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Bill Rodgers

"Frost in the Hollow" by local photographer and longtime supporter of "The Times." This photograph was published in November 2022 when cold temperatures and a foggy inversion created a fairyland of frosty trees and weeds in the greater Walla Walla Valley. Rodgers is one of many generous contributors who have donated their work to the paper. His published work can be seen by searching the paper's website at www.waitsburgtimes.com.

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"The Times" makes changes to ensure its future

By Lane Gwinn | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — Due to increasing print production costs, I am transitioning "The Times" from a print to an exclusively online publication beginning February 6, 2025. The transition will allow the paper to continue covering local news and support businesses, non-profits, schools, and healthcare systems in the Touchet Valley. "The Times" is committed to providing accurate, fair, and relevant information to its readers and community.

I purchased the paper at the end of 2018 when the previous owners planned to close the publication after they could not find a buyer. I began publishing "The Times" in January 2019 with Dena Martin as editor, Teeny McMunn in the office, and Brianna Wray, Michele Smith, and Bradley Trumbo as contributors.

One of my highlights has been working with my son Luke Chavez. He took over from Teeny McMunn when she retired from the paper, handling bookkeeping, advertising, and legal notices, as well as the recipe column. Each week he created, prepared, and photographed original recipes for his "My Recipes" column, the most read column online.

Initially, my interest was to keep the paper in print. I quickly learned that being an avid reader of newspapers is not the same as being a newspaper publisher; over the last six years, I have learned how to fact-check, edit, and lay out the paper in Adobe's InDesign.

I have been fortunate to have published articles and photographs by local contributors, including:

Justin Jaech, Vicki Sternfeld-Rossi, Bill Rogers, Karen Huwe, Paul Gregutt, Beka Compton, Eric Umphrey, Mike Ferrians, Terry Lawhead, and Paul Ocker.

"The Times" has offered online access since 2015 at www.waitsburgtimes.com. We will update the website on Thursdays with the new e-edition of the paper and a PDF file, which readers can print on a home printer. The site offers more space for additional photos, longer articles, additional content, and local advertising. Subscribers can access the entire site and leave comments on articles with a password available on the website.

Over the next few months, I will be working on finding a permanent home for the hard copy archive of "The Times" and digitalizing the issues of "The Times" kept by the Washington State Library.

Anyone with questions or comments about the change can email me at lane@waitsburgtimes.com.

I want to thank all the contributors, advertisers, and especially subscribers who continue to support local journalism. "The Times" journey is not over.



"The Times" online is easy to use, allows more content, photos, and reader interaction.

Lane Gwinn

Dayton School Board still has vacancy

Bid approved for gym repairs, donation accepted for scoreboards

By Justin Jaech | THE TIMES

DAYTON — The Dayton School Board met in the high school library at 6:30 p.m. on January 22, 2025. Superintendent Jeremy Wheatley, Business Manager Jana Eaton, and Student Representative Lila Hutchens were present. Board Chair Jeffrey McCowen and board members Aneesha Dieu, Grant Griffin, and Ryan Paulson were present.

A board position remains vacant, and persons interested in volunteering should contact the district office for more information.

The board re-elected McCowen as board chair and Griffin vice chair.

In the consent agenda, the board approved hiring Paul Forney as the High School Head Softball Coach and Shaelyn Jenkins as the Camp Wooten director. It also approved a donation from David, Dianne, and Clayton McKinley of Double D Farms for \$500 for the baseball and softball scoreboards. The board also approved an overnight trip for some members of the district's FFA to participate in the State Trapshooting Invitational in Wenatchee.

In the ASB report, Hutchins said that HS students with passing grades will get to participate in a reward trip to the trampoline park in Richland on February 12, 2025. The trip will also include a shopping visit to the mall.

Hutchins listed December's HS Students of the Month:

Grade 12 – Ana Czapka, 11 – Carson Potter, 10 – Bonnie Anderson, 9 – Karmain Pollan, 8 – Christina Helfer, 7 – Brailyn Sterns, and 6 – Lincoln Johnson. Teachers and staff chose the students of the month for their artistic abilities.

Drew Wright, Territory Manager for Garland Industries/Design-Build Solutions, spoke about the scope of the project, based on input from the school district, to repair the gymnasium roof. His briefing was detailed and lengthy. Premier Roofing, Richland, submitted the project's lowest bid of \$431,312. Later in the meeting, the board voted unanimously to approve Premier's bid.

Athletic Director Sam Korslund reported current registration numbers for upcoming sports:

- HS Softball: 12
- HS Baseball: 12
- HS Track: 5
- HS Golf: 4
- MS Softball: 4
- MS Baseball: 12
- MS Track: 15

The meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.



NEWS BRIEFS

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AT THE LIBERTY: "A Complete Unknown"

THE TIMES

DAYTON — Nominated for 8 Academy Awards, Timothée Chalamet stars and sings as Bob Dylan in James Mangold's "A Complete Unknown," the electric true story behind the rise of one of the most iconic singer-songwriters in history. Set in New York in the early 1960s, when the 19-year-old Dylan came to the West Village from Minnesota during a time of vibrant music and tumultuous cultural upheaval. With his guitar and talent, he was destined to change the course of American music. He formed close relationships with musicians from the folk movement, including Woodie Guthrie and Pete Seeger. With their help, he rises to fame before growing restless with the folk movement and, refusing to be defined, makes a controversial choice just five years later that culturally reverberates worldwide.

The cast includes Edward Norton, Elle Fanning, Boyd Holbrook, Norbert Leo Butz, Dan Fogler, Scoot McNairy, and Monica Barbaro. Rated R for language, with a runtime of 2hrs and 20min.

"A Complete Unknown" has a rating of 80% from the critics on Rotten Tomatoes, with the consensus that the film is "charged by Timothee Chalamet's electric performance, this ballad of Bob Dylan might not get under the enigmatic artist's skin but will make you feel like you've spent time in his company." While the audience says, "The film exceeded all expectations, captivating us with its emotional depth and musical journey. The meticulous attention to detail was truly remarkable." The audience rates it 96%.

The upcoming movie lineup includes "Mufasa: The Lion King" on Feb. 7-11 and "Conclave" on Feb. 14-18.



OPENING ON THE WALLA WALLA COUNTY RURAL LIBRARY BOARD

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA — The Walla Walla County Commissioners announced an opening on the Walla Walla County Rural Library Board of Trustees.

The board of trustees determines the mission and basic policies for the library's operation, has supervision, care, and custody responsibilities for all library property, including buildings, books, and other supplies, and has exclusive control of the library's finances. The rural library district board must submit and certify an annual budget used to levy taxes for the library district.

The board reviews the annual operations budget, helps promote the library, and carries out other duties according to state laws. Board meeting travel costs and other expenses are reimbursable according to the board's bylaws. The board meets on the second Monday of each month, from 5-7 p.m., at various district locations in the county.

Applications are available on the county website at www.co.walla-walla.wa.us, the Walla Walla County Commissioners' Office at the Public Health and Legislative Building, Room 203, 314 W Main, by mail at P.O. Box 1506, Walla Walla, or calling the Commissioners' Office at (509) 524-2505. Completed application packets must be returned to the county commissioners' office via mail, fax, or email to wboardcomm@co.walla-walla.wa.us. This vacancy is open until filled. As a part of the selection process, applicants may be interviewed.

For more information on the Walla Walla County Rural Library, visit their website at www.wwcrl.org.

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

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

That the authorized place of use is located within the SE¼, E½E½SW¼ and SE¼SE¼NW¼ and S½S½NE¼ of Section 7 and N½SW¼; S½SW¼NW¼ of Section 8; all within T. 7 N.,

R. 36 E.W.M., Walla Walla County, WA.

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

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

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

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1-23-b

RESOURCE CENTER HAS ADDED CLOTHING

THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — The Waitsburg Resource Center is open from 2 to 4 p.m. on Thursdays at 106 Preston Avenue in the Banner Bank building. The service provides a food pantry and personal care items to help meet community needs.

The WRC is now offering free clothing assistance at the Waitsburg Christian Church when the resource center is open on Thursdays from 2 to 4 p.m.

Anyone can come to the church for adult and children's clothes and do not need to be registered with the WRC.

Speaking on behalf of the resource center, Marge Benson thanked those who donated to the center in 2024 to help those in need in the community.



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For seven years, Stephanie Hinchliffe and her students have collected and donated items for the resource center.

Thank you from the Sollar family

We would like to thank everyone for the texts, phone calls, FB messages, visits, cards, prayers, flowers, gifts, meals, and donations along with the first responders from District 8 and Walla Walla following the death of our son Sean Stonecipher Sollars. The amount of continued support has been amazing. We are very grateful. Many thanks! --Suzie, Joe and Jay Sollars

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Corey E Carter

March 4, 1969 – January 6, 2025

Corey E Carter, Waitsburg resident, passed away Monday, January 6, 2025 at the Dayton General Hospital. He was 55. Corey was born March 4, 1969 in Richland, Washington to Bill and Sharon Carter. He grew up in a loving home full of siblings in the Burbank and Prescott area. Later they moved to Waitsburg where Corey played basketball and football in high school. He graduated from Waitsburg High School in 1987. Corey had such a love of basketball that he participated in city games at various locations into his adult life.

Corey loved spending time in the outdoors. He enjoyed snowmobiling with his family around their cabin in the mountains at Tollgate. He and his wife loved riding motorcycles and 4wheelers all around our valley and mountains. Also enjoyed Boating and fishing at Lyons Ferry and surrounding areas.

More recently Corey re-connected with his high school sweetheart, Ronda Bell, and has been living in Waitsburg for the last five years. He was a talented and dedicated ironworker and traveled the Pacific Northwest for his job, often staying in his camper trailer near his work sites. Corey and Ronda married on February 14, 2024. Corey has been sick for just over a year with the diagnosis of Pancreatic Cancer. His life was cut short by this devastating disease, but the life he lived was full and filled with love.

He is survived by his wife Ronda Carter at their Waitsburg home; step daughter, Jessica Richter, Mississippi, and step son, Kyle Darby, Walla Walla. His children, Taelor Zuger and Jason Carter; and granddaughter Emma Lou Zuger all living in Walla Walla. And by his siblings, Dennis Carter in Walla Walla, Billy Kromm of W. Richland, Charlotte Harshman in Waitsburg, and Carmen Hunter of Touchet WA. He was preceded in death by his parents.

A potluck reception was held at the Lions Building in Waitsburg. We fought the good fight through devastating circumstances with love and faith guiding us, living everyday to the fullest. Always and Forever...



Corey E Carter
March 4, 1969 – January 6, 2025

Patricia "Patty" Irene White

January 16, 1947 – January 5, 2025

Patricia "Patty" Irene "Harris" White, left this world to join those whom passed before her in Heaven on January 5th, 2025 at Providence St. Mary's Medical Center. Due to respiratory failure complicated by infections and Metastasis Breast Cancer that spread to her lungs. She was surrounded by her loving family.

Patty was the second born to Walter and Dorothy "Kienholz" Harris on January 16, 1947 in Bertha, Minnesota. The family moved to Waitsburg, Washington where she would grow up, and graduate from Waitsburg High School in 1966.

In the fall of that year she would marry Walter "Everett" White and years to follow have four children. Patty and Everett moved to Milton-Freewater, Oregon to help his sister care for their mother and the farm. This is were the couple would raise their four children. Then in 2000 the couple moved to Walla Walla, Washington for the remainder of their lives together.

Patty is preceded in death by her parents Walter and Dorothy "Kienholz" Harris, brother Bruce Harris, sister Katherine Harris, niece Cricket Kay, nephew Bryan Harris. She leaves behind to join her later in heaven, Devoted husband Everett White. Also sister Betty Huwe, her four children, Walter "Richard" White, Shannon White, Shawn White, Tricia "White" Base. The incredibly loved grandchildren, Michael White, Alex Dever, Josh White, Luke White, Justin Base, Dakota White, Gabriel White and soon to be born great granddaughter. As well as many other beloved family and friends.

She was loved by so many that live miles away, her request was to wait until April. Hoping that weather would be safer for loved ones to travel and share in the Celebration Of Her Life.

Please join us to Celebrate Her Life on Saturday April 5th 2025 at 1:00pm at Stalene Community Church 85440 Hwy 11 Milton-Freewater, Oregon.



Patricia "Patty" Irene White
January 16, 1947 – January 5, 2025

Waitsburg Middle School performs "A Christmas Carol"

By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — In the first semester at Waitsburg Schools, Elizabeth Jagelski introduced Music Exploration to a combined class of sixth and seventh graders. Jagelski led students in exploring music and musical instruments, including bucket drumming and kazoo playing.

The students got to vote for their last segment of instruction in music. They could choose between putting on a play, learning to play recorders, or forming a choir to sing in four-part harmony. With ninety-eight percent of the vote, the overwhelming choice was to perform a play.

After the vote, Jagelski told the students that it would take a lot of work and effort from everyone to complete this task successfully. The students learned about the rhythmic flow of dialogue and stage direction.

Owen Harvey, who recently performed in the Dayton Liberty Theater's "Fiddler on the Roof," was chosen as an understudy to the entire cast. Harvey's experience memorizing lines quickly and delivering them with inflection would allow him to be placed anywhere.

Mary Luce, costume extraordinaire, outfitted the group with costumes. She taught students how to hang, wear, and perform carefully in the clothing.

The students chose "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens. Jagelski directed the students, who performed three shows. Shows were performed for the elementary school, the other sixth and seventh-grade split class, and on Monday, January 27, for the community in the high school auditorium.

The students performed excellently with Carson Scott in the lead role of Ebenezer Scrooge. The class worked well together, including figuring out how to fill in for missing cast members.

The cast:

Narrators – Wiley Gagnon, Bentley Hill, and Gannon Pennington
Ebenezer Scrooge – Carson Scott

Cratchit Family

Bob Cratchit – Ollivyr Dahlby
Tiny Tim – Wyatt Vasquez
Bob Cratchit's daughter – Davina Navarette
Scrooge's Nephew – Abel Creeley



Karen Huwe

(l-r): Ollivyr Dahlby as Bob Cratchit, Wyatt Vasquez as Tiny Tim, Carson Scott as Ebenezer Scrooge, and Peyton Childers as the Ghost of Christmas Spirit

Ghosts

Jacob Marley – Rylan Struckmeier
Ghost from the Past-Haven Henry
Ghost of Christmas Spirit – Peyton Childers

Charity Workers

Haydyn Gascon, Owen Harvey

Orphans

Rylan Struckmeier and Abel Creeley

Understudy to the Cast - Owen Harvey

Stage Director and Crew - Ethan Watson and Rylan Struckmeier

Thank you

I would like to send my heartfelt thanks to family, friends, classmates, and all who attended Corey's Celebration on Saturday. I appreciate everyone who jumped in and helped set-up, serve, present the program, share video & music and clean-up. The day was blessed with an abundance of delicious food. The stories, pictures and memories shared will be treasured always. Corey & I could not have imagined a better day. Thank you again.

Many blessings, Ronda Carter

PS I have dishes & utensils that were left behind. I would love to return them to their homes. Reach out to me if you are missing something.

BIRTHDAYS

January 30: Aaren Lindsey, Hudson Reser, Maxine Attebury, Bob Collins, Michael Flanigan, Rachel Mercer, Kari Green, and Travis Williams.

January 31: David Hevel, Vicki White, Michael Watson, and Ward Schacht.

February 1: Bob Stewart, Tamara Dopeker, Debbie Peck Russell, and Adam Hermanns.

February 2: Lacy Wood, Grant Garrett, Lauren Broom-Vjoertomt, and Brandon White.

February 3: Ryan Neal, Ben Turner,

Robert Weller, Eric Rohde, Mike Gauch, and Chris Walker.

February 4: Morgan Baker, Chelsey Smith, Stacey Bennett, Mathew Akers, Renee Bailey, Robert Bailey, Matthew Lyons, and Elaine Till.

February 5: Tim Abel, Andrea Tuttle, Mary Phillips, Loretta Hunt, Janet Hart, Jack and Jim Hubbard, Helen Richardson, Chad and Nicholas Pearson

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Cardinal Basketball's Future is bright

By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — The Cardinal boys varsity basketball team dropped two games last week. St. John-Endicott (SJE) beat Waitsburg on Friday, January 24, and Dayton came out on top, 62-51, on Saturday, January 25.

In the SJE game, the Eagles built a ten-point lead in the second quarter and did not let up as they cruised to a 69-45 win.

Coach Westin Wallace stated that his boys need to invest in defensive intensity.

Logan Seal led Waitsburg with 16 points (including hitting four 3-point shots). He also had six rebounds and three steals. Rollin Carpenter came off the bench to add six points and eight rebounds for the Cardinals.

Against Dayton, the Bulldogs had a 10-point lead in the second quarter before the Cardinals tied the game at 45-45 in the third quarter. Waitsburg struggled to find the basket in the fourth quarter.

Coach Wallace was happy with how his team pushed the pace. He had players who got in foul trouble early in the game, and his team struggled to secure defensive rebounds. Wallace mentioned how JJ Gleason got to the

free-throw line well.

"The effort was there. It is just the nitty gritty stuff we have to learn to do. I am confident for next year," said Wallace.

Blake Benavides played with intensity on both ends of the court and ended the game with 16 points, six rebounds, and four steals, and Gleason added 15 points.

Coach Wallace is excited for the future as his junior varsity (JV) boys have been playing well and winning games. They beat SJE 52-33 and won the game against Dayton 46-42.

The JV team held SJE scoreless in the first quarter. Leading 12-0, the boys continued to play well and built a 20-point lead in the second quarter. In the game, eight Cardinals scored, with eighth-grader Alex Zuniga leading the way with 14 points. Freshman Bryer Paul was also in double figures, scoring 11 points.

Zuniga continued to have a hot hand as he scored 11 points in the first quarter against Dayton Saturday night. The Cardinals led throughout the game and won 46-42.

Zuniga finished the game with 19 points, seven rebounds, and five steals. Trace Nesje got seven rebounds in the third quarter and ended the game with 12 rebounds and five points. Liam Kiefel scored six points and had six rebounds, Paul and Carter Barron scored five points each, and Tyler Coulston scored two in the win.

"The boys played good team basketball, did well defensively, and held off a Dayton run in the fourth quarter by keeping their composure," said Wallace. "The coaches are extremely proud of them. The eighth graders are stepping up and have been extremely fun to witness."



Karen Huwe

(above) Logan Seal jumps high and shoots against St. John Endicott (below) Carter Barron #2 and Trace Nesje #3 defends against Dayton



Karen Huwe

LADY CARDINALS LOST CLOSE GAME WITH SJE

By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — The Waitsburg High School girls basketball team lost 43-41 in a close game against St. John Endicott (SJE) on Friday, January 24.

The Cardinals were leading before SJE tied it in the third quarter. Cardinals' Alyssa Hollingsworth hit a 3-point shot, and Cheri Mathews scored two points to reclaim the lead. Waitsburg had a 10-point lead with about six minutes to go in the fourth quarter. Turnovers and missed shots allowed SJE to tie the game, hitting a 3-point shot with 50 seconds left in the game, then a two-point shot secured the win for the Eagles.

Hollingsworth led the team in scoring, hitting five 3-point shots. She had six rebounds and five steals. Jessika Lambert contributed with 12 rebounds.

The Lady Cardinals could not find the basket in the first quarter, committed too many turnovers, and lost 60-18 against Dayton on Saturday, January 25.

Hollingsworth again led the Cardinal team in scoring with 12 points. She had a double-double as she also rebounded 11 boards.

(left) Jessika Lambert shoots a free throw against St. John Endicott as Addison Crenshaw #23 and Alyssa Hollingsworth #11 look to rebound.

TEAL WINS BOUT AT WRESTLING TOURNNEY

By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — Waitsburg wrestlers traveled to Walla Walla High School on Saturday, January 25, to participate in the Foothills of the Blues Tournament.

The Cardinals competed against high school wrestlers from WA-Hi, College Place, McLoughlin High, Dayton, and Pomeroy.

Highlight for Waitsburg was Junior Graycen Teal, who went 1-2 on the day. The other Cardinal wrestlers went 0-2.

The team will compete in Districts at Almira Coulee Hartline High School on Saturday, February 8.



WAITSBURG MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL

By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — The Waitsburg Middle School Girls basketball team played their first season game at Rogers in College Place on Wednesday, January 22.

In the 28-23 loss, the Cardinals were led by seventh graders Kaitlyn Paul with nine points, Audrey Kiefel had eight points and five steals, Laila Long scored four points and rebounded seven in her basketball debut, and Mady Potter led the team in rebounding with eight board, and she scored two points.

"The girls played well for their first game of the season," said Coach Karen Huwe. "We have sixth and seventh graders playing against seventh and eighth graders, and we only have three with any basketball game experience."

Sixth graders contributing were Ava McCaw, Jaylynn Gleason, Peyton Childers, and Shylo Hedges, as they helped Waitsburg's team rebound Rogers 26-21.

The middle school girls will play their next two games in Waitsburg. On Monday, January 27, they will play against DeSales, and on Wednesday, January 29, they will play against Liberty Christian from Richland. Both games will start at 4 p.m.



Karen Huwe

Kaitlyn Paul looks to pass to Ava McCaw#12 or Audrey Kiefel (far right)

The Lure of Waitsburg Calls

By Vicki Sternfeld-Rossi | THE TIMES

While the fires in Los Angeles were raging, I texted my friends who had visited me last fall to let them know Walla Walla was sending some firefighters to the inferno that Los Angeles had become.

Thanking me, they asked if I would throw some bottles of wine in the firetruck for them. Unfortunately, that was not an option. Knowing that they enjoyed our wine-tasting adventures when they visited, I sent each of them a bottle of wine to help them cope with their smokey, evacuation yoyo life.

Of course, I repeated my mantra about clean air and our beautiful blue skies. And, of course, I reminded them about the joys of living in wine country. They took it to heart and are now planning a re-



turn trip. No grass grows under my feet; I've already booked their stay at Hiromi's House and planned our wine-tasting venues.

They were both in evacuation zones and even though they won't visit until the beginning of May, I hope anticipation will give them some respite from the insanity of Los Angeles.

Meanwhile, my work has begun to get ready for guests. It's been too cold at home to keep the doors and windows open, so aromas, really odors, of cooking fish, short ribs, pasta, lamb, and everything else permeate every room in the house. Febreze is my new best friend.

When it's icy and cold, Mugsy chooses to "do his business" on the deck, so replacing the outdoor rugs and power washing the deck has become a priority. Along with cleaning the deck, the yard will also need attention, including our new sinkhole. The good news is that despite the recent rain, the subsidence has remained the same. It hasn't deepened, and neither Mugsy nor I have needed to be rescued. That's a definite plus.

I enjoy the birds flitting around and gorging on the feeders. But today, I realized that I will soon need to clean the windows, or I won't be able to see any birds, even on our deck. Of course, winter seems to be the season of procrastination, and who am I to argue with that?

As usual, timing is everything, and happily, their trip here is before tennis camp(s). Sign-up starts February 1, and camps begin at the end of June. I will attempt to do a clean sweep again and attend all camps. I remain a glutton for punishment; I just hope they include massages like last year.

It will be a busy spring between visitors, tennis camp, and a potential trip to Italy. So, of course, the next questions are: What should we plant, when should we plant, and why should we plant?

The why is always the easiest to answer: It's fun! Often rewarding and brag-worthy, and always intriguing. I love the guesswork of what I planted, what the birds, bees, and squirrels planted, and what that weird squash is. And how much mint does one garden need? Surely not as much as grows in our front yard.

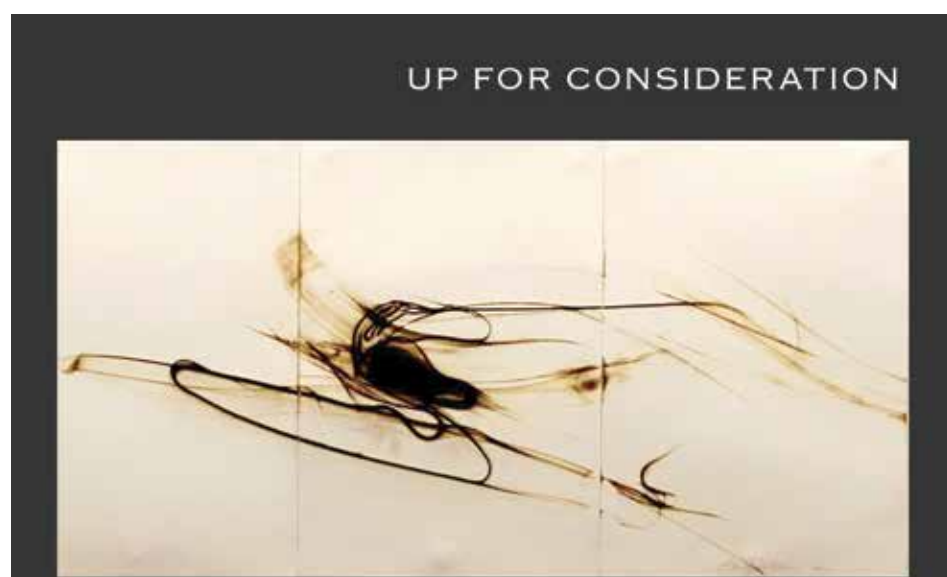
This week, I plan to start picking out the seeds to buy, go through the seeds we have, and clean the windows so I can see what the birds will be planting.

Waitsburg Artists will represent at Walla Walla Combine

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA — The Combine Art Collective invited artists from Waitsburg to exhibit their work at the gallery in Walla Walla. The show will feature Carrie Hendrix, Bill Rodgers, Greg Tate, Twila Tate, Tom Bennett, Karen Gregutt, Lane Gwinn, Kim Bruzas, David Gignac, and Suze Woods.

The diverse range of artwork by the Waitsburg artists includes photography, collage, pinhole photography, painting, and multimedia. The show will run from March 6 to April 27, with a reception and several demonstrations at the Combine's Art on Sunday events.



"Trace 6510" by Etsuko Ichikawa

ART TALK WITH JOSEPH ROBERTS AND ETSUKO ICHIKAWA (JOINING FROM TOKYO VIA ZOOM)

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Celebration Days Royalty to host Spaghetti Feed Feb. 15

THE TIMES

WAITSBURG. — The Waitsburg Celebration Days will hold its Annual Spaghetti Feed Fundraiser on February 15 at the Waitsburg Town Hall. The doors will open at 5 p.m. with live music and a silent auction. The event organizers will begin serving the spaghetti dinner, with salad and garlic bread, at 6 p.m., followed by the live dessert auction.

The evening ends with the crowning of this year's royal court at 8 p.m. The three court members are Hadley Fullen, age 15, from Milton-Freewater; Jemma Anderson, age 15, from Dayton; and Paytyn Hayda, age 16, from Hermiston.

"This is my first year with three girls, and it's been really fun. I think it's cool to watch their friendships grow as they get to know each other," said Cheyanne Reed, the royal court advisor.

She said the girls have been working hard selling tickets and collecting donations for the silent auction. Reed was excited by the auction items, saying they had some great things to bid on.

"I'm especially proud that the girls stepped up and had taken on a lot by themselves," said Reed.

She said the girls and their families took on much of the work for the event this year after Reed gave birth to her son at the end of October and could not be as present as she would have liked.

"I'm really grateful to have such a great group this year. It makes things fun when you have people who love what they're doing," said Reed.

The event supports the Celebration Days Royalty Court by raising funds for their travel and outfitting needs as they represent the community.



Lane Gwinn

Royalty visited the baristas at Ten Ton Coffee during Hometown Christmas. (l-r) Paytyn Hayda, Cheyanne Frohreich, Jemma Anderson, Kittie Long, and Hadley Fullen

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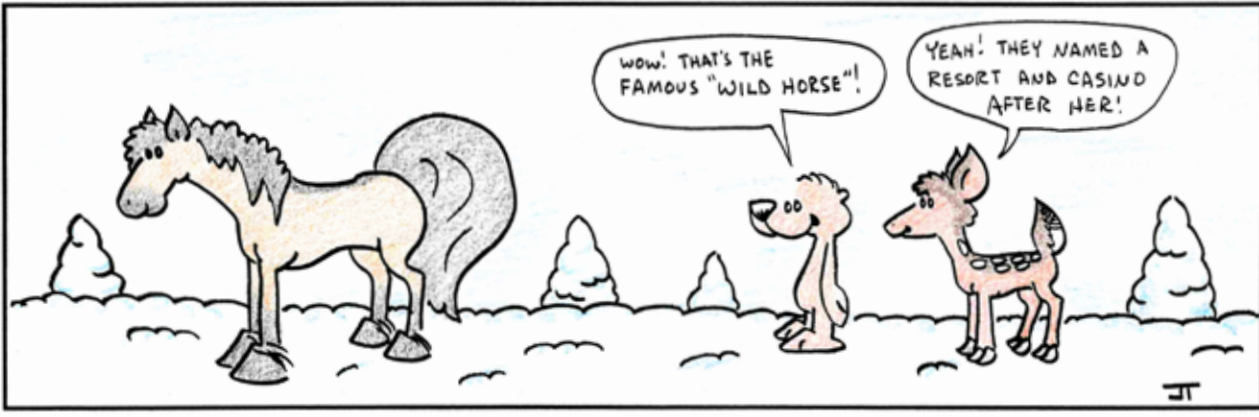
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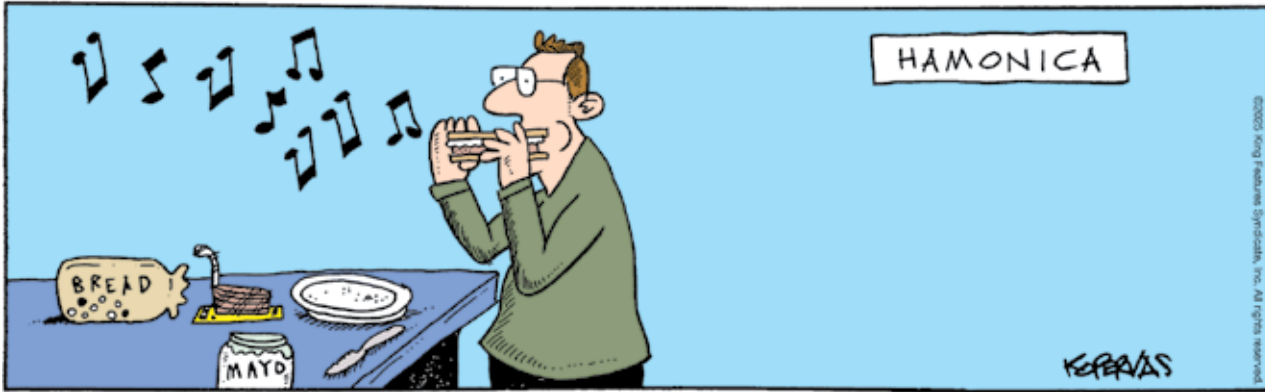
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"We'll have the soup, sandwich and tune-up special."

Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



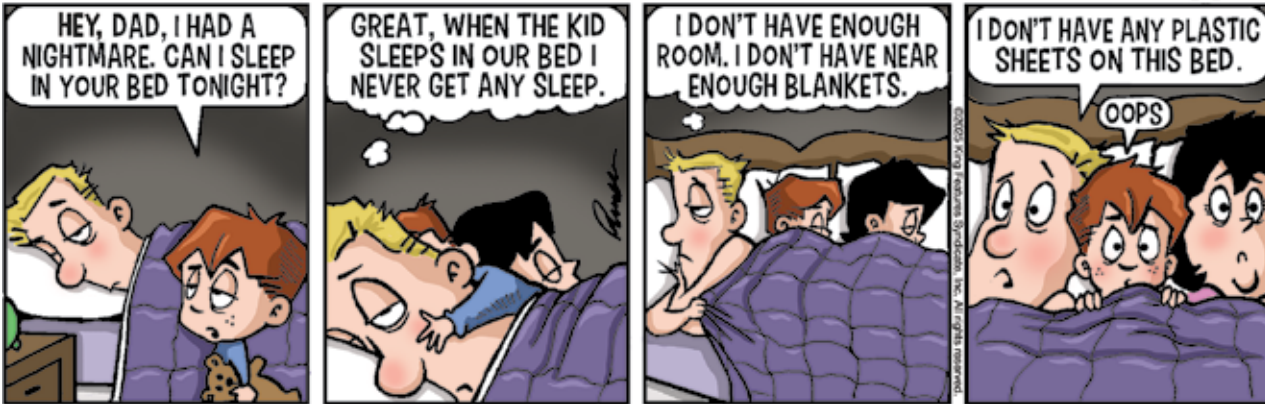
The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



Lunches

WAITSBURG SENIOR CENTER

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

Tuesday, Feb. 4
Meatloaf & Gravy
Potatoes
Bread, Cake
Vegetable, Fruit

WAITSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT

Thursday, Jan. 30
Breakfast

Pancakes & Sausage
Lunch
Orange Chicken & Rice
Green Beans
Mandarin Oranges

Friday, Jan. 31

Breakfast
Donut & Scrambled Eggs

Lunch
Toasted Ham & Cheese Sandwiches
Tomato soup
Ms. Brynne's House Salad
Oranges



PIONEER PORTRAITS

Ten Years Ago

January 29, 2015

Waitsburg native Wyatt Withers, son of Laurie Withers and the late Ian Withers, and grandson of Jack McCaw and the late Laurette McCaw, has done his family proud by receiving recognition as the 2014 Sailor of the Year for submarine Squadron 5 out of Bremerton. Withers graduated from Waitsburg High School in 2010 and followed in "Grandpa Jack's" footsteps by joining the Navy, where he pursued a career in nuclear engineering. He excelled early on, finishing 13th among 320 students in the Navy's Nuclear Power School in Charleston, S. C.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

January 27, 2000



[Photo caption] Three-grain cars derailed near Bolles junction last week, bringing rail transportation along Blue Mountain Railroad's line between Walla Walla and Dayton to a temporary halt. The mishap occurred across Bolles Road from the Jack McCaw place. Crews from Northwest Grain Growers were on the scene Saturday, using special equipment to vacuum the 3,300 bushels of grain – almost 200,000 pounds – into waiting trucks, which then hauled the wheat back to the Columbia County grain Growers' elevator at Huntsville.

Fifty Years Ago

January 30, 1975

Telephone rates in Waitsburg will increase on February 1 under tariffs filed by Pacific Northwest Bell. An individual residence line will increase from \$7.55 to \$7.70 per month; two-party residence service will go from \$5.55 to \$5.65, and four-party service will change from \$4.70 to \$4.75 per month. An individual business line would increase from \$16.10 to \$16.30 per month. Other increases for in-state long-distance calls, service connection and move and change charges, and some complex business services are also included. All increases are subject to local and federal taxes where applicable.

Seventy-Five Years Ago

February 3, 1950

Game birds are in need of feed during the extreme cold weather, and the Waitsburg Sportsmen Association is attempting to aid in gathering some feed for the wildlife.

Bob Collins entertained several high school couples at a coasting party and supper before the school dance last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Mantz, Jr., Lynn, and Patty recently visited the Headquarters of the United Nations at Lake Success.

One Hundred Years Ago

February 6, 1925

The Allen Grocery, conducted for many years here by Roland Allen and Sons, is now under the new management of Harry Buroker. The store will now be known as the Buroker Cash Grocery.

The farm home of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Aldrich in the Alto district was entirely destroyed by fire Sunday forenoon, together with all the contents.

Mrs. Emma Fox went to Pullman Thursday where she will have charge of one of the sorority houses the next semester.

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago

February 9, 1900

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kibler marketed a hack load of chickens and geese in Walla Walla last week. The price of domestic fowls remains high, seconding beef.

Mason McCoy, a well-known stock raiser and prosperous farmer near this city, was married in Lewiston on January 29, 1900, to Miss Mattie May Wood of Walla Walla. The Times extends congratulations to the couple.

Prof. R. B. Boice, who is conducting a dancing class in this city, visited Walla Walla on Monday and Tuesday.



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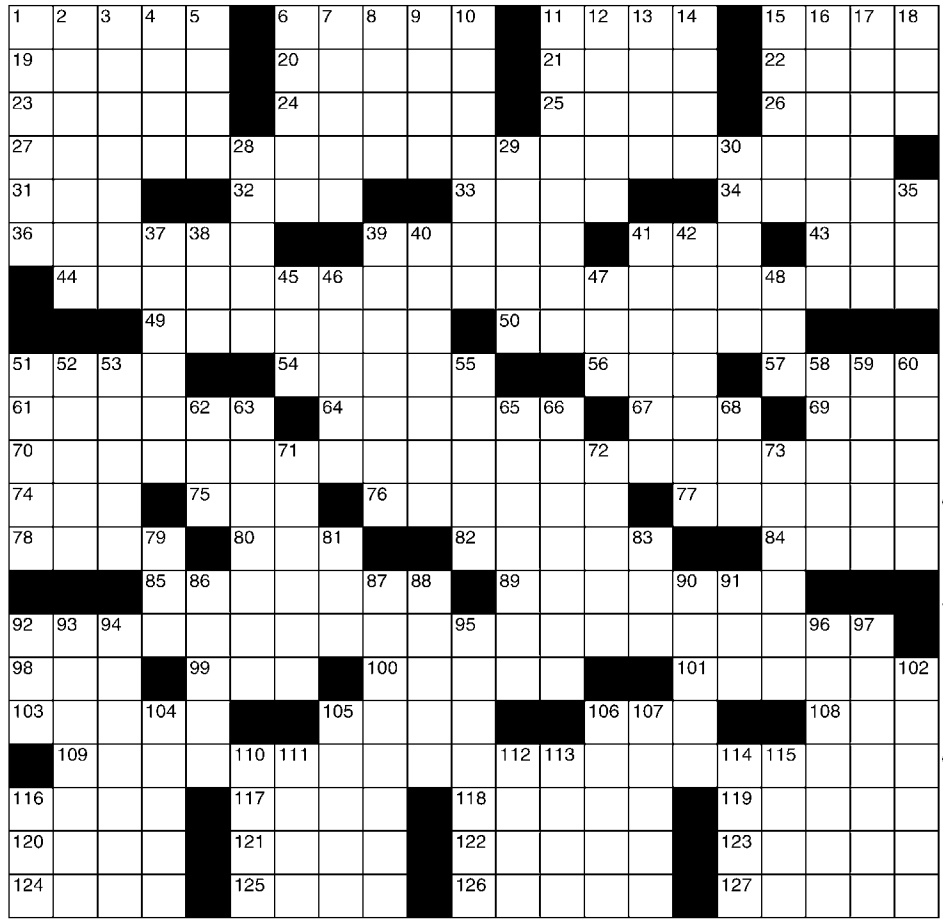
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PUZZLES & LIFESTYLES

Super Crossword

BENEFICIAL FAT

- ACROSS**
 1 Diving equipment
 6 Theater actor's place
 11 Ray of light
 15 Agts. like Eliot Ness
 19 Babies, in Barcelona
 20 Like meat that's OK to eat per Muslim law
 21 Hamburg's river
 22 Humorist Bombeck
 23 — citato (in the work already mentioned)
 24 Colonel North, in brief
 25 "So right!"
 26 Notice
 27 Start of a riddle
 31 Suffix with cash
 32 Dollar div.
 33 Mil. roadside hazards
 34 Busy Chicago airport
 36 Small seed
 39 Web, for a fly
 41 ROY G. —
 43 Moral wrong
- 44 Riddle, part 2
 49 Source of a scratch from a tabby
 50 Russian empress
 51 Ark builder in Genesis
 54 Oklahoma city
 56 Saturated
 57 Splits
 61 Appraise
 64 Cash, slangily
 67 Motorists' org.
 69 Meadowland
 70 Riddle, part 3
 74 Just get (by)
 75 Be a suitor of
 76 Nissan model
 77 Seville's land, to its natives
 78 Hip-hop bro
 80 Himalayas, e.g.: Abbr.
 82 Garbo of the silver screen
 84 Garden in Genesis
 85 Raised, flat land
 89 Ohio college that was the first in the U.S. to admit women
- 92 End of the riddle
 98 Luau paste
 99 That lady
 100 Full of curves
 101 Calf catcher
 103 "It's just one of — things"
 105 Saturate
 106 — Aviv
 108 First year of the 10th century
 109 Riddle's answer
 116 Hair removal brand
 117 Falafel bread
 118 Defrosts
 119 Dazzling success
 120 Pakistani's language
 121 Ever and —
 122 Loosen, as laces
 123 Dishonor
 124 Apple discard
 125 Camera eye
 126 Verse writers
 127 — With Love" (1967 #1 hit song)
- DOWN**
 1 Trap by a winter storm
 2 Constellation between Cassiopeia and Draco
 3 Dredge up
 4 Ernie's buddy
 5 "Wait just —"
 6 "Dang it!"
 7 Converses
 8 "For — know ..."
 9 Increase
 10 Like a song of lament
 11 Lairs for grizzlies, e.g.
 12 "St. — Fire"
 13 Lying on a king or queen
 14 Eatery list
 15 Comb parts
 16 Brand of food seasoning
 17 Large markets
 18 Vetoer's vote
 28 Piece for eight
 29 Reform Party founder
 30 Assembly of witches
 35 Rhinoplasty doc
 37 Red-shelled Chinese fruit
 38 Green gp.
 39 Skiing races
 40 Football Hall of Famer Ozzie
 41 Part of FBI
 42 Mimic
 45 Mo. in fall
 46 Big leather
 47 Logging tool
 48 Pothole filler
 51 Christened
 52 Japanese metropolis
 53 Crooked
 55 Together (with)
 58 Homeric epic
 59 Pasta tubes
 60 "Cosmos" host Carl
 62 Akron-to-Atlanta dir.
 63 Belly
 65 Genre for Yes and Genesis
 66 "Come, Fido"
 68 DOJ heads
 71 Babe or fox
 72 Like Cheerios
 73 Key or corkscrew
 79 Family MDs
 81 Deep blue
 83 Fido's sound
 86 One of the 87-Down
 87 Competitors who didn't win
 88 Pinkie-side arm bones
 90 "But Not for Me" actress Palmer
 91 Home to Boise: Abbr.
 92 Fitting
 93 A total lack of compassion
 94 Carbon — (exhaled gas)
 95 Have a gabfest
 96 Actor Cage
 97 — Trail (Everglades highway)
 102 Jousting knight
 104 Play a guitar
 105 Determined to achieve
 106 Specifically
 107 "That's someone — problem"
 110 White gem
 111 Climbing plant
 112 "Don't say it!"
 113 Statistician
 114 Waistcoat
 115 Reverberate
 116 Letters before xis



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MY RECIPES Luke Chavez

Linda's Skillet Scones

For me, cooking has always been about more than just sustenance alone. The foods we eat tell a story, and I am always listening. Every ingredient and technique used in modern kitchens are a daily retelling of the movement of cultures across time. Individual family histories come to life with the recipes that have been passed down from one generation to the next. Perhaps, this could be another way of interpreting the old saying, "you are what you eat."



Linda's Skillet Scones

Luke Chavez

I can still remember the first time I had these scones. While traveling with friends on the coast, John made a batch and served them with a local cranberry jam. It was a revelation. Cooked on the stovetop, rather than being baked in the oven, they had a distinctive chew within a golden crisp exterior. Having learned this traditional Scottish recipe from Linda, his always delightful and English born mother, he was sharing a little slice of his family's history.

Ingredients:

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- ½ teaspoon table or fine grain sea salt
- ¼ teaspoon cream of tartar
- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter, chilled
- 1 cup buttermilk

Directions:

Preheat your skillet or griddle to medium-low. See notes. Combine flour, sugar, baking soda, salt, and cream of tartar in medium bowl. Sift together with a fork. Divide the cold butter into small ¼ inch pieces. Add to the dry ingredients and toss with fork to coat in the flour. Use a pastry cutter to cut the butter into the flour mixture. You can also manually do this by quickly rubbing the butter and flour together with your fingertips, until it is all incorporated together into flat pea sized crumbles. Stir in the buttermilk with a fork until just barely mixed. The dough will be shaggy. Do not overmix. Turn the dough onto a floured surface and divide in two. Form each half into a 1-inch-thick disc, and then cut each disc into 4 scones. There should be 8 total scones. If dough is too sticky, gently pat each scone with flour. Lightly grease your skillet with oil spray or rub with a paper towel dipped in oil. Place all scones in pan and watch closely to keep from burning. Flip scones every 2-3 minutes, as the outside turns golden brown, on all sides. The scones should be cooked on the top and bottom as well as on the cut sides, giving each scone 5 crisped sides. As the scones brown keep flipping and moving them around the pan to prevent burning. Each side will cook at least twice. Total time should be between 20-25 minutes. Check the inside of one to make sure center is cooked through.

Serve immediately and keep warm wrapped in a kitchen towel nestled in a bowl.

Notes:

Traditionally, this recipe is done on a cast iron skillet or stovetop griddle. You could also use an electric griddle, or a heavy bottomed non-stick skillet. Careful attention is needed to prevent burning. Don't let heat in pan get hotter than medium. While they cook keep an eye and flip scones repeatedly as they go from light tan to dark golden brown. Dried fruit can be added to the dry ingredients before mixing in the buttermilk. Start with ¼ cup. Try currants, or my favorite, dried cranberries. A little lemon or orange zest would also be lovely mixed in. A bowl of these on the table make a delightful addition to a hearty breakfast of bacon and eggs, or as a proper tea-time treat. Wonderful served with plenty of butter, jam, or honey on the side. Enjoy, and remember the Brits pronounce scone like it rhymes with gone.

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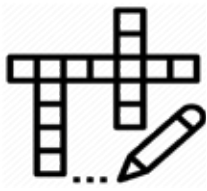
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LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

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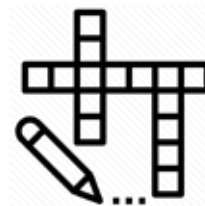
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Weekly SUDOKU

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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

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



Waitsburg School Board
Third Thursday of every month @ 6 p.m. Zoom info is available by emailing waitsburgcc@icloud.com

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

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

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

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

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

Friends of the Weller Public Library
Second Tuesday of the month, @ 7 p.m.



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

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

DAYTON & COLUMBIA COUNTY MEETINGS

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

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



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

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

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

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

Dayton Memorial Library Board of Trustees Meeting
Third Monday of the month @ 7 p.m. Delany room and Zoom Meeting ID: 852 3836 3787
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85238363787>

Columbia County Parks and Recreation Pool District
Regular Board Meetings are held the last Thursday of each month, 5 p.m. at the Columbia County Fire District Conference Room.

Dayton Kiwanis Club Meeting
Second and fourth Thursday @ Noon
Hybrid in-person meetings at the Delany Library with online Zoom available.



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

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



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

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

Events, Film, Performace, Live Music

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6:30-8PM

FEB 1

ART TALK
WITH JOSEPH
ROBERTS
6-7PM

FEB 2

“GET SOME
BAGELS”
POP UP
9AM — UNTIL WE
RUN OUT

ALL EVENTS 21+

Tate Art Waitsburg

Sewing Worksp
Saturday, Feb 1, 2025
10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Sign up at tateartwaitsburg.com/workshops



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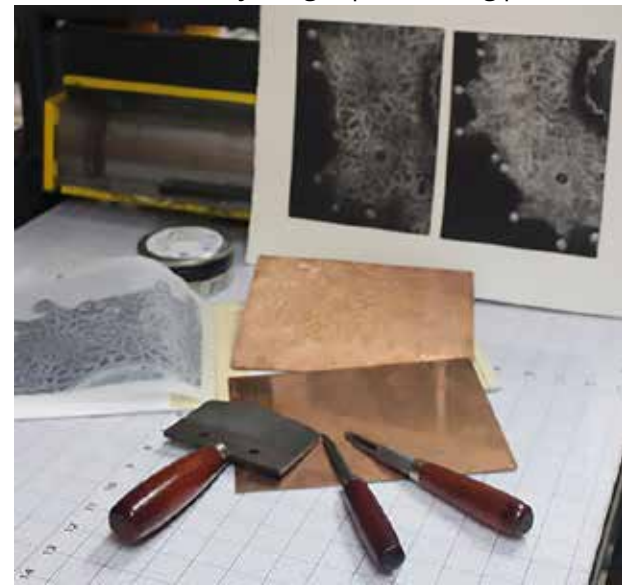
Saturday, February 1, 2025
1:00 PM 5:00 PM
Duke & Remington
137 / 139 Main Street Waitsburg, Wash.

WALLA WALLA

Combine Art Collective
Walla Walla
Sunday, February 16, 2025
1 pm – 3 pm

Art of Mezzotint

Anne Haley will demonstrate Mezzotint printing. The technique uses a copper plate that is rocked to create a thick and dense area of burrs that inks the richest blacks of any intaglio printmaking process.



Mythical / Movable Blue Mountain Bluegrass Jam



Friday, January 31
Marriott Hotel @ 7 pm
550 West Rose Street
Walla Walla, WA

**ANNUAL
WAITSBURG CELEBRATION DAYS
SPAGHETTI FEED FUNDRAISER**

LIVE MUSIC

SILENT AUCTION | 5PM
SPAGHETTI DINNER | 6PM
DESSERT AUCTION | 7PM

1 TICKET FOR \$15
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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH
WAITSBURG TOWN HALL

Tickets can be purchased from any of the 3 contestants, as well as at Table Rock Meat Co. and Kyle's Toys and Towing. Tickets, as well as and other donations, may be purchased via Venmo @WaitsburgCelebrationDays-Assoc.
Please put name of guests for payment details when using Venmo, as names will be on the list at the door. With any other questions please call (509)629-1693.

WHITMAN COLLEGE

M. GESSEN: CENSORSHIP, SILENCE, & RESISTANCE

Community Lecture
Free
January 30
Penrose Library
Whitman College
345 Boyer Ave
Walla Walla

Join the Center for Global Studies in welcoming M. Gessen, who will deliver the keynote address in our year-long series, The Press in Times of Peril.