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ONE DOLLAR

One door closes, another opens

American 35 closes at the end of March; Fiasco opens in May.

By Lane Gwinn | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — Returning from a trip to Tuscany, Tom and Judy Bennett brought their new-found love of Neapolitan pizza home to Walla Walla. In 2018, they opened Fiasco, a mobile catering business with a wood-fired pizza oven on a vintage truck.

In 2022, the couple scaled up their enterprise by opening American 35 in Waitsburg's former American Legion building. They expanded the kitchen and dining room and opened the restaurant to Main Street with two large glass garage doors. But the real star of the show is the custom-made, orange, wood-fired oven.

The Bennetts made the restaurant a destination, offering pizzas, salads, creative cocktails, and live entertainment. They booked bands, swing dance classes, burlesque, and taught pizza-making. The ultra-suave and velvet-jacketed Rich Lather (Tom) hosted Trivia nights and bingo.

The building had been vacant after the prior owner, Charles Smith, closed The Anchor Bar.

"This building made us love it," said Judy Bennett. "It told us what it wanted to be, and we listened."

The couple took on the challenge of utilizing the entire space, which required extensive remodeling. It now uses all three sections of the old American Legion Post 35 with an open pizza kitchen, a large prep



Courtesy photo

Tom Bennett picking up the new pizza oven for Fiasco on March 18 from Wood Stone in Bellingham, Wash..

kitchen, a pool room, and a cocktail bar. The Bennetts also purchased the adjacent lot from the city to add outdoor seating and occasional ax-throwing space.

This year, the Bennetts began working on a new restaurant in Walla Walla. They will bring much from American 35, including familiar faces, Neapolitan-style pizza, and decadent desserts. However, the name will stay with the former legion post building. The couple is returning to the original name, Fiasco, for their new venture.

Tom Bennett said the plan is to open the new restaurant on May 1, contingent on furniture delivery and final permitting.

Fiasco will offer a counter-service bar around the new pizza oven so diners can interact with the pizza-aiolos. A second cocktail bar and table seating will be towards the back of the restaurant, with the pizza bar front and center.

American 35 will close on March 30. However, the building, including the wood-fired oven, is for sale and is ready for its next adventure.

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Bid accepted for city hall, 2nd offer approved as backup

By Lane Gwinn | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — Waitsburg Mayor Marty Dunn called the city council meeting to order on Wednesday, March 19, 2025, at 7 p.m. at city hall. City council members Jillian Henze, Jennifer Bishop, Kevin House, and City Administrator Randy Hinchliffe were present. Council members Jim Romine and Court Ruppenthal were not present.

In public comment, representatives from the Touchet River Roundup, known as Woody's Pig Roast, told the council they disagreed with a memo from the city administrator to the council. Hinchliffe recommended that the council not allow the event to continue at the fairgrounds due to past damage, drugs left behind last year, and whether the event benefited local businesses.

The event's organizers said they had always repaired damage and were surprised by the recommendation.

After public comment, the council discussed the issue as an action agenda item. They heard from Public Works Specialist Jeremy Elsey, who claimed he found fentanyl on the site after last year's event. Organizers said they did not know about the drugs.

The council heard from Hinchliffe that the group left the property better than they found it. There was a discussion of a cleaning deposit and a tour before and after the event with organizers and a city council member. The council voted to continue renting to the group for its annual Memorial Day event.

After the previous sales agreement fell through, the city discussed two new offers for the former city hall building. Bids were submitted by David Seidl, who also bid last round, and Chet Childers, who had an earlier bid accepted but ended it before the feasibility period ended.

The council chose Seidl's offer for \$130,000, with no financing, feasibility ending March 31, and the closing date being April 4. The offer proposes apartments upstairs and a "we-work" space on the ground floor.

The council decided to stack the offers to avoid another round of bids or a special council meeting. Should Seidl back out of his deal, the council approved the Childer bid, which was \$130,000, with no feasibility period, and closing on April 4.

The council approved a wage increase for staff at the Weller Public Library and the adoption of the Walla Walla County Hazard Mitigation Plan before adjourning.

DAYTON SCHOOLS PREPARE AGAINST FUNDING CUTS

By Justin Jaech | THE TIMES

DAYTON — The Dayton School Board met in the high school library at 5:30 p.m. on March 19, 2025. Superintendent Jeremy Wheatley, Board Chair Jeffrey McCowen, board members Aneasha Dieu, Grant Griffin, and Ryan Paulson were present. Pat Davidson was in attendance.

The board approved the consent agenda, including a gift of \$269.70 to the Class of 2025 from the Class of 2025 parents. The consent agenda included the following personnel changes: Jack McCaw was hired as HS Assistant Baseball Coach, the resignation of Ajay McNarland as MS Head Volleyball Coach, and Vikki Griffin as a Food Service Assistant. New volun-

teers Kelly Steinhoff for HS/MS Track, Dustin Wolther for HS Track, Megan Forney for HS Softball, and Ethan Goodridge for HS Track were approved.

The Class of 2025 senior trip to Coeur d'Alene for June 3, 2025, was approved in the consent agenda. Twenty-five people, including chaperones, are expected to attend.

Lila Hutchens, the student representative to the board, said the ASB would organize the Touchet River Run, typically held in May, as a fundraiser.

In the Athletic Director's Report, Sam Korslund provided the current registration numbers:

- HS Softball: 18
- HS Baseball: 20
- HS Track: 11
- HS Golf: 10
- MS Softball: 7
- MS Baseball: 13
- MS Track: 18

Korslund also gave a shout-out to the district custodians for their excellent job preparing the outdoor venues for spring sports.

Principal Amy Cox said there were many reports of sickness from the school's staff and students. She also said nine new students were inducted into the National Honor Society, raising the school's NHS membership to fourteen members.

After listening to the budget report, the board conducted a second reading of several policies that required minor changes.

The board approved Resolution 20241-03 – Adoption of 2025-26 Reduced Educational Program. The action will allow the administration to analyze and make recommendations for educational programs should funding be cut and cuts become necessary.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

FATAL HELICOPTER CRASH SOUTH OF DAYTON

By Ken Graham | THE TIMES

DAYTON — A helicopter spraying weeds along the South Touchet River south of Dayton flew into transmission lines and crashed March 19. The unidentified pilot of the Bell 206B helicopter, who was the only occupant, was killed.

The crash occurred shortly before 12:30 p.m. about six miles south of Dayton across the river from the South Touchet Road. Numerous emergency vehicles from the Columbia County Sheriff's Office and Columbia County Fire District 3 were at the scene most of the afternoon.

According to a press release from the Columbia County Sheriff's Office, the helicopter was owned by North Wind Aviation of Chelan, Wash. The pilot was from Yakima.

A sheriff's deputy at the scene said that crews had to climb through challenging terrain to get to the crash site on a steep hillside several hundred feet above the river.

The crash damaged the Bonneville Power Administration transmission line, which feeds Columbia REA. More than 800 Columbia REA electric customers in Columbia County were without power for nearly two hours after the crash.

The transmission lines cross the river at the point where the crash occurred. One of the three wires was severed and dangled toward the ground.

The North Winds helicopter was spraying below Robinette Mountain on the east side of the South Touchet River. A local landowner had reportedly hired the company to spray star thistle and other weeds on the steep hillside.

According to the Sheriff's press release, the National Transportation Safety Board took over the investigation on Thursday, March 20. They began working with other agencies to recover wreckage and repair the transmission lines over the following days.



Ken Graham

Multi-department emergency vehicles on South Touchet Road.



NEWS BRIEFS

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AT THE LIBERTY:

2025 Variety show "Songs of the Elements"

THE TIMES

Friday, March 28 at 7 p.m.
Saturday, March 29 at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.
Sunday, March 30 at 3 p.m.

DAYTON — This year's TVAC variety show, "Songs of the Elements," stars over 50 talented performers, including singers, dancers, actors, comedians, and a ventriloquist. Chances are, you know someone in the show.

"Songs of the Elements" will surely delight with its fire, water, earth, and air-themed variety show. Featured songs include "Bridge Over Troubled Water," "Great Balls of Fire," and "We Didn't Start the Fire." The music comes from various genres, including pop, rock, country, and classical.

The show will also have the audience laughing at hilarious jokes and skits and enjoying the talents of local dancers, musicians, and actors.

Jae Goodridge and Samantha Steinhoff directed the talent-packed show, which runs approximately three hours.

The show runs this weekend only. Don't miss it. Buy tickets online at libertytheater.org or the box office on Tues. and Fri. 2-5 p.m., or call (509)382-1380.

There is no movie this Friday through Tuesday. The next movie is "The Day the Earth Blew Up: A Looney Tunes Movie" April 4 - 8, and then "Last Breath" on April 11 - 15.

THE LIBERTY THEATER - DAYTON

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Oma Marie Harting

April 21, 1959-March 12, 2025

Oma Marie Harting, 65, of Dayton, died March 12, 2025, following a long illness.

She was born in Ridgeway, Penn., to Joseph A. and Oma Marie (Vantassel) Ward on April 21, 1959.

Oma was raised and attended school in Pennsylvania before her parents moved to Dayton, where she attended high school.

She married George Porter, Sr., and they had two sons, George Porter Jr. and Delbert Porter of Colfax. The marriage ended in divorce.

Oma met and married Ron D. Harting of Dayton on May 31, 1994, and the couple made their home in Waitsburg.

She operated Main Street Pizza in Waitsburg for five years. She and Ron were foster parents to 25 young people over the years, and she enjoyed cooking for the Waitsburg Lions Club for a number of years.

Among her favorite things to do were growing flowers, spending time with great-grandchildren, cooking and serving delicious meals, crocheting, and working puzzles. She held a special place in her heart for Dachshunds over the years, especially Rosie.



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Dayton Bulldog's Athletic Program is seeking HS HEAD GIRLS BASKETBALL COACH.

Applications are being accepted for the 2025/2026 season. Salary range for seasonal contract, dependent upon qualifications is \$4017-\$5843. Dayton Coaching Application can be found on the website at <https://www.daytonsd.org/page/employment> or the District office at 609 S. 2nd Street. For more information contact the District office at 382-2543. Position open until filled. EOE

HELP WANTED

Cemetery Maintenance. The City of Prescott is seeking a seasonal employee for the Ivy Cemetery. Under guidance, assist with maintenance, heavy landscaping, and other duties as assigned. Guaranteed 25 hrs/week. Submit Resume to CityOfPrescottClerk@Columbialnet.com and/or call Jeff Irwin at (509) 629-1276.

Dayton Bulldog's Athletic Program is seeking HS Asst. GIRLS BASKETBALL COACH. Applications are being accepted for the 2025/2026 season. Salary range for seasonal contract, dependent upon qualifications is \$3287-\$5113. Dayton Coaching Application can be found on the website at <https://www.daytonsd.org/page/employment> or the District office at 609 S. 2nd Street. For more information contact the District office at 382-2543. Position open until filled. EOE

WANTED

WANTED: Clean rabbit manure for garden use. Susan (971) 221-4431.



Oma Marie Harting
April 21, 1959 - March 12, 2025

Harshman, Ron (Charlotte) Harshman and Troy Aronson; six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

A memorial barbecue will be held at a date to be announced later.

Donations in Oma's memory may be made to Tunnels to Tower Foundation, 2361 Hylan Boulevard, Staten Island, NY 10306.

Arrangements are under the care of Herring-Groseclose Funeral Home, 315 W. Alder, Walla Walla.

BIRTHDAYS

March 27: Bill Laughery, Emory Flathers, Samuel Donnelly, Maddison Miller and John Mason.

March 28: Natalie Faye Teal, Gary Thomas, Terri Conover-Stroud, Collette Waltermire, and Bret McKinney.

March 29: Robin Hogan, Austin Beasley, Edna Pearson, Jan DeCoria, Bob Stokes, Vanessa Lafer, and Karen Peters.

March 30: Hubert Kinder Jr., Rosemary Brinkman, and Elizabeth Mercer.

March 31: Bob Baim, Eileen Huffman, Steve Ruley, Christopher Hansen, Brandon Watson, John Hansen, Ed Lambert, Jack McCaw, Olena Newbury, and Robert Hinchliffe.

April 1: Nicole Baker, Mark Clifton, Lawrence Fullerton, Joe Cyr, John DuPree, Lynn Mantz-Powers, Caleb Leisure, Dan Henze, Corinne Kenney Hartley, Angela Rohde, and Eric Rohlfing.

April 2: Malyn Gagnon, Dan Butler, Bill Butler, Kay Hawks, Sandra Nogle, Dawn Hinchliffe, Cassandra Leid, Jacob Smith, and Bonnie Jones.



READER'S PHOTO



Kate Hockersmith

He stole Carrie's banjo when she wasn't looking at the bluerass jam at Ten Ton Studio.

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Family, friends, and is it autumn yet?

By Vicki Sternfeld-Rossi | THE TIMES

I just returned from a whirlwind trip to Florida for my uncle's 90th birthday. As usual, at the drop of the word party, our family convened from all over. A few of us stayed at a hotel with a huge courtyard and pool, and we invited everyone for a swim after Sunday's birthday brunch. It was great to spend time with my family poolside. The two to ten-year-olds were loaded with every pool toy imaginable. The 20 to 40-year-olds had fancy water bottles and an abundance of patience to exhaust the young ones with hours of water games. Those in the over-40 crowd had Bloody Mary's.



The good news is that we will have another reason to get together this autumn. There's a family wedding planned in New York when the city is at its best.

However, I must first make it through the spring and it will be busy.

First, we are preparing the yard for our first brunch of the season after winter.

Next, my Los Angeles tennis "besties" will be



Lisa Rosenkranz

Jay "Pat" Rosenkranz's 90th birthday was the reason for the writer's family to party in Florida.

here for a girl's weekend in mid-April. I see lots of laughs, food, wine, and tennis in my future. A few weeks later, and the friends who visited me last October are coming for a repeat visit. More wine, food, and even more laughs.

I have signed up for four consecutive tennis camp weekends in June, in time to lose my wine, food, and laughing pounds.

But first, a whirlwind trip to Italy for seven days, including travel. We are going with friends and their two adult kids. It's their first time in Italy, and they're excited to experience Italy with an Italian.

Daniel has given me an ultimatum: I can only bring carry-on luggage since I am cursed with the lost luggage gene. At least, there will be the consolation of good food and wine while there.

Meanwhile, I am starting to plan my garden. The seeds are purchased, and I've reintroduced myself to the worms, which seem to grow longer every year. I found my garden journal, which I start and abandon every spring. There is something to be said about traditions, and abandoning the garden journal is one of mine. The good news is I never have to buy a new journal since I only use a few pages a year.

As usual, I am vacillating about planting zucchini or not. Since it's prolific and virtually foolproof, I will give in at the last minute and plant one. So be it if the birds, bees, and wind plant more. Squash adds a lot of green to a garden, looks very impressive, and it's edible. I love those win-win plants.

I will continue my tradition of planting radishes and cabbage. They are my ego-building crops. I am stubborn, so I attempt carrots, green beans, and parsnips again. And, of course, I will try to guess which tomato plants have volunteered and which I planted. I am sure lettuce will grow like crazy when we're in Italy, so if you walk by our house and see some, help yourselves.

Success for WSD FFA at Sub-District Competition

By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — On March 11, twenty-seven Waitsburg FFA members and three judges traveled to Pomeroy to compete in the sub-district competitions. They had a successful day competing due in large part to the leadership of their FFA officers.

Senior Cedar Stegall placed second in the Prepared Public Speaking event, where students gave a six-to-eight-minute speech on an agriculture topic. After their speeches, the students answer questions from the judges. They are judged on written manuscript, speech delivery, content, and responses to judges' questions.

Sophomore Hannah Peralez placed third in the Extemporaneous Public Speaking event. Students are given thirty minutes to prepare a speech on a general agriculture subject. The student then gives a four-to-six-minute speech, followed by questions by the judges. Participants are judged on speech delivery, content, and responses to questions. The event demon-

strates the student's ability to organize their thoughts into a comprehensive and logical presentation.

The Beginning Parliamentary Procedure team of sophomores placed second. Kayla Mikesell, Trace Nesje, Emerson Underwood, Pilar Easton, Griffen Hinchliffe, and Kenzie Castillo had the opportunity to show the judges their knowledge as they expressed mastery of parliamentary law while building teamwork, leadership, and communication skills.

A team of freshmen participated in the Conduct of Chapter event, which challenges first-year members to perform the official FFA opening ceremonies, run an efficient chapter meeting, and engage in group discussion.

Two eighth-grade Ritual teams competed, with the first placing second and the second placing third. The event is a team activity where members utilize problem-solving and teamwork to develop a solution for a given scenario

Carter Barron, Gage Mynear, Katy Allen, Kayla Kuykendall, and Rowdy Cole were on Team 1. Sophia Castillo, Jake Lynch, Joslin Nodine, Kellen Coulston, Shaunna Hilton, and Stella Pearson were on Team 2.

The above sub-district finalists will be joined at Districts on March 26 by Marion Duncan, who will compete in Agriculture Education.

On March 20, the FFA's Ag Mechanics team traveled to Garfield-Palouse and placed fifth. FFA Advisor Nicole Abel said the team improves each time they compete.

HS track at Kennewick March 20

By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES

KENNEWICK — Waitsburg Track Coach Dan Nechodom said he saw good teamwork and support through bad weather at a track meet at Kennewick on Thursday, March 20.

At the meet, the Cardinals competed against larger schools from Kennewick, Hermiston, Kamiakin, Prosser, and Walla Walla. The team knows every competition is a chance to improve and make districts at the end of the season. Several Cardinals set personal records at Kennewick and will look to progress more on March 20 when they compete in the 7th Annual Clay Lewis Invite at Hanford.

Highlights from Kennewick include Brenton Segraves, who placed 16th in the shot put and 14th in the discus out of 75 athletes, and Teegan Kenney placed 18th out of 100 athletes in the 100 meters.

Personal records set at Kennewick:

- 100 meters: Kenney, Leif Heckman, Pilar
- Diaz-Easton, Michelle Chavez
- 200 meters: Heckman, Tucker Hamilton, Fredy Chavez, Alyssa Byers
- Discus: Easton, Hamilton
- Javelin: Hamilton, Cedar Stegall, Easton
- Long jump: Heckman, Hamilton
- Shot put: Addison Crenshaw



WAITSBURG BLOOD DRIVE A SUCCESS

THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — On March 21, the local National Honor Society coordinated with the Red Cross to organize a blood drive at the Waitsburg High School gym. Donors were welcome to walk in or schedule appointments for the drive.

Advisor Shannon Schreindl said the turnout was so successful that they had to stop accepting walk-ins. The Red Cross volunteers said they had not expected such a high turnout and wished they had brought more staff.

Honor Society members Alyssa Hollingsworth, Marion Duncan, Sarah Daves, Sarah Wilson, Jackson Karl, Cedar Stegall, and Karissa Potts helped with the 27 donors who participated in the event.

"I am so proud of the students and the community," said Schreindl.

The club plans to host a blood drive next school year.



4H CLUBS BRING IN 795 LBS OF DONATIONS TO WAITSBURG RESOURCE CENTER

By Lane Gwinn | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — The Corral Wranglers 4H Club and the Pen Pals 4H Club held a successful food drive on Monday, March 24. There was a lot of energy, laughter, and activity as the kids, their parents, and advisors took in donations for the Waitsburg Resource Center at the Banner Bank parking lot.

Over the afternoon and early evening, they collected 795 pounds of food and hygiene items for the community.



Marge Benson

Waitsburg youth teach the value of community engagement and generosity.

STARBUCK SCHOOL DISTRICT
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April 2, 2025 – 6 p.m.
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 405 W. Fifth, Waitsburg
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 382-2311
 Fr. Steve Werner

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

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 Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
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 Wednesdays 7:30 p.m.
 337-6235
 Rev. Jimmie Daves

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LEGAL NOTICES

PRESCOTT SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 402-37 REGULAR BOARD SESSION

THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 2025, at 6:00 PM
BOARD OF DIRECTORS:
 Kevin Chabre, Chairman Jacob Stueckle, Vice-Chairman Sue DeRuwe, Preston Brock
AMINISTRATION: Justin Bradford Jr., Superintendent, Jeff Foertsch, Principal, Alison Kimball, Counselor
NOTICE is hereby given that the Board of Directors of Prescott School District No. 402-37, Walla Walla and Columbia Counties, Washington will hold Regular Monthly Board Meeting on Thursday, 27 March, 2025 at 207 S. A Street, Prescott, WA 99348. The meeting is being called to discuss and act upon regular monthly school business. The meeting will follow the guidelines of a Regular Board Session. To ensure compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act (Chapter 42.30 RCW), the Board will treat the meeting on 18 March 2025 as a special meeting, and provide notice of this meeting as required by law.
 • The Board meeting will be in the Resource Room in the High School Wing. • Zoom Link to attend meetings remotely - Board Meeting Link
 • Or call in at 1.253.205.0468; Meeting ID: 847 5296 4730; Passcode: 733362
 1. Call to Order
 2. Establish Quorum
 3. Flag Salute
 4. Changes to the Agenda
 5. Reports (Guests, Associated Student Body (ASB), Prescott Education Association (PEA) Principal, Athletic Director, Counselor, Fiscal, Superintendent and Legislative).
 6. Consent Agenda (Approve Minutes of Regular Director's meeting of February 27, 2025, Approve Minutes of Special Director Meeting of March 18, 2025, Approve Resignation of Superintendent Justin Bradford, Approve Accounts Payable and Payroll February: Payroll \$, Accounts Payable General Fund \$, Accounts Payable-CPF \$, Accounts Payable-ASB \$).
 7. Policy Items (No current policy readings)
 8. Executive Session
 9. New Business
 A. Approve Policy 5010 – Non-discrimination and Affirmative Action
 B. Approve Policy 5400 – Personnel Leave
 C. Approve contract with Northwest Leadership Associates – Superintendent Search D. Approve Resolution #20250327 – Authorizing the Superintendent to issue non renewal notices pursuant to a reduction in force for the 2025-2026 school year to achieve a balanced budget and to properly staff district educational programs. E. Approve business contract with ESD 10. Public Comment
 11. Adjournment
 March 27, 2025
 3-27-f

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA
 No. 25-4-00032-36
PROBATE NOTICE OF CREDITORS
 In Re the Estate of LAWRENCE L. PRICE, Deceased.
 The Personal Representative named below has been appointed as Personal Representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the Personal Representative or the Personal Representative's attorney stated below a copy of the claim and filing of the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the Personal Representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.
 Personal Representative: KATHLEEN S. PRICE GERLING
 Date of First Publication: March 13, 2025
 /s/: KATHLEEN S. PRICE GERLING
 Personal Representative of the Estate of LAWRENCE S. PRICE
 Attorney for the Personal Representative and address for mailing and service: Steven C. Frol, Minnick-Hayner, P.S., P.O. Box 1757, 249 West Alder, Walla Walla, WA 99362
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 The Times
 March 13, 20, 27, 2025
 3-13-b

NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS

In the Matter of the Estate of Kathryn D. Powers Deceased.
 Notice is hereby given that the person named below has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the personal representative at: 91 Walnut Street, La Grande, OR 97850 within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by these proceedings may obtain further information from the personal representative.
 Dated this 25th day of March, 2025.

Personal Representative: Ellen Barton, 91 Walnut Street, La Grande, OR 97850
 541-786-0558
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 March 27, April 3, 10, 2025
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA
 No.: 25-4-00059-36
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 (RCW 11.40.030)
 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: MELVIN E. STRINGHAM, JR., Deceased.
 The Personal Representative named below has been appointed as personal representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the personal representative or the personal representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020 (1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.
 DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: March 20, 2025
 Personal Representative: Bryant D. Stringham
 #35426
 Attorney for Personal Representative
 Address for Mailing or Service: 2225 Isaacs, Suite A, Walla Walla, WA 99362
 Court of probate proceedings and cause number: Walla Walla County Superior Court Cause No. 25-4-00059-36
 The Times
 March 20, 27, April 3, 2025
 3-20-b

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA
 NO: 25-4-00053-36
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 RCW 11.40.030
 In re the Estate of: DAVID LOUIS HOFFMAN, Deceased.
 The personal representative named below has been appointed as personal representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to

the personal representative or the personal representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the Court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) thirty days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and RCW 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.
 DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: March 13, 2025.
 Jenny Lynn Hagey, Personal Representative
 Attorney for Personal Representative:
 Courtney Lawless, WSBA #57415
 Basalt Legal PLLC
 6½ North Second Ave., Suite 200
 Walla Walla, WA 99362
 509-529-0630
 The Times
 March 13, 20, 27, 2025
 3-13-a

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 August 31, 2025.
 Dryland Lease 12-A88799, Part, Sec 16, Twp 11.0, Rge, 36.0E
 Dryland Lease 12-A88800, Part, Sec 16, Twp 11.0, Rge, 36.0E
 Dryland Lease 12-C60508, All, Sec 36, Twp 11.0, Rge 36.0E
 Dryland Lease 12-D60670, All, Sec 16, Twp 11.0, Rge 34.0E
 Dryland Lease 12-D61465, Part, Sec 16, Twp 12.0, Rge 37.0E
 Dryland Lease 12-H56904, All, Sec 16, Twp 24.0, Rge 34.30E
 Written request to lease must be received by April 28, 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 UPTHEGROVE, Commissioner of Public Lands
 The Times
 March 27, 2025
 3-27-a

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR WALLA WALLA COUNTY
 NO. 20 4 00079 36
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 RCW 11.40.030
 In Re the Estate of: MISAEL JEREZ, Deceased.
 The Administrator named below has been appointed as administrator of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the Administrator or the Administrator's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty (30) days after the Administrator served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) Four (4) months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this 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.
 DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: March 27, 2025
 Administrator: Katrina Morales
 Attorney for the Administrator: /s/ Mona J. Geidl
 Minnick-Hayner, PS
 PO Box 1757
 Walla Walla, WA 99362
 (509) 527-3500
 The Times
 March 27, April 3, 10, 2025
 3-27-d

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA
 No. 25-4-00065-36
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 RCW 11.40.030
 In re the Estates of: Noel E. Talich and Doris M. Talich, Deceased.
 The co-personal representatives named below have been appointed as co-personal representatives of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedents 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 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: (1) thirty (30) days after the co-personal representatives served or mailed the notice to the creditors as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four (4) months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this timeframe, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedents' probate and non-probate assets.
 DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: March 27, 2025
 Co-Personal Representatives: Dianne G. Long and Dennis E. Talich
 Attorney for the Personal Representative: Lenard L. Wittlake, PLLC, WSBA #15451
 P.O. Box 1233
 Walla Walla, WA 99362
 (509) 529-1529
 The Times
 March 27, April 3, 10, 2025
 3-27-e

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA
 NO: 24-4-00211-36
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 RCW 11.40.030
 In re the Estate of: RICHARD L. DAVIDSON, Deceased.
 The personal representative named below has been appointed as personal representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the personal representative or the personal representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the Court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) thirty days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and RCW 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.
 DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: March 20, 2025.
 Brenda J. Davidson Morgan, Personal Representative
 Attorney for Personal Representative: Jeremy Hyndman, WSBA #44320
 Basalt Legal PLLC, 6½ North Second Ave., Suite 200, Walla Walla, WA 99362
 509-529-0630
 The Times
 March 20, 27, April 3, 2025
 3-20-c

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF BENTON
 NO. 25-4-00064-03
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 IN PROBATE
 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF VIRGINIA RUTH REED, Deceased.
 The Personal Representative named below has been appointed and has qualified as Personal Representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, prior to the time such claims would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, serve their claims in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the Personal Representative or the Personal Representative's attorneys of record at the address stated below and file the original of the claim with the Clerk of this 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 will be forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and non-probate assets.
 Date of first publication: March 27, 2025
 /s/: Phyllis Marie Reed, Personal Representative
 By: /s/: Benjamin J. Volmer, WSBA No. 48779
 Attorney for Personal Representative
 1025 Jadwin Ave, Richland, WA 99352
 (509) 943-6781
 The Times
 March 27, April 3, 10, 2025
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Touchet Valley Weather

March 26, 2025

Waitsburg's Seven Day Forecast

Day	Forecast	High	Low
Wednesday	Partly Cloudy	78	50
Thursday	Rain Likely	63	44
Friday	Scattered Rain	59	39
Saturday	Scattered Rain	56	35
Sunday	Partly Cloudy	64	40
Monday	Scattered Rain	56	41
Tuesday	Mostly Cloudy	52	36

Weather Trivia

Do some people sneeze after they look into the sun?
Answer: Yes, it is due to an allergic reaction of the lower eyelid.

Weather History

March 26, 1971 - Parts of northern and central Georgia experienced their worst snow and ice storm since 1935. Two-day power outages ruined two million eggs at poultry hatches. Two people were killed when a tree landed on their car.

Local Almanac Last Week

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Precipitation
Tuesday	50	35	57/38	0.00"	0.88"
Wednesday	59	33	57/39	0.00"	0.50"
Thursday	52	39	57/39	0.08"	+0.38"
Friday	57	44	57/39	0.59"	49.1°
Saturday	53	38	58/39	Trace	48.1°
Sunday	61	44	58/39	0.21"	+1.0°
Monday	69	53	58/39	Trace	

Data as reported from Walla Walla

Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset	Phase
New 3/29	6:43 a.m.	7:14 p.m.	5:40 a.m.	3:58 p.m.	Full 4/12
First 4/4	6:41 a.m.	7:15 p.m.	6:01 a.m.	5:20 p.m.	
	6:39 a.m.	7:17 p.m.	6:21 a.m.	6:43 p.m.	
	6:37 a.m.	7:18 p.m.	6:40 a.m.	8:08 p.m.	
	6:36 a.m.	7:19 p.m.	7:01 a.m.	9:34 p.m.	
	6:34 a.m.	7:21 p.m.	7:25 a.m.	11:02 p.m.	Last 4/20
	6:32 a.m.	7:22 p.m.	7:57 a.m.	Next Day	

SILLY STRING & AWARDS AT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG – The Waitsburg Elementary presented PRIDE Awards at Waitsburg Elementary’s assembly on Monday, March 24, students received PRIDE awards and announced results from the recent American Heart Association events. Top fundraisers also participated in a Silly String war, which brought smiles to students and staff.

School Counselor Rosy Nechodom opened the assembly with the following PRIDE awards:

- Prepared – Avery Janovich
- Respect – Kaitlyn Miller
- Integrity – Scarlett Scott
- Disciplined – Cannon Abel
- Excellence – Azaleah Flores

Jump Rope for Heart and Hoops for Heart coordinator Deanna Coulston announced that the first-grade class raised the most money with \$1,345 in donations. The American Heart Association event took place on February 7 in the high school gym.

Kennedy Henze was the top individual fundraiser, having raised \$950. Twenty students raised \$100 or more in donations and earned the opportunity to participate in the Silly String war against paraeducators Lash LaRue and John Langford.



Karen Huwe

Students who raised \$100 or more in donations for the American Heart Association: Vera Ahler, Mckinley Melcher, Ethan Hays, Greyson Moore, Dax Scoles, Flint Abel, Ember Adams, Kennedy Henze, Alyssa Cole, Asher Hilton, Gemma Pennington, Avery Janovich, Foster Richardson, Michael Vixie, Caed Gagnon, Amelia Nesje, Julian Gillentine, Charlie Reger, Scarlett Scott, and Oaklee Adams.



Pride winners (l-r): Azaleah Flores, Cannon Abel, Scarlett Scott, Kaitlyn Miller, and Avery Janovich.



Lash LaRue (red sweatshirt) is covered in Silly String as John Langford dodges a hit.

Cardinal Sports Awards

By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — Waitsburg High School held its winter sports award ceremony on Wednesday, March 19. The coaches presented the following participation and award certificates. Scholar athletes are identified with an asterisk by their name.

- Cheerleading coach Vickie Hamann presented the following awards:
- Chloe McCaw* – Most Improved
- Mattilynn Carter – Most Inspirational
- Cedar Stegall* – Most Valuable

Other team members include Hope Adkins, Bea Karl*, Marion Duncan*

Girls Basketball Coaches Kira Waggoner and Hunter Wallace presented the following awards:

- Captain Alyssa Hollingsworth* – Second team All-League and MVP
- Olivia Kiefel - Coaches Award
- Yaneli Flores - Most Improved
- Cheri Mathews - Most Inspirational
- Addison Crenshaw - Outstanding Commitment

Other team members are Hannah Peralez*, Sophia Castillo, Kayla Kuykendall, Morgan Lindsey (Captain), Joslin Nodine, Jessika Lambert (Captain), Kaydence Tiner (Captain)

Boys’ basketball coaches Westin Wallace and Gavin Waggoner presented varsity awards and participation certificates to the JV team members:

- Logan Seal* - MVP and All Opponent Second team
- Blake Benavides* - Most improved and All Opponent Honorable Mention
- Isaac Mahre* - Mr. Hustle
- Teegan Kenney - Defensive Player of the Year
- Jackson Karl* - Most Inspirational
- Rollin Carpenter* - Coaches Award

Other players (including JV): Lucas VanHoose*, Bryer Paul*, Fredy Chavez*, Tyler Coulston*, JJ Gleason*, Trace Nesje*, William Daves, Landen Henry, Victor Whitmore, Liam Kiefel, Alex Zuniga, Gage Mynear, Rowdy Cole, Jake Lynch, Carter Barron

Coach Lash LaRue presented awards to wrestlers:

- Jarod Hankins – MVP
- Karissa Potts* – Cardinal Courage
- Dylan Guttierrez* - Cardinal of the Year
- Will Ahler – Most Coachable
- Graycen Teal – Most Improved

Books for Bikes

Books for Bikes program starts March 24 through May 16.

By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — Books for Bikes combines books and bikes to promote academic success and a love of reading. It is a joint venture of the Waitsburg Masonic Lodge #16, Waitsburg Elementary School, and the Weller Public Library. The Masonic Lodge generously donated eleven 20-inch bicycles and helmets. The

program is open to all children living in Waitsburg or attending Waitsburg Elementary School.

Children will track their reading time, and for every hour of reading, they will earn a chance to win a bike. Younger children may need someone to read to them, which is fine.

Participating readers will have their names entered into a raffle on Friday, May 16. The more hours a child reads, the more entries they earn, which increases their chances of winning. The winners will choose a bike in the order their names are drawn and can only win one bike.

Reading logs must be submitted to the Weller Public Library or the Waitsburg Elementary School office by 8:30 a.m. on May 16.

Program leaders Rosy Nechodom and Weller

Public Library Director Sarah Roberts hope the winners will ride their bikes in this year’s Waitsburg’s Celebration Day kiddie parade on Saturday, May 17.

Organizers encourage all Waitsburg children to participate and to enjoy reading.

If you have questions, contact Sarah Roberts at wellerpubliclibrary@gmail.com or Waitsburg School Counselor Rosy Nechodom at rnychodom@waitsburgsd.org.



Karen Huwe

Middle school students display the eleven bikes donated by the Waitsburg Masonic Lodge #16 that elementary students will win by reading books.

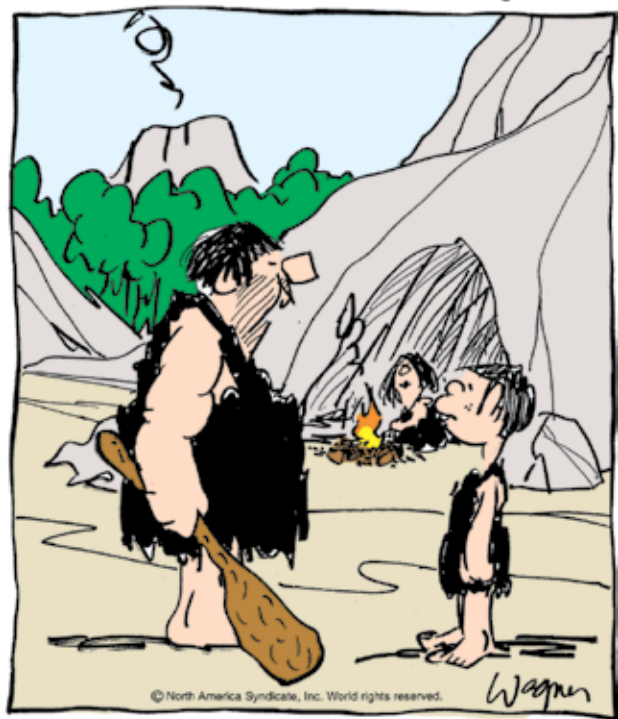
FUN & GAMES

The Friendly Forest

By Jimmye L. Turner



GRIN and BEAR IT by Wagner



"I think we need to have that chat, son ... now that we can talk."

Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps



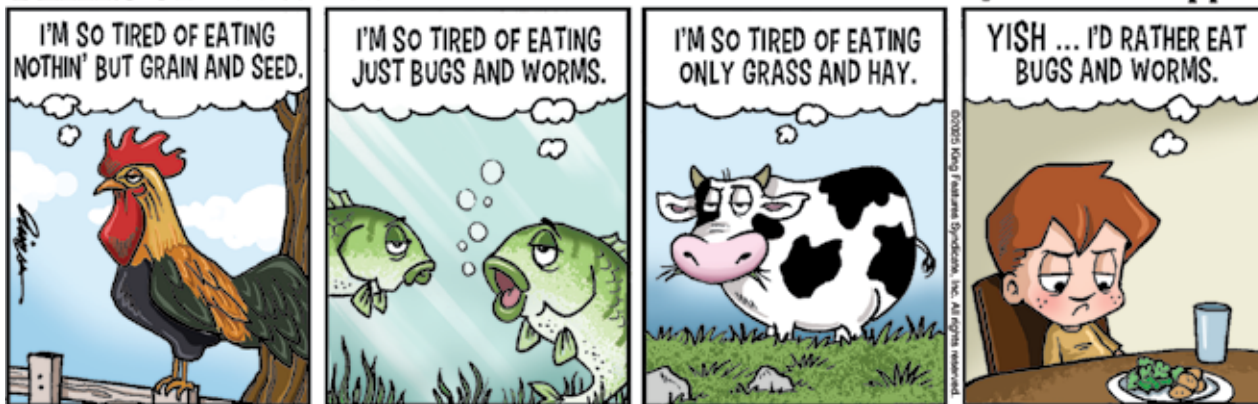
Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



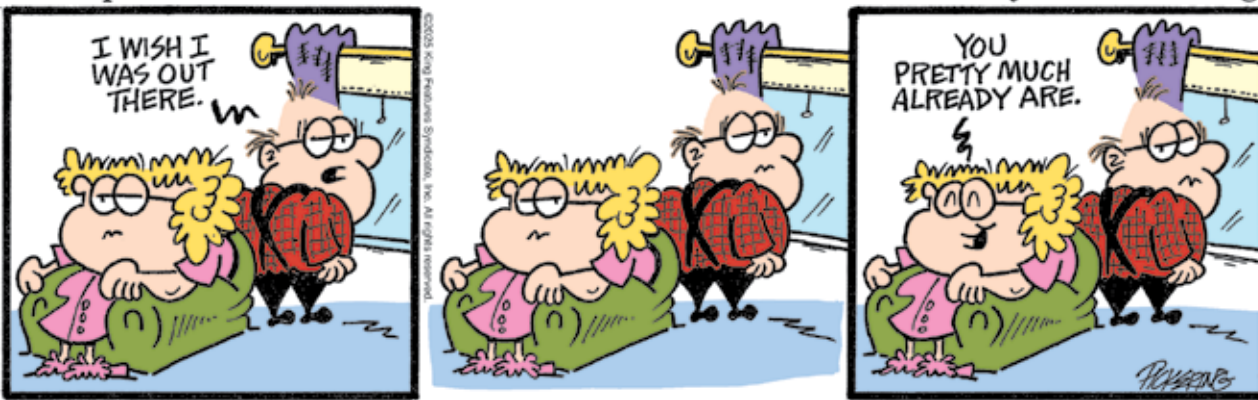
Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



Lunches

WAITSBURG SENIOR CENTER

504 Main Street
11 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Tuesday, April 1
Chicken Fried Beef Steak
Potatoes
Bread, Cookie
Fruit

WAITSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT

Thursday, March 27
Breakfast
Scrambled eggs & Bacon
Lunch
Macaroni & Cheese
Chicken Strips
Broccoli
Applesauce

Friday, March 28

Breakfast
Breakfast sandwiches
Lunch
Turkey & Cheese Sandwiches
Ms. Brynne's house salad
Carrots, apples
Something crunchy
Monday, March 31
Breakfast
Yogurt Parfait
Lunch
Pepperoni or Cheese Pizza
Caesar Salad
Carrots, Pineapple



PIONEER PORTRAITS

Fifteen Years Ago
March 25, 2010



[Photo caption] Full Steam Ahead: Braving a rainy Sunday afternoon, members of the Pacific Railcar Operators (PRO) from as far away as Missoula and the San Francisco Bay Area come down the Blue Mountain railroad tracks near Bolles between Waitsburg and Prescott. Twenty-six of the "speeders" that are equipped with 16-inch steel wheels and powered by two-cylinder engines for speeds up to 25 miles per hour made the day trip back and forth between Walla Walla and Dayton. At least a dozen of the motor cars will return to Dayton in June to give rides during All Wheels Weekend raising money for the restoration of Dayton historical railroad depot.

Twenty-Five Years Ago
March 23, 2000

Another of Waitsburg's "worker bees" has been recognized for dedication to the community's senior population, diligence in her involvement in church, civic and fraternal organizations and for the many "hats" she wears in upholding those commitments she has made to making "One of a Kind" Waitsburg a better place to live. Rose Engelbrite was presented with the Commercial Club Community Service Award at the organization's Annual Banquet Tuesday. "I feel she more than deserves this honor, since she has always been involved in the many community activities that make Waitsburg "One of a Kind," said one nomination letter.

Fifty Years Ago
March 27, 1975

Waitsburg Cardinals finished fourth in the SEW "A" League, but first in the all-stars competition as David Smith and Kirk Huwe took two spots on the first team. Neil Henze (6-5 center) was given honorable mention as the lone Wait-Hi senior on the select squad. Junior David Smith (5-10 guard) had an average of 15.7 points per game and was the floor leader for the Redbirds. His outside jumper and accuracy on lay in steals helped the Cards winning edge in several games. Huwe, also a junior at 6-3, played forward for Waitsburg. He was one of the top rebounders for Wait-Hi, and also popped through a 13.7 point per game average. His rebounding was nearly even with the scoring, as he cleared an average of 13.8 per game.

Seventy-Five Years Ago
March 31, 1950

Henry Roberts has sold his farm in Weller Canyon to Lewis Patton and has purchased a larger acreage near Pilot Rock, Or.

Richard Pettichord received the free throw basketball trophy at the basketball banquet Tuesday evening. Rod Dilts was winner for the B squad. Neil Maxwell received the sportsmanship award.

One Hundred Years Ago
April 3, 1925

Word comes from Dayton that Columbia County is busily engaged in planning for an egg marketing cooperative association.

Will Wardrip accompanied by Chas. Thonney of Dixie, returned Saturday from a trip up above Potlatch, Id. Where Mr. Wardrip took his truck to get a load of bridge construction tools belonging to Contractor Thonney.

Little Adelle Conover, the 2 1/2-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Conover, fell from the porch last Wednesday at the farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Abbey and fractured a bone of one leg. The Dorcas Society was spending the afternoon at the Abbey home and several children were playing outside when the accident happened.

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago
April 6, 1900

Our annual city election took place Monday of this week and proved to be a lively affair and one of the most hotly contested. There were two tickets in the field, the citizens ticket and the businessmen's ticket. The businessmen's ticket was elected in full except for one councilman and the treasurer. J. H. Morrow was elected mayor. There were 204 votes cast out of 224 registered votes.

Elmer Stonecipher has purchased the old Harmon farm of 223 acres, seven miles north of Waitsburg including the farming implements, six horses and harnesses, 14 hogs and 100 chickens. Consideration, \$32 per acre.

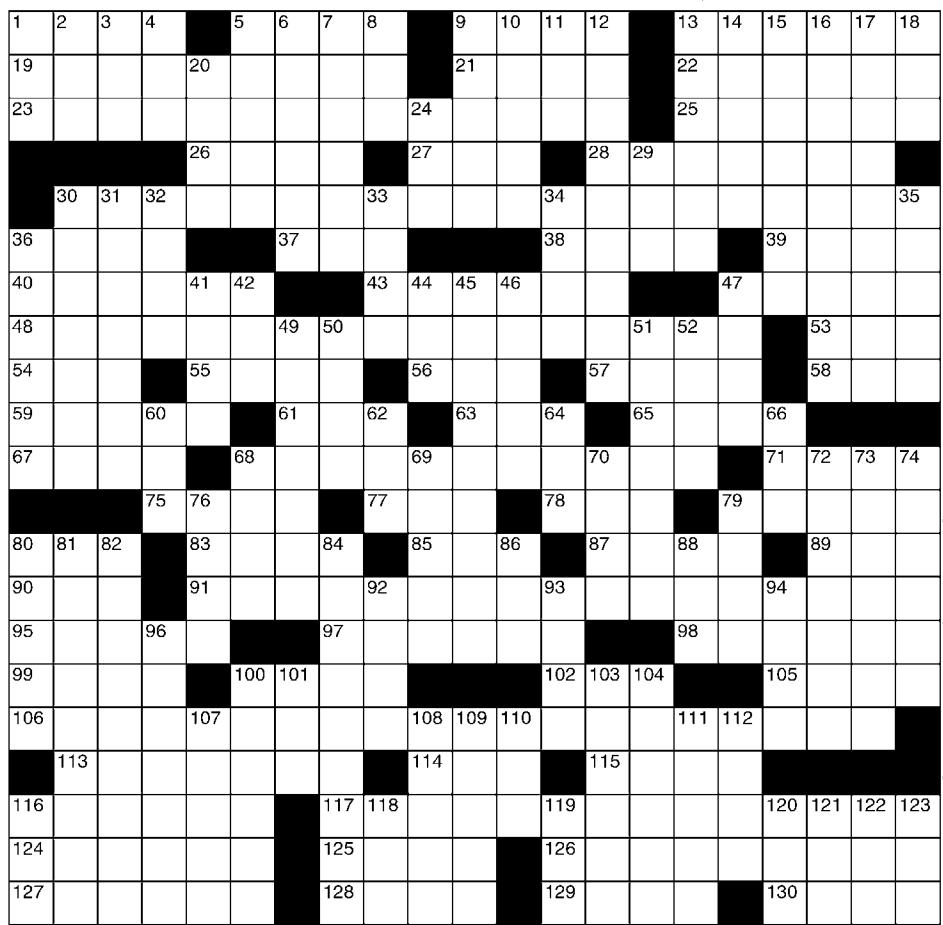
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 - 5 Rocker Townshend
 - 9 Helper for Frankenstein
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 - 19 Member of a canine unit
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 - 25 Nonstudent resident of a college city
 - 26 Microsoft Word creations, informally
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 - 30 Riddle, part 2
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 - 37 — -mo
 - 38 Tiny, informally
 - 39 Manner
 - 40 Tavern spigot
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 - 47 Largest known asteroid
 - 48 Riddle, part 3
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 - 55 Actor Sharif
 - 56 Nero's 2,001
 - 57 Fearful
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 - 59 — orange (inedible fruit)
 - 61 Smidgen
 - 63 "POV" network
 - 65 Huck Finn's floater
 - 67 Bandleader Amaz
 - 68 Riddle, part 4
 - 71 Broiling bar
 - 75 Lane of the Daily Planet
 - 77 Nintendo console
 - 78 Tyrant Amin
 - 79 Tree of the pine family
 - 80 "— a deal!"
 - 83 — -chic fashion
 - 85 Old horror star Chaney
 - 87 Prefix with Chinese
 - 89 Island guitar, for short
 - 90 Pro-firearm org.
 - 91 Riddle, part 5
 - 95 Joust weapon
 - 97 Pencil add-on
 - 98 Martial arts teacher
 - 99 Italian wine city
 - 100 Delhi dress
 - 102 Org. for the Ravens, but not the Falcons
 - 105 Lock lips with
 - 106 End of the riddle
 - 113 Conditionally free prisoner
 - 114 Letters before Amaz
 - 115 Maui feast
 - 116 Not endless
 - 117 Riddle's answer
 - 124 12-step support group
 - 125 Chocolate-and-caramel candy
 - 126 Talus
 - 127 Arid expanse
 - 128 Plumlike fruit
 - 129 Hit with a stun gun
 - 130 Brainstorm
 - 131 Schedules
 - 132 Responsibility
 - 133 "Our Gang" novelist Philip
 - 134 God, in Madrid
 - 135 Relaxes
 - 136 Musket-loading tool
 - 137 Healing plant
 - 142 Pug or peke alternative
 - 7 Lump in the throat
 - 8 Yolked thing
 - 9 Rack up
 - 10 Thick and sticky
 - 11 Yoko from Tokyo
 - 12 Mended, as a sweater
 - 13 "How come, though?"
 - 14 Battery end
 - 15 "I'm the culprit"
 - 16 Valleys, plateaus and canyons
 - 17 "Attack of the Clones," vis-à-vis "Star Wars"
 - 18 Actress Ruby
 - 20 Part of UPC
 - 24 Pooch's bark
 - 29 D.C. hrs.
 - 30 General discomfort
 - 31 Schedules
 - 32 Responsibility
 - 33 "Our Gang" novelist Philip
 - 34 God, in Madrid
 - 35 Relaxes
 - 36 Musket-loading tool
 - 41 Healing plant
 - 42 Pug or peke alternative
 - 44 — -pah-pah
 - 45 Offensively self-assertive
 - 46 African antelope
 - 47 Kitchen VIP
 - 49 "Rocky and Bullwinkle" villainess
 - 50 Slate-colored
 - 51 Delta, for one
 - 52 Big name in big computers
 - 60 Street poet Scott-Heron
 - 62 Dawn drops
 - 64 Lanka lead-in
 - 66 Gp. often flagging bags
 - 68 Celine of pop
 - 69 — Wafers
 - 70 Actress Faico
 - 72 Old German kingdom
 - 73 Most disgusting
 - 74 Student's Ph.D. paper
 - 76 Certain wind instrument
 - 79 Ear part
 - 80 Wife's sibling, e.g.
 - 81 Rubbish heap
 - 82 Hot California winds
 - 84 Listens to by chance
 - 86 LA-to-IN dir.
 - 88 Hosp. figures
 - 92 "Pics — didn't happen!"
 - 93 — II (Gillette razor)
 - 94 Egyptian cross
 - 96 Topaz quartz
 - 100 Unspoken
 - 101 Get riper
 - 103 Entertainer Lola
 - 104 Makes heavy, dull sounds
 - 107 Auto engine
 - 108 Mello — (soft drink)
 - 109 Tale — (sob story)
 - 110 Troop support gp.
 - 111 Soup scoop
 - 112 Ditty
 - 116 Craze
 - 118 Cyber-guffaw
 - 119 Kit — (candy bar)
 - 120 Kyoto sash
 - 121 Pea holder
 - 122 Suffix with meth- or prop-
 - 123 In-favor vote



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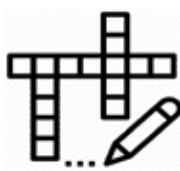
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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆

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

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OUR RECIPES

Bruce & Heather Hiebert

Recipes from Dayton's Patit Creek Restaurant

Olive Oil Cake

Ingredients:

- 1 tablespoon of granulated sugar
- ¾ cup granulated sugar
- 3 whole eggs or ¾ cup tofu
- ½ cup extra virgin olive oil
- ½ cup milk or coconut milk
- Orange zest
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- ¼ – ½ teaspoon almond extract
- 1 ½ cups all-purpose flour
- 1 ½ teaspoons baking powder
- ½ teaspoon poppy seeds

Directions:

Brush the inside of an eight or nine-inch cake pan with oil to coat. Add about a tablespoon of granulated sugar to coat the bottom and edge of the pan. Beat 3 whole large eggs (¾ cup of tofu can be substituted for the eggs,) ¾ cup granulated sugar, and zest of one orange, minced (optional.) While beating, slowly add ½ cup extra virgin olive oil. Add ½ cup milk or coconut milk, 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract, and ¼ – ½ teaspoon almond extract. Then add 1 ½ cups all-purpose flour, 1 ½ teaspoons baking powder, and ½ teaspoon poppy seeds. Blend the batter well and spread it into the prepared cake pan. Bake at 350° for 35 minutes. Cool on a rack. Baste when cooled a bit with orange juice or marmalade.

Chickpea Waldorf Salad Sandwich

Recipe from Sue Richter

Ingredients:

- 1 can chickpeas (garbanzos), drained and rinsed
- ¼ cup chopped celery
- ¼ cup dried cranberries
- ¼ cup chopped almonds
- 2 teaspoons mayonnaise
- 1 Tablespoon balsamic vinegar
- 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
- Salt & pepper to taste

Directions:

Slightly mash the chickpeas (garbanzos) in a bowl. Add remaining ingredients, mixing well. Serve on slices of bread or toast. Additional notes: Cranberries can be substituted for raisins, and various nuts can be used. Another serving idea would be to put the mixture on a crisp lettuce or Belgian endive leaf. It can also be served as a side salad if you don't mash the chickpeas (garbanzos). Another use for garbanzo beans is as a substitute for refried beans. Heat a tablespoon of olive or vegetable oil in a sauté pan and add a can of drained garbanzos. Mash them in the pan and cook for a few minutes until they're hot and somewhat smooth.

Bruce and Heather Hiebert owned the well loved Petit Creek Restaurant in Dayton, Washington.



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

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 Parks and Recreation Public Meeting

First Thursday of the month, 6 p.m. @ City Hall
Info email: info@waitsburgparks.org

Waitsburg Historical Society

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

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, @ 7:15 p.m.

Waitsburg Commercial Club

Last Thursdays of the month @ City Hall @noon. Zoom info is available by emailing waitsburgcc@icloud.com

Waitsburg Resource Center

Community Food Bank

Food donations at the Thursdays, 2 – 4 p.m.
106 ½ Preston Ave
Free Clothing accepted at the Waitsburg Christian Church Thursdays, 2 - 4 p.m.
604 Main Street, upstairs

PRESCOTT MEETINGS

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

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 at www.columbiaco.com/114/County-Commissioners

Dayton City Council

Second Tuesday of the month @ 6 p.m.

Call-in information available at:

<https://www.daytonwa.com/54-inside-city-hall/city-council>

Dayton School Board

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

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.

STARBUCK MEETINGS

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

Events, Film, Performance, Music

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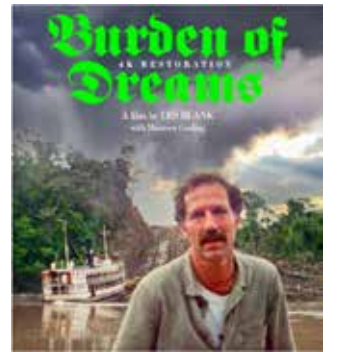
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Wednesday, April 23

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Gesa Power House Theatre

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