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Karen Huwe

Waitsburg's two T-ball teams and their coaches celebrating after their first game of the season on April 22. See the full story on page 3.

THIS WEEK

Gagnons are named Parade Marshalls

Waitsburg Class of 2024

By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES



Waitsburg baseball (see page 3)



Pioneer Portrait (see page 6)



Caraway Snickerdoodles (see page 7)

THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—To have an impact in the community that others take notice of, yet remain quietly behind the scenes, is what Louie and Marie Gagnon do, day after day. The Gagnons will uncharacteristically be front and center as this year's Waitsburg Celebration Day's Parade Marshalls. The Celebration Days parade committee selected the couple for their years of volunteerism and service in the Waitsburg community, including their involvement with the Weller Public Library, Waitsburg Town Hall, and the Waitsburg Lion's Club.

Louie and Marie's families established deep roots as they made the valley their home. A fifth-generation resident, Louie grew up on McKay Alto Road. He raised sheep in 4H and FFA as a youth. He graduated from Waitsburg High School with the Class of 1970. Marie's great-grandmother's family settled in Milton-Freewater after enduring hardships as they traversed the Oregon Trail. Marie grew up in Walla Walla. She graduated from Wa-Hi with the Class of 1974. Growing up, she was a member of 4H and has always loved horses and gardening.

Marie and Louie married in 1977 and began their life together in Waitsburg, completing the construction of their custom home in 1986. They welcomed their sons Jarod in 1983 and Mitch in 1985. Marie worked at the Waitsburg Post Office as a rural route carrier, retiring in 2015. Louie retired from the Port of Walla Walla as a Water Distribution Manager at the Walla Walla Airport in 2017. He also worked for the City of Waitsburg and volunteered at the Waitsburg Fire Department.

Over the years, the Gagnons proved two are better than one. They are at their best working and volunteering together, whether driving wheat trucks and pea combines, serving on boards, cleaning, landscaping, or supporting area non-profits.

The Gagnons have been on the Waitsburg Town Hall board since 2019 and are active members of the Waitsburg Presbyterian Church. The couple were honored by the Waitsburg Commercial Club with the 2020 Citizens of the Year Award after being nominated by Jim Davison.

Louie has been in the Lions Club for over 35 years, served as Lion's Club President, and is a board member. He was awarded the prestigious Lions Club's Melvin Jones Award for outstanding service. Marie serves on the Weller Public Library Board of Trustees.

As noted with their nomination, "You can find both Louie and Marie working diligently for our community but always behind the scenes, never drawing attention to themselves."



Karen Huwe

Louie and Marie Gagnon will be the 2024 Waitsburg Celebration Days Parade Marshalls.

WAITSBURG — Its almost the end of the school year and Waitsburg is preparing to celebrate the school district's graduates. "The Times" will share the senior's stories, a few each issue, until Graduation Day on June 7, 2024.

Blake French

Blake French is the president of Waitsburg High School ASB. He has been a captain on the school's football and basketball teams and participates in track and field.

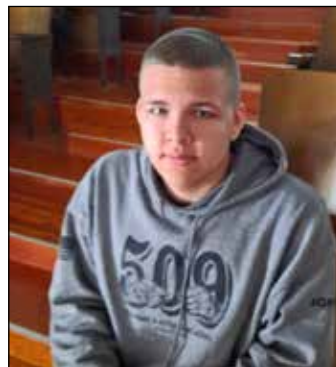
French has been at Waitsburg Schools since the fourth grade, attends WHS full-time, and keeps busy with sports, FFA, and his ASB presidential duties.

Basketball is his passion. His favorite memories of high school are playing summer basketball and playing at State Basketball in his junior year.

French plans to play AAU (Amateur Athletic Union) basketball for the A1 Elite team in Vancouver, Wash this summer. He plans to play college basketball.



Blake French



Ben Gascon

Ben Gascon

Ben Gascon began school at Waitsburg in third grade. He played basketball in middle school.

He attends Waitsburg High School full-time and plans to get a good-paying job after graduation.

One of Gascon's favorite school memories is from around the fourth or sixth grades when breakfast was served during the summer.

Kylee Henry

Kylee Henry has been a Cardinal since pre-school and attends WHS full-time. She has been active in volleyball and softball. She is in FFA and is a member of Sources of Strength. Henry and Peyton Struckmeier are 2024 Waitsburg Celebration Day Hostesses.

Henry plans to attend Washington State University to study physical therapy in her goal to be an athletic trainer.

Her senior year homecoming field night is her favorite memory.



Photos by Karen Huwe

Kylee Henry

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NEWS BRIEFS

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AT THE LIBERTY:

“Godzilla x Kong: The New Empire”

THE TIMES

DAYTON — The epic battle is an all-new adventure that pits the almighty Kong and the fearsome Godzilla against a colossal undiscovered threat hidden within our world, challenging their very existence—and our own. “Godzilla x Kong: The New Empire” delves further into the histories of these Titans and their origins, as well as the mysteries of Skull Island and beyond, while uncovering the mythic battle that helped forge these extraordinary beings and tied them to humankind forever.

The critics at the Rotten Tomatoes website did not particularly like this movie. They gave it a 54% favorable rating, but audiences were much more enthusiastic with a 91% favorable. The audience summary was “With fantastic effects and plenty of action, “Godzilla x Kong: The New Empire” has everything you’re looking for from a kaiju adventure.” This movie is rated PG-13 for creature violence and action. Runtime is 115 minutes.

Please note: We will begin showing movies on Friday and Saturday nights at 7 pm, instead of 7:30, starting May 17.

Also, tickets are now on sale for our live theater production of *Murder’s in the Heir*. This is a gripping tale filled with mystery, intrigue, and plenty of plot twists. Set in a grand estate filled with secrets, the play follows the investigation into the murder of the wealthy tycoon Simon Starkweather. With a colorful cast of characters, including conniving relatives and suspicious servants, “Murder’s in the Heir” promises thrills and chills at every turn. Performances are Friday, May 10 at 7 pm, and again on Saturday and Sunday at 3 pm. You can get your reserved seat tickets at the Liberty Theater website, or during office hours.

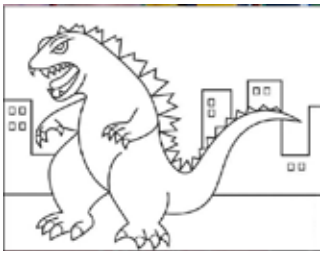
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DAYTON PARKS AND REC ASK PUBLIC TO HELP PRIORITIZE POOL DESIGN

Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON — Last Thursday, Columbia County Parks and Recreation Pool District commissioners Ted Lowe and Katie Leid, and Dianne McKinley spoke at the Dayton elementary multipurpose room about the next steps in planning for a Dayton community pool.

The commissioners asked the attendees for their top priorities from a list of amenities, including a heated pool, a seasonal or an all-year covered pool, 0-entry to depth pool, lap swimming, water aerobics, and six lanes or eight lanes.

The tabulated responses will be presented at the commissioners’ meeting on Thursday, April 25, in the Fire District 3 conference room. The meeting will begin at 5 p.m. and is open to the public.



Participants at the Dayton Parks and Rec meeting.

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Ruppenthal selected for council seat

Changes to the utility late fee waivers, concerns about community drug use discussed.

By Lane Gwinn | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — The Waitsburg City Council met at the city hall conference room on April 17, 2024. Council members Jim Romine, Jennifer Bishop, Julian Henze, Keven House, Mayor Marty Dunn, and City Administrator Randy Hinchliffe were present. The council discussed and approved the annexation of property owned by Timothy, Patresa, and Nancy Mathews into the city.

The council approved amending Chapter 1 of Title 9 of the municipal code to add hardship relief for late fees on utility accounts due to compromised bank accounts.

The council interviewed Karen Gregutt and Court Ruppenthal for the vacant council vacancy. Both candidates previously served on the council, with Ruppenthal recently serving a two-year term. Gregutt is the chairperson of the Waitsburg Planning Commission.

The council appointed Ruppenthal to fill the remaining two-year term vacated by Randy Charles.

Bart Baxter from Parks and Recreation asked if Ruppenthal would return as the council representative since there has not been one since the beginning of the year.

The council members gave their reports. Henze told the council that the library received a grant for the summer reading program, and Walla Walla Electric donated an installed heater.

Henze reporting for the Community Health and Protection Committee said a portable AED device and Narcan will be provided to the Waitsburg Grocery. An AED, or automated external defibrillator, is used to help those experiencing sudden cardiac arrest. It’s a sophisticated, yet easy-to-use, medical device.

Narcan is the brand name for Naloxone, a lifesaving drug to treat overdose from opioids, including heroin, fentanyl, and perscription medications.

The store’s staff will be trained in the use of the system and the drug which will be available to the community for emergencies during the stores operating hours.

Romine shared reports from concerned parents that the soft lockdown at the Waitsburg High School was due to Fentanyl use by two students. After the meeting, in a post on Facebook, Romine corrected the information after one of the student’s parents contacted him, saying the substance was not Fentanyl.

Romine apologized for the error but reminded residents that as one of two council members on the Community Health and Protection Committee, he is tasked with bringing health and safety concerns to the city council.

In the post, he said, “As a parent and grandparent, I strongly urge every Waitsburg resident to be aware of challenges facing family members, especially our youth. We may not know all the facts, but knowing there is a problem is vital.”

He offered to sit down with anyone with concerns, saying he wouldn’t put himself out there if he didn’t care.

House reminded the council of upcoming events, including the Lions Club Rib Feed on May 4, Celebration Days on May 17-19, and the Junior Livestock Show on June 1.

Bishop asked if the Mi Pueblito food truck was allowed to sell food in the city. Hinchliffe said they are welcome to do business as long as they have passed County Health Department requirements.



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City council member
Court Ruppenthal.

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NEWS & SPORTS

DAYTON SCHOOL BOARD APPROVED LEASE, RESCHEDULES MAY MEETINGS

By Justin Jaech | THE TIMES

DAYTON — The Dayton School Board met in the High School Library at 6:30 PM on April 17, 2024. School Board members present were Chair Jeffrey McCowen, Zac Fabian, Ryan Paulson, Aneasha Dieu, and Grant Griffin. Superintendent Rich Stewart was also present.

The board approved the consent agenda, which included the approval of Kelly Steinhoff as a middle school track volunteer, Adam Puckett as MS Head Baseball Coach, and Carlos Norris as MS Assistant Baseball Coach. The consent agenda also included the resignation/retirement of Terry Lambert as a bus driver.

Athletic Director Sam Korslund said the HS baseball and softball teams were likely to qualify for the district tournaments, with the baseball team at 9-0 and softball at 6-2. He also reported that the MS baseball team has nine students participating, MS softball has 12, and MS track has 14. Korslund said that Dayton restaurant R&B Barbecue will start selling food at some sporting events.

Elementary School Principal Amy Gillick said Cinco de Libro Night is scheduled for May 1, 2024. She shared her time as the dunk tank target for students who met reading goals.

Guinevere Joyce, the secondary school principal, reported on the

school's progress in climate, communication, and academic excellence goals.

Stewart presented the maintenance, operations, and grounds report for John Delp. He said the HVAC project is well underway. New ducting is being installed, and six classrooms have had HRV (Heat Recovery Vessels) installed so far. Electricians are installing new distribution panels in the boiler room and two other locations.

Stewart asked to reschedule the board's May meetings to avoid conflicts with Cinco de Libro Night on May 1 and the Hidden in Plain Sight event at The Liberty on May 15. The new dates are now May 8 and 22.

Jana Eaton gave the financial report saying that everything is on target in the general fund, and she is considering a budget extension because revenue may come in higher than expected. Stewart said the district was applying for grants to improve some classrooms.

The board conducted the first reading of several policies. The board approved the new 50-year lease agreement for the sports fields with the City of Dayton.

The meeting went into executive session to discuss an individual's qualifications for public employment for 15 minutes with no action to follow. The next meeting is scheduled for May 8, 2024.



(above) Landon Long making a move as Adi Knighton is safe at first base.



Lane Gwinn

Is it T-ball or interpretive dance? Players from both teams find creative ways to entertain themselves between plays.

T-BALL SEASON HAS BEGUN IN WAITSBURG

THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — The two Snake River Little League T-ball teams from Waitsburg played against each other for the season's first game. Parents, family, and friends showed up to support the young players at the Waitsburg Elementary School field on Monday, April 22.

The red team, W1, is coached by Lisa Richards and Tre Bannock. Chief Springs Fire and Irons Brew Pub sponsor them.

The yellow team, W2, is coached by Stephanie and Tyson Cole and sponsored by RDO Equipment Co.

CARDINALS WIN DOUBLEHEADER AT TOUCHET

By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — Waitsburg Cardinal Isaias Reyes struck out eight and walked one in the first game against Touchet on Saturday, April 20. The Cardinals won the game 10-3.

The Cardinals had a big fourth inning, scoring five runs against the Redhaws. Jarod Hankins was hit by a pitch, then with two outs, the Cardinals rallied. Quinn Benavides and Jasper Morrow each got a hit, and Klint Kuykendall reached base on a Redhawk error. Cyson Morris hit and stole bases to score before the third out was called.

Kuykendall had a triple in the game, and Morris led the team with eight stolen bases.

Battery: Reyes and Benavides

Waitsburg Hits: Morris 3, Jayce Gleason 2, Benavides 2, Morrow 2, Rollin Carpenter 2, Kuykendall 1, Hankins 1, Jayton Gleason 1.

Box Score								Total
Touchet	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	3
Waitsburg	3	0	0	5	0	2	X	10

The Cardinals had a slow start with strikeouts and flyouts in the first three innings of the second game. In the fourth inning, with two outs, the Cardinals scored two runs. The team scored four runs in the fifth and sixth innings. The Cardinals' entire order got to the plate. The Cardinals frustrated the Redhaws with great baserunning. A double by Morris and a triple by Reyes highlighted the inning.

Morrow struck out six and walked five to get the win: 13-5.

Battery: Morrow and Benavides

Box Score								Total
Touchet	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	5
Waitsburg	0	0	0	2	4	7	X	13



Karen Huwe

Seniors (l-r): Jasper Morrow, Klint Kuykendall, Jayton Gleason, Jayce Gleason, Quinn Benavides, Cyson Morris with their families.

CARDINAL TRACK AT COLFAX

By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — The Waitsburg High School track team competed against twenty-two schools in Colfax in its last big invitational meet on Saturday, April 20.

Teegan Kenney placed 7th in the long jump (18' 61/2"), and Blake French placed 8th in the triple jump (35' 91/2").

Alyssa Hollingsworth had a PR of 2:52.23 in the 800-meter for 12th place and tied for 15th in the long jump (12' 9 1/2"). Makenna Barron placed 8th in the high jump (4'2").

The last meet of the regular season will be on April 30 in Pomeroy, with nine District 9 schools attending.

This year, the district qualifying meet was eliminated. For each event,

the top 16 athletes from District 7 (Northeast 1B) and District 9 (Southeast 1B) will combine to move on to regionals. The placement will be based on the season's best performances. (PRs from any meet during the season). The Cardinal men's 4x100 relay team is number one so far this season.

Qualifying athletes will then train for regionals, held on May 15th and 18th in Ritzville. The top five boys and top four girls from each event at Regionals will advance to the state championships.

GO CARDINALS!



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It's the Time to Sow....

By Vicki Sternfeld-Rossi | THE TIMES

It's a strange phenomenon when I am the one planting late. I was patient after I lost everything by impatiently planting too early. Now, I may be behind the eight ball, having waited too long.

After planting early-season veggies, including onions, radishes, broccoli, cabbage, and cauliflower, no low-fiber diets for us, I stopped my planting. I was sure it was too early to plant the rest. But after visiting some friends who had already planted sugar snaps and pretty much everything else, I am worried.

I may have to reconsider my planting schedule and start digging, crossing my fingers for weather that doesn't kill everything.

Last week, my friends from Los Angeles and I were guided around by local photographer Bill Rodgers. I finally saw Palouse Falls and was introduced to marmots. I had never seen these creatures before. They were in trees, cruising on the grass, peeking into garbage cans, creating quite the show. The falls were spectacular, and the marmots, though a little creepy, were very entertaining.

We went to lunch at Lyons Ferry Marina, another first for me, and as we were finishing our lunch, we were informed that a gentleman had paid our bill. He quietly paid and left before we had a chance to thank him. Random acts of kindness never go out of style, and we were very grateful.

My visitors brought me a collection of seeds called Victory Garden. There

were packets of carrots, zucchini, tomatoes, beets, and lettuce. I HATE beets, but I have planted a few seeds to show I am grateful for their gift. If they grow, I hope to trade the beets for something I like. Still a little wary of the weather, I will exercise restraint and wait to plant the tomatoes and zucchini.

Daniel has been working ten-to-twelve-hour days at the post office. He doesn't mind the long hours; however, it means I've been cooking our dinners. I try to have dinner ready when he gets home, but my cooking is not really up to his standards, and poor compensation for his long days. Luckily, we have lots of good wine to lessen the mediocre dinners.

Or, as my mother taught me, it's a good excuse for him to suggest eating out. It works for me, as they say.

Meanwhile, I've been asked by friends and relatives if I am enjoying retirement. The answer is a resounding YES! Unfortunately, Murphy's Law has gotten the best of me financially.

First, my car was rear-ended in a hit-and-run. I had that fixed, and now it needs a mirror switch, brake pads, rotor, calipers, and a few other things thrown in.

Just so the house doesn't feel left out, I need to replace a ceiling fan and some knob and tube wiring that I thought we'd replaced already. I've noticed our garden hose spigots are leaking, and my iPad has a badly cracked screen and needs to be replaced.

Still, all things considered, retirement is great. And, although I didn't plan for the repairs, I knew they were bound to happen. After all, the car is eight years old, houses are money pits, and iPads drop.

I hope buying produce will be a thing of the past, my vegetable garden will thrive, and my timing to sow and grow is on point.

Poets Jennifer Oaks and Kevin Craft to read at Royal Block

THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — The Royal Block Reading Series welcomes poets Jennifer Oaks and Kevin Craft and musician Chris Jonlick for a lively evening of poetry, music, and book signings at The Royal Block in Waitsburg on April 27, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. Admission is free and open to the public (21+).



Submitted photo Jennifer Oaks

Poet and novelist Jennifer Oaks' most recent book of poems, "We Can't Tell If the Constellations Love Us" (42 Miles Press), won the 42 Miles Poetry Prize. Her previous poetry books, "The Declarable Future and The Mouths of Grazing Things" (University of Wisconsin Press), were awarded the Four Lakes and the Brittingham Prizes, respectively. Her novel, "The Chief of Rally Tree" (Skyhorse Publishing), won the Siskiyou Prize for New Environmental Literature. A frequent

collaborator with visual artists, Oakes' work can be seen on sculpture installations in downtown Walla Walla and next to Mill Creek. She is a former recipient of the PEN Northwest Wilderness Writing Residency and is a contributing editor for "Solstice Literary Magazine." A former Walla Wallan, Oakes now lives in Seattle, Wash., where she teaches literature and writing.



Submitted photo Kevin Craft

Poet Kevin Craft, the Executive Editor of Poetry NW Editions, directs the Written Arts Program at Everett Community College. His books include "Traverse" (Lynx House Press, 2024), "Vagrants & Accidentals" (UW Press, 2017), and "Solar Prominence" (Cloudbank Books, 2005). He recently served as a Writer in Residence at the UW Rome Center and for Olympic National Park. He is a former Editor of Poetry Northwest.

Chris Jonlick, a Walla Walla's Shop Singers band member, will open the event. He writes and records original music. He is an acclaimed visual artist whose murals and tattoo shop, Walla Walla Tattoo Co., add to Walla Walla's local color.

Oakes, Craft, and Jonlick share the enduring power of community and how unlikely connections often sustain artists. Oakes and Jonlick met as neighbors 15 years ago, and Craft was the first writer that Oakes gave a reading with, in Walla Walla. All continue to create connections and community through the arts in their communities.

The Royal Block is a bohemian hotel featuring artistically appointed guest rooms. The downstairs



bar offers wines, and ales from the Walla Walla Valley while immersed in art, poetry, music, and lively conversation. The Art Bar is open Thursdays and Fridays 4-8 p.m. and Saturdays 2-8 p.m.

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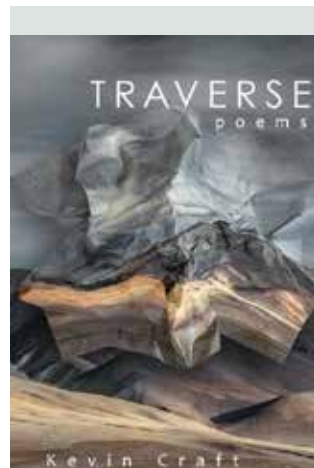
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APR 25-27 Rhône-style wines from Walla Walla in focus

APR 27 6:30-7:30PM ROYAL BLOCK READING SERIES: An evening of poetry and music with poets Jennifer Oaks and Kevin Craft and musician Chris Jonlick

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SATURDAY, MAY 11 OPEN SEWING LAB Saturday, May 4, 2024 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Tate Art Waitsburg



SATURDAY, MAY 11 Kimi Bruzas Art Exhibit Saturday, May 11, 2024 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Waitsburg Art Garden



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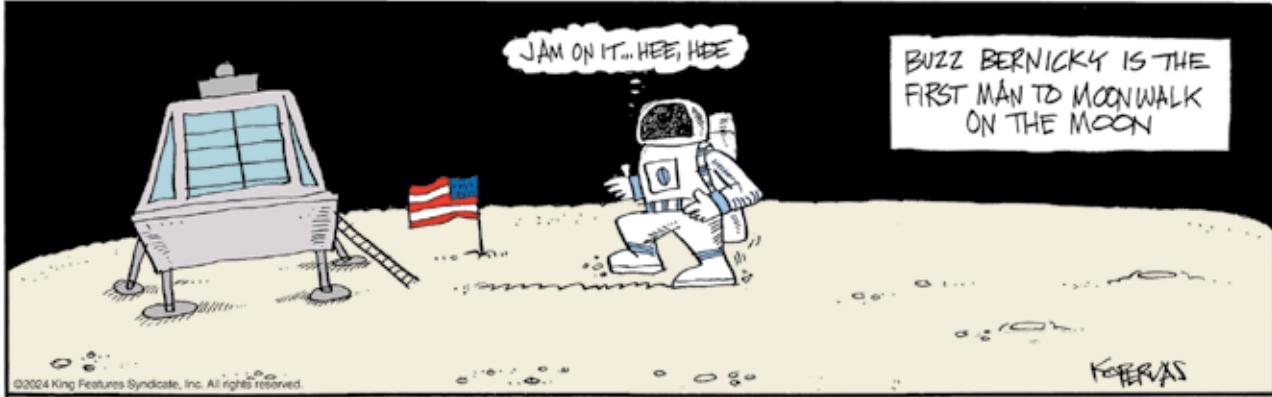
The Friendly Forest

By Jimmye L. Turner



Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



PIONEER PORTRAITS

10 Years Ago
May 1, 2014



[Caption] Dave and Sherrie Morris found some new "lawn art" in front of their home on Tuesday morning. The lid of the toilet reads, "You've been potted." The Waitsburg FFA Chapter is hosting a Game of Thrones fundraiser to help cover costs for 19 students to attend the State FFA Convention. "Attractively" decorated thrones (toilets) may be delivered to the yard of your choice for a fee.

25 Years Ago
April 29, 1999

Six Preston Hall track records were bested as the Mustangs place second to a Hermiston, Ore. School in an eight-school meet in Milton-Freewater last week. The next meet will be today in Pomeroy at 3:30 p.m. School Records that were broken included Clay Lindsey breaking Curtin Johnson's mark of 13.28 in the 100 m. dash. Lindsey's time was 13.09. Chris Phillips broke three of his own records, shaving two seconds off his 4:57 1500 m. time; lopping 16 seconds off the 800 m. in 2:29; and beating his 400 m mark in 1:03, two seconds faster.

50 Years Ago
May 2, 1974

Kenneth Gohlman will be the marshal of the 1974 Days of Real Sport Parade on Saturday, May 18. Ken, a grocer here for nearly 50 years, has been in charge of the betting booth at the DRS for the past 25 years. Kenny, who was Citizen of the Year in 1973, has been a past president of Commercial Club, city councilman, K-P Lodge, Walla Walla Elks and is secretary of the Masonic Lodge and past master. Kenneth and Dorothy Call of Waitsburg were married in 1933, and they have one daughter, Mrs. Lynn (Cherie) Kurth of Seattle. They have one grandson, Mathew, also of Seattle.

75 Years Ago
May 6, 1949

Three polo teams are scheduled to play at the Days of Real Sport May 28-29-30. They include Spokane, Boise and Toppenish.

Senior students at Wait Hi enjoyed their annual "sneak" to Spokane Wednesday. They visited the City Scenic drive, St. John's Cathedral, Gonzaga U., Duncan Gardens at Manito Park, Holy Names College and several other places of interest.

Mrs. Bob Collins is returning Saturday from a three weeks trip by air to Hawaii where she has been visiting her daughter, Miss Collen Collins.

100 Years Ago
May 9, 1924

Walter Kruchek is having a full basement put under his residence on Preston Avenue. When completed he will have a room 30 by 54 with cement walls and floor. The improvement will cost around \$1,000. John Kanz and son are doing the cement work.

A surprise birthday party was given April 30 for Mrs. E. A. Lytton at the home of her son Percy Lytton in honor of her 67th birthday. Those present were Mrs. Long, Mrs. Sanders, Mrs. Mills, Mrs. Macomber, Mrs. Sweazy, Mrs. Hoagland, Mrs. Lakin, Mrs. Barnes, Mrs. Greer, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Lytton and Mrs. E. A. Lytton.

125 Years Ago
May 5, 1899

Fred Cox and J. L. Harper have gone into the chicken business having purchased together a fine new incubator.

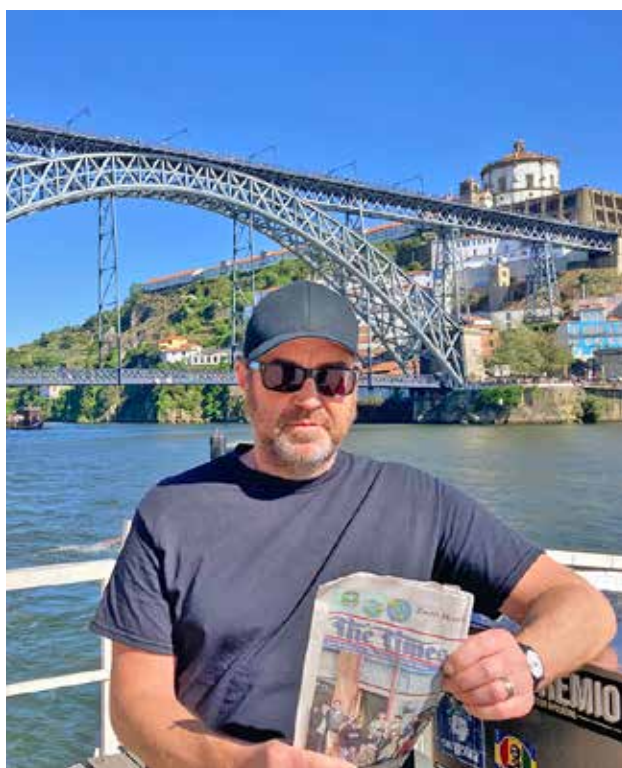
W. H. Ingalls made us a short call on Wednesday morning. Mr. Ingalls was just on his way to his mountain pasture with one hundred head of young steers.

H. P. Bruch of near Prescott, who recently purchased the W. S. Guntle property just east of this city, made this office a very pleasant call on Monday afternoon. Mr. Bruch is making some very noticeable improvements on his place and expects to move his family there next week.

TIMES TRAVELERS



Andrew and Zenoby Mountain brought last weeks edition to tour OZ.



Avid Times reader Patrick Secor enjoying the sun and news in front of the Dom Luis I Bridge in Porto, Portugal.

BIRTHDAYS

April 25: Sharon Pauley, Nancy Meyers, Bernice Mock, Richele Heilburn, Randy Schuster, and Michael Bessey

April 26: Charlie Baker, Lane Gwinn, Ernest Hermanns, Dain Henderson, Rich Lee, Gregory Kalahele-Stearns, Bryan Thomas, Patsy Donavon, Dawn Keith, Anna Newbury, and George Porter.

April 27: Kathy Harshman and Tom Morrison.

April 28: Garry Katsel and Judy Deines.

April 29: Cole McMorris-Rodgers, Nancee Hinchliffe, Kenny Finch, Glenda Mings, Emily Yokel, and Danielle Henry.

April 30: Janice Wills, and Patti Eng.

May 1: Josh Smith, Jennifer Jameson, Adam Erikson, Troy Larsen, Corinne Atkinson and Barbara Saxon Abbey.



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Lunches

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April 30
Pineapple Ham
Scalloped Potatoes
Bread
Cookie
Vegetable

WAITSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT

Thursday, April 25
Breakfast
French Toast & Sausage

Lunch
Tater-tot Casserole

Friday, April 26
Breakfast
Breakfast Pizza

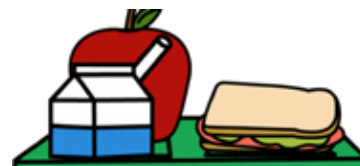
Lunch
Tuna Fish Sandwiches
Something Crunchy
Cookie Friday!

Monday, April 29

Breakfast
Yogurt Parfait
Lunch
Hot Ham & Cheese
Sandwiches

Tuesday, April 30

Breakfast
Biscuits & Gravy
Lunch
Beef & Bean Burrito



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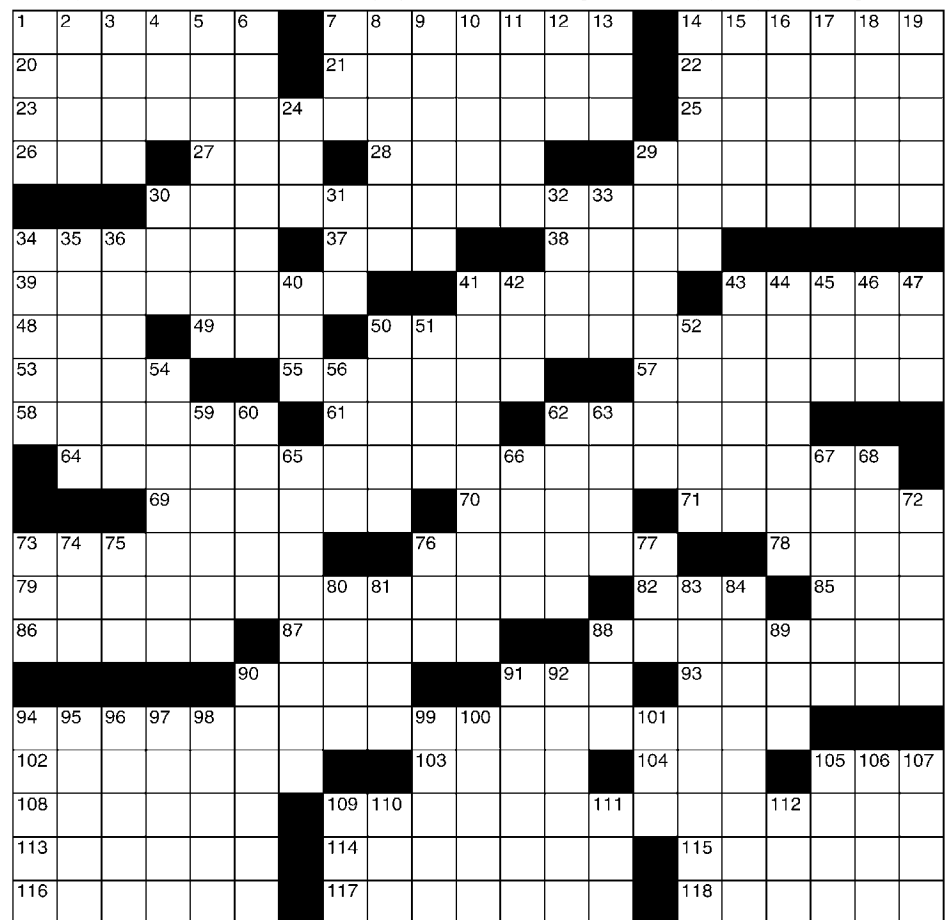
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PUZZLES & LIFESTYLES

Super Crossword

SOLVING DA PUZZLE

- ACROSS**
- 1 Theater district
 - 7 Butcher's cleaver
 - 14 Winter melon variety
 - 20 Replacing, with "of"
 - 21 Privy person
 - 22 Ill-willed sorts
 - 23 Arranged cheddar brands in order of sharpness?
 - 25 Arctic jacket
 - 26 Capitol fig.
 - 27 Collectible toon frame
 - 28 Per each unit
 - 29 Set to move forward, as a car
 - 30 Boldly courageous after January 1?
 - 34 Second shoot of a scene
 - 37 Nevertheless
 - 38 "—daisy!"
 - 39 Paleolithic period
 - 41 Letter-shaped track in metalworking
 - 43 Attach, as to a lapel
 - 48 Pre-TiVo machine
 - 49 — Lanka
 - 50 Comparable in humility to one particular member?
 - 53 Quick glance
 - 55 Not durable
 - 57 Groups of four
 - 58 Underscore
 - 61 Law school beginner
 - 62 Think up
 - 64 Big Steinway played by your father's father?
 - 69 Condo policy about animals
 - 70 Dime, e.g.
 - 71 Passover feasts
 - 73 Canonized seventh-cen. pope
 - 76 Hotel bar
 - 78 Tug sharply
 - 79 Wrapping a wound on the noggin?
 - 82 Sit-up targets
 - 85 Chou En- —
 - 86 2003 #1 hit for OutKast
 - 87 Artist's stand
 - 88 Raconteur's offering
 - 90 "... and — it all over again!"
 - 91 Young boy sorority member?
 - 93 Complained petulant
 - 94 Lion's hunting recollections?
 - 102 River in central Jersey
 - 103 Certain shade provider
 - 104 Certain shade provider
 - 105 Chinese chairman
 - 108 More asinine
 - 109 Reversible fabric used during operations?
 - 113 Rich, filled pastry
 - 114 Daughter on "Bewitched"
 - 115 And others, to Caesar
 - 116 Rages
 - 117 — & Gamble
 - 118 Confirm officially
 - 3 Ladd or Alda
 - 4 Pot cover
 - 5 Petit four and Sally Lunn
 - 6 Piercing spot, often
 - 7 Prefix with air
 - 8 Coop up
 - 9 Fireplace receptacle
 - 10 Secure with string, say
 - 11 Skilled
 - 12 Ballot marks
 - 13 Afore
 - 14 Lon of old horror films
 - 15 Classic root beer brand
 - 16 Raconteur's offering
 - 17 Eagle's nest
 - 18 Cry to a prima donna
 - 19 Interrogator
 - 24 Part of REO
 - 29 Put into office
 - 30 Ex-veep
 - 31 "Science Guy" Bill
 - 32 Island dance
 - 33 Heroic poetry
 - 34 Answers an evite, e.g.
 - 35 "And so on and so on": Abbr.
 - 36 Bullfight hero
 - 40 PC image file
 - 41 High-voltage transformer
 - 42 Cloudland
 - 43 Peppermint — (York treat)
 - 44 "Bring it on!"
 - 45 Nuggets' org.
 - 46 Unusual
 - 47 "Stillmatic" rapper
 - 50 Prized Chinese vases
 - 51 The "E" of FEMA: Abbr.
 - 52 Big jumps
 - 54 Eisenhower's successor
 - 56 Politico Trent
 - 59 Floor-scrubbing robot brand
 - 60 Old photo tint
 - 62 Carding at a club, e.g.
 - 63 "Well, shoot!"
 - 65 Held back
 - 66 Adjective follower, often
 - 67 Comedian Kevin
 - 68 Very fancy
 - 72 Did the slopes
 - 73 "Quit talking!"
 - 74 No-frills shirt
 - 75 Set (down)
 - 76 Bigger than med.
 - 77 Suffix with Ecuador
 - 80 Groove for receiving the end of a board
 - 81 Not worth — (valueless)
 - 83 Perplex
 - 84 Structured frameworks
 - 88 Big fuss
 - 89 Belittle, informally
 - 90 Ill-fated flier of myth
 - 91 Actor Joseph Gordon- —
 - 92 "Cocoon" co-star Don
 - 94 Bluenoses
 - 95 Charged toward
 - 96 Poet's Muse
 - 97 Casual eatery
 - 98 Best players
 - 99 — -Croatian
 - 100 Sorcery
 - 101 Family mem.
 - 105 African nation
 - 106 "Not likely!"
 - 107 Thumbs-up
 - 109 Motor oil additive brand
 - 110 Nasser's fed.
 - 111 River of Bern
 - 112 Yoga surface



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MY RECIPES Luke Chavez

Caraway Snickerdoodles

While experimenting in the kitchen, I love when the addition of a single extra ingredient can elevate a classic recipe in exciting new ways. Here the homey snickerdoodle, a buttery cookie steeped in childhood memories, has crushed caraway seeds added to the cinnamon coating for a sophisticated twist on the warm-spice notes. Delightfully chewy, and not too sweet, these lovely morsels have an addictive flavor.



Ingredients:

- 1 cup unsalted butter (2 sticks), softened
- ¾ cup granulated sugar
- ¾ cup light brown sugar
- 2 large eggs
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 2 ¾ cups all-purpose flour
- 1 ½ teaspoons cream of tartar
- ½ teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon fine salt
- For spice coating:**
- ¼ cup granulated sugar
- 1 ½ tablespoons ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon caraway seeds, crushed
- Turbinado sugar

Directions:

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Prepare baking sheets by lining with parchment paper.

In a large mixing bowl, combine the butter and the two sugars. Using an electric hand mixer (or a stand mixer), cream the butter and sugars for 4 to 5 minutes until light and fluffy. Scrape the sides of the bowl and add the eggs and vanilla. Cream for another 2 minutes, until well mixed and fluffy.

Stir in the flour, cream of tartar, baking soda, and salt until just combined. Cover the bowl and let the dough rest in the refrigerator for 20 to 30 minutes. Meanwhile, in a small bowl combine the ¼ cup sugar, cinnamon, and crushed caraway seeds.

Use a heaping tablespoon to scoop out about 24 equal size lumps of dough. Then with clean hands, roll the dough into smooth round balls. Roll the dough balls into the bowl of spiced sugar, pressing as you go to make sure the dough is completely coated in mixture.

Place dough balls on prepared baking sheets 3 to 4 inches apart from each other. If you want a flatter cookie you can gently press down at the center of each ball. Sprinkle a little turbinado sugar over the top of each cookie. Place baking sheets in the hot oven and bake until cookies are just set, about 9 to 11 minutes. Snickerdoodles will not brown and might look slightly underdone when you pull them from the oven. Allow cookies to cool on the baking sheets for at least 10 minutes before removing with a spatula. Serve warm or at room temperature and store in an air-tight container.

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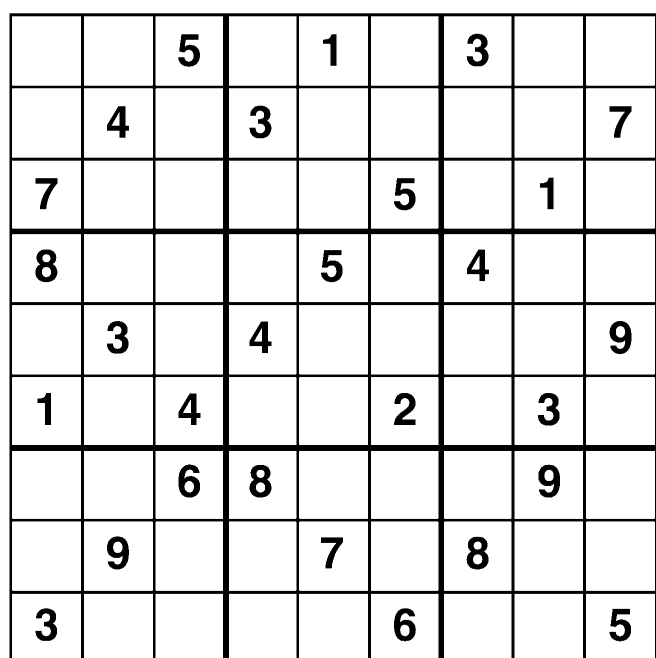
The caraway seeds add a delicious and unexpected earthy, floral flavor to this classic cookie recipe. Crush caraway seeds in a mortar and pestle or with an electric spice grinder. You want them to have a little texture, so don't crush to a fine grind. You could also place the seeds between two pieces of parchment paper or plastic wrap, and crush with the back of a heavy pot or with the flat side of a meat tenderizer. Try experimenting with other interesting warm spices such as fennel seeds, star anise, or cardamum. A pinch of fresh ground black pepper can also add a unique spice note.

This cookie dough freezes beautifully, if you want to have them ready to bake for unexpected guests. I like to scoop the dough and freeze on a sheet lined with parchment until totally frozen. Then they can be placed in a freezer bag or other container. Before baking, roll the frozen dough into the spiced sugar mixture, then allow the dough to sit at room temperature while you preheat the oven.

Lovely with tea, or a scoop of ice cream, these homey cookies are a favorite in our home. Enjoy.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

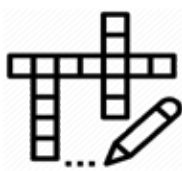


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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆

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- ◆◆ Challenging
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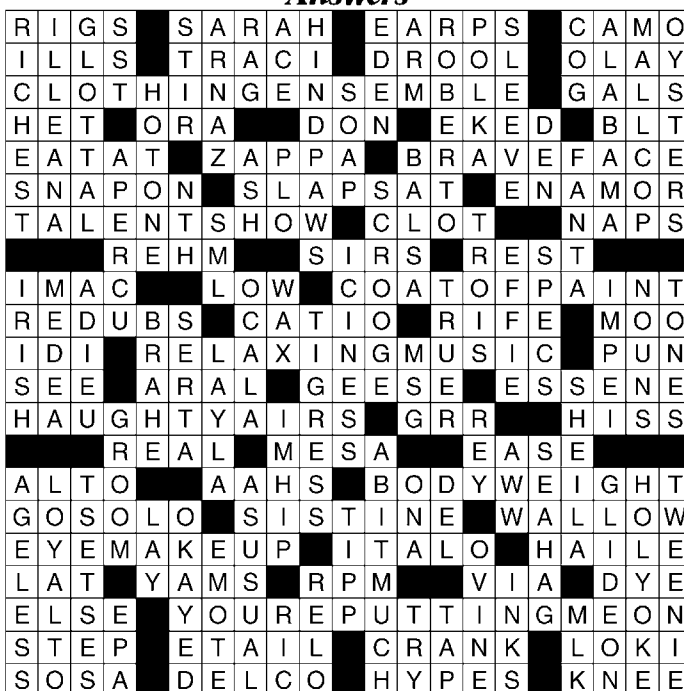
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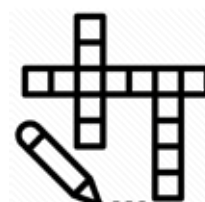
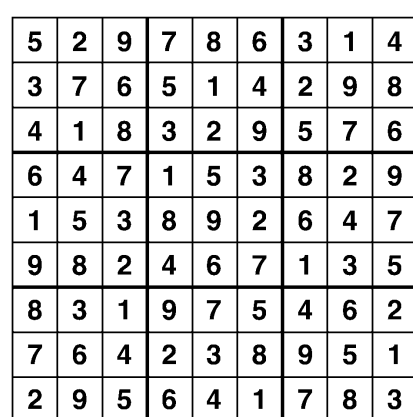
Super Crossword

Answers



Weekly SUDOKU

Answer



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Community Calendar

WAITSBURG MONTHLY MEETINGS



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

DAYTON & COLUMBIA COUNTY MEETINGS

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

Dayton City Council
Second Tuesday of the month @ 6 p.m.
Call-in information available at <https://www.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



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

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