - 58 Irritated
 - 60 Big name in peanut butter
 - 61 Break out in —
 - 62 Actress Berry
 - 63 Set to a slow speed
 - 64 Bow shapes
 - 66 Berry of Brazil
 - 70 Some mollusks
 - 71 Loathe
 - 72 Oohs and —
 - 73 "Lord, is —?"
 - 74 Precursors of embryos
 - 75 Brief parody
 - 76 Cry of woe
 - 81 Person crying
 - 82 Golf gizmo
 - 83 Kind of tide
 - 84 Used a spade
 - 86 Cronies
 - 87 Model Macpherson
 - 88 Doe or stag
 - 92 Spaghetti sauce brand
 - 95 GPS calculation
 - 97 Egyptian — (cat breed)
 - 98 Cold cubes
 - 99 GPS calculation
 - 100 Grape cluster
 - 101 Visual insult
 - 103 Slope-hitter's headwear
 - 104 Energetic sort
 - 107 Small sailboat
 - 108 Citation
 - 109 Officiated on the diamond
 - 110 Vessel used to lure U-boats
 - 111 Foul-smelling
 - 112 Profs' degs.
 - 115 Maestro Klemperer
 - 117 Strong desire
 - 118 1940s film critic James
 - 119 "— she blows!"
 - 121 This yr.'s grads
 - 122 Hosp. VIPs
 - 123 "Give — try"
 - 124 Obtained
 - 125 Med. group
 - 126 DVD- —



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MY RECIPES Luke Chavez

Tuna Noodle Casserole



In an American culinary culture that is endlessly chasing the latest gastronomic trends, it is sometimes nice to revisit the understated classics that home cooks have been making for generations. At the top of this list, are cozy casseroles that make satisfying meals out of a few budget-friendly pantry ingredients. By making a few adjustments, it is easy to update some of these familial dishes to reflect modern tastes. Skipping the cans of condensed soup, this recipe for Tuna Noodle Casserole is held together with a creamy sauce folded with sauteed celery and mushrooms. Capers and chopped pimentos add a lively bright note, while crushed potato chips make a perfect crisp topping that still nods to its vintage roots.

Ingredients:

- 4 tablespoons butter, plus more for greasing the pan
- Salt and fresh ground black pepper
- 12 ounces wide egg noodles
- 1 ½ cups finely chopped celery, about 4 ribs
- 1 large white onion, chopped
- 1 pound mushrooms, sliced ¼-inch thick
- 2 tablespoons drained capers, roughly chopped
- 2 large garlic cloves, minced
- 1/3 cup all-purpose flour
- 2 cups chicken stock
- 1 cup half-and-half
- ¼ cup dry white wine
- 2 (5-ounce) cans tuna, drained and flaked with a fork
- 1 cup frozen peas
- ¼ cup fresh parsley, minced, plus more for garnish
- 2 tablespoons pimentos, drained and chopped
- ½ cup shredded white cheddar
- 2 cups plain, salted potato chips, crushed
- Pinch of paprika

Directions:

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees. Grease a 9-by-13 baking dish or 3-quart casserole dish with a little butter.

Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Cook the egg noodles to just al-dente according to the package directions. Don't overcook the pasta. Drain and set aside.

Meanwhile, in a heavy pot or Dutch-oven, melt the butter over medium heat. Add the onion and celery, season with a pinch of salt, and cook, stirring occasionally, until the onions are soft and translucent, about 6 to 8 minutes. Add the mushrooms and continue to cook, until they are tender, about 6 minutes. Next, add the capers and the garlic, cooking until fragrant, about 1 minute.

Sprinkle the flour over the vegetables and stir until no streaks of raw flour remain and cook for another minute. Then pour in the stock, half-and-half, and the wine, scraping the bottom of the pan with a wooden spoon. Raise the heat and bring mixture to a boil. Season with salt and black pepper. Reduce the heat to maintain a simmer. Continue to cook, stirring and scraping the bottom of the pan occasionally, until the sauce has thickened, about 5 to 8 minutes.

Take the pan off the heat, then add the tuna, peas, parsley, and pimentos. Taste for seasoning, adding more salt or pepper as needed. Next, add the cooked noodles and toss to evenly combine. Transfer the mixture to the greased baking dish, smoothing out to an even layer. Sprinkle the top first with the grated cheese and then with the crushed potato chips. Dust lightly with a pinch of paprika for color. Bake, uncovered, until casserole is hot and bubbling, about 25 minutes. Serve garnished with more chopped parsley.

Notes:

As it is a key ingredient, shop for the best quality tuna you can find. I prefer the flavor of tuna that is packed in oil, but cans packed in water will also work. If possible, look for sustainable, pole caught tuna.

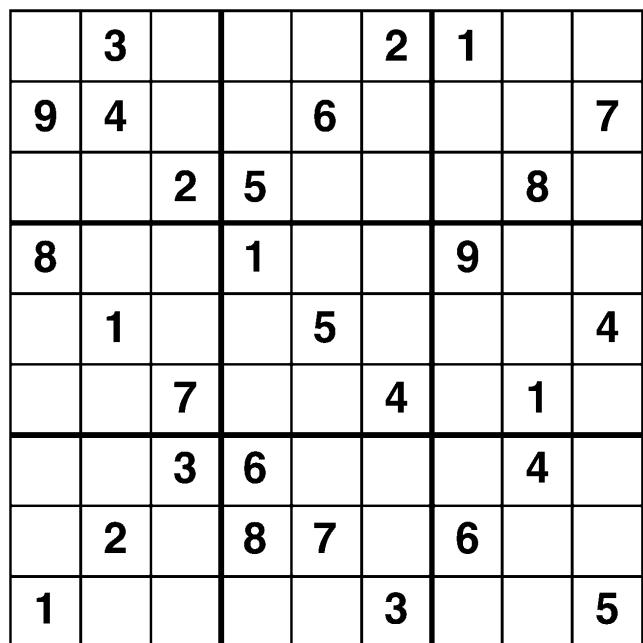
If you cannot find jars of sweet pimentos, you could substitute with roasted red peppers.

The crushed potato chips add a fun, retro feel to this casserole. Other options for the crispy topping include, crushed butter crackers (such as Ritz), or panko breadcrumbs tossed in melted butter.

I served this dish with a vibrant, green salad on the side and a bottle of Pinot Gris. Enjoy.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

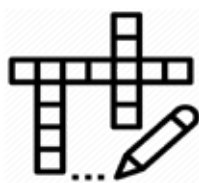


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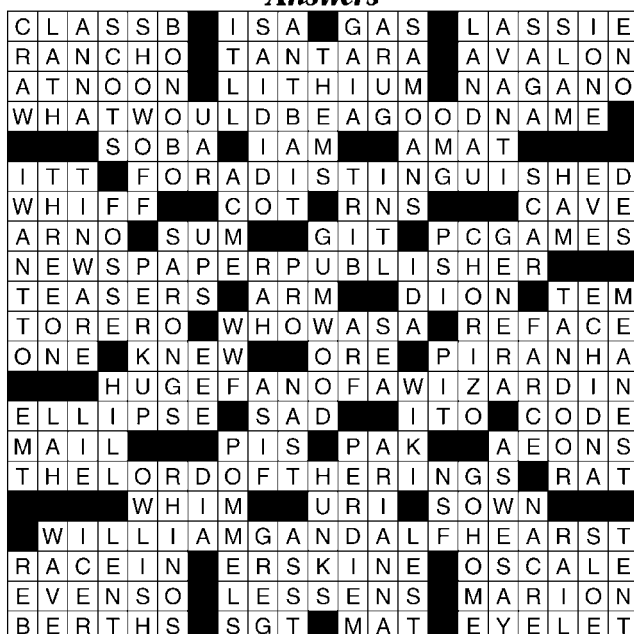
- ◆ Moderate
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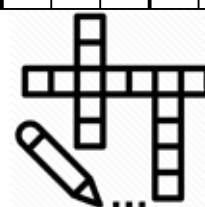
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Community Calendar

WAITSBURG MONTHLY MEETINGS



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

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

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

Weller Public Library Board of Trustees
Second Tuesday of the month, 6 p.m. at the Weller Public Library, 212 Main St.

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

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

Waitsburg Resource Center Community Food Bank
106 1/2 Preston Ave
Thursdays, 2 – 4 p.m.



DAYTON & COLUMBIA COUNTY MEETINGS

Board of Columbia County Commissioners
Regular meetings - First and third Monday of the month @ 9 a.m.
Work sessions - Second and fourth Monday of each month @ 9 a.m.
Call-in information available at <https://www.columbiaco.com/114/County-Commissioners>

Dayton City Council
Second Tuesday of the month @ 6 p.m.
Call-in information available at <https://www.dayton-wa.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. (Unless meeting falls on a holiday.)
This month the meeting will be Feb. 26
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 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
Starbuck Town Council Special Work Session
Thursday, February 29th at 6:00 pm at City Hall

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