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Kate Hockersmith

Bluegrass musicians and enthusiasts gathered at Kristin Darrow's (center) Big Red Barn last Friday for a Mythical, Moveable Blue Mountain Bluegrass Jam. This is just one of the ways TVAMP brings music to the valley. Full story on the Last Page.

THIS WEEK



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Full room and Zoom at port workshop

THE TIMES

DAYTON—The Port of Columbia Commissioners met Monday, March 21, for a workshop to discuss Touchet Valley Trail. As many as 39 people attended via Zoom, in addition to a packed conference room at the port. Public comment was not allowed at the workshop meeting.

Executive Director Jennie Dickinson was joined by Ken Van Voorhis from SPVV Landscape Architects, Brain Hansen, and Adam Schmidtgall, from Anderson Perry (A.P.).

Dickinson began the meeting going over a brief history of the trail, including how the Port of Columbia came up with the idea.

Dickinson said that in the mid-2000s, the Economic Development Steering Committee (EDSC) began hearing from community members that they wanted more paths and trails in Dayton. Between 2016 and 2017, trails were voted on as a top interest within the community in community planning meetings. The voting was advisory only.

Planning for the Blue Mountain Regional Trail took place from 2016 to 2018. The planning committee had members from Milton Freewater, Ore., Dayton, Walla Walla, and Waitsburg. One workshop was held in Dayton, with more than 100 in attendance. The Dayton-Waitsburg trail was the top priority for attendees at that time.

"We really felt like we had a directive from the community to work on the trail," Dickinson said. "That's why we went ahead with it."

In 2018, the Port of Columbia applied to the Washington State Department of Transportation for planning funds. The port had letters of support from various local entities, including the Community Council, the Columbia County Board of Commissioners, Walla Walla County Commissioners, the City of Dayton, the City of Waitsburg, and WSDOT Regional Planning.

Between June 2019 and April 2021, the port took seven significant project steps, including landowner outreach, public information meetings, design charrettes, and entering design contracts.

Dickinson said that, based on the information and amount of support that had been provided over the years, she was a bit blindsided by the sudden public outcry regarding the trail.

"We had been hearing for years that people wanted more trails," Dickinson said.

From the port's perspective, Dickinson said, the trail would act to bring new visitors to Dayton to spend money at the town's stores, hotels, restaurants, and businesses. Data indicated that more than 22% of yearly trail users would be from out of town, and each visitor was expected to spend just shy of \$73 during their time in Dayton.

Brian Hansen provided a brief overview of Anderson Perry's role in the trail planning process, including determining the port's existing right of way access. He shared aerial photos with property lines to aid his presentation.

Hansen said that A.P. had reached out to Dayton land title company Title One to help determine the existing right of way. He estimated that Title One had provided as much as \$30,000 in pro-bono title work. Most of the right of way provided at least 50 feet on either side of the trail



Brian Hansen

Dayton School Board update

Korslund presented streaming option for sports.

By Justin Jaech | THE TIMES

DAYTON—The Dayton School Board held its regular board meeting at 6 p.m. on March 16, 2022. All members were present, Chair Jeffrey McCowen, Aneasha Dieu, Zac Fabian, Grant Griffin, and Korinda Wallace. Superintendent Guy Strot was also present in person, as was student representative Madison Richardson.

The board approved the Consent Agenda without debate. During public comment, Pearl Dennis suggested the board consider hiring a non-certified superintendent as it appears to be allowed by the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI). Dennis said the move would open up the position to a much larger applicant pool. It is in practice in the Starbuck and Prescott School Districts.

Dennis suggested averaging the typical salaries of the secondary principal and superintendent to use as the base pay for the newly created superintendent-principal position. She said this was an approach consistent with saving resources.

The Student Board Representative, Madison Richardson, asked students what they would like to share with the board. She read input she had received from a Senior at Dayton.

"While I am glad that the board is being conscious of our District's financial need, I cannot help but foresee numerous issues following the reduction from three administrators to two. It is no secret that both secondary administrators have very poor reputations with parents, students, and staff. Over the years that they have both been in the District, I have heard possibly hundreds of complaints and generally negative statements and opinions about them, while the amount of positivity that I have witnessed is close to none.

"This statement may have sounded harsh, but it is the truth. Suppose Mr. Strot takes on the position of both superintendent and principal. In that case, many believe that his use of power will become a form of dictatorship, a direct quote I had from many conversations I've had with my peers.

"It has been said that Mr. Strot goes about his decisions and proposals without communicating with the staff involved in those changes. A direct example of this is his recent suggestion that there have not been consideration of what electives students want in their schedules. However, the Academic Counselor asks the students this exact question each year. I can personally attest that I have been there for this input multiple times. These are just a couple of concerns that myself and other students have about this possibility. That being said, Mrs. Brown is known to lack disciplinary abilities. It has been claimed that she sometimes disregards, puts off, or tones down on some students' concerns. In my experience, I felt that she was insensitive towards me regarding a very vulnerable and uncomfortable situation. Both administrators show an apparent lack of compassion toward students.

"These administrators appear to be extremely busy at all times, meaning taking on both positions may be virtually impossible for just one of them to handle. In my opinion, the best course would be to remove both Mrs. Brown and Mr. Strot from the District and bring in a new administrator. Someone with genuine compassion and respect for both the students and their staff, someone with disciplinary capabilities and good character that can work well with others."

Richardson continued saying she opposed removing Kristine Warren as Academic Advisor. She said her interactions with Brown had been positive and

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NEWS BRIEFS

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AT THE LIBERTY:

The Batman


THE TIMES

DAYTON—*The Batman* is playing at the Liberty for two weeks. Bruce Wayne/Batman (Robert Pattinson), after two years of stalking the streets, has been led deep into the shadows of Gotham City, striking fear into the hearts of criminals. Amongst the city's corrupt network of officials and high-profile figures, the vigilante Batman, with only a few trusted allies—Alfred Pennyworth (Andy Serkis), Lt. James Gordon (Jeffrey Wright), has established himself as the sole embodiment of vengeance amongst his fellow citizens. When a killer targets Gotham's elite with a series of sadistic machinations, a trail of cryptic clues sends the World's Greatest Detective on an investigation into the underworld, where he encounters such characters as Selina Kyle aka Catwoman (Zoe Kravitz), Oswald Cobblepot aka the Penguin (Collin Farrell), Carmine Falcone (John Turturro), and Edward Nashton aka the Riddler (Paul Dano). As the evidence begins to lead closer to home and the scale of the perpetrator's plans becomes clear, Batman must forge new relationships, unmask the culprit, and bring justice to the abuse of power and corruption that has long plagued Gotham City.

Rotten Tomatoes critics rate this movie at 85% favorable, similar to the audience ratings of 88%. That website's critics consensus is that this movie is "grim, gritty, and gripping"... and among "the Dark Knight's bleakest ... live-action outings." This movie is rated PG-13 for strong violent and disturbing content, drug content, strong language, and some suggestive material. Runtime is 176 minutes (nearly 3 hours!). Please see the nearby advertisement or our website for movie days and times.

Based on current recommendations and mandates, masking is not required indoors at the Liberty Theater, however, social distancing requirements are still being maintained.

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THE BATMAN

INNOVIA FOUNDATION'S 2022 PHOTO CONTEST: THIS IS WHO WE ARE

Now Accepting Photos from Across Our Region

THE TIMES

SPOKANE—Innovia Foundation is excited to announce the opening of their third annual Photo Contest: This is WHO We Are. This region is a beautiful patchwork of lives and communities and they invite residents to submit images that capture the unique identity and spirit of the Inland Northwest.

Participants can submit photographs to the following six categories: People, Landscape/Wildlife, Education, Arts and Culture, Community, and Non-profit Mission in Action. Photographs must be taken within Innovia Foundation's 20-county service area.

To benefit other inspiring nonprofit organizations serving our region, the first-place overall photographer will receive a \$1,000 grant awarded to their favorite 501(c)3 organization, a canvas print of their photograph and a feature on our website. Winners in each individual category will receive a \$200 grant awarded to an organization of their choice, a canvas print, and showcasing on our website.

"Our vibrant communities, the breathtaking landscapes and beautiful diversity of this region inspire our work every day," says Shelly O'Quinn, CEO of Innovia Foundation. "We are excited to celebrate who we are as a region through the photography of those who call this place home."

A full list of contest rules and instructions for submission can be found at innovia.org/news/2022photocontest. Any questions about the contest can be directed to Rachel Quick at rquick@innovia.org.

LETTERS

VOLUNTEER FIRE-FIGHTING IS NOT A SOCIAL CLUB - IT'S A CALLING

The Henze Family has three generations of Columbia-Walla Walla County Fire District 2 firefighters. Dane Henze is a volunteer firefighter/EMT for our local department, following in the footsteps of his late grandfather Carl Henze and (now retired) uncle Neil Henze. Dane's cousin Samantha (Henze) Shafer also served in Waitsburg. We love our department.

Seeing a lack of "sufficient volunteer base" in our town is heartbreaking, and I'm thankful for Beka Compton's call-to-action story in last week's edition.


Our volunteer firefighters are heroes. When a call comes in, our heroes' adrenaline is pumping as they hastily depart from dinner tables or jump out of bed in the middle of the night. Assisting a neighbor in crisis or saving a family home from fire is satisfying to the core.

Our firefighters enjoy the camaraderie of the department. But let's be clear - this is not a social club - this is a calling. Our heroes save property and save lives. They complete many hours of training to be certified and re-certify, and the department covers the training costs. Our heroes also receive small stipends for attending calls and training, and there is a retirement benefit.

The Times covered the retirement in 2019 of incredible hometown heroes at our local fire department: Louie Gagnon, Andy Winnet, Neil Henze, Carl (Butch) Peck and Curtis Neal. The call for new volunteers was issued then. It is now 2022 and we are not meeting the needs of our community.

Will you answer the call?
 Jillian Henze
 Waitsburg City Council
 Proud Wife of a Third-Generation Waitsburg Volunteer Firefighter

Volunteer firefighter application: <https://www.cwwfd2.com/volunteers>



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LETTERS

AN EDUCATOR IN SUPPORT OF HOSPITAL'S CHILD CARE PLAN

As a former educator, I am very concerned about the conflict regarding the Proposed Daycare Center. Of course, there is a need for one or more day care centers with over 340 children under the age of 8 within our community. The Port's mission statement says its responsibility is, "to maximize public resources and private investment, create jobs, provide infrastructure, and maintain and improve the economic vitality of Columbia County and its communities". The Port Commissioners are not doing their job with obstructing the proposal as it is obvious that leasing Port land for a Day Care Center is a positive action for the community. Having the hospital build a building is a viable and generous option. The Hospital stated they are willing to make a Request for Proposals to find operators, which is reasonable and professional. It is obvious that no decision has been made regarding the YWCA. It appears that some of our elected officials are acting out of personal religious and/or political ideologies that are not in the best interest of the community. This sort of thinking makes our community appear to be unwelcoming and inhospitable.

Candy Jones
 Dayton, Wash.

FEARS ARE AMEREIN'S NOT COMMUNITY'S

To the Editor and the Public,
 Columbia County Commissioner, Chuck Amerein, continues to show his hypocrisy with public statements. The cases in point are fear, government overreach, and indoctrination.

Several weeks ago, Commissioner Amerein stated in a commissioner's meeting that The Club (a non-profit afterschool program for kids in our community) was not worthy of public funds, in his opinion, because they do not show sufficient patriotism by flying the American flag. The money being requested was from the Juvenile Justice Fund, which is not earmarked for patriotic causes. The funding was granted after the executive director agreed to address the commissioner's concern at The Club's next board meeting. This is most definitely an example of **government overreach**, which Mr. Amerein repeatedly speaks out against. It seems that Mr. Amerein has been **indoctrinated** to believe that not displaying a flag equates to not being patriotic.

At a recent School Board meeting in Dayton, Mr. Amerein stated that the Washington State mask mandate was "about **fear**" and "about teaching blind obedience". Just a few weeks later, in a letter to the Port Commissioners, Mr. Amerein was quoting Karl Marx and Vladimir Lenin to propagate **fear** of "State control over the formative years of our children's lives and the use of public funds to do so."

I see **fear**, but it's not fear from responsible people working together to prevent the spread of a disease. It's fear of the government controlling our lives.

I see **government overreach**, but it's not in the form of public health mandates or indoctrinating children. It's in the implication that in order to receive public funds, a worthy organization must kowtow to one elected official's standard of patriotism. It's in Mr. Amerein's abuse of power, using his position to steer our town in the direction of his own liking. An elected official is required to listen to the voices of their constituents, regardless of who they voted for, and represent the wishes of the majority rather than their own personal ideology or agenda. That is the American way of governing. A true patriot knows this.

I see **indoctrination**, but it's not coming from anyone offering to solve the childcare crisis in our town. It seems to be deeply rooted in the psyche of those who refuse to seek different viewpoints in an effort to work toward the common good. Mr. Amerein is proving himself to be one of those people.

Shellie McLeod
 Dayton, WA



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OBITUARY

Judy A. Rowland

February 19, 1955 – March 3, 2022

Judy A Rowland passed away peacefully at home in Dayton, Wash. on March 3, 2022. She was 67 years old.

Judy was born on February 19, 1955, to Doris Estelle Criss and James Wayne Alexander in Walla Walla, Wash. She attended Walla Walla schools and graduated from WaHi in 1972.

She enjoyed a full and varied life after high school, working for a variety of employers as far away as Alaska, before marrying Willis (Bill) Rowland in 1986 in Dayton. He was the love of her life. They enjoyed spending time together in the Blue Mountains camping, fishing and hunting. They did not have any children together, but Judy helped raise the youngest of Bill's five children, Billy Rowland.

After working a variety of clerical jobs around Dayton, including at the Dayton General Hospital, Dayton Chronicle, Banner Bank, the former DQS and McQuary's grocery store, Judy assumed the reins at Rooster's Brew, a drive-thru coffee shop at Dayton's west end in March 2006. Judy served up espresso drinks, smoothies and other specialty drinks like her very popular chai to loyal customers. Every drink was handed over with a smile and a friendly "Here ya go, honey." Even after Judy reached retirement age, she kept working, insisting that her customers were a vital part of her life, and she couldn't imagine life without them.

Judy was preceded in death by her parents and husband.

She is survived by her siblings, Ronald Alexander, Richard Alexander, Janet Opp and Robert Alexander, and three stepchildren.

A celebration of life will be held from 2-4 p.m. on Friday April 8, 2022, at 800 North Touchet Road, outside of Dayton. The gathering will be in the barn on the property.



Judy A. Rowland
February 19, 1955 – March 3, 2022



Kyle Anderson (left) was sworn into Dayton City Council position #6 before the March 9th city council meeting, by Mayor Weatherford. The seat had been vacated by long-standing council member Byron Kaczmarek, who passed away Dec 19th, 2021.

COLUMBIA COUNTY LIBRARY NOW OFFERING THE NORTHSTAR DIGITAL LITERACY ASSESSMENT

THE TIMES

DAYTON—The Northstar Digital Literacy Assessment, offered through Columbia County Library, is aimed at helping adults acquire the skills they need in today's workplace.

"People without basic computer know-how are at a disadvantage when it comes to finding a job because employers expect basic computer skills for most jobs, including many entry-level positions," said Todd Vandenberg, Library Director. "We joined Northstar because it will help our patrons have a better chance at getting jobs and getting ahead."

The free set of assessments includes self-guided modules: Essential Computer Skills (Basic Computer Skills, Internet Basics, Using Email, Windows, Mac OS), Essential Software Skills (Word, Excel, PowerPoint), and Using Technology in Daily Life (Social Media, Information Literacy, and Creative Job Search). Closed-captioning is available and screen readers are supported.

Anyone can access the modules and take the tests online at digitalliteracyassessments.org. At the end of each test, the user receives a page of results, which lists the skills that have been mastered and the areas that need improvement. Many community organizations offer computer classes that are aligned with Northstar Digital Literacy Standards.

"The modules are based on a set of basic computer competency benchmarks developed by a diverse group of literacy providers, business representatives and nonprofit agencies," said Todd Vandenberg. "These standards help ensure that computer classes

are teaching adult learners the exact skills they need to succeed in the workplace." To earn a certificate for one or more of the modules, adults must take the tests in a supervised setting at an approved test site. Columbia County Library is among the community organizations using the standards as part of its programming, and offering the certificates.

To learn more, contact Columbia County Library, (509) 382-4131 or email info@daytonml.org.

4-H CLUB COLLECTING FOOD FOR WAITSBURG RESOURCE CENTER

THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—The Corral WRanglers 4-H will be out and about on March 28, from 7 p.m.- 8 p.m, for their annual Food Collection, gathering food donations for the Waitsburg Resource Center.

Shelf stable food is welcome, including pasta, rice, and canned goods. If you would like to donate but will not be home, please contact leader Tracy Barron at (509) 520-8776 to make arrangements for pickup.

Help your local 4-H club support those who may need a little extra help this spring!

WAITSBURG SENIOR CENTER

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

Tuesday, March 29
Chicken & dumplings
Vegetable
Pea salad
Juice
Brownie

WAITSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT

Thursday, March 24

B: Breakfast burrito
L: Chicken tacos
Refried beans
Veggie
Fruit

Friday, March 25

B: French toast & sausage
L: Joyce's choice
Cookie

Monday, March 28

B: Omelet, hash brown & sausage
L: Chicken patty on a bun
Potato Wedges
Veggie
Fruit

Tuesday, March 29

B: Biscuit & Gravy
L: Popcorn chicken
Potato Wedges
Veggie
Fruit

Wednesday, March 30

B: Cinnamon roll
L: Teriyaki chicken
Rice
Veggie
Fruit
Fortune cookie



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project. He encouraged homeowners who may have documentation proving otherwise to reach out to the port to correct the information.

"Our intent has always been to take the best information we can get, old railroad maps, right of way maps, to determine the right of way line," Hansen said.

Ken Van Voorhis spoke regarding the placement of the trailheads in Dayton (near the Historic Depot) and Waitsburg (at the North end of Main Street). He said the Lewis and Clark State Park would serve as a focal point for the trail, with a pedestrian bridge added just north of the current rail bridge at the Touchet River. The park agreed to take on some of the maintenance of that section, with the understanding that the trail would benefit the park by engaging visitors and enhancing programs.



Ken Van Voorhis

Dickinson addressed some common community concerns, including asking Columbia County Sheriff Joe Helm if the trail would strain the department with extra patrols. Helm told Dickinson that it would not add additional work as the department already patrols the railroad right of way that the trail would run along. When asked if the footpath along the dike increases drug traffic, he responded that no, it has not, as far as he knows.

Other concerns and answers can be viewed online at www.portofcolumbia.org.

Maintenance was estimated between \$15,000 and \$20,000 per year, Dickinson said, adding that the rail operator supported the trail and thought that it would help with weed control.

Another concern was the addition of new taxes to pay for the trail. Dickinson clarified that the port has never added new taxes outside of the 1% increase allowed by the state in the more than 60 years of operation. The port would not be able to add a tax without putting it on a ballot and subject to a vote. She noted that it was customary to use existing tax money to pay for parks.

It was noted that the engineers and designers are trying to accommodate property owners' requests as far as trail placement that may cross driveways or other access points. Dickinson addressed chemical spraying concerns and said that other trails located in agricultural communities would close the trail for a couple of days to accommodate chemical concerns, especially for pea fields.

Other topics covered included funding opportunities, including money offered by the state's Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) through a competitive application process. The deadline for that funding application is May 3. The Port of Columbia is currently missing a resolution stating that they want to pursue the money.

Commissioner Seth Bryan asked if there was a plan to handle flood damage, should it happen. He was told that flooding would likely not impact the trail significantly, but if it did, the Port of Columbia would have to find the funds to repair it.

Bryan also asked why the location was between Dayton and Waitsburg, instead of to Bluewood or Starbuck.

Dickinson said it was easier as the port already owned the land. There is also an economic connection between the two towns. Commissioner Genie Crowe added that it was easily accessible for handicapped visitors. Most public trails in Washington are built along the graded paths of railroads because they are more accessible and off-roadways.

More information regarding the Touchet Valley Trail, including design plans, community concerns and answers, conceptual plans, and a recording of the April 2021 informational meeting can be found on the Port of Columbia's website.

At a prior meeting, the Port of Columbia Commissioners voted to post their Port emails on the website for easy access. Residents and community members are encouraged to reach out to the commissioners to voice concerns, support, or ask questions.

Church Directory

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

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CALENDAR

Community Calendar

WAITSBURG MONTHLY MEETINGS

Waitsburg City Council

Third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m.

Waitsburg School Board

Third Thursday of every month at 6 p.m.

Zoom meeting information is available at <https://www.waitsburgsd.org/o/waitsburg-school-district/page/school-board--272>

Waitsburg Commercial Club

Last Thursday of each month

March 31, 12:00 p.m.

Ten Ton Coffee, 216 Main Street, Waitsburg

Zoom info available by emailing waitsburgcc@icloud.com

Waitsburg Gun Club

TBA-General Membership / Board Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.

Walla Walla County Commissioners

Every Monday and Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m.

Call-in information is available at https://www.co.walla-walla.wa.us/government/commissioners/2020_agendas.php

Friends of the Weller Public Library

4th Monday of each month at 7 p.m.

Weller Public Library,

212 Main Street, Waitsburg

Waitsburg Parks and Recreation Meeting

First and third Thursdays, 6:30 p.m.

Lions Club, Waitsburg Fairgrounds

For more information email: waitsburgpr@protonmail.com

Weller Library Book Club

Third Tuesday of each month, 7:00 p.m.

at Weller Public Library

Waitsburg Celebration Days Meeting

TBA

Location to be announced

DAYTON & COLUMBIA COUNTY MEETINGS

Board of Columbia County Commissioners

First and second Monday of each month at 9 a.m.

Board of Columbia County Commissioners work session meetings Second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 9 a.m.

Call-in information available at <https://www.columbiaco.com/114/County-Commissioners>

Dayton City Council

Second Wednesday of every month at 6 p.m.

Call-in information available at <https://www.daytonwa.com/54-inside-city-hall/city-council>

Dayton School Board

Third Wednesday of every month at 6 p.m. at the Dayton High School auditorium

Columbia County Public Hospital District Board of Commissioners

Fourth Wednesday of every month at 1:30 p.m. Call (509) 382-2531 for information.

Dayton Memorial Library Board of Trustees Meeting

Every month on the Third Monday at 7:00 PM

Zoom Meeting ID: 852 3836 3787

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85238363787>

Dayton Kiwanis Club Meeting - Online

Second and Fourth Thursday at Noon

Zoom Meeting ID: 559 815 3650

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5598153650>

Starbuck City Council

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

PRIME RIB DINER, FRIDAY, MARCH 25, AT TOWN HALL IN WAITSBURG

By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES

It has been almost a year since the Dayton Eagles Club in Dayton caught fire on a Tuesday afternoon. The members and volunteers plan to either rebuild at the location on Main Street or find another building to be able to continue the Eagles tradition of People helping People; a family of brothers and sisters that work hard to better our communities and

world. In times of joy and in times of sorrow your Eagle family is always there for you. As stated on the Dayton Eagles website: Our members are vitally important, we accomplish a lot together in our efforts to support our charities.

The members and volunteers will be having Friday night dinners to raise money to benefit the rebuild of the club and to contribute to charities. This Friday night dinner will include prime rib, baked potato, corn, roll and a salad bar for \$25. Dinner will be served from 5 – 8 pm or until out of prime rib. You may call Penny at 509-520-1070 or Janie at 509-520-5118 if you have questions. Look at Dayton Eagles' facebook page for the menu for the following Fridays.

Come out and support a worthy cause; good food and no dishes to do after!

Touchet Valley Weather March 23, 2022

Waitsburg's Seven Day Forecast

| Day | Weather | High | Low |
|-----------|----------------|------|-----|
| Wednesday | Partly Cloudy | 69 | 42 |
| Thursday | Mostly Cloudy | 61 | 40 |
| Friday | Mostly Cloudy | 66 | 44 |
| Saturday | Mostly Cloudy | 65 | 45 |
| Sunday | Mostly Cloudy | 62 | 40 |
| Monday | Scattered Rain | 60 | 39 |
| Tuesday | Sunny | 55 | 32 |

Weather Trivia

Does carrying an umbrella increase your chances of being struck by lightning?

Answer: Probably, but standing next to a metal object will make it more likely.

Weather History

March 23, 1913 - A vicious tornado hit the city of Omaha, Neb. The tornado struck during the late afternoon on Easter Sunday, and in just 12 minutes it cut a path of total destruction five miles long and two blocks wide, killing 94 people and causing 3.5 million dollars in damage.

Local Almanac Last Week

| Day | High | Low | Normals | Precip |
|-----------|------|-----|---------|--------|
| Tuesday | 58 | 42 | 56/38 | 0.15" |
| Wednesday | 54 | 39 | 56/38 | Trace |
| Thursday | 57 | 33 | 56/38 | 0.03" |
| Friday | 58 | 43 | 57/38 | 0.00" |
| Saturday | 53 | 38 | 57/39 | Trace |
| Sunday | 51 | 33 | 57/39 | 0.00" |
| Monday | 52 | 40 | 57/39 | 0.06" |

Data as reported from Walla Walla

Sun/Moon Chart This Week

| Day | Sunrise | Sunset | Moonrise | Moonset |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|
| Wednesday | 6:50 a.m. | 7:09 p.m. | 12:57 a.m. | 9:41 a.m. |
| Thursday | 6:48 a.m. | 7:11 p.m. | 2:13 a.m. | 10:28 a.m. |
| Friday | 6:46 a.m. | 7:12 p.m. | 3:22 a.m. | 11:27 a.m. |
| Saturday | 6:44 a.m. | 7:13 p.m. | 4:18 a.m. | 12:37 p.m. |
| Sunday | 6:42 a.m. | 7:15 p.m. | 5:02 a.m. | 1:53 p.m. |
| Monday | 6:40 a.m. | 7:16 p.m. | 5:36 a.m. | 3:11 p.m. |
| Tuesday | 6:38 a.m. | 7:18 p.m. | 6:02 a.m. | 4:28 p.m. |

12th Annual Waitsburg Lions Club All-You-Can-Eat Rib Feed

GET YER BIB ON

Saturday, May 7th Starting at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$35

Tickets are available at:
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SECRETARY OF STATE REMINDS WASHINGTONIANS TO RESEARCH CHARITIES BEFORE SUPPORTING UKRAINIAN-RELIEF EFFORTS

THE TIMES

OLYMPIA—Washington Secretary of State Steve Hobbs encourages Washingtonians to do their due diligence and conduct research on the charities or nonprofits to which they donate to support relief efforts in Ukraine.

“Americans are a generous people. Whenever a tragedy or crisis occurs around the world, we express our compassion by donating to any number of honest, legitimate charities,” said Secretary Hobbs. “These charities have the resources and infrastructure to ensure the money we contribute directly supports their designated causes.”

“On behalf of the government of Ukraine and its people, we are grateful for the compassion and generosity of Washingtonians and so many millions around the world,” said Valeriy V. Goloborodko, Honorary Consul of Ukraine in Seattle. “I am thankful for Secretary Hobbs’ commitment to helping people protect themselves against fake charities that are undermining genuine, legitimate efforts to support the people of Ukraine. Thank you for both your spirit and support in driving strong efforts to provide relief where Ukrainians need them today.”

“Unfortunately, malign actors and scam organizations try to profit from these crises and take advantage of people’s generosity,” Secretary Hobbs added. “As the state agency responsible for registering corporations and charities, we encourage people to research any nonprofits and charities they choose to support before donating.”

The Office of the Secretary of State’s Charities Division offers the following tips for anyone considering donating to a charity, nonprofit, or relief organization: Check the charity’s registration status. Charities operating in Washington state may need to register and submit reports to the Charities Division. To determine whether a charity is properly registered and in good standing, search for the charity on the Corporations & Charities Filing System at ccfs.sos.wa.gov.

Check the charity’s experience and if Ukraine crisis relief matches its purpose. Charities that are formed or that shift their direction overnight to respond to a crisis may lack the experience, contacts, or staff to address the issue. Look for charities that have a track record in the region and a good reputation. Consult watchdog organizations like Charity Watch or Charity Navigator that evaluate thousands of charities across the country.

Be cautious of online fundraising. Before donating online through charity websites or online giving portals, review the Charities Division’s Guide for Online Giving. Avoid donating to any charities or individuals online unless you know them.

Do not share personal financial information over the phone. Do not share your credit/debit card or bank account information over the phone, and don’t feel pressured to do so. Send donations directly to the charity. A legitimate charity will not pressure you to make a donation immediately.

For more tips and resources, visit the Charities Division’s GIVESMART! webpage at www.sos.wa.gov/charities/givesmart.

In addition, the Washington State Combined Fund Drive (CFD) offers a list of several reputable and reliable charities — including Doctors Without Borders, UNICEF USA, and American Red Cross International Services — to which Washingtonians can donate.

Administered by the Office of the Secretary of State, the CFD is the charitable-giving program for state and higher-education employees and retirees.

Washington’s Office of the Secretary of State oversees a number of areas within state government, including managing state elections, registering corporations and charities, and governing the use of the state flag and state seal. The office also manages the State Archives and the State Library, documents extraordinary stories in Washington’s history through Legacy Washington, oversees the Combined Fund Drive for charitable giving by state employees, and administers the state’s Address Confidentiality Program to help protect survivors of crime.

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helpful but had less interaction with Strot. Sam Korslund gave the Athletic Director’s report and said the Spring sports numbers were strong. The remainder of the report concentrated on the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) program offering Pixellot video camera systems. The organization offers two live-streaming cameras for indoor and outdoor sporting events to member schools for free. The program allows its network subscribers to offer live and delayed streaming. More information on the cameras can be found at www.pixellot.tv, and the NFHS program is at <https://tinyurl.com/2p9yy3a4>.

Elementary Principal Amy Cox gave her report in which she described the great success of the Title 1 reading night and Read Across America events. During the latter event, Cox was duct-taped to the wall over 1000 pieces of tape by students who earned the privilege by meeting reading challenges. The tape was donated by City Lumber and Dingles.

Kristina Brown gave the Secondary Principal report, which included an update on the activities of the FFA.

Brown focused some of her report on Sonny Mundell, the school’s commercial art and business teacher, and shared some artwork from his students. The High School continues to work on its discipline procedures.

In the superintendent’s report, Guy Strot updated efforts to improve the school’s math scores. He said the K-5 and 6-12 math committees consisting of district teachers, assisted by the regional math specialist from ESD 123, should have recommendations ready to present to the board on June 1, 2022.

Strot introduced Dr. Molly Kreysler to speak about student engagement in school culture change. She said she hoped to continue meeting with students and staff to work on student retention in the Dayton School District. Her goal is to work with district trainers so the student retention program can continue after she leaves.

After the Superintendent’s and Financial Officer’s report, the Board discussed for some time the policy review, first reading of the following policies:

- Policy 4200 – Parent Access and Safe and Orderly Learning Environment
- Policy 2140 – Comprehensive School Counseling
- Policy 5410 – Holidays
- Policy 2021 – Library Information and Technology Programs
- Policy & Procedure 2020 & 2020P – Course Design, Selection & Adoption of Instruction Material

Dieu expressed her opinion that any supplemental material taught in the sex-ed course should be board approved, not just approved by the principal.

Wallace asked to postpone the first reading of policies 4200 and 2140 to be deferred until the next board meeting to give her more time to study them. The board approved two Gear-Up college trips. These are not school-sponsored trips.

The next action item to approve the Superintendent’s Plan involved quite a bit of confusion about what remained for board approval since the administrative reorganization had already been authorized.

The board decided to take each of the superintendent’s recommendations separately, approving the review of the math curriculum. This represented no change as the review is already ongoing.

Dieu moved to table the change in culture recommendation involving hiring Dr. Kreysler for further investigation. Wallace seconded. The Board voted to table.

The board approved the date for the graduation ceremony for June 4, 2022.

Chair McCowen declared an executive session at 8:30 p.m. to review the performance of a public employee. The meeting adjourned immediately afterward without action at 9:30 PM.

At the conclusion of this meeting, fifty-four percent of the school board’s meeting time for the year has been spent in closed, executive session.



WELLER LIBRARY CLOSER TO ADA COMPLIANCE

It was June of 2021 when the Friends of the Library first heard about the possible surplus sale of the Weller Library building. In July the community came together to request that the library remain in its present location on Main Street. The main issue was that the building was not ADA compliant. It is now March 2022 and the library will be ADA compliant in a few weeks.

After months of volunteer work to get the back room ready for a handicap lift, on Thursday, March 10 the lift arrived. Louie and Marie Gagnon and Allen and Karen Huwe met the three installers early Thursday morning. Using Louie’s nephew’s forklift, the lift was moved into place.

Before the lift can be used, there are still a few things to be done. It will need to be inspected by the electrical lift inspector, a phone line hooked up, and the upper deck railing completed. Thanks again to Dr. Roger Hevel and his daughter, Claudia for their donation to purchase the lift and to Columbia REA for gifting the Friends of the Library with a \$7000 grant.



Louie driving forklift with Allen directing unload handicap lift



Louie and Allen watching as Dan tries out the lift

Times Traveler



Waitsburg resident, Karen Stanton-Gregutt brought *The Times* for a driving trip through Oregon and California.

BIRTHDAYS

March 24: Michael Smith, Fred Hamann, Chloe Pearson, Kim Iverson, Randy Sorick, Jeff Harper, John Dodson and Lacey Maki.

March 25: Marilyn Johnson, Lee Brannock and Richard Basel.

March 26: Rod Estes, Emma Brookshire, Dottie Frohreich, Chet Bond, Jim Kessler, Dawn Nichols and Kris Lytle.

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

March 28: Natalie Faye Teal, Bill Hopwood, 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.



CHEERS TO 95 YEARS!



JACK McCAW

Please drop by Whiskey Canyon restaurant on Thursday, March 31st anytime between 5:00 and 7:00 pm to help Jack celebrate and enjoy a cupcake. Your presence is his present.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA

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Personal Representative: SUSAN L. HUIE
Date of First Publication: March 17, 2022
/s/ SUSAN L. HUIE, Personal Representative of the Estate of MARTIN J. HUIE
Attorney for the Personal Representative and address for mailing and service: Steven C. Frol
Minnick-Hayner, P.S.
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249 West Alder
Walla Walla, WA 99362
Publish: The Times
March 17, 24, 31, 2022
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA
NO: 22-4-00045-36
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS
RCW 11.40.030
In re the Estate of: JAMES W. IRWIN, 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 10, 2022.
Gerald Bryan Irwin,

Personal Representative
Attorney for Personal Representative:
Jeremy Hyndman, WSBA #44320
Basalt Legal PLLC
6½ N. Second Avenue, Suite 200
Walla Walla, WA 99362
509-529-0630
The Times
March 10, 17, 24, 2022
3-10-a

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA
No. 22 4 00047 36
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS
RCW 11.40.030
In re the Estate of: TRACY SETTLE, 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 Creditors as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2.) Four (4) months after the date of first publication of the Notice.
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Administrator: Caysie Williams
Attorney for the Administrator: Mona J. Geidl, Minnick-Hayner
Address for Mailing or Service: Mona J. Geidl
Minnick-Hayner
P.O. Box 1757
Walla Walla, WA 99362
Court of Probate Proceedings and Cause Number: Walla Walla County Superior Court, Cause No. 22 4 00047 36
Date of First Publication: March 10, 2022
By: /s/ Caysie Williams
Caysie Williams, Administrator
Dates of Publication: The Times
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DAYTON CITY COUNCIL PRELIMINARY AGENDA SPECIAL MEETING

Thursday, March 24th 2022, 5:30 p.m.
March 24th, 2022 special meeting will be held at 111 S. 1st Street Dayton, WA 99328
1. CALL TO ORDER
A. Roll Call
2. CONSENT AGENDA - RECOMMENDED ACTION:
A. Authorize Ordinance No. 1990 - Authorizing the Mayor to Amend Ordinances 1960-A, 1896, 1095 and 1931; Section 06 of Title 1 Chapter 2 of the Dayton Municipal Code, Open to the Public Meeting of Location and Time. To Change Official Location for Council Meetings to be held at 111 S 1st Street, Dayton, WA unless otherwise specified. Regular meetings shall commence at six o'clock (6:00) p.m. and shall be open to the public.
B. Authorize Ordinance No. 1991 - Authorizing the Mayor to Amend Ordinances 1934, 1872 and 1918, Sections 04 of Title 1 Chapter 2 of the Dayton Municipal Code, Regular City Council Meetings. To Change the official day of regular City Council Meetings to the Second Tuesday of each month.
3. ADJOURN
Next regular meeting is at 6:00 p.m. TUESDAY APRIL 12th at 111 S. 1st Street, Dayton, WA 99328.
City of Dayton is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.
Topic: SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Time: Mar 24, 2022, 05:30 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)
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ZAC WEATHERFORD,
MAYOR
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March 24, 2022
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA


No. 22 2 00080 36
SUMMONS
VIRGIL REED, Plaintiff,
vs.
SHERWOOD & ROBERTS-WASHINGTON, INC., a Washington for-profit corporation and assigns, Defendants.
A lawsuit has been started against you in the above-entitled court by the Plaintiff named above. The Plaintiff's claims are stated in the written Complaint, a copy of which is served upon you with this Summons.
In order to defend against this lawsuit, you must respond to the Complaint by stating your defense, in writing, and serving a copy upon the undersigned attorney for the Plaintiff within twenty (20) days after the service of this Summons, excluding the day of service (or within sixty (60) days if this Summons was served upon you outside the State of Washington), or a default judgment may be entered against you without notice. A default judgment is one where Plaintiff is entitled to what he asks for because you have not responded. If you serve a Notice of Appearance on the undersigned attorney, you are entitled to notice before a default judgment may be entered.
The originals of this Summons and Complaint have been filed with the clerk of the above-entitled court.
If you wish to seek the advice of an attorney in this matter, you should do so promptly so that your written response, if any, may be served in time. This Summons is issued pursuant to Rule 4 of the Superior Court Civil Rules of the State of Washington.
DATED this 9th day of February, 2022.
MINNICK-HAYNER, P.S.
By: /s/ Mona J. Geidl, WSBA #42455,
Of Attorneys for Plaintiff
P.O. Box 1757
Walla Walla, WA 99362
(509) 527-3500
The Times
February 17, 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 2022
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA
NO: 22-4-00052-36
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS
RCW 11.40.030
In re the Estate of: ROBERT C. PHELPS, Deceased.
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DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: March 24, 2022.
/s/ Lora L. Linn
Personal Representative
Attorney for Personal Representative:
Courtney Lawless, WSBA #57415
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Walla Walla, WA 99362
509-529-0630
Court of probate proceedings and cause number: Walla Walla County Superior Court, Cause No. 22-4-00052-36
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA

No. 22 4 00054 36
PROBATE NOTICE OF CREDITORS
In Re the Estate of CHARLES D. LENFESTY, 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: ALAN H. ASHMORE
Date of First Publication: March 24, 2022
/s/ ALAN H. ASHMORE, Personal Representative of the Estate of CHARLES D. LENFESTY
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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| Agriculture Lease | All/Part | Sec | Twp | Rge |
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| 12-C60577 | Part | 16 | 7 | 36.0E |
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| 12-C66433 | Part | 16 | 10 | 36.0E |
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Written request to lease must be received by April 25, 2022, at the Department of Natural Resources, 713 Bowers Road, Ellensburg, Washington 98926.

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HILARY FRANZ, Commissioner of Public Lands
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3-24-c

CLASSIFIEDS HELP WANTED

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A journey from music teacher to chief of police.

By Lane Gwinn | THE TIMES

Recently I was introduced to a local police chief who is also a classically trained musician. Doug Boedigheimer is the Police Chief in Milton Freewater, Oregon. He makes the trip out to Orchard Street Studio in Waitsburg to bring his guitars to be set up by my brother-in-law, Joe Patrick. He also comes to talk music.

“The first guitar I brought him I had for 31 years, I didn’t know about setups and guitar care. I was a music teacher, so this thing has been drug through everything. He turned that thing into something like the magic flute.”

Entering high school, Boedigheimer planned on a career in law enforcement once he reached the age of 21. He learned about law enforcement through his uncle who was a Deputy Sheriff and a cousin who served as a Portland Police Bureau member.

That was before Claytene Vick; his high school music teacher saw promise in his voice and his enthusiasm for music. She helped develop his musicality, and he received a vocal scholarship to the Oregon College of Education in Monmouth, Oregon, now West Oregon University. He said he was thankful that Vick and a panel of professors at the college saw something in the voice of an 18-year-old boy worthy of their support.

Sadly, Vick died during his third year of teaching. She did live long enough to see him in college sing all the bass solos in Handel’s Messiah. “It was very special,” he said.

After graduating, he taught students in K-12 for six years in Oregon public schools. As school districts in the U.S. began significantly cutting funds for music programs, Boedigheimer decided to return to his earlier interest in law enforcement. He has been police chief in three Oregon locations. In October he will celebrate 27 years as an officer and a police chief.

Asked if there had been a big difference between his career as a music teacher and his role as police chief he answered, “Everyone thinks that, but once an educator always and educator. Being a police officer, and I consider myself a police officer first,” he said, “police chief is an important-sounding title but that’s not what my persona really is.”

“Being a police officer in this cultural day and age is about education. More than just writing tickets in my opinion. It is more than just putting handcuffs on people, though that is a necessary part of it. Most people honestly just don’t know what the law is until they are told about it,” he said.

For Boedigheimer, “Education is an enjoyable component of being a law enforcement officer. So, you see in that way, it is not that dichotomous, being an educator and a police officer. Now what is odd, now that I have become known as the singing police chief everywhere I’ve been, now that is different sounding.”

How does that play into his work? When asked how his interest in music overlaps into his job as police chief, he couldn’t really draw a correlation. However, he has sung happy birthday to officers and encouraged others to follow their interest in music, including an officer with a banjo.

When I asked if his interest in music was helpful with the public, he said, “Maybe not outreach but I do think it is a connection I can use. When citizens find out I am musical, that is interesting to them. ‘How can you be musical and be this mean police chief?’”

“It opens a conversation and I become more than a figure with a badge, I become a human being that has a human interest a lot of people are interested in, whether you are a player, participant or a listener.

He expresses his musical interests outside of work by performing and directing community choirs. He was the director of the Blue Mountain Chorus: Sweet Adelines in Walla Walla for a year. He has directed barbershop quartets and arranged music for classically oriented community groups in southeast Oregon. He feels his real forte is in the directing, conducting, composition and arrangement realm.

Though Boedigheimer went to college on a vocal scholarship and his wife Christine still loves his voice, he wonders why anyone else would want to listen to a croaking bass voice.

“Other than my barbershop quartet. They love what the dynamic that our voices bring,” he said.

He began teaching thinking he would focus on classical music, making his students little classical snobs like himself. He called it a certain classical arrogance. But, he said, “When you see people are not machines, you must change the way you teach to the way people learn. He came to realize that classical isn’t the end of music, it is the beginning of understanding all music.”



Lane Gwinn

Chief Doug Boedigheimer testing out his guitar at Orchard Street Studio.

After engaging with different forms of music, he still applies his classical training, but he hears music differently now. For example, he loves singing in barbershop quartets, he started singing barbershop when he was 16 years old.

He is part of the barbershop quartet Stateline, where he is the resident arranger. He finds that his classical training helps him, and no longer gets in his way as it did when he first got his degree. He appreciates the group’s comradery and trust in accepting his suggestions. He enjoys having musical input in a group as much as the singing.

Stateline is the fifth barbershop quartet he has been a part of since living in this area. It is also the longest-lived quartet he has been in.

“Some people think any four guys, or four women can get together and make a quartet, that is really a misnomer. It takes a special set of tambors, to make that magical sound.

He said, “Stateline now has that sound. It also takes a certain set of personalities to be able to exist for two or three hours at a shot to work through the difficulties of acapella music or any kind of music. You just can’t throw things together and expect magic to happen. Working together, teaches the team aspect of things.”

The group competed in Seattle a few years ago, and though they didn’t win any medals they did make the cut to perform in an evening show.

As a music teacher, he taught himself to play brass instruments, however, he always loved guitar. He is self-taught having had only one guitar class when he was 14.

Boedigheimer said that for him music is cathartic. Late nights are his time to get his guitar out and for introspection and reflection on his day.

This April, Boedigheimer will celebrate 15 years as Chief of Police in Milton Freewater, in October he will have 27 years in law enforcement. With the culture and atmosphere in law enforcement constantly changing, he is ready to leave on his own terms while he is in good standing and good health.

“I am looking down the road to being a civilian and having friends again, this job does not always allow a lot of friends. Officers can have friends, chiefs not so much,” he said.

Waitsburg is just down the road and Chief Boedigheimer has already started adding friends here.

Wine of the Week

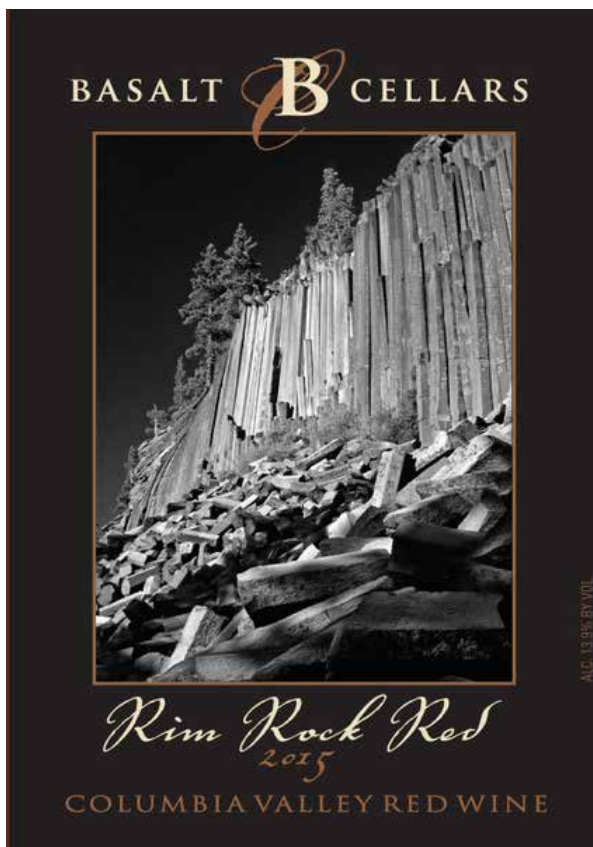
By Paul Gregutt | THE TIMES

Basalt Cellars 2019 Rim Rock Red

This delicious red blend from a Clarkston winery is more than half Merlot with the rest divided among five other grapes, principally Bordeaux varieties. It’s smooth and polished, the flavors nicely integrated despite the wine’s youth. It’s rare to find such a “kitchen sink” blend so harmonious, with a rich mix of purple and black fruits, silky tannins and a lightly dusty mouthfeel. The lingering finish brings notes of smoke, coffee and dark chocolate.

377 cases; 13.5%; \$24

(as seen on www.paulgwine.com)




Prescott introduces an esports team

Questions and answers with Prescott's esports coach.

By Eric Umphrey | THE TIMES

Prescott School District is now offering an esports program as an extracurricular activity. It is covered under Washington Interscholastic Activities Association (WIAA) as an activity and may later be categorized as a sport under the organization.

There has been considerable discussion about the value of esports in K-12 education. In 2018, the Pew Research Center reported that 97% of teen boys and 83% of teen girls played video games. Including esports as an extracurricular activity can help schools reach out to students who might not otherwise be engaged with school sports or clubs.

Eric Umphrey - This is the first year for esports in Prescott?

Travis Bradford - "Yes, it is. Yeah, it is the first year the whole state is doing it. They started in fall but this is our first time this spring."

E.U. - Are you under the WIAA?

T.B. - "It is under the WIAA as an activity, not a sport. So it doesn't have the same amount of rules as the sports do when it comes to grades and who can participate but we still try to support that idea because it is eventually going to turn into a sport. We are under the WIAA and they sanction everything and run the tournaments."

E.U. - Down the road are there scholarship implications for this?

T.B. - "Yeah, there already is at big colleges. So we play at CSL which is the collegiate sports league and that's going to be for eSports and they run esports. So just like in basketball or football you can get a full ride scholarship in esports as well."

E.U. - What games are you playing this first season?

T.B. - "Right now in Washington they have Street Fighter, Rocket League, Venture Valley and DOTA 2 (Defense of the Ancients). But right now our school is only taking on Rocket League because we only have three kids and some of the games require a different amounts of people."

E.U. - Is there a FIFA (soccer) league?

T.B. - "They were going to add FIFA but they didn't have enough support for it this year. Not enough schools wanted to do FIFA. They are not running any tournaments right now which upset the kids a little bit because they really wanted to play that game. Two weeks before the season started they cut that from the list this year but they are hoping to bring it next year."

E.U. - Who are you competing against this year?

T.B. - "Any school from across the state. Last week we played Tahoma, which is a pretty big school like 2,500 kids and so we are playing large schools. The other week we played Wapato which is like a middle sized school. We are playing all sizes of schools from the west side to over here. I think College Place is doing it and a couple of schools up north on this side of the state and then a lot of schools on the other side of the state are doing it."

E.U. - Any thoughts about trying to get someone at the college level to come



Courtesy photo

Prescott's first esports team from left to right: Adrian Rubio, Juan Diaz, Hector Garcia and coach Travis Bradford.

down and talk to the kids?

T.B. - "I would hope so. Right now they have a Discord (Discord is an internet platform that offers invite-only pages for groups communicating online) for all the esports people. We all hop on there and the players and the coaches are on there and all of the administrators for WIAA are on there and so we go on there and talk all of the time. It would be really nice to coordinate with some of those people. CSL runs that entire Discord so the people that run esports run that Discord. If I could get in touch with them I could probably get someone to come down. It would be awesome for the kids to learn that they could take this to another level and could take them to more education for free."

E.U. - Anything you would like to tell parents that have kids that are interested in esports?

T.B. - "I think that esports gets a pretty bad rap because most people just hear you are playing video games. Some people have a really big issue with that. But I think what I have to say to parents is that you have to give it a chance because these things can actually teach kids a lot. Just like any other sport teaches them teamwork, teaches them collaboration, teaches them how to think strategically on certain games. I think there are a lot of really basic skills that can be learned by video games that you can take on into life and like any other sport hand eye coordination and mental building is a really big thing for esports. I think that people should give it a chance. Once you understand the game I think it is more fun to watch."

E.U. - I'm guessing right now you don't have a crowd in attendance when the kids are competing in meets?

T.B. - "No we don't but we are planning after spring break allowing spectators to come up here. I can run the game up on the projector in spectator mode so I can watch what is going on and coach. We are hoping after spring break to allow kids and parents to come up here if they want to. Right now we have matches every Tuesday."



Courtesy Photo

Wyatt Parrish in red, at the Colfax tournament.

MATBIRDS IN COLFAX

By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES

Twelve Matbird wrestlers received medals at the Colfax Little Guy Tournament on Saturday, March 12.

Wrestlers were placed into brackets based on age and weight. First place finishers were Parker Winona in the 7/8 age group and Carter Barron in the 9/10 age group.

Second place medals went to Connor Murdock (7/8), Ian Mertens (9/10), Monte Lee Richie and JJ Gleason (11/12) and Byron Collier (13/14) age group.

Jess Winona placed third in the 11/12 age group. Fourth place finishers were Auri Lindley (5/6), Wyatt Parrish (7/8), Kane Culley (9/10) and Rylie Coates (11/12) age group.

The Matbirds next wrestle in Pomeroy on March 26.



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SPORTS & LIFESTYLES

DW Spring Sports- this week

By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES

D/W golf on Wednesday, track on Friday and softball and baseball on Saturday, DW young athletes are competing with intensity; some for the first time since seventh grade.

Golf

The golf team traveled to Milton-Freewater to compete on a 9 hole-par 30 course. Top DW player, Caleb Barron and Garrett Palmer are the only two returning golfers from the 2021 shortened season. Coach McGhan stated that though the team is inexperienced, he saw a lot of good things from the kids, especially around the greens.

"I was very happy with all of them as far as etiquette and composure", said McGhan.

Other Wolfpack golfers were Theo Anderson, Lucas VanHoose, Will Ahler and Claudia Benavides. The team will be tested on Wednesday, March 23 at a tournament at Wine Valley Golf Course in Walla Walla, said McGhan.

Track & Field

Twenty teams competed at the Windbreaker Invite track meet in Wahluke on Friday, March 18. It was the first full day invite for the DW track athletes and there was a lot to learn about managing their temperature, hydration, equipment, and warm-up status for a long time outside, said Coach Nechodom.

It was good to see Vaughn Walter keep a clear perspective even though he felt he could have cleared the next height in the high jump. He'd not been able to jump since his 7th grade year, and he paused after his first few jumps to go run the 400-meter dash. It's hard enough to stand after that race, so even attempting to high jump is a win in my mind, added Nechodom.

Hudson Reser said about his 200m run (which was late into the evening), "I felt really good about my acceleration. I didn't go out too fast and felt good pretty



Hudson Reser (2nd from left) running the 100 m

much until the end."

Reser, Walter, Tristan Rennaker, and Alex Dahlby participated on the men's team while Cedar Stegall, Marion Duncan, Julia Brooks and Addison Crenshaw competed on the women's team. The teams will be in Clarkston on Wednesday to face eight other small schools in the Southern 2B invite

Softball

Both the softball and baseball teams competed in doubleheaders at DeSales on Saturday, March 19. Although they lost both games, Coach Crenshaw was extremely proud of how the young men continued to compete throughout both games; even when things weren't going their way. The team had an inning in each game where they struggled, but they will learn from that, the coach said.

"There are a lot of positives to take out of our first outing and I look forward to watching the team grow throughout the season", said Crenshaw.

DW lost the first game 21-0 with Jasper Morrow and Levi Bourdieu sharing pitching duties. Coach said a highlight in the first game was when Cyson Morris



Courtesy photo

Levi Bourdieu pitching in the first game against DeSales

made a spectacular catch in center for a key out.

In the second game, the Wolfpack lost 24-6. Klint Kuykendall, Zachary Durham, Keon Lindley and Cyson Morris all pitched. Klint Kuykendall had 2 hits and 2 RBIs in the game while Levi Bourdieu scored twice. DW led 6-1 going into the 3rd inning. DW will travel to Cle-Elum on Saturday, March 26, for a doubleheader. The Wolfpack's first home game will be Tuesday, March 29, in Waitsburg starting at 3 pm.

In their first outing of the season, the softball team lost both games to DeSales, 11-1 and 19-9. The team will next play at Cle-Elum on Saturday, March 26. Their first home game will be Tuesday, March 29, in Dayton. First pitch at 3 pm.

WAITSBURGS FFA FRESHMEN PARTICIPATING AT FIRST LEADERSHIP CONTEST

By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES

Alyssa Hollingsworth, Cedar Stegall and Marion Duncan participated in their very first FFA leadership contest on Wednesday, March 9, in Pomeroy. The three freshmen girls competed in Creed.

Creed is a public speaking event where each competitor presents the 5-paragraph National FFA Creed from memory and answer three questions related to it. The FFA Creed outlines the organization's values and beliefs regarding the industry of agriculture, FFA membership, and citizenship and patriotism. Students participating in the Creed Speaking event learn to communicate in a powerful, organized and professional manner and build self-confidence.

Two other freshmen, Chasity Paddock and Preston Hinchliffe, attended the FFA event and watched Advanced Parliamentary Procedure

The purpose of the parliamentary procedure leadership event is to encourage students to learn to effectively participate in a business meeting and to assist in the development of their leadership, research, problem-solving skills and critical-thinking skills. The whole group is interested in competing in parliamentary next year.



Waitsburg FFA freshmen at leadership contest (l-r) Chasity Paddock, Alyssa Hollingsworth, Cedar Stegall, Marion Duncan, Preston Hinchliffe

Waitsburg School District Positions Available Now



PARA EDUCATOR (7 hrs./day)

The Waitsburg School District is accepting applications for Para Educator position primarily for secondary age students for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year. Position may resume with the 2022-23 school year depending on evaluation of performance and budget consideration. Must hold an AA degree or equivalent.

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The Waitsburg School District is accepting applications for Administrative Assistant in the Middle School for the 2022-2023 school year. Preferred: Experience working in a school setting. Experience with customer service. Accounting experience. Experience with school data system-Skyward/Qmlativ. Willingness to be trained as duties require.

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Please direct middle school position questions and inquiries to Stephanie Wooderchak, Secondary Principal at 509-337-6351 or email: swoderchak@waitsburgsd.org

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The Waitsburg School District is accepting applications for PK-12 Special Education Teacher for the 2022-2023 school year. Applicants must possess and maintain required teaching certificate with appropriate endorsements.

Please direct questions and inquiries to Mark Pickel, Superintendent at 509-337-6301 or email: mpickel@waitsburgsd.org

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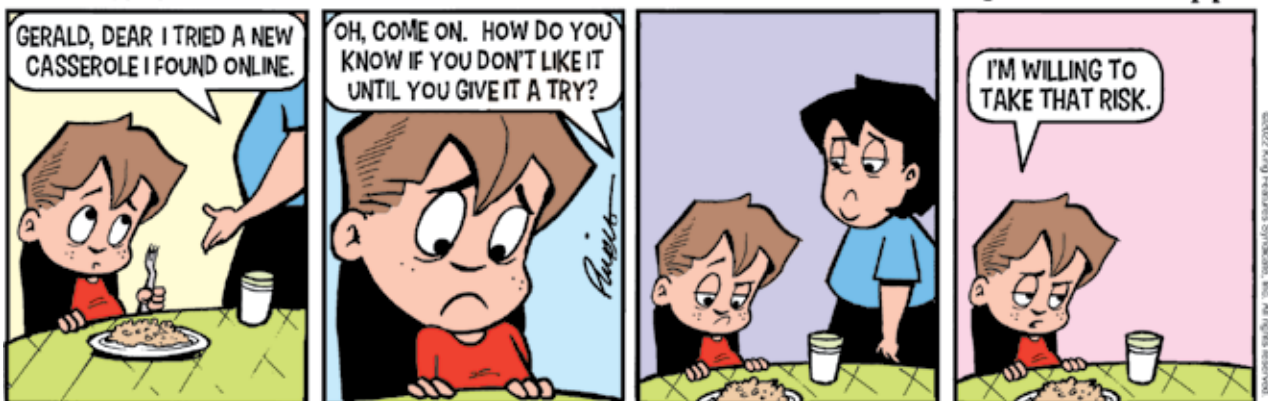
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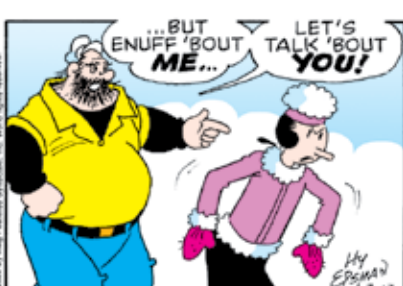
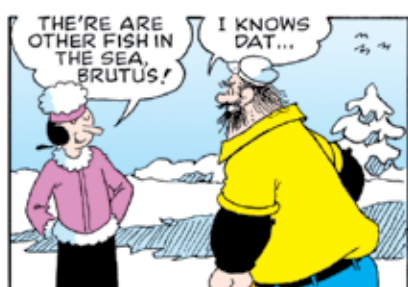
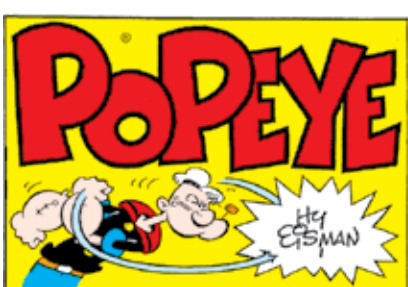
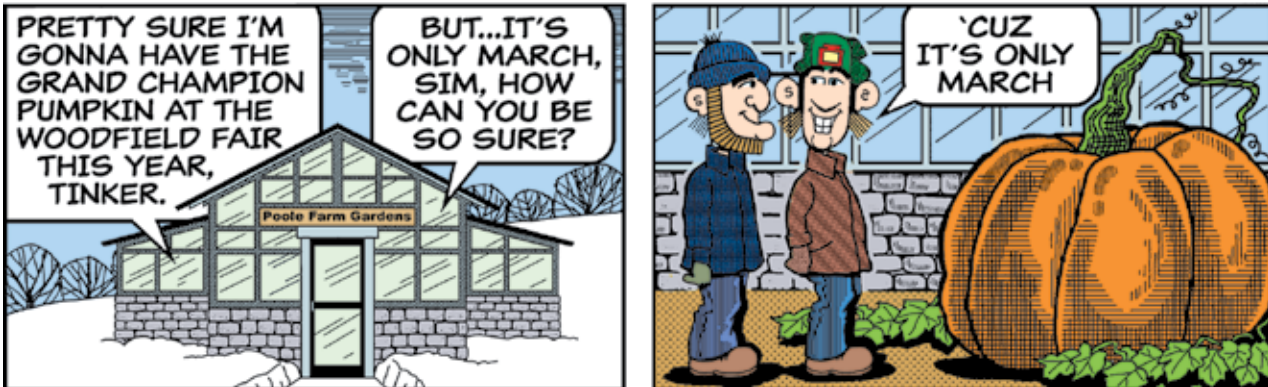
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PIONEER PORTRAITS

Ten Years Ago

March 22, 2012

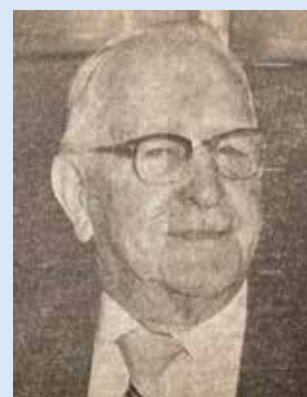
With the April 2 election right around the corner, Waitsburg residents Bart Baxter and Tiffany Laposi are throwing their hats in the ring for city council. Baxter who has lived in town for 7 years and owns Betty's Diner, has already completed one year on city council and made an unsuccessful bid for mayor in 2011. Laposi, who has lived in Waitsburg for 31 years, is a real property appraiser for Walla Walla County. She is a candidate in Waitsburg for the first time. Laposi has served on boards related to her profession and has some leadership experience. Being engaged to one another is not the only thing Laposi and Baxter have in common. They share the same goals for the city of Waitsburg – they both want to boost small businesses and tourism to make the city thrive.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

March 27, 1997

Waitsburg Cardinal Track teams captured second (girls) and fourth (boys) at the season-opening meet at Clarkston Monday. An April 4 meet at Milton-Freewater is next on the schedule. The Waitsburg girls squad took second with 70 points on the strength of first-place finishes by Beth Abbey in the 3200-meter run, Kelly McCaw in the 100 m. dash, and the 400 m. relay (Wendy Jones, Cara Hulce, Kelly McCaw, Justina Ryckman) and 800 m. relays (Renee Scott, Cara Hulce, Kelly McCaw, Justina Ryckman). In fact, the 400 m. relay, anchored by speedster Kelly McCaw was won in 58.8 despite a dropped baton in the third hand-off.

Fifty Years Ago



March 23, 1972

[Photo Caption] Services for Sr. W. W. Day, who was stricken Saturday, were held Wednesday at the new Hubbard-Rogg chapel in Dayton. Dr. Day, active to the end, died in the small office he had maintained since his retirement from full practice in 1963. He also had continued to serve as county health officer. His death, two weeks short of his 86th anniversary, wrote the closing chapter of three generations of family medical practice here that extended over more than a century. His grandfather, also Dr. W. W. Day, opened Dayton's first medical practice in 1870.

Seventy-Five Years Ago

March 28, 1947

Misses Velma Mock, Mary Hirsch, Barbara Blize and Joan Williamson have been home this week from U. of W. where they are having spring vacation.

Waitsburg Temple No. 86, Pythian Sisters celebrated their 25th anniversary Monday evening. Twenty five year jewels were presented to Mrs. Ina Warren, Mrs. Garl Brunson, Mrs. Henry Conover, Mrs. Jim Kinder, Mrs. Forrest Conover, Mrs. Chester Keiser, Mrs. Ira Bloor, Mrs. Dolph Eggleston and Mrs. Ira Chew.

Boy Scouts of Waitsburg report that three and three quarters tons of wastepaper were salvaged during the paper drive last Friday afternoon.

One Hundred Years Ago

March 24, 1922

Charles (Bones) Preston, of Portland, formerly Waitsburg, and a son of the late W. G. Preston, narrowly escaped serious injury Saturday when his automobile was struck by an electric train.

The regular Divisional Spelling Contest to choose representatives from the Waitsburg Community Center to enter the championship contest in Walla Walla, was held in Central school last Friday. The girls and boys of Central school won eleven of twelve places, losing one to Mayes Smith of Bolles Junction. The winners were: eighth grade, Frederick Zuger, Inez Danielson, Mary Philips. Seventh grade, Dorothy Allen, Kerniew Williams, Mayes Smith. Sixth grade, Velma Starr, Elizabeth Shuham, Mabelle Philips. Fifth grade, J. V. Glover, Harold Jacques, Elizabeth Schmitt.

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago

March 26, 1897

W. J. Brockman last week sold his farm in Wilson Hollow to Ad Clark who with his family will take possession soon. Mr. Brockman says he does not know as yet what he will do but thinks he will not leave the vicinity of Waitsburg.

Neace-Hanger Co. this week started a branch store in Starbuck. They have fitted up a large building there and intend to keep in stock a full line of dry goods, clothing, boots and shoes. W. H. Fletcher will be placed in charge.

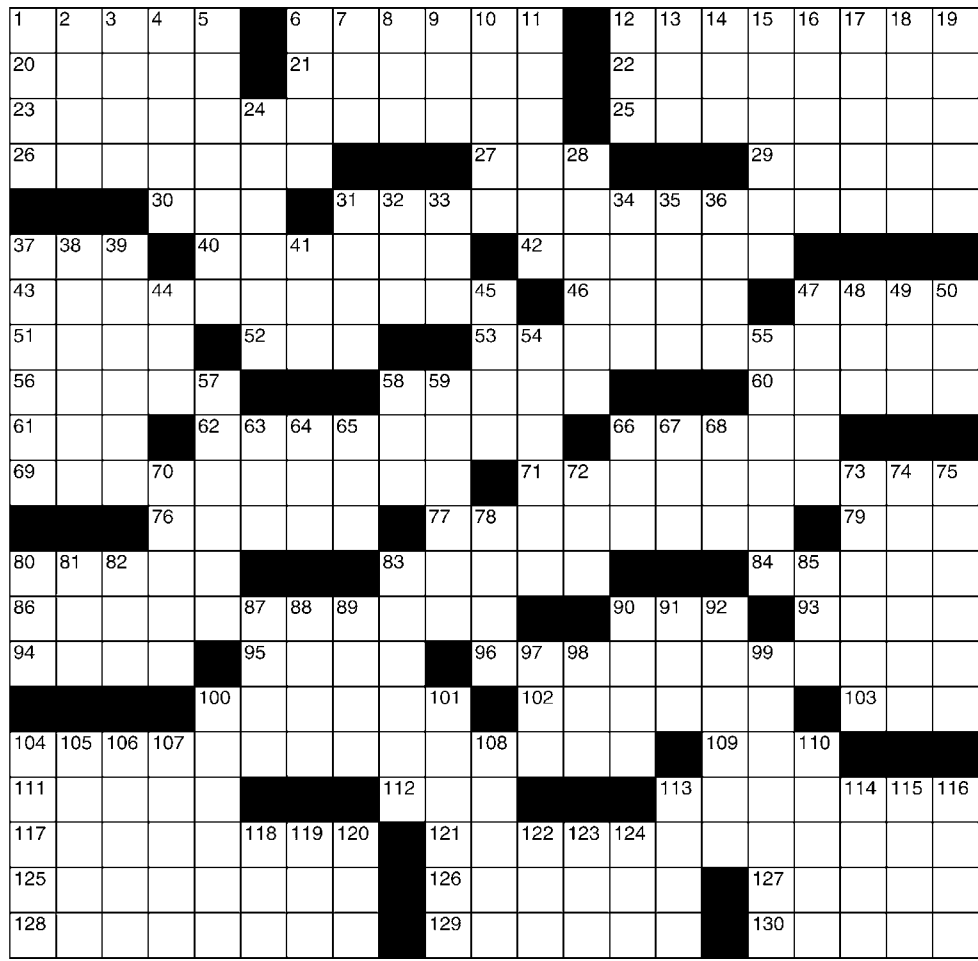
It is all very well for March to go out like a lion but we object to its taking thirty days to the performance.

PUZZLES & LIFESTYLES

Super Crossword

BLOOMIN' HUMANS

- ACROSS**
- 1 "Rabbit food"
 - 6 Back-and-forth talk
 - 12 Cold case solvers, often
 - 20 Oven maker
 - 21 Source of weather upheaval
 - 22 This instant
 - 23 MTV's first Latina video jockey
 - 25 "Don't go anywhere"
 - 26 Dresses up
 - 27 Cubs' and Eagles' gp.
 - 29 Mazda
 - 30 Common conjunction
 - 31 Social-climbing snob on "Keeping Up Appearances"
 - 37 Gp. in the Arab League
 - 40 Funny Conan
 - 42 Blends to mush
 - 43 35th president's mother
 - 46 Banjoist Fleck
 - 47 Inking
 - 51 Carve — career
 - 52 Post-Q string
 - 53 "The Sea, the Sea" novelist of 1978
 - 56 Highway jam
 - 58 Adhesive rolls
 - 60 German king called "the Great"
 - 61 Verb suffix in London
 - 62 When Hamlet's soliloquy is recited
 - 66 — New Guinea (island nation)
 - 69 Li'l Abner's mother
 - 71 Friend of Lucy van Pelt and Patty
 - 76 Beef up
 - 77 Clout
 - 79 Gold, in Peru
 - 80 "You can't — train"
 - 83 Actress Dianne
 - 84 Famed killer whale
 - 86 "Lost Souls" novelist of 1992
 - 90 Penpoint
 - 93 Siberia locale
 - 94 Chichi
 - 95 Tehran locale
 - 96 Vampiric TV housewife
 - 100 Shorthand whiz, in brief
 - 102 Poe's "radiant maiden"
 - 103 Cleveland-to-Raleigh dir.
 - 104 Aunt of Harry Potter
 - 109 DJ's platters
 - 111 Level, grassy plain
 - 112 Pub fixture
 - 113 Ball-shaped blooms
 - 117 Aim for
 - 121 Hippies (and an alternate title for this puzzle)
 - 125 Tidied up
 - 126 Novelist Gay
 - 127 Trashed stuff
 - 128 Declared
 - 129 Declared
 - 130 Busybody
- DOWN**
- 1 "Smooth Operator" singer
 - 2 "Walk Like —"
 - 3 Woody's den
 - 4 Actor Williams
 - 5 Diary
 - 6 God, in Latin
 - 7 —de-France
 - 8 Actress Sheridan
 - 9 Ignited
 - 10 Last year before the first century
 - 11 Busybody
 - 12 HMO VIPs
 - 13 Petty peeve
 - 14 — Khan
 - 15 Lymphoid organ in the neck
 - 16 Moral code
 - 17 Sort not to be trusted
 - 18 Eggy cake
 - 19 Elbow grease
 - 24 "Giant" novelist Edna
 - 28 Wolf-headed Egyptian god
 - 31 Inking
 - 32 "—haw!"
 - 33 Common conjunction
 - 34 Uno plus dos
 - 35 Ship's wheel
 - 36 Romeo
 - 37 Bit of expert advice
 - 38 Writer — May Alcott
 - 39 "Your Best Life Now" author Joel
 - 41 ICU figures
 - 44 Water, to Watteau
 - 45 "Gadzooks!"
 - 47 Dog collar attachment
 - 48 Part of many an emoticon
 - 49 Friendly introduction?
 - 50 Sushi tuna
 - 54 Keanu of the screen
 - 55 Driving paths
 - 57 Check-giving time at work
 - 58 Fri. follows it
 - 59 Arrid target
 - 63 Film dancer Charisse
 - 64 Wee kid
 - 65 Ring victory, for short
 - 66 Cooking vessels
 - 67 Muhammad —
 - 68 Guitar piece
 - 70 Overly sweet
 - 72 Suffix with journal
 - 73 Celebrity tributes
 - 74 Fighting forces
 - 75 1983 Lionel Richie hit
 - 78 Film holder
 - 80 Health club
 - 81 Blue Jays, on sports tickers
 - 82 Decide
 - 83 Triumph in the end
 - 85 Keeps
 - 87 Tube-shaped pasta
 - 88 La — Tar Pits
 - 89 Senator Paul
 - 90 Big Apple's city and state: Abbr.
 - 91 "I'd say," in a text message
 - 92 Coarse sack material
 - 97 Unwell
 - 98 Spike of films
 - 99 They may cry "Uncle!"
 - 100 One napping noisily
 - 101 Inserted plant shoots
 - 104 Main course of action
 - 105 Nobody — (mine alone)
 - 106 Spanish bar appetizers
 - 107 Link up
 - 108 Messy impact sound
 - 110 MIT business school name
 - 113 Historical slave Scott
 - 114 — facto
 - 115 Countertenor
 - 116 Filter slowly
 - 118 Strep doc
 - 119 Golf prop
 - 120 Singular
 - 122 Ending for Motor
 - 123 Soggy
 - 124 Suffix with journal



MY RECIPES

Luke Chavez

Chicken Roasted with Potatoes



As regular readers of my column might recall, I often use my time in the kitchen to satisfy my periodic bouts of wanderlust. Recreating discoveries made during past travels, or dreaming of future trips, cooking and eating have become an extension to my passport. Music, like great food, can have the effect of transporting me to faraway places, with my kitchen playlist often influenced by what is on the stove. There are passionate Mexican corridos on my stereo when stirring a pot of mole, while it is often Puccini and Verdi who help me tend to a creamy risotto. Recently, it was daydreaming of springtime in Paris, that had me roasting chicken while listening to the iconic chanteuse, Édith Piaf. Her unmistakable voice guiding me as I attempted to reinterpret the flavors of a bistro classic, poulet roti. In France, a popular preparation is for a whole chicken to be slow cooked on a rotisserie, while its juices drip into a tray of roasting potatoes below. The resulting potatoes melt in your mouth with rich chicken flavor, while the tender bird has perfectly crisp skin. Here I have used a sheet pan, roasting chicken thighs on top of sliced potatoes, to create a quicker weeknight version of this beloved French staple.

Ingredients:

- 1 sweet onion
- 1 pound Yukon gold potatoes, sliced into 1/8-inch thick rounds
- 5 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 tablespoon fresh rosemary
- 6 to 8 bone-in, skin-on chicken thighs
- 2 teaspoons dried thyme
- 1/2 teaspoon sweet paprika
- Salt and fresh ground black pepper
- Juice of 1/2 a lemon
- Lemon wedges for serving

Directions:

Preheat oven to 450 degrees. Slice the onion lengthwise, into 1/2-inch thick wedges. In a mixing bowl, toss potato slices, onion wedges, with 3 tablespoons of the olive oil, the rosemary and a pinch of salt and pepper. Arrange the vegetables in a single layer on a rimmed baking sheet. Season both sides of the chicken thighs with salt and pepper to taste. Then evenly sprinkle the thyme and paprika on both sides. Place chicken on top of the vegetables, and drizzle remaining oil over the tops.

Place pan on center rack of hot oven. Roast until the chicken is cooked through and the potatoes are golden tender, about 30 to 35 minutes. Use a meat thermometer to check the chicken. Some of the outer layer of potatoes will be extra toasted and crispy. Transfer roasted vegetables and chicken to a large, warmed serving platter. Allow chicken to rest for 5 to 10 minutes. While resting, scrape remaining pan drippings into a small bowl. Stir in the lemon juice, and season to taste with salt and pepper. Spoon sauce over the chicken and vegetables, serve with lemon wedges on the side.

Notes:

If you have the time, season the chicken with the thyme, paprika, salt and pepper, for at least an hour or up to 12 hours ahead of time. Pull seasoned chicken out of the fridge and allow it to come to room temperature for an hour before roasting.

As usual, this recipe offers plenty of room for adding your own culinary flair. Instead of the thyme and paprika, try seasoning the chicken with a dried Herbs de Provence blend. Other herbs or spices that would work would be sage, ground coriander, fennel seed, Za'atar blend, Aleppo pepper, or sumac. Have fun. To the roasted vegetables you could also add parsnips or carrots, cut about the same thickness as the potatoes. Instead of the sweet yellow onion you could try this with whole scallions, or strips of young leeks.

Recently, I served this delightful dish with a simple green salad dressed with a bright Dijon vinaigrette on the side, and a chilled bottle of French rosé to drink. Cue up Édith Piaf singing "Non, je ne regrette rien" and for a moment be transported to a perfect Parisian bistro. Bon appétit! Enjoy.

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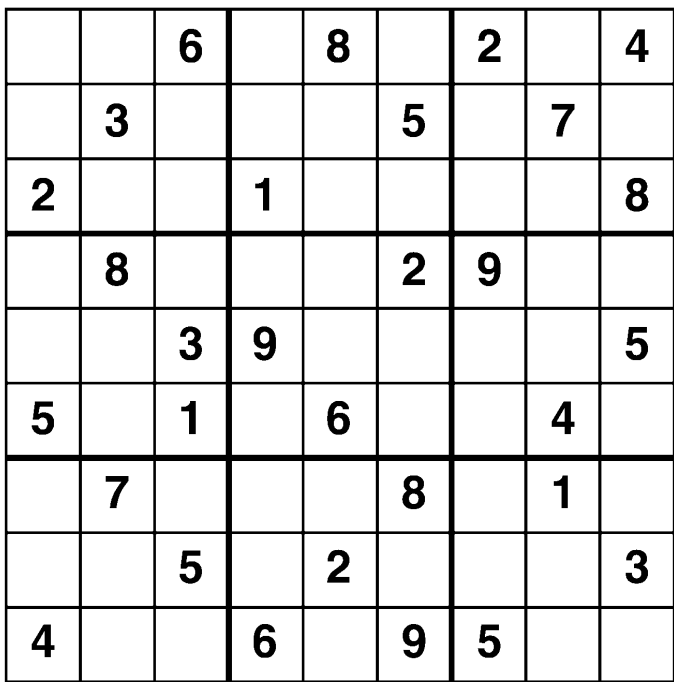
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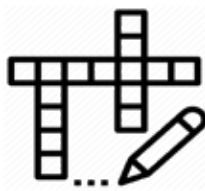


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Where the (blue) grass grows

The Touchet Valley Acoustic Music Project has deep roots in Waitsburg, stretching into more than 20 years of inspiring musicians of all ages

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

When Kate Hockersmith convinced me to join her music group after school in 2010, I never thought I'd be writing about it in *The Times* more than a decade later.

I spent much of my childhood inspired by the Blue Mountain Troublemakers, a bluegrass band led by Hockersmith, who traveled as far as Sasayama, Japan (Walla Walla's sister city), to perform. Walking into the Hockersmith home as a peewee 4-H'er, I was awestruck by the music flowing out of the basement.

The Troublemakers formed in 2003, after Hockersmith's son, John, watched 'O Brother, Where Art Thou?' and talked his friends into watching the movie that started a bluegrass revival in the country.

The Troublemakers' success opened the door to Hockersmith working kids who would meet weekly in the music room at Waitsburg High School, pursuing a shared dream of having a bluegrass band.

"Chris Philbrook and Kavin Kuykendal showed up on my porch one day, one wanting to learn guitar and the other wanting a banjo teacher," Hockersmith said with a laugh. "So, I thought, 'well, I guess we are doing this again!'"

Those guitar and banjo lessons led to the band The Rezonators, which became The Barnstormers, and ended as Switchgrass Delta.

"A lot of people think that the Troublemakers were part of TVAMP," Hockersmith said. "But that was just us being moms at that point."

The Touchet Valley Acoustic Music Project (TVAMP) didn't come to be until 2013 after it joined the Rural Youth Enrichment Services. A year after joining RYES, TVAMP formed Switchgrass Delta. The band followed very closely in the Troublemakers' footsteps, taking their music to an international level after traveling to the Westport Bluegrass Festival in Ireland.

Switchgrass Delta was the first official band under TVAMP's Youth Bluegrass Band program. This program offers bands instruction and coaching and helps them earn travel expenses by performing anywhere and everywhere.

TVAMP offers two free of charge, Bluegrass Kids youth programs, for ages 6-11 and 12-18. The youngest group spent most of the last two years learning via Zoom, which Hockersmith admitted was challenging. The next session for the younger Bluegrass Kids begins in June 2022.

The older students meet in person, once a week, for practice and instruction with local musicians. Accomplished students earn the opportunity to travel to the four-day Wintergrass Bluegrass Festival, held annually in Bellevue, Washington. The next session for the 12-18 age group starts in June 2022.

TVAMP offers two music libraries for budding musicians to utilize. There is a lending library for stringed instruments, including guitars,



The Rezonators, from left to right: Emily (Adams) Handel, Chris Philbrook, Kassidy Kuykendall, Beka (Adams) Compton, Emma Philbrook, Kavin Kuykendall

mandolins, fiddles, and others associated with bluegrass. Hockersmith said students were allowed to keep instruments with them to practice during their pandemic downtime. There are 36 instruments available, keeping music-making accessible in the community.

The second lending library offers sound equipment. Currently, it has a complete sound system with amps, mics, speakers, and a mixer. Music, mic, instrument, and speaker stands are available to be added to the system.

Since 2007, Hockersmith has hosted the Mythical, Moveable Blue Mountain Bluegrass Jam most Friday evenings. Jams have been held at the Delaney Building at the Dayton Library, Ten Ton Coffee, Walla Walla Public Library, galleries, and private homes, and most recently at the Big Red Barn on Lower Waitsburg Road.

Hockersmith said Kristin Darrow made the barn available for jams during the pandemic. The sprawling main floor gives plenty of space for people to sit far enough apart to play and sing safely. Darrow offered the space and TVAMP secured a grant to purchase patio heaters and an electric generator to bring the jam together this last winter.

A weekly newsletter is sent out to announce where the jam will be held for the week, said Hockersmith. You can sign up for the newsletter by emailing TVAMP1@charter.net.

Whether it's luck or just something in the water, the Touchet Valley is full of talented musicians. Hockersmith said that the program is made possible by a small village of those musicians. She would like to extend a big thank you to Joe Patrick, Becky Wilson, and former Waitsburg High School music teacher Brad Green for all their help and support over the last decade. Bluegrass aficionados, including Jimmie Turner and Glenn Morrison, have dedicated countless hours helping TVAMP and performing at concerts.

If you would like to see these musicians in their element, check out the calendar and come to a jam. Whether you're there to play, sing, or just listen, you're always welcome!

Both TVAMP and RYES are run by a volunteer staff. More information can be found by visiting www.ruralyes.org.

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