



## THERE'S A NEW, OLD TROOP IN TOWN

By Lane Gwinn | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—On Monday, August 28, 2023, Scout Troop 337 convened a Court of Honor at the Lions Club building in Waitsburg. The troop is a joint Cub Scout and BSA Troop with a history in Waitsburg. After years without scouting, Troop Committee Chair Sarah Roberts, Cubmaster/Committee member Jon Roberts, Scoutmaster Justin Stegall, and Assistant Scoutmaster Tim Hollingsworth began meeting in March to bring back Troop 337. The first official troop meeting followed in April.

The evening's events on Monday began with the color guard carrying the colors and leading the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. The scouts recited the Scout Oath, voicing their commitment to BSA values.

Jon Roberts gave a presentation describing scouting's focus on character development, personal fitness, citizenship, and leadership skills. The audience learned from Stegall about the many activities planned for the troop.

The Court of Honor allows parents, friends, and family to celebrate the troop as scouts are awarded badges and rank advancement. There are 137 merit badges that cover a wide range of interests across most fields of study. Scouts choose what they want to explore as they discover their passions.

These scouts may not be the first Waitsburg Troop 337, but the girls and boys beginning their scouting journeys this year seem up for the challenges and the fun ahead.

Waitsburg Scout troop #337 met in the Lions Club building at the Waitsburg Fairground August 28 to award Webelo Adventures and Rank Advancements. (l-r) Sarah Roberts, Jon Roberts, Shylo Hedges, Ameilia Alleman, Victoria Roberts, Katherine Roberts, TJ Hollingsworth, Flynn Richardson, Natalia Alleman, Sidian Stegall, Justin Stegall, Tim Hollingsworth.

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## Future legislation could protect libraries, librarians, and the freedom to read

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES



DAYTON—The Washington State Library falls under the auspices of the Office of the Secretary of State, and due to concerns over recent attempts to ban books, staff in that office has begun drafting bills to provide librarians with more autonomy over collection development and to strengthen current nondiscrimination laws.

Since a qualified petition has been submitted to the county, the state cannot intercede in the upcoming ballot measure (Proposition 2) asking voters to dissolve the Columbia County Rural Library (CCRDL.) However, the Secretary of State's office is working to make the process more equitable for rural library districts in the future.

Deputy Secretary of State Randy Bolerjack said that four other districts are at risk in addition to CCRDL, where only 10 percent of eligible voters were needed to put Proposition 2 on the November ballot. As applied to Columbia County, the dissolution process has an added inequity since the county's only public library is in Dayton. The city was annexed into the district and pays taxes towards the library. However, Dayton's voters cannot vote on the dissolution proposition.

"It requires 35 percent of the vote to recall a state legislator and 25 percent to dissolve other public districts," he said. "So why is this one 10-percent?"

Bolerjack said his office would like to increase the percentage for putting a dissolution proposition on a ballot for taxpayer equity and to be more consistent with other taxing districts. "We want to do that to protect them (rural library districts) and, hopefully, if all goes well in this vote, it protects your district in the future," he said.

Other proposed legislation would give librarians, not library boards, or city councils, the authority to decide what materials should be included or removed from library collections.

"It shouldn't be for a city council member or library board to make the decision of a single book being removed," Bolerjack said.

His office is also looking at a broader statewide fix. Bolerjack said Washington State has some of the strongest nondiscrimination laws in the country. Adding access to public library collections under the existing laws, citizens would have the right to sue based on discrimination in the event books or materials are removed outside of legal policy.

Bolerjack said Secretary of State Steve Hobbs views libraries as a communal place. And because the Office of the Secretary of State performs election oversight, libraries are an important conduit, especially for underserved eligible voters.

"It's an incredibly important resource statewide, and every single public library matters," said the Deputy Secretary.

Bolerjack hopes these policy bills can be introduced in December for the legislature to consider during their 2024 supplemental session.

## Lawsuit Filed to Protect Constitutional Rights of all Columbia County Voters

NUP takes legal action to keep proposition 2 off the November ballot.

By Lane Gwinn | THE TIMES



DAYTON — Neighbors United for Progress (NUP), Columbia County's bipartisan political action committee, has filed a lawsuit that may save the Columbia County Library. The group filed a suit on August 29, 2023, asking the Columbia County Superior Court to issue an injunction prohibiting the Columbia County Auditor's Office from placing Proposition 2—a ballot measure to dissolve the Columbia County Rural Library District—on the November 2023 ballot. The suit also asks the court to recover attorney's fees and costs from the proposition's main sponsor, Jessica Ruffcorn.

In a press release submitted to "The Times," NUP representatives stated, "Proposition 2 is censorship by another name, but the legal issues are straightforward, and we believe we will prevail. There should be no taxation without representation. The U.S. Constitution is the supreme law of the land. And fraud unravels everything."

The complaint alleges that the Unincorporated County has exceeded its initiative powers; the petition and ballot processes conflict with the federal and state constitutions; the dissolution statute, as applied, unconstitutionally disqualifies City residents; and the petition process was plagued with fraud.

The press release further described the lawsuit's allegations as follows:

1. Washington's Constitution guarantees "free and equal" elections. This means eligible voters whose tax and property interests are affected by a vote must have their voices heard.
2. Denying city residents a vote also violates the Privileges and Immunities Clause of the U.S. Constitution.
3. The dissolution statute that sponsors of Proposition 2 followed is unconstitutional as applied.
4. Proposition's sponsors misrepresented the purpose and effect of Proposition 2 in soliciting petition signatures, and the court cannot abide fraud in the petition process.

If the ballot measure were to go on the November ballot, county residents and library patrons could lose the use and enjoyment of the library and its services. The dissolution process would flush away millions of local tax dollars invested in the county's only public library. The library's materials and assets, paid for by rural and city taxpayers, would go to the State should this proposition pass.

Should the measure be allowed on the November ballot, only a portion of the taxpayers contributing to the rural library district will have a say. While some who support the petition have said this was a chance for the voters to decide, the current process does not give all taxpayers a vote.

Elise Severe, Chair of Neighbors United, stated, "It takes hard work, dedicated citizens, and smart government to keep a small town from deteriorating. Our town's success rests on the idea of people working together instead of taking an all-or-nothing approach. This is not a Republican or Democrat issue; this is an Everyone issue. The Interim Library Director, Ellen Brigham, has brought a community-centered approach to her new position. It's time to focus on building and creating things together rather than tearing things apart."

If you or anyone you know believes they may have been misled into signing the petition, please contact the local Auditor's office at (509) 382-4541.

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# NEWS BRIEFS

## NEWS BRIEFS

## LETTERS

### AT THE LIBERTY: "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem"

THE TIMES

DAYTON—"Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem" - After years of being sheltered from the human world, the Turtle brothers set out to win the hearts of New Yorkers and be accepted as normal teenagers. Their new friend, April O'Neil, helps them take on a mysterious crime syndicate, but they soon get in over their heads when an army of mutants is unleashed upon them.

Rotten Tomatoes critics and the audiences liked this movie with 97% and 91% favorable reviews, respectively. That website's critics summarize their reviews as "With its unique visual style and a story that captures the essence of the franchise's appeal, Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem is an animated treat for the whole family." The audience summary was "With fantastic visuals, an excellent voice cast, and lots of laughs, Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem might be the best film in the franchise." The IMDb website rates this movie a 7.5 of 10.

This movie is rated PG for Language, Impolite Material, and Sequences of Violence & Action. Its runtime is 1 hour 39 minutes.

Please note: the balcony has reopened with improved safety, more legroom (in all but row 2), and better viewing from rows 3-6. Unfortunately, the available legroom is not as much as we had originally planned for, but it is generally better than the legroom that was previously available in the balcony.

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We are absolutely thrilled to extend our deepest gratitude to each and every one of you who cast your votes in favor of the levy lid lift for District 2.

With these new funds, our small local fire department will continue to take significant strides toward enhancing our community's safety and well-being. Our station has limited availability during the work week because most of the volunteer staff work outside of town. Your willingness to invest in our station paves the way for positive changes that we are excited to implement.

In the near term, we will focus on upgrading our equipment in a fiscally responsible manner as well as building out our part-time/on-call interim solution to get more coverage mid-week. As we move forward, the district will seek a dedicated full-time professional firefighter who will serve as our chief and create continuity for the station. This strategic move will enable us to provide an even higher level of service and care to all our residents.

Your collective decision to support this levy lid lift shows not only a commitment to public safety but also a strong sense of community unity. We appreciate your recognition of the importance of our fire department and its vital role in keeping Waitsburg and its surrounding areas secure.

Beyond our gratitude as firefighters, many of us are also residents and taxpayers within this community. We wholeheartedly believe this investment is a crucial step toward a brighter, safer and more sustainable future for us all.

Thank you for recognizing the importance of our mission, and for standing alongside us as we work diligently to serve and protect our community.

With heartfelt gratitude,  
Matt Spring, Commissioner and Captain at Fire District 2  
Fire Levy Lid-Lift Pro Committee



### VOTE NO ON PROP 2

Letter to the Editor,  
I am concerned about the current situation with our library. It makes no sense to me that anyone would want to close such a valuable resource in our county. When the first petition to close the library showed up at the Senior Center, I read it (as I was taught to read anything before I sign) and was immediately incensed that this was in the works! Then, I read some of the letters to the editor in the Chronicle. This motivated me to go do my own research. I do not listen to gossip and hearsay. My quest is to seek the truth then make my own opinion.

I visited the library basement to see just where the books in question were stored. The Young Adult/College Age section was as far from the young children section as possible in that room. I checked out "What's the T" and read it stem to stern. This is not a section I would normally visit. I then thought- just what is the big deal here! As an elder and retired R.N., I could see nothing wrong with this information.

It is a parent's responsibility to know what your child is reading. Gossip, misinformation, and stretching the truth to a lie is counterproductive. Please save our library and its many valuable services. Vote NO to the dissolution of the Columbia County Rural Library District.

Betty Keller  
Dayton, Wash.

### Times Travelers



Brian Richards

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# CALENDAR

## Events, Film, Performace, Live Music

### WAITSBURG

#### American 35

9/7 — **National Salami Day** with Charcuterie plates for \$20 Also bingo @ 6:30p.m.

9/13 — **Pizza making class** 5:30-7:30 pm for \$45. Call 509-337-3111 to reserve your spot



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### Royal Block



9/7 — **First Thursday Open Mic Night** at 6:30p.m.

9/23 — **Wine and Flamenco** Lacewing Cellars wine tasting at 3-7p.m. followed by Flamenco Music with Gustavo Alonso López at 7-9p.m.



Gustavo Alonso López

### DAYTON

#### Columbia County Fair

Friday, September 8, 2023 10:30 a.m.

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Keeping You Informed

## NOTICE OF PROPOSED RATE CHANGE

On August 23, 2023, PacifiCorp d/b/a Pacific Power & Light Company (Pacific Power) submitted an advice filing with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) requesting a change to Schedule 98, Adjustment Associated with the Pacific Northwest Electric Power Planning and Conservation Act. This schedule provides residential and other qualifying customers with a direct pass-through of monetary benefits received from the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) under the Residential Exchange Program (REP). Every other year, BPA adjusts this credit, which Pacific Power must implement through a filing. This year's filing results in a decrease to the credit to Pacific Power customers.

If approved by the Commission, this proposed change will result in a decrease to the credit of \$4.1m, for an overall average increase to eligible customers of approximately 2.2 percent. A residential customer using approximately 1,200 kilowatt-hours (kwh) per month would see a bill increase of \$2.85 per month. The Commission will examine Pacific Power's filing. As a result of this examination, the Commission may determine that the schedule should be accepted as filed, modified, or rejected. If accepted as filed, the rate change would go into effect on October 1, 2023.

The following shows the proposed increases for residential customers with different usage levels.

Kilowatt-Hours Per Month	\$ Per Month			
	Present	Proposed	Change	Percent Change
200	22.24	22.72	0.48	2.1
400	36.74	37.69	0.95	2.6
600	51.23	52.66	1.43	2.8
800	71.57	73.47	1.90	2.7
1,000	91.91	94.29	2.38	2.6
1,200	112.25	115.10	2.85	2.5
1,400	132.58	135.91	3.33	2.5
1,600	152.92	156.73	3.80	2.5
1,800	173.26	177.54	4.28	2.5
2,000	193.60	198.35	4.76	2.5

Excludes billing adjustments per taxes, fees, and Schedules 91, 92, 93, 97, 99, 191, 197

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- Project HELP is a nonprofit program providing energy assistance with donated funds.
- Pacific Power's bill assistance program provides a bill discount to income-eligible households year-round. The program is administered through the LIHEAP agencies.
- Local agencies provide free weatherization services to income-qualifying homeowners and renters living in single-family homes, mobile homes or apartments.

You are invited to comment to the Commission. The Commission has the authority to set final rates that may be lower or higher than the Company's request, depending on the outcome of its examination. You can comment by using the "Submit a Comment" feature on the Commission's website at [utc.wa.gov](http://utc.wa.gov), or by using the contact information below. Commission staff will make a recommendation to the commissioners at an open meeting. These meetings are scheduled every other Thursday at 9:30 a.m. Please contact the Commission to request to be notified of the scheduled open meeting at which the proposal will be considered by the Commission.

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# SCHOOL NEWS

## Waitsburg School District ready for class



Lane Gwinn

(L-r) John Langford, Deanna Coulston, Kira Waggoner, Gabe Kiefel, Kelcey Grimes, Dan Nechodom, Shannon Schreindl, Tabitha Jadin, Marshall Nechodom, Matt Elder, Rosy Nechodom, Carol White, Charrisa Hodges, Wendy Parr, Maia Fastabend, Elizabeth Jaegaski, Eleanora Montgomery, Nicole Abel, Dawn Nichols, Brenda Henderson, Kimberly Golles, Aleah Gibb, Kathy Pradere, Tracy Barron, Vickie Hamann, Stephanie Hinchliffe, Katie Knighton, David Woods, Jessica Kendall, Dusty Wirtzberger, Joe Wirtzberger, JJ Calzadillas, Larry Alexenko

### Three teachers join the middle school team

By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—Waitsburg's middle school teachers, Dan Nechodom and Elizabeth Jagelski, welcome three new certified teachers, Kelsey Grimes, Charissa Hodges, and Kira Waggoner, to Preston Hall. This week, all have been busy getting their classrooms ready for students.



Photos by Karen Huwe  
Kelsey Grimes

Kelsey Grimes relocated to Waitzburg to teach sixth grade. She moved from California, where she last taught at Peralta Elementary School in Jurupa, California. This semester will begin Grimes' third year working in education. She previously taught at Peralta Elementary in Jurupa, California.

She said her goal for the year is for students to build a life-long love of learning through games and hands-

on projects.

Chrissa Hodges acknowledges that she has been a lifelong student. She was a teaching assistant and a tutor during her college years.

Joining the Waitzburg Middle School staff, Hodges' first year as a certified teacher will be teaching science. She said her goal for the school year is to instill curiosity and a love for learning in her students.

Hodges lives in Walla Walla with her daughter, son, two cats, and a dog.

"I am excited to be a part of the Waitzburg Community and look forward to knowing and meeting all of you," added Hodges.



Kira Waggoner

Kira (Boggs) Waggoner graduated from Dayton High School in 2020. She did her student teaching in the Waitzburg School District and received a bachelor's degree in 2022. She is currently working on her master's degree in business administration.

As a first-year teacher, she will tackle seventh- and eighth-grade English Language Arts (ELA) and History. Boggs

said she will work to build strong relationships with the students. "I want to create an environment where they are comfortable and have the support needed to reach their full potential," said Boggs.

### New staff gear up for start of school on September 5

By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—Waitsburg High School students will meet new staff when they arrive for the first day of school on September 5. Five certified educators have joined Matt Elder, Gabe Kiefel, Nicole Abel, and Kathy Pradere to prepare for the new school year.



Joe Wirtzberger

The new faces include Joe Wirtzberger, the new Middle and High School Principal, and the Athletic Director. His wife, Dusty Wirtzberger, has been hired as a P-12 special education teacher.

The couple live in the Tri-Cities and worked at the Wahluke School District for the last seven years. Joe Wirtzberger was a behavior specialist, special education teacher, and instructional coach; Dusty Wirtzberger was a special education teacher. While at Wahluke, they earned their dual master's degrees in school administration special education.

"I believe relationships are the key to being successful, and I look forward to building positive relationships with staff, students, and the community and being accessible to everyone," he said.

The principal continued, "My goal at Waitzburg is to create an environment where each student and staff member feels they belong and treasure their experience here in our schools while having high standards and a commitment to do things the right way." He looks forward to having the opportunity to meet community members at the upcoming school events.

Dusty Wirtzberger is excited to start her journey in Waitzburg as the special education director. She said she would not be where she is today without her family support system. "My goals are to have an open line of communication with parents and the community. I look forward to helping students embrace learning, developing strong work ethics, and creating a vision for success," she said.

As the special education director, she shared, "Every student has an opportunity for success, and my goal in the special education department is to help guide them," said Dusty. Joe and Dusty have two grown sons and one grandson. Though commuting from the Tri-Cities, they plan to spend a lot of time in Waitzburg to build positive relationships with students, staff, parents, and the community.

Shannon (Wyatt) Schreindl is a 1994 Waitzburg

High School graduate. She taught special education while co-teaching English at College Place High School for seven years.

"This year, I plan to build on the great foundation already laid by those before me. We are going to learn how to think, build pride in our school, and have fun," said Schreindl.

She lives in Walla Walla with her husband and four children. "I am so excited to be back 'home.'"

"Everyone has been so kind and so welcoming," she added. "I cannot wait to meet my new 'kids' and become a Cardinal again."



Maia Fastabend

Maia Fastabend comes to the district entering her 14th year as an educator. She spent most of her career teaching middle school math and physical education in Southern Oregon. She has worked in administration for the Milton-Freewater School District for the last five years.

"This upcoming school year, I look forward to meeting all the students in the Waitzburg School District and hope to introduce and help each student find an interest in physical education, whether that be pickleball, walking, or organized sports like basketball and soccer," said Fastabend.

She moved to the Walla Walla Valley for work and to raise her family. She has two young boys, ages eighteen months and four.

JJ Calzadillas comes to Waitzburg from the Wahluke School District, where he taught a little bit of everything, including offering a barbershop class.

He has been working in education for seven years and has been involved in athletics for 29 years.

This school year, Calzadillas will teach subjects including business, culinary arts, yearbook, and career explorations. He will coach middle school football and high school girls basketball. He hopes to continue coaching spring sports as well.

"My goals for this year are to have students walk away enjoying what they have learned and to create some lasting memories. I also want to build as many relationships as possible with my students and coworkers. My expectations for this year are for students to simply work hard and be curious in their learning," said Calzadillas.

He lives in Benton City with his high school sweetheart, whom he married in 1995. They have four grown daughters and four grandchildren. "We are a huge sports family as we all coach volleyball, basketball and softball. We enjoy are time together very much!"

JJ is super excited to be here in Waitzburg and looks forward to meeting everyone.



Shannon Schreindl



JJ Calzadillas



Dusty Wirtzberger



# SPORTS

## Cardinal Volleyball is pumping up

By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—The high school volleyball players are working hard leading up to the new season. A weightlifting program has been introduced to the athletes who have embraced the challenge.

Volleyball coaches Tracy Barron and Stephanie Hinchliffe held a presentation of jerseys on Monday, August 28, in the high school gym, where the players' were presented their Cardinal jerseys by family members.

The event was memorialized with photos and a pizza dinner ended the evening.



Karen Huwe

The high school volleyball team received their new Cardinal jerseys at an event hosted by their coaches on August 28. (l-r) Emma Hays, Makenzie Castillo, Madison Kaehler, Alyssa Segraves, Alyssa Hollingsworth, Kayla Mikesell, Makenna Barron, Kylee Henry, Peyton Struckmeier



Karen Huwe

## Give me a "W"

WHS Football Cardinal Cheerleaders are ready.

By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—Vickie Hamann is in her sixteenth year coaching cheerleaders. This year, she welcomes seven girls who are working out, learning new routines, and skills before the first game on Saturday, September 2, on the Waitzburg Cardinals' field.

Juniors Cedar Stegall, Chasity Paddock and sophomores Matti Carter and Bea Karl are in their second year of football cheerleading. Senior Abbi Paolino and sophomores Hope Adkins and Carissa Potts are all first-year cheerleaders.

Hamann is looking forward to her girls participating in a one-day stunt clinic at the Waitzburg gym before the first football game.

"The girls are doing a great job, and they are enthusiastic and quick learners," said Hamann.

(l-r) Chasity Paddock, Abbi Paolino, Hope Adkins, Bea Karl, Cedar Stegall, Matti Carter (not pictured-Karissa Potts)



**SATURDAY, SEPT. 23, 2023 - 6:00 PM**  
**WAITSBURG FAIRGROUNDS**

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### Prescott School District Preschool & Transitional Kindergarten Enrollment

**Get in touch with us!**

509-849-2217  
[business@prescottsd.org](mailto:business@prescottsd.org)  
[www.prescottsd.org](http://www.prescottsd.org)  
 207 A. Street  
 Prescott, WA  
 Mailing: PO Box 65  
 Prescott, WA 99348

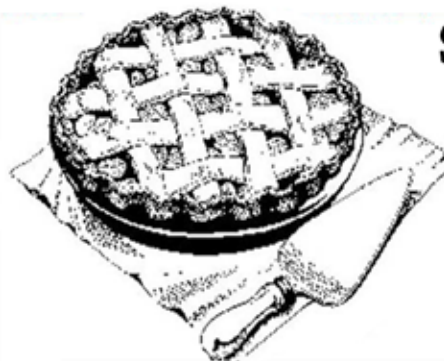


- ★ We offer no cost Preschool starting at 3 years old, and Transitional Kindergarten at 4 years old.
- ★ Both classes are full 5 days a week. Partial schedules are available for Preschool 3 & 4 years old.
- ★ Students must be fully potty trained.
- ★ Enrollment forms available at [www.prescottsd.org](http://www.prescottsd.org), and at the school office.
- ★ Teachers are certified, classes have 6 to 1 staff ratio.
- ★ All children welcome, even if they don't meet low-income requirements. Students from outside district are welcome.

## LAURETTE MCCAW PIO-NEER FALL FESTIVAL PIE BAKING CONTEST

**September 17,  
 2023**

**WE NEED  
 YOU!**



**Bake a pie and support the pool!**

Entry Forms available at Gaudy Gals, Ten Ton Coffee, American 35, and Waitzburg Grocery.

Submit completed forms by September 15

All Proceeds to benefit the Waitzburg Swimming Pool. Sponsored by Rural Youth Enrichment Services 501c 3



# LEGAL & BARBIE

## LEGAL NOTICES

### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA In the Matter of the Estate of Beverly Johnson Deceased NO. 23 4 00173 36 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS RCW 11.40.030

The Personal Representative named below has been appointed as Personal Representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the Personal Representative or the Personal Representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the Personal Representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(3); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of this notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both decedent's probate and non-probate assets. DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: August 17, 2023. Gina Laveroni, Personal Representative Trevor V. Hanzeli, WSBA #51290 Roach Law Firm Attorney for Personal Representative 126 E Alder Street Walla Walla, WA 99362 509-522-6800 The Times August 17, 24, 31, 2023 8-17-b

### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA NO: 23-4-00171-36 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS RCW 11.40.030 In re the Estate of: ESTHER STELLA WILSON, 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: August 17, 2023. Mitchell Bruce Wilson, 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 August 17, 24, 31, 2023 8-17-c

### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA NO: 23-4-00175-36 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS RCW 11.40.030 In re the Estate of: CHRISTINA E. MIDDLETON, 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: August 24, 2023. Claire M. Manjerovic, 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 August 24, 31, September 7, 2023 8-24-a

### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA NO: 23-4-00181-36 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS RCW 11.40.030 In re the Estate of: SUE ANNA WILSON ELSEEWI, 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: August 24, 2023. Tarik A. Elseewi, 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 August 24, 31, September 7, 2023 8-24-b

### NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Pursuant to the Revised Code of Washington 61.24, et seq. QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION F/K/A QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION OF WASHINGTON 108 1st Ave South, Suite 450 Seattle, WA 98104 Trustee Sale No.: WA-23-953663-BB Title Order No.: 02-23001147 Reference Number of Deed of Trust: Instrument No. 2020-10135 Parcel Number(s): 360716500512 Grantor(s) for Recording Purposes under RCW 65.04.015: HEATH SNIDER, UNMARRIED MAN Current Beneficiary of the Deed of Trust and Grantee (for Recording Purposes under RCW 65.04.015): IDAHO HOUSING AND FINANCE ASSOCIATION Current Trustee of the Deed of Trust: QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION F/K/A QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION OF WASHINGTON Current Loan Mortgage Servicer of the Deed of Trust: Idaho Housing and Finance Association I. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION F/K/A QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION OF WASHINGTON, the undersigned Trustee, will on 9/29/2023, at 10:00 AM At the main entrance to the Walla Walla county Courthouse, located at 315 W Main, Walla Walla, WA 99362 sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder, payable in the form of credit bid or cash bid in the form of cashier's check or certified checks from federally or State chartered banks, at the time of sale the following described real property, situated in the County of WALLA WALLA, State of Washington, to-wit: LOT 12 IN BLOCK 5 OF FRANKLAND ADDITION TO THE CITY OF WALLA WALLA, AS PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN VOLUME D OF PLATS, PAGE 77, RECORDS OF WALLA WALLA COUNTY. SITUATE IN THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA, STATE OF WASHINGTON. More commonly known as: 714 CLARK ST, WALLA WALLA, WA 99362 Subject to that certain Deed of Trust dated 10/1/2020, recorded 10/2/2020, under Instrument No. 2020-10135 records of WALLA WALLA County, Washington, from HEATH SNIDER, UNMARRIED MAN, as grantor(s), to WALLA WALLA TITLE COMPANY, as original trustee, to secure an obligation in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR ACADEMY MORTGAGE CORPORATION, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, as original beneficiary, the beneficial interest in which was subsequently assigned to IDAHO HOUSING AND FINANCE ASSOCIATION, the Beneficiary, under an assignment recorded under Auditors File Number 2023-01318 II. No action commenced by the Beneficiary of the Deed of Trust as referenced in RCW 61.21.030(4) is now pending to seek satisfaction of the obligation in any Court by reason of the Borrower's or Grantor's default on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust/Mortgage. III. The default(s) for which this foreclosure is made is/are as follows: Failure to pay when due the following amounts which are now in arrears: \$9,840.25. IV. The sum owing on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust is: The principal sum of \$120,662.33, together with interest as provided in the Note from 8/1/2022 on, and such other costs, fees, and charges as are due under the Note, Deed of Trust, or other instrument secured, and as are provided by statute. V. The above-described real property will be sold to satisfy the expense of sale and the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust as provided by statute. Said sale will be made without warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances on 9/29/2023. The defaults referred to in Paragraph III must be cured by 9/18/2023 (11 days before the sale date), or by other date as permitted

in the Note or Deed of Trust, to cause a discontinuance of the sale. The sale will be discontinued and terminated if at any time before 9/18/2023 (11 days before the sale), or by other date as permitted in the Note or Deed of Trust, the default as set forth in Paragraph III is cured and the Trustee's fees and costs are paid. Payment must be in cash or with cashiers or certified checks from a State or federally chartered bank. The sale may be terminated any time after the 9/18/2023 (11 days before the sale date) and before the sale, by the Borrower or Grantor or the holder of any recorded junior lien or encumbrance by paying the principal and interest, plus costs, fees and advances, if any, made pursuant to the terms of the obligation and/or Deed of Trust, and curing all other defaults. VI. A written Notice of Default was transmitted by the Beneficiary or Trustee to the Borrower(s) and Grantor(s) by both first class and certified mail, proof of which is in the possession of the Trustee; and the Borrower and Grantor were personally served, if applicable, with said written Notice of Default or the written Notice of Default was posted in a conspicuous place on the real property described in Paragraph I above, and the Trustee has possession of proof of such service or posting. The list of recipients of the Notice of Default is listed within the Notice of Foreclosure provided to the Borrower(s) and Grantor(s). These requirements were completed as of 4/6/2023. VII. The Trustee whose name and address are set forth below will provide in writing to anyone requesting it, a statement of all costs and fees due at any time prior to the sale. VIII. The effect of the sale will be to deprive the Grantor and all those who hold by, through or under the Grantor of all their interest in the above-described property. IX. Anyone having any objections to this sale on any grounds whatsoever will be afforded an opportunity to be heard as to those objections if they bring a lawsuit to restrain the sale pursuant to RCW 61.24.130. Failure to bring such a lawsuit may result in a waiver of any proper grounds for invalidating the Trustee's sale. X. NOTICE TO OCCUPANTS OR TENANTS - The purchaser at the Trustee's Sale is entitled to possession of the property on the 20th day following the sale, as against the Grantor under the deed of trust (the owner) and anyone having an interest junior to the deed of trust, including occupants who are not tenants. After the 20th day following the sale the purchaser has the right to evict occupants who are not tenants by summary proceedings under Chapter 59.12 RCW. For tenant-occupied property, the purchaser shall provide a tenant with written notice in accordance with RCW 61.24.060. THIS NOTICE IS THE FINAL STEP BEFORE THE FORECLOSURE SALE OF YOUR HOME. You may be eligible for mediation. You have only 20 DAYS from the recording date of this notice to pursue mediation. DO NOT DELAY. CONTACT A HOUSING COUNSELOR OR AN ATTORNEY LICENSED IN WASHINGTON NOW to assess your situation and refer you to mediation if you are eligible and it may help you save your home. See below for safe sources of help. SEEKING ASSISTANCE Housing counselors and legal assistance may be available at little or no cost to you. If you would like assistance in determining your rights and opportunities to keep your house, you may contact the following: The statewide foreclosure hotline for assistance and referral to housing counselors recommended by the Housing Finance Commission: Toll-free: 1-877-894-HOME (1-877-894-4663) or Web site: [http://www.dfi.wa.gov/consumers/homeownership/post\\_purchase\\_counselors\\_foreclosure.htm](http://www.dfi.wa.gov/consumers/homeownership/post_purchase_counselors_foreclosure.htm) The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development: Toll-free: 1-800-569-4287 or National Web Site: <http://portal.hud.gov/portal/HUD> or for Local

counseling agencies in Washington: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/sfh/hcc/fc/index.cfm?webListAction=search&searchstate=WA&filterSvc=dfc> The statewide civil legal aid hotline for assistance and referrals to other housing counselors and attorneys: Telephone: 1-800-606-4819 or Web site: <http://nwjustice.org/what-clear> Additional information provided by the Trustee: If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the noteholders rights against the real property only. The Trustee's Sale Number is WA-23-953663-BB. Dated: 5/23/2023 QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION F/K/A QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION OF WASHINGTON, as Trustee By: Jeff Stenman, President Trustee's Address: QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION F/K/A QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION OF WASHINGTON 108 1st Ave South, Suite 450, Seattle, WA 98104 For questions call toll-free: (866) 925-0241 Trustee Sale Number: WA-23-953663-BB Sale Line: 916-939-0772 or Login to: <http://www.qualityloan.com> IDSPub #0186174 8/31/2023 9/21/2023 The Times August 31, September 21, 2023 8-31-a

### NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PUBLIC HEARING

OF THE WALLA WALLA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION The Walla Walla County Planning Commission will be holding a public hearing to discuss the submitted the 2023 Preliminary Docket of Non-County Development Regulations Amendment Applications which includes one proposal. ZCA23-002 - EA-120 Farmstead Land Division amendments Amend Walla Walla County Code (WWCC) Chapter 17.18 - Density and Dimensional Standards to include a new section allowing for property owners in the Exclusive Agriculture zoning district an option to divide off an existing farmstead of up to 10 acres. (Preliminary Docket Review) PUBLIC HEARING INFORMATION Wednesday, September 13, at 7:00 PM (or as close thereto as possible) Location (in person): County Public Health and Legislative Building 2nd floor - Commissioners' Chambers 314 West Main Street; Walla Walla, WA You may also participate in this meeting virtually via Cisco Webex. Cisco Webex Meeting Link: <https://wwco.webex.com/meet/CDD> Call in: 1-408-418-9388 Meeting Number/Access Code: 969 633 053 An agenda, instructions on participating by phone or online, and a staff report, will be available approximately one week prior to the hearing. Contact staff directly for more information about how to participate virtually; if you provide your email address, we can add you to the email distribution list. The Planning Commission, following the public hearing, will make a recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners on whether the above application should be included on the 2023 Final Docket. The process for establishing the Final Docket is included in Walla Walla County Code (WWCC) Chapter 14.15 which outlines the criteria for consideration. The Board may then adopt the Planning Commission's recommended Final Docket at a regular public meeting without a public hearing pursuant to WWCC Section 14.15.060(E). Alternatively, if a majority of the Board decides to add or subtract amendments from the recommended Final Docket, another public hearing will be held. The decision of the Board of County Commissioners to place an amendment on the Final Docket does not constitute a decision that the

substance of any proposed amendment should or will be adopted. If placed on the Final Docket by the BOCC, the proposed amendment will be considered at additional public meetings and hearings and reviewed under the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA). Written comments regarding the above-listed applications may be submitted prior to and at the hearing on Wednesday, September 13. Send written comments to the following address: Walla Walla County Community Development Department c/o Lauren Prentice, Director 310 W. Poplar Street, Suite 200 Walla Walla, WA 99362 [planning@co.walla-walla.wa.us](mailto:planning@co.walla-walla.wa.us) FOR MORE INFORMATION: For more information regarding this meeting, please contact the planning staff at 509-524-2610 or [planning@co.walla-walla.wa.us](mailto:planning@co.walla-walla.wa.us). Walla Walla County complies with ADA; reasonable accommodation provided with 3 days notice. The Times August 31, 2023 8-31-b



Photos by Lane Gwinn

Barbie Gregutt outside WAG during The Waitsburg Happening



Councilmember Barbie Henze sunning in the Waitsburg glow.



Barbie Kennedy Henze in the spotlight at the Waitsburg Happening on August 26.



# Deck, Deck, Zuke!

By Vicki Sternfeld-Rossi | THE TIMES

The deck that extends from our back door is in dire need of repair. Initially, I had a contractor build it out of pine and leave the finishing to us. Daniel was sure it didn't need to be sanded, as was suggested, before using just two coats of deck paint to seal and protect the deck. Over time (four years,) the paint has peeled, and the wood has become chipped and splintered. It's time to repair.

We decided to replace the pine with Trex decking, the material we used on our pergola. It requires minimal maintenance and no re-finishing or painting, which is perfect for our lifestyle. (Not lazy, just rather be doing other things.)

We planned to have the materials delivered last week, which would have been perfect because the weather was cooler. As luck would have it, Daniel had a minor procedure that included some stitches in his back, so he could not lift anything. The delay has landed the job for a week when the temperatures will be in the miserable plus zone.

We plan to do the deck in stages: a few planks off, new planks installed, and repeat. We shall see how this plan works as I recall my father's philosophy on plans: "Man proposes, life disposes." Daniel has already noticed that many screws may have been shredded during installation. Removing them won't be as easy as he had expected or hoped; he may need another tool and another trip



to Home Depot.

During this process, I will continue to traipse up and down the deck hundreds of times, picking tomatoes, cucumbers, and squash, which is on overload. I am sure I will be in his way. He will be cranky from the heat, Mugsy will not understand the deck's temporary reconfiguration, and the zucchini will rot because I won't want to be in the kitchen to make zucchini bread. It's too close to the deck, and the thought of listening to the drills, high-pitched screws going into Trex, cursing, and hammering is not appealing.

We were "gifted" some freshly caught bass, plums, apricots, and cherries, and while I am avoiding the kitchen, I selfishly hope Daniel won't be too tired to make a good bass dinner and fruit tarts. Since we already ate the cherries and half the apricots, time is of the essence.

In the garden, the yellow squash hiding behind the butternut and spaghetti squash plants seems to be on hiatus right now. We had a few very large ones, now: nothing. However, tomatoes planted and volunteered continue to produce. I have no idea what kinds many are. We've already frozen enough tomato sauce to last until next century. The lemon cucumbers I planted this year are very prolific. I also replanted Armenian cukes that last year didn't stop, and we had about twenty large mason jars of pickles. Although we have none to eat or pickle this year, we have over twenty pounds of cabbage curing in the cellar; sauerkraut anyone?

I learned another "city girl" garden lesson this year. If you dead-head sunflowers, new flowers bloom. Wow! They keep on blooming, and the birds keep swooping in to get the seeds.

In bird news, the wild turkeys are back. I'm happy they're here and happier they have stopped landing on the trellis above our pergola. Regal as they look, I was tired of cleaning their droppings. It is my plan to keep the pergola and new deck a "bird-dropping free zone."

Yes, Dad, I know, "man proposes..."

# I am a Bluegrass kid

By Chasity Paddock | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — One of my favorite after-school extracurricular activities is going to Bluegrass Kids; I have been a member for about six years. Bluegrass Kids is a fun program for kids and teens to learn how to play guitar, mandolin, banjo, cello, standing base, and fiddle. My mentor and good friend Kate Hockersmith created the program, which she offers to kids for free.

The free program meets at the new Touchet Valley Acoustic Music Program (TVAMP) building at 141 Main Street in Waitsburg.

Hockersmith got into bluegrass in 2002 after her son John watched "O Brother Where Art Thou" and was inspired by the music. She helped start at least three bands, including the Blue Mountain Troublemakers and Switchgrass. TVAMP has taken several kids' bluegrass bands to music festivals and even to Japan and Ireland.

What are the perks of joining Bluegrass Kids? Well, you get to learn how to play an instrument. And if you don't have one, TVAMP loans instruments to practice at home. If you can already play an instrument, you could try a new one or just play music with us.

Have a song you want to learn, or are you a songwriter? Well, Hockersmith can help you find the music you're looking for, or she might already have it. As for songwriting, I am a songwriter, and she has helped me so much, including finding the right chords for my songs.

Have an instrument in your house you don't play? Well, you could donate it to Bluegrass Kids and TVAMP. Many interesting instruments have been given to the program over the years, including an accordion from the 1940s.

Some Bluegrass kids also participate in the Mythical/Movable Blue Mountain Bluegrass Jams that rotate between venues in Waitsburg, Walla Walla, and Dayton every Friday at 7 p.m.

I strongly encourage everyone to bring their kids to check out Bluegrass Kids.



Waitsburg's kids' bluegrass band Switchgrass Delta took some excellent reading material along with them on their 2019 tour of Ireland. Here, band members (l to r) Kaleb Kuykendall, Chris Philbrook, Robert Walsh and Emma Philbrook browsed The Times outside McGing's Pub in Westport, Ireland where they played a session during the annual Westport Folk and Bluegrass Festival.

# WELLER PUBLIC LIBRARY HAS A NEW LIBRARY SUPERVISOR

By Lane Gwinn | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—Weller Public Library has a new Library Supervisor. At the August Board of Trustees meeting, the board offered library support staff Sarah Roberts the position of Library Supervisor, to replace Librarian Twila Tate. Tate submitted her letter of resignation earlier in the board meeting.

"It has been a pleasure to work with the Board of Trustees, Waitsburg City Council, the City Administration, and the Friends of Weller Library for the past year to improve library services for the Community of Waitsburg. The library staff is the face of Weller and is active in the community through outreach to Waitsburg schools and providing excellent patron support and services."

Tate recommended Roberts for the role of Library Supervisor. She said Roberts had the education and background needed to manage the library in accordance with the Board and City Council policies. As Librarian, Tate has worked with the library staff to expand hours of operation within the limited budget. With Roberts in the new position, Tate has applied for the open seat on the board of trustees so she can continue working on policy development and capital projects to secure the library's future.



Lane Gwinn

Sarah Roberts working with young library patrons on one of the many summer activities offered this year.

## BIRTHDAYS

**August 31:** Tim Quigg, Tammie Witt, Dara Roberts, Marshall and Maverick Counts, Mark Leroue, Jr.

**September 1:** Leslie Yancey, Allison Huwe, Janis Huwe, Todd Hawkins, Ronald William Winnett, Travis Roberts, David Mahoney, Mathew Witt, Donna Thomas, Mrs. L.O. Gardner.

**September 2:** Bob Wright, Marjorie Lowe, Kirk Huwe, Sherry Cook, Jordan Ely, Darlene Damm.

**September 3:** Glenn Bickelhaupt, Alice Mercer, Michael Adams.

**September 4:** Rosella Bains, Doris Worden, Ray Russell, James Laughery, Blaine Bickelhaupt, Katy Broadhead, Gil Sharpe.

**September 5:** Corinne Baker, Fred Singer, Linda Marshall, Lowell Houtchens, Ellen Webster, Linda Mercer, Scott Zuger, Garrick Sampson, Margaret Brown, Edua Cheshire.

**September 6:** Summer Wood, Caris Cole, Jeanette Hansen, Robert Henze, Nancy Wittman, Orrin Anderson.

## CLASSIFIEDS

### HELP WANTED

**HELP WANTED**  
**PRESCOTT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 402-37**  
**Current Opening for:**  
**ECEAP FAMILY SUPPORT SPECIALIST & PRESCHOOL PARAPROFESSIONAL**  
 Full Time Classified Exempt  
 Application Deadline: Open until filled  
 Complete Application Requirements at: [www.prescottsd.org](http://www.prescottsd.org)  
 For further questions contact Justin Bradford, Superintendent at 509-849-2217.  
 The Prescott School District No. 402-37 prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, age, sex, marital status or the presence of a disability (Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and RCW 49.60) The Prescott School District No. 402-37 is an equal opportunity employer and the district encourages applications from minority and disabled groups.

**PRESCOTT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 402-37**  
**Current Opening for:**  
**School Garden Coordinator**  
 Part Time Classified Exempt  
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**WELLER PUBLIC LIBRARY IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR LIBRARY SUPPORT STAFF.**  
 Qualifications: experience working with young children, IT skills, ability to lift 20 lbs., pass background check.  
 Starting at \$20.00 per hour.  
 Applications are available at Waitsburg City Hall.

## RODEO ENTRY

**GARFIELD COUNTY FAIR RODEO**  
 Sunday, Sept. 17th 1:00 pm  
 Garfield County Fairgrounds Rodeo Arena  
 Sign-up Tuesday, Sept 5th 6-9 pm  
 Call 843-1723  
**NO LATE ENTRIES**

## 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**

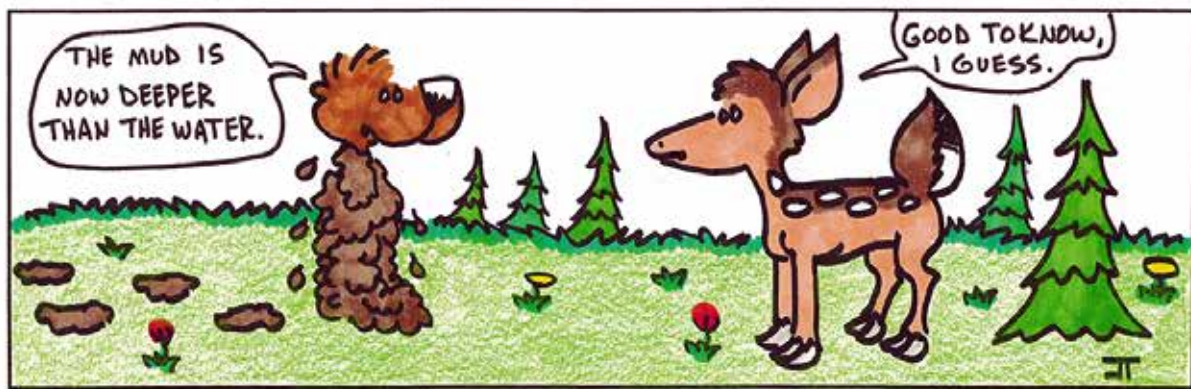
604 Main St  
 Worship 10:00 a.m.  
 Sunday School 9:00 a.m.  
 Each Sunday  
 337-8898  
 Pastor Cameron Hedges



# FUN & GAMES

## The Friendly Forest

By Jimmye L. Turner



## Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



## GRIN and BEAR IT



## Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



## PIONEER PORTRAITS

### Ten Years Ago

August 29, 2013

Waitsburg Senior Beka Adams' childhood dream of serving as Walla Walla Fair and Frontier Days Royalty – a reality she's spent the last year fulfilling – culminates this week at the Walla Walla County Fair. With only a few post-fair events on the itinerary, Adams is amazed at how quickly the year has flown by and how much she has learned. Adams earned her spot on the court last October. Returning home from a National FFA convention in Indianapolis the night before, Adams rose the next morning to attend court tryouts. Contestants must submit applications and resumes prior to being judged on performing a riding pattern, a three-minute interview while astride their horse, and a 20-minute speech. "I would practice my speech at the hotel during breaks at the FFA Convention," said Beka. Since winning her spot – with her beloved appendix Quarter Horse, Moose – Beka has spent the last year serving as Princess alongside fellow Princess Kendra Torrey of Milton-Freewater and Queen Kindall Cooper of Pomeroy.

### Twenty-Five Years Ago

September 3, 1998

Waitsburg native Katie (Mantz) Leid was featured in a story in the Moscow-Pullman Daily News as the first teacher chosen as the Boeing Teacher in Residence, a cooperative venture between Washington State University's College of Education and department of teaching and learning, The Boeing Corp., and the Pullman School District. Katie and her husband Wes are both former Waitsburg residents. Katie is the daughter of the late Lee and Evelyn Mantz, and sister of Lynn Mantz-Powers, and Wes is the son of Roy and Pat Leid, Waitsburg. Leid will instruct college students instead of fifth graders in a program which has a goal of improving science instruction by having working science teachers teach education majors. "In some ways it really is the same," she was quoted in the feature story. "You're still excited about meeting your students and I'll still spend the first day getting to know them and discussing what we'll do in the class."

### Fifty Years Ago

August 30, 1973



[Photo Caption] Two Cardinal gridders, in their practice jerseys, meet during some blocking drills. Line coach Wayne Henderson was running his charges through some rigorous one-on-one contact sessions in preparations for the season opener with DeSales here on Friday evening, September 7.

### Seventy-Five Years Ago

September 3, 1948

R. R. Rinehart and Levi Testerman left Thursday morning for Kelly Forks on the Clearwater River for a few days fishing.

Ralph Ramsey, Marion Spear and Earl Dowell are working at the Grandview plant of Pictsweet Foods, Inc. where the freezing of peaches has just been completed and the lima bean crop is now being processed.

George Putman of Prescott has leased the Union Service Center in Waitsburg effective this week. The place was formerly operated by Bob Segraves.

### One Hundred Years Ago

September 7, 1923

Mr. and Mrs. Will Harris and children moved into town Saturday as the children will attend school here this fall.

Miss Elizabeth McCoy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. McCoy, is to teach in the consolidated school at Alto this year.

A farewell party was given Wednesday afternoon in Preston Park in honor of Mildred and Lee Peregrine of Portland who have spent the summer with their aunt, Mrs. Roy Pollard.

### One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago

September 9, 1898

Born in this city Friday morning to J. S. Arnold and wife, a son, weight 11 pounds. Mother and child doing well. We trust the young Republican may be as good and useful a man as his father.

Don't fail to see the wonderful death-defying jump from the clouds by the champion of ariel navigators, Prof. Miller in his wonderful balloon ascension and parachute jump, with Leondor Brass show.

## Touchet Valley Weather

Aug. 30, 2023

### Waitsburg's Seven Day Forecast

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Few Showers	Mostly Cloudy	Few Showers	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Few Showers	Sunny
High: 77 Low: 53	High: 71 Low: 50	High: 78 Low: 52	High: 84 Low: 55	High: 82 Low: 49	High: 75 Low: 43	High: 74 Low: 41

### Weather Trivia

Which type of cloud is most likely to produce rain?  
 Answer: Cumulus clouds.

### Weather History

Aug. 30, 1982 - A tropical depression brought torrential rains to portions of southern Texas. Up to 12 inches fell south of Houston and as much as 18 inches fell southeast of Austin. The tropical depression spawned 14 tornadoes in three days.

### Local Almanac Last Week

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Precipitation
Tuesday	71	59	87/60	0.17"	0.17"
Wednesday	77	57	87/60	0.00"	0.10"
Thursday	89	52	86/60	0.00"	+0.07"
Friday	88	63	86/60	Trace	73.5°
Saturday	84	59	86/59	Trace	72.8°
Sunday	98	63	85/59	0.00"	+0.7°
Monday	103	66	85/59	0.00"	

Data as reported from Walla Walla

### Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Full 8/30	6:11 a.m.	7:35 p.m.	7:54 p.m.	5:20 a.m.
	6:12 a.m.	7:33 p.m.	8:16 p.m.	6:47 a.m.
	6:13 a.m.	7:31 p.m.	8:35 p.m.	8:11 a.m.
	6:14 a.m.	7:29 p.m.	8:55 p.m.	9:32 a.m.
	6:16 a.m.	7:27 p.m.	9:16 p.m.	10:52 a.m.
Last 9/6	6:17 a.m.	7:26 p.m.	9:41 p.m.	12:11 p.m.
	6:18 a.m.	7:24 p.m.	10:11 p.m.	1:27 p.m.

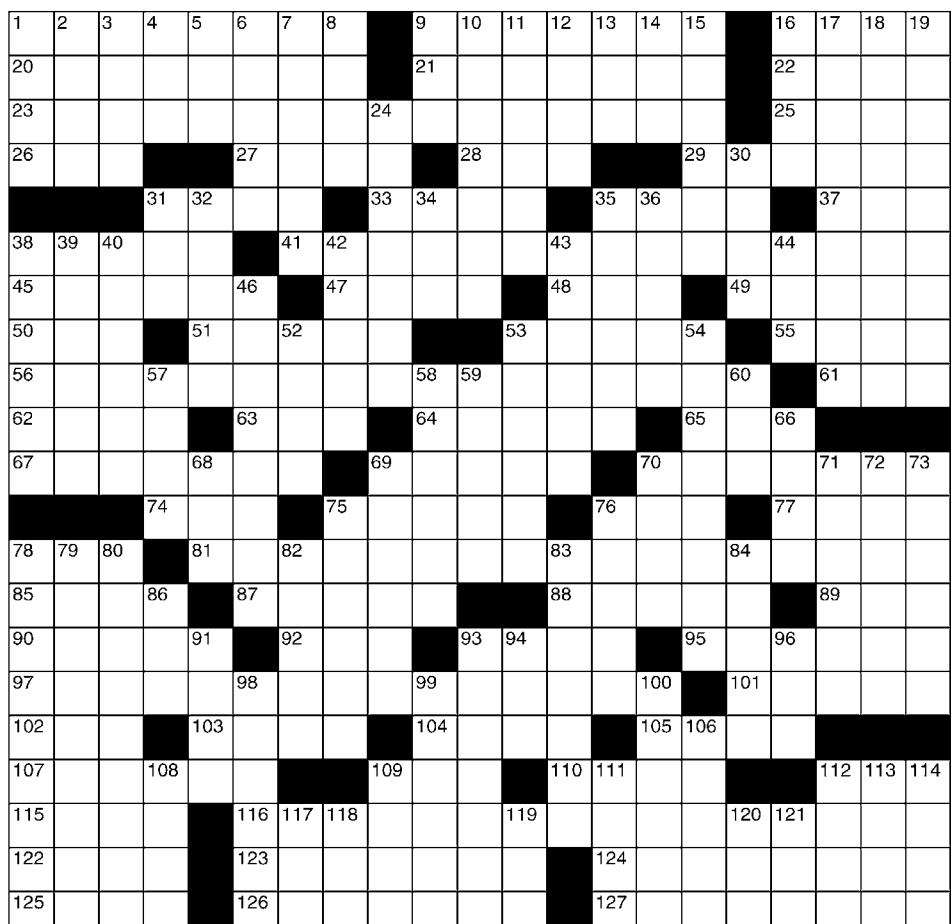


# PUZZLES & LIFESTYLES

## Super Crossword

MILK-AND-HONEY  
POOCHES

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- 1 Web page directories
  - 9 Espresso, e.g.
  - 16 Basic lessons
  - 20 Open to suggestion
  - 21 Solar or lunar phenomenon
  - 22 U.S. island territory
  - 23 Start of a riddle
  - 25 Paree "to be"
  - 26 Tar's "Help!"
  - 27 Wrinkly langelo variety
  - 28 Cavaliers' org.
  - 29 Stuff expelled from a volcano
  - 31 West Aleutian island
  - 33 Brand of contact lens solution
  - 35 Outbreak of zits
  - 37 Reply to "Which girl?"
  - 38 Mom on "The Cosby Show"
  - 41 Riddle, part 2
  - 45 Old-style "Yay!"
  - 47 Voguish Christian
  - 48 — kwon do
  - 49 Was the father of
  - 50 — Lady of Guadalupe
  - 51 Eager kids' question
  - 53 Pinkish red
  - 55 Not even one
  - 56 Riddle, part 3
  - 61 Aykroyd of film
  - 62 Favorite son of Isaac
  - 63 Beard on grain
  - 64 Eyes lewdly
  - 65 Fissure
  - 67 Great joy
  - 69 Remedies
  - 70 Cross the mind of
  - 74 — T (exactly)
  - 75 Boring carpentry tool
  - 76 Otology subject
  - 77 Bert who played a lion
  - 78 Spike on a film set
  - 81 Riddle, part 4
  - 85 Grease-laden
  - 87 Diarist Nin
  - 88 Snares, e.g.
  - 89 Previous to, in verse
  - 90 Canonized fifth-cen. pope
  - 92 Barely manage, with "out"
  - 93 Canadian gas brand
  - 95 Ancient Greek lyric poet
  - 97 End of the riddle
  - 101 Campus complexes
  - 102 Commanded
  - 103 — Mawr College
  - 104 — a one (zizich)
  - 105 Rival of Lyft
  - 107 Threat ender
  - 109 Windows 10 runners, e.g.
  - 110 A few
  - 112 Ewe noise
  - 115 Viva —
  - 116 Riddle's answer
  - 122 Slaughter of baseball
  - 123 Racked up
  - 124 Anticlimactic happening
  - 125 Muralist José María —
  - 126 Rodent-catching cats
  - 127 With two-channel sound
  - DOWN**
  - 1 Plank cutters
  - 2 Modest "I think," online
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  - 4 Suffix with absorb
  - 5 Bucko
  - 6 In re
  - 7 Put a stopper in
  - 8 Vend
  - 9 Ron of the 1970s
  - 10 Dodgers
  - 10 First female Supreme Court justice
  - 11 Viral cause of a winter woe, informally
  - 12 It funds Soc. Security
  - 13 Pollution-control gp.
  - 14 U.S. immigrants' class
  - 15 Gomez of "Getaway"
  - 16 Old Time film critic James
  - 17 Totally bungled
  - 18 The late 1970s, politically
  - 19 Applied, as finger paint
  - 24 Makes soiled
  - 30 787s, e.g.
  - 31 Lung filler
  - 32 Pamphlet
  - 34 Old name for Tokyo
  - 35 Classic game consoles
  - 36 Bamboozle
  - 38 Had grub
  - 39 Thelma's film sidekick
  - 40 Of a major blood vessel
  - 42 Astronomer
  - 43 Hubble
  - 43 Furry scarves
  - 44 Musical set in Oz, with "The"
  - 46 "Ver-r-ry funny"
  - 52 Salamander
  - 53 V8 vegetable
  - 54 Charley horse, e.g.
  - 57 French for "eight"
  - 58 Areas on a golf course
  - 59 Be in accord
  - 60 Bodily pouch
  - 66 Pooch with a corded coat
  - 68 Pai — poker (casino game)
  - 69 Adorable kids
  - 70 Waikiki's island
  - 71 Like many gory movies
  - 72 Constellation
  - 73 Aries
  - 73 Mandates
  - 75 Skywalker of "Star Wars"
  - 76 Scandalous corporation of 2001
  - 78 Old sweets
  - 79 Whichever of the two
  - 80 Alternative magazine to House Beautiful
  - 82 Rival
  - 83 "Sounds right to me"
  - 84 Back of a 45 record
  - 86 "Darn tootin'!"
  - 91 Poetic eyes
  - 93 "Roots"
  - 93 Emmy winner
  - 94 35mm camera inits.
  - 96 Fish-fowl linkup
  - 98 Coal mine vehicle
  - 99 Put in a crate
  - 100 Burden with one's problems
  - 106 Pintos, e.g.
  - 108 For fear that
  - 109 Bygone
  - 111 Bygone Dodge
  - 112 Dutch South African
  - 113 Novelist Rice
  - 114 In re
  - 117 Doc's org.
  - 118 Rebel Turner
  - 119 Jewel box inserts
  - 120 Tennis barrier
  - 121 "Now — see it all!"



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## MY RECIPES Luke Chavez

# Gazpacho

Late summer is a productive time in the garden. There are moments when it feels like keeping up with the harvest is impossible, with mountains of summer bounty taking up valuable counter space in the kitchen. This week, we had beautiful tomatoes, cucumbers, and banana peppers that were all ready to be picked which inspired an exploration of classic recipes for Spanish gazpacho. Silky and vibrantly colored, this refreshing chilled soup is a wonderful way to celebrate the flavors of the season. The addition of cheese croutons as a garnish provided a satisfying crunch.



### Ingredients:

- 2 pounds ripe tomatoes
- 1 large cucumber
- 1 to 2 long mild peppers, such as cubanelle, banana, or Anaheim
- 1 jalapeno or serrano pepper, (optional)
- 1 small red onion
- 2 garlic cloves
- 2 teaspoons sherry vinegar, or red wine vinegar, plus more
- Salt
- ½ cup extra-virgin olive oil, plus more

### For croutons:

- 2 to 3 thick slices stale crusty bread
- 1 to 2 ounces Manchego cheese, finely grated (see notes)
- Pinch of sweet paprika

### For garnish:

- Fresh herbs such as basil, parsley, and chives, finely chopped

### Directions:

Core the tomatoes and roughly chop into large chunks. Place tomatoes and all their juices into a large bowl. Peel the cucumber and use a spoon to scoop out the seeds, then chop into chunks. Core and seed the peppers and roughly chop. Peel the onion and quarter. Place all chopped vegetables and the garlic cloves into the bowl with the tomatoes. Toss to evenly mix.

Add the chopped vegetables into the pitcher of a blender, either all at once or working in batches if needed. Blend at high speed for a few minutes until smooth, stopping to scrape down the sides with a rubber spatula a few times. While the blender motor is running, add the vinegar and season with a generous pinch of salt. Next, turn the speed down to medium and slowly pour the olive oil in, allowing it to emulsify into the tomato mixture. As the oil emulsifies into the soup the color will turn from bright red to a silky orange or pink. If the mixture seems too watery continue to add a little more olive oil to get a smooth, creamy texture. Stop the motor and taste for seasoning, adding more salt of vinegar as needed.

Strain the gazpacho through a fine mesh strainer over a large bowl, pushing the liquids out with a rubber spatula. This will take some time but is worth the effort. Discard the solids and transfer the soup to a large pitcher. Chill gazpacho in the refrigerator until very cold, for at least 6 hours or overnight.

While the soup is chilling make your croutons. Preheat the oven to 375. Tear or roughly cut the bread into 1-inch cubes then place in a mixing bowl and drizzle with 1 to 2 tablespoons of olive oil. Season with a pinch of salt and paprika. Toss bread to evenly coat in the oil and spices. Spread the bread out on a foil or parchment lined baking sheet and set on the top rack of hot oven. Bake for about 10 minutes then toss the croutons and rotate the pan. Bake for another 5 to 10 minutes, until the croutons are lightly golden and crispy. Next, sprinkle the tops of each crouton with a clump of the grated cheese and return pan to the oven. Bake until cheese is golden and melty. Keep an eye on them to prevent burning. Remove pan and allow croutons to cool.

Before serving taste the soup one last time and adjust the seasoning if needed. To serve, pour gazpacho into chilled bowls or decorative glasses. Garnish with some chopped herbs and place a few croutons centered on top. Also, a small drizzle of olive oil to finish is lovely. If it is a particularly hot day, serve with a few ice cubes in the bowl.

### Notes:

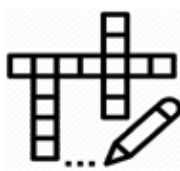
Use the best, juiciest tomatoes you can find when they are in season. Heirloom varieties, cherry tomatoes, or plump Romas are all great options when available.

Manchego cheese is a delightful sheep's milk cheese from the La Mancha region of Spain. It has a distinct nutty flavor with a firm texture. It can often be found in grocery stores with larger imported cheese selections. If you cannot find Manchego you can substitute with Pecorino Romano, Parmigiano, or even an extra sharp, aged white cheddar.

Enjoy!

## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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### DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

- ♦ Moderate
- ♦♦ Challenging
- ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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## Super Crossword

### Answers

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## Weekly SUDOKU

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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 September 20

**Planning Commission**  
Second Friday of the month @ 10 a.m. @ City Hall and on Zoom. Next meeting on September 8.

**Waitsburg School Board**  
Third Thursday of every month @ 6 p.m.  
Zoom info available by emailing [waitsburgcc@icloud.com](mailto:waitsburgcc@icloud.com)

**Waitsburg Home and School Association** – First Wednesday of each month, 6:30 p.m. at the Waitsburg Elementary School Library. All parents, school district staff, or community members are welcome. Next meeting: 9/6 –

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

**Waitsburg Booster Club**  
First Tues. of the month, 6:30 p.m. @ High School Home Ec. room

### Waitsburg Parks and Recreation Public



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

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

**Friends of the Weller Public Library**  
Fourth Monday of the month @ 7 p.m.

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**Waitsburg Commercial Club**  
Last Thursdays of the month @ Waitsburg Business Center@noon. Last Thursdays of each month, Zoom info available by emailing [waitsburgcc@icloud.com](mailto:waitsburgcc@icloud.com)

**Waitsburg Resource Center Community Food Bank**  
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### Dayton & Columbia County Meetings

**Board of Columbia County Commissioners**  
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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 every 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 every month @ 6 p.m. @ Dayton High School auditorium

**Columbia County Public Hospital District Board of Commissioners**  
Fourth Wednesday of every month @ 1:30 p.m. Call (509) 382-2531 for information.

**Dayton Memorial Library Board of Trustees Meeting**  
September 18 @ 7 p.m. Delaney room and Zoom Meeting ID: 852 3836 3787  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85238363787>



**Dayton Kiwanis Club Meeting**  
Second and fourth Thursday @ Noon  
Hybrid in-person meetings at the Delaney Library with online Zoom available.  
Zoom Meeting ID: 559 815 3650



### Starbuck Meetings

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