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The photographer was up in Hogeye Hollow a few days ago and said it was just gorgeous, the best he'd ever seen the place. The red Hackberry and yellow Cottonwoods had never turned at the same time, but this year they did. Bill Rodgers

Council votes to surplus Pocket Park

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—The Waitsburg City Council met on October 13 for a regularly scheduled meeting. Before the approval of the agenda, Mayor Marty Dunn added an item regarding the Touchet River Levee Repair project, which was accepted by the council.

During public comment, former council member Terry Jacoy said that in the past, the City of Waitsburg published the status of the municipality around election time.

“The elector was able to see the financial status of the municipality,” Jacoy said. “I don’t know why they did away with that, or if there is a law they passed, or regulation they passed, to do so, but I would like to see that back.”

City Administrator Randy Hinchliffe said that the information is available on the city’s website.

After discussing the issue at a previous workshop meeting, the council held a public hearing during the regular meeting regarding the surplus of an empty lot next to the former Anchor Bar. The City of Waitsburg purchased the lot in 2018 from John and Marilyn Stellwagen, owners of the Waitsburg Hardware Store, for \$30,000. City Administrator Randy Hinchliffe said the initial plan was to turn the lot into a pocket park. The plan to purchase the lot was not discussed in public sessions before the sale was completed.

“We had some initial plans to turn it into a pocket park, had a conceptual design done and some ideas of how we would lay it out, that kind of thing,” Hinchliffe said. “As with some stuff, desires and directions from the city council changed over time. I have only worked on it sporadically. Part of the original intent of the purchase of the lot was to try and drive some

improvements on that end of the block.”

The conceptual plan was developed in 2019 after the park was purchased and had estimated costs of over \$200,000. Hinchliffe went on to say that the north end of Main Street was very vacant at the time of the purchase and that he had considered the possibility of eventually striking a deal with whoever purchased the American Legion (Anchor Bar) for outdoor space. He said that, after a fire and additional business closures, the city did not see the need to pursue the park, and they opted to seed the space in grass and wait.

Hinchliffe said that the appraisal had not been finished at this time, so he was unable to provide that information, but bids must come within 10% of the appraised value of the lot.

Local business owner Lane Gwinn asked if the council would consider keeping the park and working with the new owner of The Anchor and other business owners to create a space similar to what the City of Walla Walla did during the pandemic. To support the downtown restaurants during pandemic closures, the City of Walla Walla worked with the businesses to create outdoor seating and lighting. The businesses paid for the construction of seating platforms, and the city provided seating. One street was closed off, creating seating and a stage for performances.

“The ability for us to be able to help local businesses right now, when we are starting to see this push, this wave of new businesses has been a long time coming. Any way we can help them seems to be the priority of the council,” Gwinn said.

The new owner of the Anchor Bar, Tom Bennett, spoke after Gwinn and said the uncertainty of the lot was difficult, he was also worried that the cost of purchasing the lot would be higher than he could afford with the ongoing remodel costs he has accrued with the remodel of his building.

“If it is a price I can afford, I’ll buy it. If it’s a price I can’t afford, I can’t,” Bennett said. “What I’m trying to say is, is there a path for me to partner with the city, so that I don’t have to lay out a bunch of money, because I have been getting some frightening quotes about things I have to do inside of the building?”

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Sports, new truancy officer covered at Dayton School Board meeting

By Justin Jaech | THE TIMES

DAYTON- The Dayton School board held its regular School Director’s meeting at 6 p.m. on October 20, 2021.

The board approved the consent agenda, which consisted of the minutes for the September 15, 2021 Board Meeting, a donation from Walla Walla Toyota of \$2000 to the Associated Student Body (ASB), hiring both Owen Lanning as Middle School Boys Basketball Coach and Jeannie Walter as Freshman Class Advisor.

Also in the consent agenda was the recommendation to hire Melanie Morgan as Senior Class Advisor and finally, a recommendation to accept Danny Eden as a volunteer assistant for the basketball program. The Consent Agenda was approved unanimously.

One community member spoke during public comments. Pearl Dennis commented that she would be interested in knowing how much of the Dayton School District taxpayer funds get sent off to the National School Board Association (NSBA) each year. She continued by saying, “I’m sure everybody knows the National School Board Association sent a letter to the US Attorney General identifying dissenting parents as being akin to domestic terrorists.” [The NSBA letter sent to the President on September 29, 2021, asked for assistance to protect students, school board members, and educators from “the growing number of threats of violence and acts of intimidation...”] Ms. Dennis continued, “I want to hear back from the board. This is a board question whether you consider the parents who have been at School Board meetings as being akin to terrorists [sic]. Just understand that, and if the answer is no, then I’d like to have you tell me how you’re responding to your national organization...”

Chairman Dave Bailey said he would get back to Ms. Dennis with an answer by email.

The next agenda item was the ASB report, represented by Grace Trump. She spoke of upcoming Halloween events and gave a complete report on the recent homecoming activities.

The Athletic Director, Sam Korslund, in his report, informed the board that the fall sports season was wrapping up and that winter sports would be beginning soon. He mentioned that middle school basketball would be starting soon than originally planned. The reason for the early start was that DW withdrew from the Mid Columbia Middle School Athletics As-

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Friends of Weller Public Library awarded REA grant

The funds will kick off ADA-compliant remodel efforts

THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—It’s the season of change and improvement on Waitsburg’s Main Street, and the city’s library will not be left out. The Friends of the Weller Public Library was recently awarded \$7,000 from Columbia REA’s More Powerful Together community grant program.

Earlier this year, the City of Waitsburg considered surplus the building which houses the Weller Public Library, citing lack of ADA accessibility as one of the main reasons. After hearing community feedback, the city opted to keep the building, and the Board of Trustees advised the council that the library was to stay where it was. The issue spearheaded a revitalization and clarification of oversight from the city, the Board of Trustees, and the Friends of the Library. Together a new vision is being created for the future of the Main Street gem.

Friends of the Weller Library President Lisa Winnett said the group found out about the grant program after

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AT THE LIBERTY:

SHANG-CHI And the Legend of the Ten Rings

THE TIMES

Marvel Studios' *Shang-Chi and The Legend of The Ten Rings* stars Simu Liu as Shang-Chi, who must confront the past he thought he left behind when he is drawn into the web of the mysterious Ten Rings organization. This is both a martial arts and superhero origin movie with lots of action. Critics note that this movie expands the Marvel cinematic universe because it is different than other Marvel movies.

This movie has very good reviews on Rotten Tomatoes, 98% favorable from the audience, and a 92% from the critics. The movie is rated PG-13 for sequences of violence and action, and language. Runtime is 2 hours and 12 minutes. *Shang-Chi* will show on Oct. 29-Nov. 2 and Nov 5-9 (2 weeks). Viewing times are Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m., Sunday at 3 pm, and Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. (not 7:30).

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Simu Liu, Awkwafina, Tony Leung

CORALINE PLAYING AS GESA POWER HOUSE THEATRE

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—Walla Walla Valley Honda presents a screening of the family-friendly animated feature film *Coraline* at Gesa Power House Theatre on Sunday, October 31 at 3 p.m. A costume contest will be held at 2:15 p.m. The winners will be announced after the screening. Prizes will be awarded in the following categories: Ages 0-7, Ages 7-12, Ages 12-15, and Adult/Parents.

While wandering through her rambling old house in her boring new town, Coraline (voiced by Dakota Fanning) discovers a hidden door to a fantasy version of her life. If she wants to stay in the fantasy, she must make a frighteningly real sacrifice.

Henry Selick (*James and the Giant Peach*, *The Nightmare Before Christmas*) adapted and directed the Hugo award-winning book by Neil Gaiman. *Coraline* is an ambitious stop-motion animated film and was released in 2009. It involved more than 500 people over four years, including 35 animators, to create this film. The film is rated PG for thematic elements, scary images, mild language, and suggestive humor.

General admission tickets (\$12 adults, \$8 youth 12 and under) are available online at www.phtwv.org or by calling the box office at (509) 529-6500.

Additional precautions, such as required mask use, will be observed based on the latest guidance from state and county health departments.

THURSDAY OPEN MIC NIGHT AT THE ROYAL BLOCK

THE TIMES

Waitsburg businesses have a tradition of live music including hosting the Mythical Movable Blue Mountain Bluegrass Jam, open mic nights at Coppe Coffee, and concerts at Ten Ton Coffee, jimgermanbar, Ammo Art and The Plaza.

The music is back with the Royal Block hosting an open mic night on alternating Thursdays starting this week on October 28.

Local writer and musician Paul Gregutt is the organizer and host for the evenings. For now, the stage is offered for solo players only. Original songs are welcome but not mandatory.

Pickers and grinders must sign up in advance for one of the six 20-minute slots. Sign up early as availability goes fast. If you want to come out and perform, contact or message Paul Gregutt on Facebook or at paulgwine@me.com.

BOOSTER DOSES NOW AVAILABLE FOR ALL THREE COVID-19 VACCINE TYPES

THE TIMES

OLYMPIA—The Washington State Department of Health (DOH) is expanding the use of COVID-19 vaccine booster doses for certain individuals following recommendations from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, and the Western States Scientific Safety Review Workgroup.

Last month, health care providers began offering booster doses of the Pfizer-BioNTech (Pfizer) booster, and third doses) have been given out across the state. Now, providers can also provide booster doses of the Moderna and Johnson & Johnson (J&J) vaccines to those who are eligible.

At least six months after completing the primary Pfizer or Moderna vaccine series, the following groups of people are eligible for a booster dose:

- Those 65 and older,
- Those 18 – 64 who live in long-term care settings,
- Those 18 – 64 with underlying medical conditions or those at increased risk of social inequities.
- Those 18 – 64 who work or live-in high-risk settings.

At least two months after receiving the single-dose J&J vaccine, it is recommended that everyone 18 and older receive a booster dose. Pfizer and J&J's boosters are both full doses, while Moderna's booster is a half dose.

"Vaccination continues to be the safest and most effective tool we have to prevent serious illness, hospitalization, and death from COVID-19. Getting the unvaccinated their first shots remains a priority," said Secretary of Health Umair A. Shah, MD, MPH. "A booster dose will further protect fully vaccinated individuals by increasing the vaccine's effectiveness in their bodies, which otherwise may wane over time."

According to the FDA and CDC, studies found "mixing and matching" boosters is safe and effective. This means your booster shot does not have to be the same COVID-19 vaccine type your primary vaccination was. For example, someone who received the J&J vaccine can receive a booster dose of J&J, Pfizer, or Moderna. Likewise, someone who received two doses of an mRNA vaccine (Moderna or Pfizer) can receive a Moderna, Pfizer, or J&J booster.

COVID-19 vaccines are proven to be safe and effective and are recommended for everyone 12 and older. Currently, there is plenty of vaccines available across the state for everyone who needs a dose. To find a vaccine near you, visit Vaccine Locator or call the COVID-19 Information Hotline at 833-VAX-HELP. Language assistance is available.

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reading *The Times* and were later encouraged to apply by community members. Winnett said that she and Tiffany Baxter, who was indispensable in the grant writing process, are grateful for the many community members who offered advice during the application process. It was a learning experience that they would continue to need going forward.

"I have to give a little shout out to Kate Hocker-smith," Winnett said, explaining that they had initially reached out to her for a letter of recommendation. "We asked her to write one, and when we asked, she offered to review the grant and made some recommendations to make the application a little shorter, a little tidier- which I really think helped."

Winnett said that the second letter of recommendation came from Terry Lawhead, who serves on the library's Board of Trustees.

Winnett said that Karen and Allen Huwe and Marie and Louis Gagnon have already been busy preparing the library's rear entrance for an ADA-compliant unloading area and entrance. Marie had approached the Waitsburg City Council last month to ask that the large number of pipes stored in the back entrance for more than 20 years, be relocated. Once the city removed the pipes, a walkthrough of the rear entrance found additional issues, including outdated locks and doors. Removing the pipes was the first step to visualizing the necessary changes at the library.

"At first, we thought it was going to be a ramp," Winnett said. "But the board has really been looking into it, and I think they are thinking more about a lift, to lift a person and a wheelchair, up to level to get into the library."

Winnett added that they would have to widen the doorway to accommodate the width of a wheelchair, and the bathrooms need to be updated, as well.

"We told the presenters that we really needed the money," Winnett said. "The group that has been heading up the cement pad, Allen and Karen, and Marie and Louie, they were already needing the money- they have been asking 'can we go buy the cement yet?'"

The Friends of the Weller Public Library will be hosting a Monster Mash Bingo this Saturday, October 30, at Waitsburg Town Hall. The fun starts at 4 p.m.

Touchet Valley Weather

Oct. 27, 2021

Waitsburg's Seven Day Forecast

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|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | | | | | | |
| Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday | Monday | Tuesday |
| Chance Rain | Mostly Cloudy | Scattered Rain | Mostly Sunny | Partly Cloudy | Partly Cloudy | Partly Cloudy |
| High: 60 Low: 50 | High: 67 Low: 49 | High: 62 Low: 38 | High: 55 Low: 34 | High: 51 Low: 32 | High: 53 Low: 35 | High: 51 Low: 31 |

Weather Trivia

What weather disaster causes the most deaths?
?
Answer: Flooding.

Local Almanac Last Week

| Day | High | Low | Normals | Precip | Precipitation |
|-----------|------|-----|---------|--------|-----------------------------------|
| Tuesday | 66 | 40 | 62/43 | 0.00" | 0.97" |
| Wednesday | 68 | 51 | 61/42 | 0.13" | Normal precipitation 0.46" |
| Thursday | 77 | 45 | 61/42 | Trace | Departure from normal +0.51" |
| Friday | 76 | 50 | 60/42 | 0.40" | Average temperature 57.0° |
| Saturday | 62 | 46 | 60/41 | Trace | Average normal temperature 51.0° |
| Sunday | 64 | 47 | 59/41 | 0.32" | Departure from normal +6.0° |
| Monday | 60 | 46 | 59/41 | 0.12" | Data as reported from Walla Walla |

Weather History

Oct. 27, 1962 - An early season winter storm over New England blanketed northern Maine with seven to 16 inches of snow and southeastern New England with up to three inches of snow. Worcester, Mass. received a record 4.7 inches of snow.

Sun/Moon Chart This Week

| Day | Sunrise | Sunset | Moonrise | Moonset |
|-------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------|
| Last 10/28 | 7:27 a.m. | 5:45 p.m. | 10:37 p.m. | 2:11 p.m. |
| Wednesday | 7:28 a.m. | 5:44 p.m. | 11:42 p.m. | 2:49 p.m. |
| Thursday | 7:30 a.m. | 5:42 p.m. | Prev Day | 3:20 p.m. |
| Friday | 7:31 a.m. | 5:41 p.m. | 12:52 a.m. | 3:47 p.m. |
| Saturday | 7:33 a.m. | 5:39 p.m. | 2:04 a.m. | 4:10 p.m. |
| Sunday | 7:34 a.m. | 5:38 p.m. | 3:19 a.m. | 4:31 p.m. |
| New 11/4 | 7:35 a.m. | 5:36 p.m. | 4:35 a.m. | 4:53 p.m. |

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BOCC comment session focused on broadband, mandates

THE TIMES

DAYTON—The Columbia County Commissioners held a public comment session on October 18.

The first speaker, Cindi John, questioned why the contract for Blazin' Burgers, the restaurant vendor at the Touchet Valley Golf Course, had not been renewed. John was concerned the contract was not renewed because the owner and staff were not enforcing masking or vaccine mandates.

John said mandates were 'getting out of hand' when they close businesses that opt not to require proof of vaccines.

"I got to tell you, the first thing my doctor asked me was 'did I get the vaccine?' and when I said no, he had a big sigh of relief," John said. "This cancer stuff is prevalent in the vaccine, and it is not being publicized at all."

She said it was tiring to have rules imposed on citizens' rights. John acknowledged the need for masks, and she wore one herself but questioned why Dayton was standing behind those who enforce vaccine mandates.

John, who is running for City Council Position 3, later apologized to the commissioners and the golf course board on social media after learning the vendor's contract had not been renewed based on performance and record, not on mask or vaccination compliance.

The next speaker, who did not state their name, spoke to the commissioners about the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.

"Broadband, in my opinion, is something that would be nice to have, or maybe something that we want, but it's not a need," he said.

The speaker offered items he felt would be better suited for the funds, including offering premium pay for essential workers.

"What about all of these folks who, while everyone else was told to stay home, had to keep working," the speaker said. "There is still an opportunity to pay a premium to pay these folks wages, for having been on the front lines of this so-called pandemic."

Seth Murdock, of Dayton, reiterated that he does not want the county to give the Port of Columbia the funds needed to complete the broadband project, saying that he didn't think it was necessary to bring new businesses to town.

"I find it hard to believe anyone who is coming here is going to say that it is going to be a deal-breaker for them, and if it is a dealbreaker that there is not pub-

licly-provided broadband. Then you have to ask yourself, 'is that the type of person that you want starting a business in your town, who needs something that is set up that's not traditionally been that way, and it shouldn't be,' Murdock said. "The government is not there to provide you with the means to start a business, and to run a business."

He closed his statement advising the commissioners not to give the money to the Port for what "appears to be a pet project."

Aneesha Dieu said that she pays \$40 per month for her internet and has never had a problem. She has concerns about people using broadband which she believes would cost approximately \$100 per month.

Dieu asked if the commissioners had considered using the ARPA funds to purchase Touchet Valley Television, as it is already set up and just needs someone to run it.

She said the ARPA funds could also be used for childcare, as there is no childcare available in the area or salary pay for essential workers.

Pete Paolino said he did not think broadband was bad but was bothered by a company bringing equipment in and charging for the service. He was also bothered by a perceived lack of fairness, as the original project map focused heavily on the City of Dayton and immediate surrounding areas.

"I'm from the old school. If everybody can't have it, nobody should have it," he said. He spoke of farmers outside of town, in the Turner area, who could benefit from the project but were not within the map boundary.

Nick DePaulo, of Dayton, echoed previous speakers, urging the commissioners to redirect the ARPA funds to something other than the broadband project.

"This is not a need for this town, at all, right now," he said. "I disagree with spending money on the broadband."

Another speaker had concerns about the speed limit increase on South Touchet Road after road construction was completed roughly a year ago. The speed limit increased from 40 mph to 50 mph. He said the increase had encouraged drivers to break the new limit at even faster speeds. He said many neighbors had shared their concerns about pets, livestock, and people living in the area.

"I would like to see that speed limit reduced, at least for the first mile, if not the first mile and a half," he said. "I'd like to see that reduced back to 40."

Commissioner Marty Hall said the speaker was not the first person to approach the commissioners, and they would look into the issue. He said the limit was increased to obtain federal funds for road repairs.

Dieu asked to comment on one final topic and urged the commissioners to consider approaching Columbia County Fire District 3 about its reasonable accommodation plan, formulated in response to the statewide vaccine mandate affecting medical personnel. She said the accommodation plan felt excessive and would cost volunteers in the future.

Another speaker agreed with Dieu, saying that he was a 'victim' of not being able to continue volunteer medical services due to the accommodations.

"I could have participated in (the accommodation), through an exemption had I wanted to go that route, but by doing so, I would be acquiescing to that system as being legitimate, which it is not. It is illegal, unconstitutional, ad nauseum," the speaker said.

More comments were received about the recent mandates, with speakers expressing that the mandates would hurt volunteer numbers and interest. Calls for 'other leadership' to stand against the state and the imposed mandates were heard.

Commissioner Ryan Rundell commented on a recently-purchased truck for the E9-11 director, which has been commented on in letters to the editor published in local newspapers. Rundell said the prior vehicle was due to be replaced. He said multiple people reviewed the new vehicle's price, \$78,000, and all decisions were thought out.

"I know that this was not a popular decision, we have seen a lot of things about it, but it was a call that we made, and I stand behind it," Rundell said. "It may not be popular, but I think, overall, it was made in a logical way."

Commissioner Amerein, who joined in from home, said that he was one of the commissioners involved with the hiring negotiations when E9-11 Director Ashley Strickland was hired, which included allowing personal use of his designated county vehicle. Commissioner Amerein said that this was more cost-effective for the county than trying to compete with the salary that Strickland made before moving to the area.

He said that taxpayer money is not being used to fund the truck, but, instead, the cost was paid for with grants.

A brief discussion about the contract details was held before the commissioners adjourned the session.

Joseph Rhymes for Waitsburg School Board, District 4

After attending a recent Waitsburg School Board Meeting and hearing the many parents frustrations, it was clear that it all fell on deaf ears. We do not have to accept this! I am announcing my write-in candidacy for the Waitsburg School Board, District 4 at large. It is time our students, parents, and staff HAD A VOICE! It is time someone had the courage TO LISTEN AND ACT upon those concerns. Our children and grandchildren are not the property of the state! IF you are one of those many parents who strongly feel this way, and would like to return our schools to local control with local oversight, please join me. Only YOU can bring about the needed change. You can have a voice! Our schools belong to us, not Olympia or Washington D.C. Please pass this along to all your local social media friends, tape this note to your fridge and remember to write in:

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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 Gun Club

Monday May 24 – 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

Oct. 20, 7 p.m. Weller Public Library, 212 Main St., Waitsburg

Waitsburg Celebration Days Meeting

October 26, 2021. 6:00 p.m. For information email abbysot@hotmail.com

American Legion Post #35 Waitsburg,

First Monday, 4 p.m., Town Hall, 121 Main Street, Waitsburg

Dayton & Columbia County Meetings

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

Board of Columbia County Commissioners

First and second Monday 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/>

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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

DAYTON SENIOR ROUND TABLE LUNCH

Dayton Senior Center
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12 p.m.
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Thursday, October 28

TBA
Tuesday, November 2
TBA

WAITSBURG SENIOR CENTER

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Chicken fried beef steak
Potatoes
Vegetable (chef's choice)
Roll
Fruit
Cookie

WAITSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT

Thurs., October 28

B: Breakfast sandwich
L: Chicken nuggets
JoJos
Tossed salad
Fruit choice

Fri., October 29

B: Continental breakfast
L: Turkey sandwich
Chips
Fresh baby carrots
Fruit choice

Mon., November 1

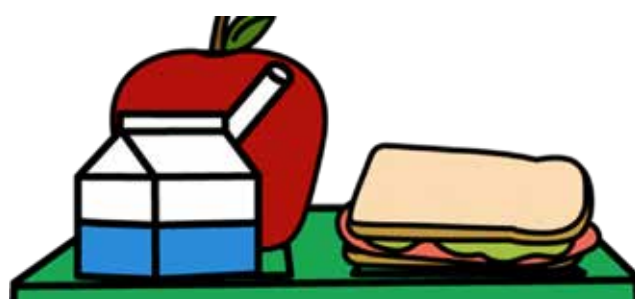
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Tues., November 2

TBA

Weds., November 3

TBA



Church Directory

Waitsburg Presbyterian Church
504 Main
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Worship 11 a.m.
337-6589
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THE TIMES IS THE DEATH OF LOCAL JOURNALISM

To the editor,
In regards to the article (Port of Columbia candidate cuts ties with local conservative group, October 7, 2021) in the Waitsburg Times. While it has been sad to see the death of journalism at the national and state level for some time, it is sad to see it dying at the local level as well. According to my recollection, a more accurate account of events at the meeting, Mr. Miller mentions to me, and should include, his threats to use firearms against Covid infected individuals, something with which we disagree.

While your paper's characterization of the Columbia County Conservatives as a "anti-Vax and anti-mask group" follows national narratives of conservatives as the cause for the current pandemic, nowhere on the website of the Columbia County Conservatives and nowhere other than your article is this a statement of fact. I could understand your confusion if we held closed meetings, but your absence of attendance to the Columbia County meetings, reluctance to learn, and seek out the truth is entirely on your own shoulders.

Mr. Miller's taking issue with another candidate's viewpoint other than his own is to be expected. His hostile comments of a group and what appears to be verbal threats of violence based on his disagreement with them is not.

In the future we hope that Mr. Miller and local media will avoid mischaracterizing those with whom they disagree.

Nick De Paulo
Dayton, Wash.

WE TOGETHER

Dear Editor,

I have long been a proponent of "We can do together what I cannot do alone." These words harken back to the days gone by when peoples banded together to form business associations such as the Chamber of Commerce or the Granges that dotted the rural landscapes of the United States. Today we have a pivotal election in the next week. I support Boe Stevenson, Fred Crowe, Teeny McMunn, and write-in candidate Vickie Zoller for Dayton City Council. I have known these folks since I came to Dayton several years ago. They have shown the type of community spirit that equates with "We together." Many of these people I have become acquainted with through the various boards of directors that I have had the privilege of sitting on. The others I have met while they were volunteering at one function or another around town.

Shawn Brown believes in small businesses. He was a customer of mine for many years at my coffee shop. I still see him frequenting other small businesses around town. I know Shawn will have the interest of small businesses like mine at heart if he is elected to the position of Port Commissioner.

I would also like to endorse Jack Miller for Port Commissioner. I don't really know Jack, but from what I have read, and I have heard, Jack is a man of his word. He speaks his mind honestly and with integrity.

This is a time when we need to pull together as a community, unity I believe it is called. We need elected officials at the local level who look to a future of unification of peoples, purposeful controlled growth that supports small businesses to keep our town as a viable home to families that don't necessarily depend on Walla Walla for their shopping needs. People who see our downtown area as a viable attraction as opposed to a ghost town. People who see the Blue Mountain Station as the small business incubator that it was designed to be and manufacturing businesses that exist there as the employers and taxpayers that they are. Let's elect officials who have a vision of tomorrow that is a positive outlook. Please join with me in voting for these candidates.

Sincerely,
Regina Weldert
Dayton, Wash.

SUPPORT FOR POSITIVE, NONPARTISAN CANDIDATES

Columbia County Needs Positive, Nonpartisan, Inclusive, Qualified Candidates

I received a flyer identifying "Columbia County Conservatives" (CCC) endorsing Conservative candidates for Dayton City Council, Port of Columbia and Dayton School Board positions.

This political group professes that over the 200+ years since our country's founding, the US has done remarkably well living up to the goals improving the human condition, free from rule by a person, or body, not beholden to the people. But, we're a representative government, "By The People!"

Don't be misled by the slick postal flyer and voter guide CCC provided. Ensure your choices for local Columbia County races include only those candidates running for a positive, nonpartisan, honest approach to local governance.

Union-Bulletin readers, Kathryn Zahl and Grace Ogoshi, clearly stated, "There is no place for divisive (national) partisan politics in these community races," and "become an accurately informed participant and disseminate factual information." Yes!

Columbia County residents vote for the following slate of positive, nonpartisan, collaborative, inclusive and qualified candidates on Nov. 2:

- Shawn Brown, Jack Miller, Port of Columbia Commissioners
- Teeny McMunn, Write-in candidate Vicki Zoller, Fred Crowe, Bo Stevenson, Grant Griffen and Jeff McCowen, City of Dayton City Council Members
- Jim Kime and Barbara Miller, Public Hospital District Commissioners
- Lisa Naylor
Dayton, Wash.

SUPPORT FOR DUNN

This year there are two candidates for mayor of Waitsburg: Kate and Marty. Both Marty and Kate have served on the Waitsburg City Council and have experience with various related committees. Both have experience dealing with the positive and negative sides of public opinion.

It has been my experience that both Kate and Marty are very approachable and relatively easy to contact. I've found both willing to listen to concerns as well as discuss issues. Anyone who has had the pleasure of conversing with Marty and Kate has likely noticed differences in their styles and approaches.

Having also served on council and as mayor myself, I believe Marty Dunn's experience as mayor gives him the advantage. He has successfully dealt with the responsibilities of mayor and performed the duties of the position.

It is hoped Marty's experience will be considered when casting your vote for Mayor of Waitsburg.

Sincerely,
Jim Davison
Waitsburg, Wash.

HOPE ALL VOTE

This will be the last week of letters to the editor before the election. I hope that all of you will be voting. I am hoping that Dayton will be moving to a more positive and open attitude in all areas. Therefore, my candidates of choice are: Boe Stephenson, Fred Crowe, Teeny McMunn, Shawn Brown, Jack Miller and Vicki Zoller. I know all of them- some just a bit and others,

VOTE FOR CANDIDATES WHO SHOW UP, ALL THE TIME

Letter to the Editor:

We are just a few days away from another local election and we have an opportunity to make some truly good and thoughtful choices for leaders in our community.

We have an opportunity to elect people that have been active members in this community through volunteer roles, through board and committee roles and through other public participation roles. These are people that have shown up year after year in so many ways in Dayton and Columbia County. They make things happen, they are a part of yearly successful events like Dayton Days, All Wheels Weekend, 3rd Street Yard Sale, Fall Family Festival, Food Stock, and more . . . they are here year after year, event after event and serve on numerous non-profits and boards. These are people that see the possibilities every day to make our community better. They don't just pop up like groundhogs when an election cycle rolls around. They are here ALL THE TIME.

And amazingly, regardless of the outcome of this election, they will still be here. They will be here serving even after others have stepped down from their elected positions or get bored when they realize that they can't stop progress on planned projects or find out that it isn't as easy to make change as they thought it would be or when they discover how much work is involved in making good things happen for the people in this county.

The ones you want to elect are:

- Boe Stevenson Dayton City Council Position #1
- Teeny McMunn Dayton City Council Position #3
- Vicki Zoller – WRITE IN – Dayton City Council Position #5
- Fred Crowe – Dayton Council Position #7
- Shawn Brown – Port of Columbia Commissioner Position #1
- Jack Miller – Port of Columbia Commissioner Position #3
- David Bailey – Dayton School District – Position #1
- Anna Berg – Dayton School District – Position #4

These candidates are tireless in their endeavors in Dayton and Columbia County, they know what it takes to make good things happen here and have never been afraid of the work it has taken. THEY SHOW UP.

As one of these candidates, I know my chances as a Write-In Candidate are not the most likely but I do know that no matter the outcome, I will still be here, I will still show up. As will the other candidates listed. Choose the ones that already show up. Choose POSITIVELY DAYTON and COLUMBIA COUNTY!

Sincerely,
Vicki Zoller

I consider friends. However, all of them have earned my respect and my vote. I believe that all of them will look at both sides of every issue and make decisions to help strengthen Dayton in all areas. Sincerely,

Sharon Eaton
Dayton, Wash

YOUR VOTE COUNTS

Paid for by Teeny McMunn - Candidate for City Council Pos. 3
PO Box 208 Dayton WA 99328

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EARNEST SUPPORT FOR POSITIVE DAYTON CANDIDATES

As a former small business owner in Dayton, I am writing to express my earnest support for the Positively Dayton slate of candidates. When I set up shop in Dayton about 16 years ago, I did so, inspired by our civic leaders' can-do, positive outlook in Dayton. Now, I see dark storm clouds of negativity, suppression of economy-boosting efforts, and opposition to innovation in our community. I, and others like me who care about our town, must support candidates who will continue to move our hometown forward. Once again, I urge you also to support the Positively Dayton slate of candidates, who are: Boe Stephenson (City Council Position 1), Fred Crowe (City Council Position 7), Teeny McMunn (City Council Position 3), Shawn Brown (Port Commissioner Position 1), Jack Miller (Port Commissioner Position 3), and Vickie Zoller (City Council Position 5 write-in).

Thank you.
Roger J. Tumbocon
Dayton, Wash.

NOT VOTING FOR ANGRY CANDIDATES

Elections tend to be a confusing time for me. Sometimes a friend may be running for office or there may be other people I don't know. This year has been different because of the fake information issues and hateful commentary! I promised myself that I would not vote for angry candidates, or candidates without positive visions or platforms for the community I love and have chosen to live in. Platforms are created by local people, then go to county, state and national levels and candidates must have an understanding of their Party's Platform to be a meaningful candidate. With all of that, I have chosen to vote for the following:

- *City Council Position #1: Boe Stevenson
- *City Council Position #3: Teeny McMunn
- *City Council Position #5: Write In Vicki Zoller
- *City Council Position #7: Fred Crowe
- *Fire District #1: Mike Spring
- *Port Commission #1: Shawn Brown
- *Port Commission #3: Jack Miller
- *School District #1: David Bailey

Candy Jones
Dayton, Washington

THANKS TO BMS BUSINESSES

To Our Community:
I am writing in support of Blue Mountain Station. We visited the BMS Coop last summer before purchasing our home in Dayton. I was happily surprised to find a coop let alone one that offers wonderful meals. Experiences the Coop and meeting Val made Dayton all the more inviting. Since then, we have enjoyed the other unique businesses at BMS including Mama Monacelli's. Blue Mountain Station is a community resource bringing people together in celebration of food, music and local businesses. If you didn't stop by for Oktoberfest, you missed out! Thanks to all who made it a grand success.

Mary Lenox
Dayton, Wash.

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sociation. Too many of the scheduled games were to be held a great distance away which involved long, expensive bus trips. Instead, the Middle School football team will be playing DeSales, Prescott, and Touchet Schools, which are not only closer but should provide more equally matched games.

Mr. Korslund talked about the coaching situation and how it is sometimes difficult to get the requisite number of practices in before the first game of the season.

Mr. Korslund also spoke about new State requirements for all student-athletes in winter sports to either be vaccinated or submit to a COVID test before each game. The school district has already received 2000 rapid COVID tests at no cost to the school district, which should be enough to test all athletes before every game, vaccinated or not. Board Member Jeff McCowen asked if the testing would be done in a manner that would ensure it was not made known to the other athletes which ones were vaccinated, and which were not. Mr. Korslund said they were working on a protocol that would ensure the privacy of all students. Mr. Strot mentioned that one way to do this would be to test all participants before each game, not just the unvaccinated students.

The last topic of the Athletic Director's report was concerning an item brought up at the last school board meeting, a determination on whether the DW Combine meetings were subject to the Open Meetings Act. The school's legal counsel advised that committee meetings were probably exempt. The committee would normally make recommendations to the School Boards and the School Boards would vote on items when appropriate. Mr. Korslund was expecting that the issues concerning the DW Combine Committee would be a Board agenda but Mr. Bailey said he would to see a markup copy of the bylaws before the topic is put on the board's agenda.

Amy Cox, the Elementary Principal gave the Elementary School Report. She mentioned how pleased she was with the new school counselors and how they met a real need. She expressed that she could even use more counselors. Ms. Cox said that the book fair went really well and she was looking forward to the students reading all the new books they bought. She spoke positively about Jami Rushing, the new Title I Director and Assessment Coordinator. The data from these tests which Ms. Rushing supervises, help identify students that may need some more focused support.

The Elementary School is starting to get some data from their Behavior Management System which indicated that most behavioral problems happen on the playground. She is working on getting more adults to supervise playground activities before school and at lunchtime. Also, the fourth-grade teacher had to take a leave of absence and Hannelee Farrell volunteered to replace the teacher. Ms. Cox is now looking for someone to take Ms. Farrell's former position as Computer and Technology teacher. Finally, Kindergarten teacher Morgan Stone resigned and interviews for her replacement should begin soon.

Dayton Secondary School report by Principal Kristina Brown began with her re-emphasizing the importance of the school counselors and behavior intervention specialist.

Dayton Secondary School had its first early release school, instead of Saturday school, with 30-40 kids participating. Lunch was provided. Ms. Brown thanked Ms. Pearl Dennis and staff members for helping students catch up on some of their work.

Superintendent Guy Strot presented his report which included his plans to increase certified substitutes, a strategic plan update, and discussed how the administrative staff is working on reorganizing. He expects that their duties will be finalized over the next month. Mr. Strot also spoke briefly about the District's ambitious 90 Day and 1 Year Plan.

Veronica Perez presented the Budget Status Report which had nothing unusual to report. The full text of the Budget Status Report along with the Superintendent's report may be found on the school district's website (www.daytonsd.org).

The action items for the Board consisted of approving the first readings of 3 slightly revised policies and the recommendation to hire Angie Alleman as the District's Truancy Officer. Ms. Alleman is already employed as the MS/HS Secretary and the Truancy Officer will consist of additional duties to meet State requirements for truant students, for which she will be paid a stipend.

At 7 p.m. the Board went into Executive Session to discuss a complaint against a public employee.

At 7:21 p.m. the Board reconvened to take action on the Superintendent's recommendation to the board to have a nondisciplinary dismissal of Bill Massey. The Board voted 3-1 for dismissal with Board Member Fred White voting against.

The next Board Meeting will be a work session at 6 p.m. on November 3, 2021.

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Bennett said that ultimately, he would like to create a vibrant space for the good of the community, but he hoped to have some certainty about the cost associated with the purchase of the park. He said he would be interested in leasing the lot should the city opt to go that route instead of selling.

"I want to partner with the city, I don't want to make it a big deal," Bennett said. "I just want to make a vibrant space where people can enjoy themselves."

The city attorney noted that both a lease or a sale were viable options.

Councilmember Jillian Henze asked if the city had leased out property before, and Hinchliffe said yes, it has. The city leased a small strip of land formerly known as Poulter Street to Trevor Johnson before it vacated it earlier this year. He said there is a lease excise tax, approximately 12%, included in the lease. Currently, the city does not pay property tax which the exercise tax would replace. The city keeps a small portion of the tax, according to Hinchliffe.

Henze asked how that previous lease situation worked for the city. Hinchliffe said it went well, but it was one more administrative task for him.

The council voted to surplus the property.

The council approved a payment to Culbert Construction for work regarding the Millrace Road Grade Improvement project that started in early October. The payment was for \$158,988.29.

After receiving questions about the project's cost, Hinchliffe reiterated that the City of Waitsburg paid for the design and engineering, right of way, and permitting, which totaled roughly \$60,000. Grants covered the remainder of the nearly \$600,000 improvement.

The council reviewed preliminary 2022 Proposed Revenues and Expenses. A document with all proposed expense and revenue details for the upcoming year can be viewed online at www.cityofwaitsburg.org. The total expenses and revenues totaled roughly \$2.5 million, which is typical according to Hinchliffe.

The City of Waitsburg expects that retail sales taxes will continue to increase in the upcoming year, and the utility tax will still be in effect to cover some flood control work. A slight utility rate increase will be extended (2.5%, or \$2.30 per month), and the city will receive the second allotment of American Rescue Plan Act funds next year.

In unfinished business, the council discussed the employee pay matrix adjustment as stated in a memo from the mayor dated October 15, 2021. The issue was first discussed in an executive meeting on October 14, 2021, where the council reviewed the survey results and recommendations from AmeriBen Human Resource Consulting. The study in-

cluded recommendations for salary adjustments for nearly all city employees.

The mayor's memo to the council recommended a 3% increase for the City Administrator and the Public Works Director positions and a 5% raise for Public Works Specialist I. The council approved an adjustment for Public Works Specialist II and tabled the discussion regarding the remaining city employees during the October 14 executive meeting.

Before the council voted on the remaining pay increases, councilmember Henze said her notes did not agree with the October effective date stated in the packet memo. Henze read from her notes that the adjustment was to go into effect "across the board, January 2022."

Discussion between councilmembers followed, in an attempt to verify what was discussed at the October 5 meeting.

"If I can emphasize, during an executive session, you can discuss generally wages, but no decisions are made. I keep hearing reference to 'we decided this, we decided that.' The council did not decide," city attorney Jared Hawkins said.

He went on to say "So, if the council is trying to clarify now it's completely appropriate to say now this is 'what we would like to do,' just to clarify, no decisions were made. There was discussion as is appropriate."

The council voted to accept the salary adjustments as written, with the increases to start in October. Council members Karen Gregutt, Karl Newell, and Kevin House voted in favor, while members Jillian Henze and Jim Romine voted against.

The last item in unfinished business was status of the Touchet Valley Levee Repair project. In a letter sent to Waitsburg residents dated October 7, the mayor and city council said they would decide at the October regular meeting if and how to move forward with the project.

The decision was postponed so Hinchliffe could work with the city's attorney and a specialized attorney covered under the city's insurance, to determine if there are any existing or poorly worded easements that could impact a final decision on the repair project.

The project stalled due to the city's inability to negotiate access rights with several property owners in the affected area. The city still needs to secure access from the state and Walla Walla county.

During council reports, the council heard from Gregutt, who shared the planning commission has been contacted by the owner of the Wheatland subdivisions, who is interested in selling each property within the division as individual plots. She said that they are currently 'addressing' the proposal.

The council heard a brief update from Hinchliffe and adjourned shortly after.

Please Vote

Ballots must be postmarked no later than November 2 or deposited at a designated deposit site no later than 8:00 p.m. on Election Day. The county suggests mailing ballots by Monday November 1, or sooner to ensure a valid postmark.



Shawn Brown
Columbia County Port Commissioner Position 1

LEGALS & NEWS

MONSTER MASH BINGO AND HALLOWEEN PARTY OCT. 30

WAITSBURG—Come enjoy ghoulishly fun Monster Mash Bingo, costume contest, and a bake and book sale from 4-8 p.m. on Saturday October 30 at Town Hall. There will be tasty treats and hot cider. All proceeds with benefit the Weller Public Library.



Grant writers, Lisa Winnett & Tiffany Baxter along with, Karen Huwe, accepted a \$7000 check from Columbia REA on Wednesday, Oct. 19th.

Spooky Halloween Calendar Waitsburg Activities

Friday, October 29:

Preston Hall Walk-a-Thon
Waitsburg Football Field
1:30 pm.-3:30 p.m.
Costumes welcome!

Saturday, October 30

Monster Mash Bingo & More
4 p.m- 8 p.m.
Waitsburg Town Hall

Sunday, October 31

Trunk-or-Treat
3 p.m.- 4:30 p.m.
Parking lot across from Waitsburg Presbyterian Church and at Main Street businesses downtown.

Dayton Activities

Friday, October 29:

Safe Trick or Treat at Columbia County Hospital
3 p.m.-6 p.m.

Trick or Treat at the Wenaha Gallery
12 p.m- 5 p.m



Pics & Treats and Haunted House
36346 Highway 12 (west of Dayton)
6 p.m- 8 p.m.
(free admission, donations accepted)

Saturday, October 30

Pics & Treats and Haunted House
36346 Highway 12 (west of Dayton)
6 p.m- 8 p.m.
(free admission, donations accepted)

Sunday, October 31

Downtown Trick or Treat- most businesses starting at 3 p.m

Trick or Treat at the Courthouse
3 p.m-5:30 p.m.

Pics & Treats and Haunted House
36346 Highway 12 (west of Dayton)
3 p.m- 6 p.m.
(free admission, donations accepted)

Dayton Chamber of Commerce Drive Through Trick or Treat
(parking lot behind Dingles)
3 p.m- 5 p.m

LEGALS

Columbia County Public Hospital District #1

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Levy Certification: Public Hearing and Discussion/Approval; 2022 Budget: Public Hearing and Discussion/Approval
11/11/2021 at 3:00pm

Notice is hereby given that a special meeting of the Board of Directors of Columbia County Public Hospital District No. 1 will be held on November 11, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. in the conference room at the Administration Building on the District's Dayton, Washington campus. The purpose of the meeting: Levy Certification: Public Hearing and Discussion/Approval; Proposed 2022 Budget: Public Hearing and Discussion/Approval. Final disposition shall not be taken on any other matter at such meeting.

| Item | Responsible |
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| 1. Call to Order | Bob Hutchens, Chair |
| 2. Roll Call | Bob Hutchens, Chair |
| 3. Open: Public Hearing: Levy Certification Discussion | Tom Meyers, Controller / Matt Minor, Accounts Manager |
| 4. Close: Public Hearing re: Levy Certification | |
| 5. Discussion/Approval of Levy Certification | |
| 6. Open: Public Hearing re: Proposed 2022 Budget | Tom Meyers, Controller / Matt Minor, Accounts Manager |
| 7. Close: Public Hearing re: Proposed 2022 Budget | |
| 8. Discussion/Approval of Proposed 2022 Budget | |
| 9. Adjournment | Bob Hutchens, Chair |

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA
NO: 21-4-00208-36
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

RCW 11.40.030
In re the Estate of:
SUSAN RAE BAUMANN,
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: October 14, 2021.

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October 14, 21, 28, 2021
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given by the Touchet Lowden Mosquito Control District that a public hearing will be held from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm on Monday November 8th, 2021 at the Touchet Fire Station, Touchet, WA, to consider setting the annual budget for the 2022 operating year.

Written testimony, which will be read into the record, may be sent to: Touchet-Lowden Mosquito Control

District, P.O. Box 173, Touchet, WA 99360.

Dated this 28th day of October, 2021

Board of the Touchet-Lowden Mosquito Control District.

By: Alisha Scholz,
Secretary
The Times
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10-28-a

Notice of Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing has been established for Wednesday November 10, 2021 at 7:00 pm at the Columbia Walla Walla Fire District #2 Station, 234 Main Street, Waitsburg WA 99361 to hear comments on the proposed 2022 Columbia Walla Walla Fire District #2 Budget amendment. Copies of the proposed budget amendment are available for inspection at the Columbia Walla Walla Fire District #2 Station during regular business hours. Please note, this may be a Zoom meeting depending on COVID rules at that time. If you would like to attend the Zoom meeting please contact clerkfire2@hotmail.com and a link will be emailed to you.

Columbia Walla Walla Fire Protection District #2
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STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

UNION GAP, WASHINGTON
NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO APPROPRIATE PUBLIC WATERS

TAKE NOTICE:
That the Harrison-Ray Water Company of Burbank, Washington, on October 27, 1997, under Application No. G3-30128-- applied to appropriate public waters, subject to existing rights, from five wells, adding up to 3,100 acre-feet per year at a rate of up to 5,200 gallons per minute to their water rights portfolio for continuous community domestic supply.

That proposed sources are located within the SW¼ NW¼ and SW¼ SE¼ of Section 1, SE¼ NW¼ and NE¼ NE¼ of Section 12, T. 8 N., R. 30 E.W.M., and NE¼ NW¼ of Section 7, T. 8 N., R. 31 E.W.M., all in Walla Walla County.

That the proposed place of use is defined as that portion of Section 1, T. 8 N., R. 30 E.W.M., located southwesterly of State Route 12. That portion of Section 2, T. 8 N., R. 30 E.W.M., located southeasterly from the

ordinary high water line of the Snake River and northeasterly of the northeasterly right-of-way margin of the Union Pacific Railroad. That portion of Section 12, T. 8 N., R. 30 E.W.M., located southwesterly of State Route 12 and northeasterly of Hanson Loop Road. Those Portions of Farm Units 8 and 9, located in Section 7, T. 8 N., R. 31 E.W.M..

Protests or objections to approval of this application must include a detailed statement of the basis for objections. All letters of protest will become public record. Cash shall not be accepted. Fees must be paid by check or money order and are nonrefundable. Protests must be accompanied by a \$50 recording fee payable to the Department of Ecology, Cashiering Unit, PO Box 47611, Olympia WA 98504-7611, within 30 days from: November 4, 2021.
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Columbia County Rural Library District Annual Budget Meetings

The Library Board of Trustees will be holding two public meetings regarding next year's budget:

Budget Workshop on Monday, November 8, 2021, from 1:00 - 3:00 pm online and in the Delany Building. This meeting's purpose is to work through budget details in preparation for the public hearing the following week.

Budget Hearing on Monday, November 15, 2021, starting at 7:00 pm, as part of the monthly Board Meeting. Both meetings will be held virtually and in person and the public is welcome to attend. Details are available on the CCRLD website at daytonml.org.

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October 21, 28, November 4, 11, 2021
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NOTICE OF PRELIMINARY BUDGET & PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Preliminary Budget for the Port of Columbia for 2022 has been prepared and is on file at the Port Main Office at 1 Port Way, Dayton, WA. The budget can also be viewed on the Port's website at www.portofcolumbia.org/port-info/policies-plans-budget/. Any taxpayer may obtain a hard copy of said budget at the Port office during regular business hours. A public hearing on the budget will be held November 10, 2021, at 3:30 pm during

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October 28:

Mary Senter

October 29:

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October 30:

Judy Bradley, Barbie Thompson, Ken Colby, Cindy Hofer, Robert Peddinani, Meghan Conrath, Aryn Davis.

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PSE PUGET SOUND ENERGY

Chef Mike Easton will Bring New Life to a Familiar Space

By Luke Chavez | THE TIMES

Among my most memorable dining experiences is of enjoying a bowl of perfectly sauced handmade pasta paired with a glass of humble house wine. This was a decade ago, at a little pop-up lunch counter tucked inside a tiny gelato shop along the Pike Place Market Hill Climb, those steep stairs that climb from the Seattle waterfront into the heart of the market. Only open for weekday lunch, with a small menu that changed daily written on a chalkboard, this was Il Corvo, a hidden gem that quickly gained cult status. I returned several times, always feeling like I was in on a secret. So, when I heard that the mastermind behind this magic, Chef Mike Easton, had purchased a building on Waitsburg's Main Street, I was eager to ask him about his plans.

The first time Easton stepped foot in Waitsburg, fifteen years ago, it was love at first sight. He was visiting artist friends from Seattle, who had just purchased an empty historic building. The charm of this small town was immediately apparent. The open sky and rolling landscape reminded him of his New Mexico roots and offered a welcome respite from city life. It didn't take long for him to start imagining a place for himself in this unique little town.

Those early visits to the Touchet Valley would stick with Easton as he continued to build a name for himself and grow his culinary career. Having worked his whole life in a variety of kitchens, he honed his craft collaborating with several prominent restaurateurs. He was growing as a chef at the same time Seattle was evolving into the sophisticated culinary destination it is today.

Meanwhile, back in Waitsburg, his friends Claire Johnston and Jim German renovated their historic building and opened the iconic jimgermanbar. An excellent excuse for Mike to make more visits to this side of the state.

As the lunch lines at Il Corvo got longer, he became known for his pasta-making skills and his dedication to seasonal Northwest ingredients. In 2013, after less than two years at the Pike Place Market location, Easton moved Il Corvo to a larger permanent location in Pioneer Square. The lunch-only menu featured a handful of seasonally inspired pasta options, and the relaxed counter service continued.

In 2019, he opened a second restaurant, Il Nido, in a historic building in West Seattle. The restaurant offers an expanded dinner menu and sit-down dining service, which was met with immediate critical acclaim. He has been honored as a James Beard Award nominee several times, and his restaurants have frequently been featured on many "best-of" lists.

During a turbulent 2020, which included a heartbreaking personal loss, Easton made the difficult decision to close Il Corvo. Riding out the bumps of COVID-19 shutdowns and mandates, his West Seattle restaurant Il Nido recently reopened to indoor dining, a relief to his many fans.

This year, things came full circle when Johnston and German announced they



Courtesy Photo

Colorful examples of the pasta served at Il Corvo. Easton says the goal is always a pasta that "creates the perfect bite." Paying attention to the symbiotic relationship between pasta shape and type of sauce.



Mike Easton

Self portrait of the chef and artist, taken with his 1932 Balda Baldax camera.

were putting their building at 119 Main Street up for sale. Easton jumped at the idea to create his next chapter in a space he first fell in love with many years ago. The sale was made final early this fall, and he has already started some projects to make the space his own.

Mike shared details with me about his new restaurant project, which he has fittingly named Vaccipiano, an Italian phrase for "take it easy." He describes the concept as being similar to the original Pike Place Market version of Il Corvo with the addition of a cocktail bar. Vaccipiano will feature a small, seasonally changing dinner menu of handmade pasta, inspired by his relationships with local farmers and producers.

While he plans to keep the historic charm of the building, he will take down the walls that enclosed the old kitchen and extend the bar counter the full length of the kitchen. With this open kitchen design and limited menu, he can run the restaurant with just himself and one other person while giving diners a truly one-of-a-kind dining experience.

Part of his excitement is the versatility that this building provides. Those familiar with the jimgermanbar will remember the private dining room called "heaven" and its long communal table. Easton plans to continue using this space for private events. There is a wood-fired oven on the back patio, which Easton intends to use for many things, including slow roasting meats for pasta sauces and baking focaccia bread.

Next door to the restaurant is the connected storefront that Johnston and German opened as an art gallery. Easton, an accomplished black and white film photographer, hopes to build a darkroom in part of the space, with wall space to display his photography. The gallery will also be opened up to connect to the restaurant's private event space.

After taking a break for winter, Easton will continue remodeling and updating the building in the spring. He hopes to open Vaccipiano in early summer, 2022 for dinner service four nights a week. Expect beautiful food, in a familiar space, with cozy limited seating. Both local and out-of-town diners will be excited to know that cocktail master Jim German will make the occasional appearance as guest bartender. Being old friends, German and Easton have worked together many times over the years, including Easton's help to develop the original menu concept for Passatempo in Walla Walla.

With all the exciting changes and new faces on Main Street, Easton hopes Vaccipiano will be a positive addition to this small town he loves. I, for one, cannot wait to get in line for the grand opening.

Streaming Reviews:

My favorite ghost stories on TV

By Lane Gwinn | THE TIMES

Dead Like Me



Some of the scariest characters in afterlife lore are grim reapers. Shadowy skeletal figures, in hooded black robes, carrying a scythe who take souls to their final destination. *Dead Like Me* offers a very different take on these dark characters by portraying reapers as ordinary, though dead, people stuck in limbo. They are tasked with guiding souls to their afterlife before they themselves can move on.

The main character, George (Ellen Muth), is killed after being hit in the head by the toilet seat from the re-entering Space Station Mir. In life, she was an unhappy temp, and now she is a grim reaper. And it is not much better.

She is recruited after the freak toilet seat accident by Rube (Mandy Patinkin) to become a grim reaper. George is one of several reapers who meet at a diner to receive their assignments. It is also a great time to discuss their pre and post-death lives. She finds death has not freed her from her mind-numbing temp work. However, reapers must hold down regular jobs along with their death duties as they muddle through limbo.

The series can be rented or bought on Amazon Prime or iTunes or watched for free on IMDb TV.

Ghosts, Original British series, BBC

This 2019-present show which just released a third season, is a popular show for BBC. The series starts with the death of a 99-year-old Lady Button, whose death bed is surrounded by ghosts. She has lived in a house unaware of the other occupants, which in-



BBC-One

Some of the spirits who inhabit the manor in the British series, *Ghosts*.

clude a scoutmaster with an arrow through his neck, a sketchy, pantless politician, a WWII general, and a basement full of plague victims.

Lady Button's soul rises from her body, sees the crowd, and before they can welcome her to the group, she is whisked up to heaven. Clearly, there are reasons the others are still in the house, and their stories are sure to come out. After fighting over the Lady's now abandoned room, they find out their peaceful existence is threatened.

A distant relative, Alison (Charlotte Richie), and her husband Mike (Kiell Smith-Bynoe) show up to take over the estate. After the ghosts discover the couple plan to turn their home into a hotel, they decide to fight or fright.

The location used for the estate is the perfect place to haunt.

Scenes where the living pass through the dead are well done. You see the empty room as Alison walks through, jumping to the room full of frustrated ghosts. Recovered from an accident caused by otherwise ineffectual haunting, Alison was near enough to death to now see ghosts. Seeing the estate's complete roster of tenants changes everything as negotiations begin.

The series is available on HBO-Max and Paramount+.

Ghosts, New American series

There have been many attempts to bring successful British shows to American TV. It does not always go well. There have been exceptions, *All in the Family*, *Shameless*, and *The Office*, to name a few. I am not sure this measures up to those efforts yet. I have only seen the first few episodes, and they do mirror the BBC version closely. There have been some changes to the cast of ghosts. The 80s politician is now a Wall Street

weasel (still pantless). The WWII captain is now an American Revolution officer who can't believe there is a musical about Hamilton. The basement-dwelling plague victims are now cholera victims. They are still masters of the estate's ancient hot water heater.

The premise is the same as the original. Unfortunately, the grand house is not as convincing as an actual historic British estate. It feels more studio lot and less *Downton Abby*. The distant relative is Samantha, played by Rose McIver, who starred in another popular dark comedy, *iZombie*. Her husband Jay is played by Utkarsh Ambudkar. As in the original, Samantha has a near-death accident that lets her see the ghosts in the house. As she goes from thinking she has gone crazy to accepting their existence, the neediness of the un-dead becomes apparent. There is a lot



Paramount+

The American cast of the US version of *Ghosts*.

of deal-making to keep peace and learn to coexist. If only it were that easy in real life.

This new series is available on Paramount+, HBO Max, and Pluto TV.

SurrealEstate

So, you want to sell your house, but the ghosts are bringing your property value down? Unlike the spirits in *Ghosts*, these squatters are no fun. The solution is finding the right real estate agent. Luke Roman (Tim Rozen) and his team of specialists are called in to sell haunted or possessed houses. Their competing realtors scoff until they list a home with oozing walls or a portal to hell in the basement.

The series starts as the agency welcomes a new agent, Susan Ireland (Sarah Levy). Levy is Eugene Levy's daughter who played Twila on *Schitt's Creek*. We learn all about the agency as she works to fit in. It is part *Ghost Hunter* and part *Million Dollar Listing*. It is described as a paranormal drama and can be seen on the Syfy channel.



SPORTS

Prescott defeats Umatilla Vikings 11-0

By Eric Umphrey | THE TIMES

PRESCOTT – Prescott decisively won their ninth game of the season over the Umatilla Vikings 11-0 on October 19. Vicente Garcia opened the scoring early in the first half on a pass from Brandon Caro to make the score 1-0. Moments later, Adrian Rubio scored an unassisted goal to put Prescott up 2-0.

From there, the Tigers kept putting pressure on their opponent's defense with scoring opportunities nearly every time they had possession near the Vikings' goal. Umatilla's goaltender made several saves in the first half despite all the breakaways given up by his defense. Adrian Rubio scored the last three in a row before halftime to make the score 7-0 Prescott.

In the second half the Tigers seemed to dial the offense back a little, likely out of sportsmanship. Prescott goaltender, Ivan Martinez, was challenged with more shots on goal in the second half but preserved the shutout with some nice saves.

Near the end of the game with the outcome certain, a player on Umatilla was given a yellow card for taunting. He was removed from the game by his coach at that point and didn't return. All players for both teams still lined up and shook hands at the end of the game without incident. Prescott is now 9-5 on the season and will play its next game Tuesday October 26 in Prescott at 3:00pm.

Prescott lost their last game of the regular season on Tuesday October 26 to UCA, 3-2 in overtime. I had a brief conversation with coach Mark Grimm about the upcoming playoffs. Prescott will host a playoff game Friday November 5 at 1:00 pm.

Any idea who you are playing?

"Not yet. The winner of that game goes to the state tournament."

How many games at State?

"Three. If we win next week, then we play a quarterfinal game and then we go to Sumner if we win that."



2021 Prescott Soccer Team

Back Row Left to Right: Dustin Snedigar, Noel Valle, Vicente Garcia, Eduardo Valdovinos, Jonathan Gonzalez, Diego Vasquez, Juan Diaz, Javier Udave, Hector Garcia, Brandon Caro, Mauricio Osorio, Adrian Rubio, Jaime Escalante, Emmanuel Sanchez, Mark Grimm. Front Row: Ivan Martinez

| Prescott Goal | Scored By | Assist | Half |
|---------------|-------------------|----------------|------|
| 1 | Vicente Garcia | Brandon Caro | 1st |
| 2 | Adrian Rubio | None | 1st |
| 3 | Diego Vasquez | Vicente Garcia | 1st |
| 4 | Javier Udave | None | 1st |
| 5 | Adrian Rubio | Vicente Garcia | 1st |
| 6 | Adrian Rubio | Vicente Garcia | 1st |
| 7 | Adrian Rubio | Brandon Caro | 1st |
| 8 | Jonathan Gonzales | Vicente Garcia | 2nd |
| 9 | Vicente Garcia | None | 2nd |
| 10 | Hector Garcia | None | 2nd |
| 11 | Adrian Rubio | None | 2nd |

Assists: Brandon Caro 2, Vicente Garcia 4
Goals: Vicente Garcia 2, Adrian Rubio 5, Diego Vasquez, Javier Udave, Jonathan Gonzalez, Hector Garcia

Touchet Valley Women's Golf news

THE TIMES

Despite masks and extreme heat, The Touchet Valley Ladies Golf Club officially ended their 2021 season with a pizza luncheon on Wednesday, October 20. President Barbara Phinney presided and presented end-of-the-season awards.

Chip Ins:

Christy Bell #1 #6
Kris Takamura #2 #9
Kathe Juris #7 #4
Joann Poolman #4
Cherie Hinchliff #2
Sue Little #9 #8
Claudia Nysoe #5
Karen Rubenser #7

Birdies:

Kris Takamura #2 #4
Kathe Juris #4
Joann Poolman #2
Denise Hoon #6

Eclectic 2021 Most Improved Scores:

Claudia Nysoe- 25 strokes
Sue Little- 18 strokes
Jean Nelson- 17 strokes
Kathe Juris- 16 strokes
Cherie Hinchliff- 16 strokes
Sandy Schreck- 13 strokes
Barbara Phinney- 13 strokes



Courtesy Photo

Enjoying a day at the Zintel Golf Course in Kennewick
Back row: Christy Bell, Cherie Hinchliff
Barbara Phinney. Front row: Sue Little
Jean Nelson

The club usually organizes and sponsors a Junior Golf clinic for youth ages 1-12 in June. In August, the club hosts an invitational golf tournament for other area nine-hole women's clubs and, in turn, participate in their invitational events held throughout the season.

The Touchet Valley Women's Golf Club season will begin May 2022 and run through mid-October, meeting every Wednesday morning at 9:00. New members of any skill level are welcome to join. Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month.

If you are interested in joining or would like more information email tvlgolf@hotmail.com, or the club's Facebook page Touchet Valley Ladies Golf.

Coaches Corner: with Troy Larsen

Wolfpack Football falls against River View High

DAYTON/WAITSBURG—Dayton Waitsburg Wolfpack had a rough Thursday night game at Finley, WA, on October 21. The team came out and played a good first quarter holding River View High School to one touchdown at the end of the quarter.

Coach Troy Larsen shared:

"I expected the whole game to play out like the first quarter, but the injury bug caught us. We lost four players to injuries starting with senior Brayden Mohny who got caught up in friendly fire after making a great open field tackle and ended up with a concussion. Shortly after Jayce Gleason went down with a broken collarbone, followed by our defensive leader in tackles Theo Anderson breaking his ankle running down a tackle.

"We finished the half with our last senior Hunter Berg taking a helmet shot to his head and suffering whiplash. We played the second half with a lot of young student athletes out of their normal positions helping us finish the night out. River View played aggressive defense and held our offense to minimal gains all night. We are spending the long weekend putting a game plan together for undefeated Columbia Burbank which will arrive Friday night for our last home game and Senior Night."

DW: 0 0 0 0 - 0
RV: 7 27 13 19 - 66

DW Individual Statistics:

Rushing: Reser, 6-17; Pettichord, 5-15; Fortune, 2-4.
Passing: Pettichord, 2-12-5 yds - 2 int's.
Receiving: Morris, 1-3, Boudrieau, 1-2.



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SPORTS & LIFESTYLES

It takes a village, for some; while, others, a continent

By Vicki Sternfeld-Rossi | THE TIMES

When I was very young, I had two nicknames. The first, Miss Perpetual Motion. From the moment I woke up, I was on the go until I would fall sound asleep wherever I happened to run out of steam. I'd sleep anywhere, at the dinner table, on the floor reading, while playing a game. I was out!

The second nickname was Miss Independent. My constant retort was: "I can (and will) do it myself!"

Both my energy and fierce independence have been my stalwarts most of my life. But as I have recently learned, sometimes Mugsy and I need help (or saving), and luckily, I have friends and neighbors that come to the rescue.

Twice over the past few months, Mugsy escaped through a gap in our fence. He was once rescued by one set of neighbors and their dog, Oscar, who was able to entice Mugsy back to our yard, and the second time, another group of neighbors went the extra mile and added a wood slat to the gate to seal up his escape hatch. During Mugsy's escapades, the neighbors provided me with texts and calls relaying his status while I was at the restaurant, taking orders and clearing dishes. Mugsy and I thank you all!

During the recent cold snap, I closed Mugsy's access to the backyard. I planned



Vicki Sternfeld-Rossi

Mugsy in a costume or is it a disguise?

to run home during the break between lunch and dinner service to let him out and give him treats and attention. However, we had a late lunch customer, and I was not able to leave. My neighbor Gail came to the rescue and let my desperate dog out. Twice that week, I had to call on her to help with Mugsy.

I like to say it's Mugsy that needs the village, but in retrospect, I'm just as needy. While bringing in my usual stash of sodas, wine, laundered napkins, briefcase, etc., from my car last Friday, I was a little more scattered than usual. As I slammed the car door shut, I noticed that I had locked my keys in the car. I momentarily considered breaking the window to retrieve them rather than confess to anyone that I did something that careless.

Again, friends to the rescue. A neighbor called to make a reservation for that night, and I asked if she could stop at my house on the way to bring my extra set of keys. Of course, she did, and my car was saved from a lot of broken glass.

Most recently, some friends dropped by last Sunday to deliver a pumpkin to us and say "hi." They mentioned that when they walked past the restaurant earlier in the day, they noticed our "sandwich board" was out on the sidewalk. They hoped it was OK that they pulled it onto the covered patio since we were closed. It should have been brought inside the restaurant after closing the night before, but evidently, I forgot. I immediately took a quick drive over to the café to move the board inside.

With all I have on my plate, the café, my "day" job, the garden, the house, laundry duty for us and the restaurant, I have succumbed to the reality that I need a village at a minimum, and so grateful that my Waitsburg friends are filling that need. Then, add Mugsy to the mix, and we need an entire continent to watch over us.

Wolfpack Volleyball plays Warden, Mac-Hi

DAYTON/WAITSBURG—Dayton-Waitsburg Wolfpack gave the Warden Cougars a run for the money at home on October 21. Though the Wolfpack ultimately fell against the Cougars, set scores were close, with final scores ending at 22-25, 20-25, 16-25.

Claudia Benevides had an exceptional game, ending the night with five kills and one ace. Kylee Henry had a total of four assists, one kill, one block, and one ace. Emily Rodrick marked two assists, one dig, one kill, and one ace.

"The team is continuing to improve with each game. Their net play and coverage were great tonight," said head coach Tracy Barron.

The Wolfpack played McLoughlin High School on October 25 for Senior Night. The Wolfpack lost against the Mac-Hi Pioneers, with scores of 25-8, 25-18, 18-25, 25-27, 11-15.

Makenna Barron ended her night with eight kills, six digs, one block, and one ace. Peyton Struckmeier had seven kills, one dig, one block, and one ace, and Claudia Benavides had four digs, six kills, and two Aces.

"Emotions were running high on Senior Night. The team did a good job staying focused and playing their game," Barron said.

Wolfpack Volleyball traveled to Tri-Cities Prep on October 26. Results were not available at the time of print.



Karen Huwe photo

Karen Huwe

Senior night for volleyball.

(L-R) Seniors Megan Forney & family, Ella Larson and family and Trista Villaro and family.

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Halloween Trunk or Treat in Waitsburg

THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—Calling all princesses, ghosts, cowboys, and ghouls! The Waitsburg Presbyterian Church and the Waitsburg Christian Church are excited to announce a Halloween Trunk or Treat.

A family-safe event, the Trunk or Treat will happen from 3 to 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, October 31. Cars will be parked in the gravel parking lot across the street from the Presbyterian Church and on Main Street downtown. This trunk or treat will be a walk-through event.

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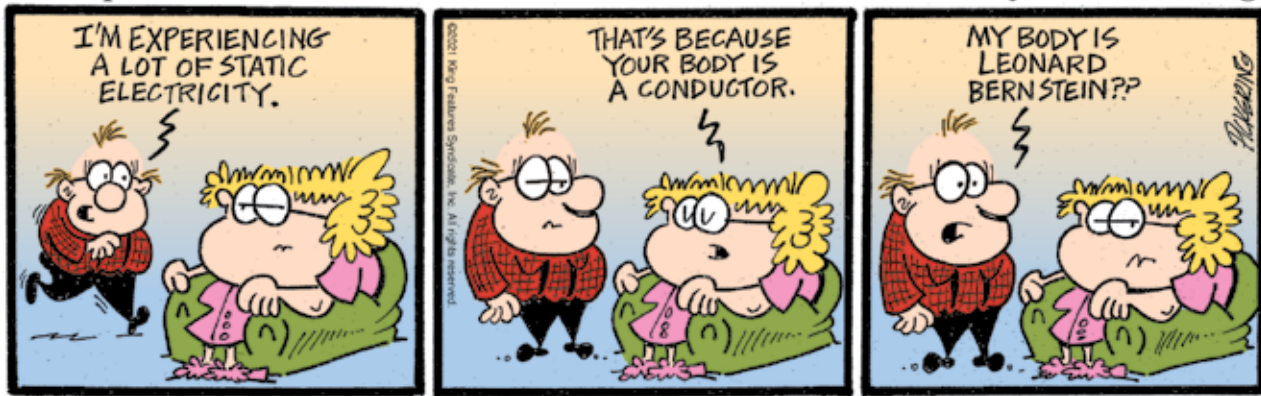
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"Toys don't last as long as they used to... thank goodness!"

The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



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by Gary Kopervas



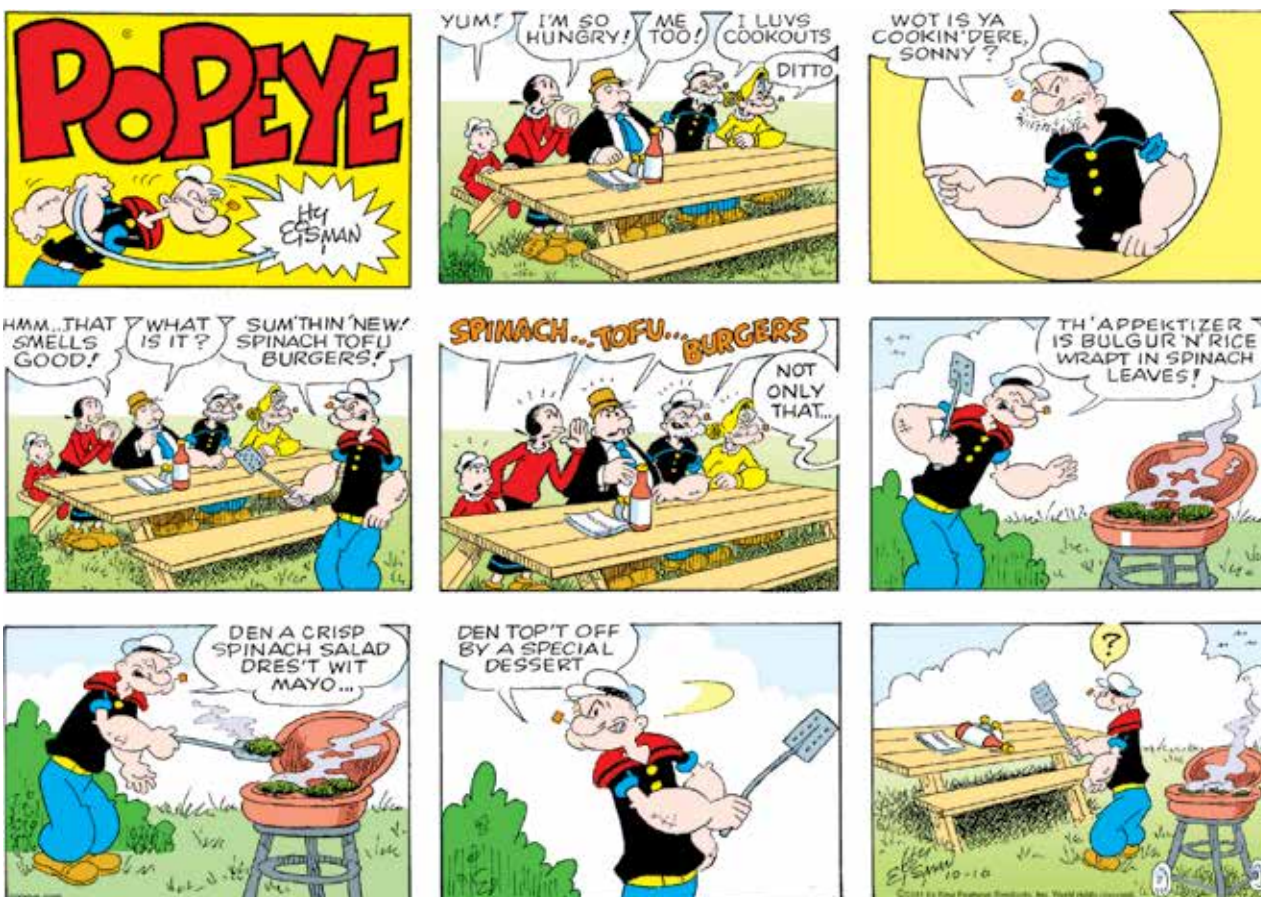
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by Mike Marland



Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



PIONEER PORTRAITS

Ten Years Ago

October 27, 2011

As Waitsburg becomes increasingly popular among travelers, more small-scale, down-home lodging is springing up around town to accommodate them, according to Karen Stanton-Gregutt, owner of Waitsburg Cottages. Together with the owners of several other lodging establishments, Stanton-Gregutt presented to members of the Commercial Club last week an overview of existing and new properties where quality accommodations are available for nightly and weekly stays. Based on the Times calculations, there should be at least 30 lodging rooms with an occupancy of at least 50 available by next spring when the hotel under development next to the Main Street post office is expected to be open.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

October 31, 1996

A recent report about not one but several Bigfoots seen in the Mill Creek Watershed has sparked anew the question: Is there a family of Bigfoots resident in these mountains near Walla Walla? Over the years since 1982, when ex-Forest Service watershed patrol rider Paul Freeman reported his near confrontation with a Bigfoot, this issue has surfaced. There is at least one instance of a sighting of a large Bigfoot accompanied by a smaller one, suggesting an adult and its "teenage" young. As memory serves, there was such a sighting on Mill Creek within 10 miles of Walla Walla. Then, a couple of years ago, two hunters were on the mountain road out of Dayton in the Robbinette Mountain vicinity as darkness was falling. In this report, the men saw what each was certain was a Bigfoot and a smaller one as the creatures headed into the timber at the edge of a plowed field. Since it was getting dark, neither hunter opted to pursue the creatures to get any closer, they said.

Fifty Years Ago

October 28, 1971



[Photo Caption] Jill Zuger presents a trophy to David McKinley who was selected as outstanding freshman football player for the 1971 season.

Debbie Lingle, daughter of Mrs. Louise Lingle, and Pat Mohny, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Mohny, were named to rule over the 1971 Homecoming of Waitsburg High School, during half-time activities Friday afternoon. Other members of the court were Sandy Kenney, Denise Hulce, Jenny McKinney, Susan Maib, Jerry Baker, Craig Miller, Jim Callahan, and Mike Largent. Past homecoming royalty introduced at half-time were Sally Chase Baker, Belvidere, Ill., and Betty Collingwood Lytle, Yakima, 1958; Freda Kay Harris Price, Walla Walla, '62; Margaret Nettles, '63; Diane Zuger, Barbara Bennet Fry, Sherry Johnson Land, Pullman, '66; Melinda and Belinda Johnson, '68; Susan Webber, Debbie Conover, Ann Payne, and Jack Roberts, '69; Jani Keve, Terry John and Louis Gagnon, '70. Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Donnelly, Gene Davis and Janice John were named outstanding adult supporters.

Seventy-Five Years Ago

November 1, 1946

A constable for the City of Waitsburg will be voted on at the general election Nov. 5th by writing in the name on the ballot.

Mrs. Marcus Zuger celebrated the month-old birthday of the Zuger triplets Sunday by taking three tiny birthday cakes to the Brining Hospital.

Wanda Ferrell and Kenneth Elkin were married at Elk, Nev. on Oct 16. They were honored at a dinner at the Frank Zuger Home Saturday evening.

One Hundred Years Ago

October 28, 1921

The ladies of the Aloha Club entertained at the home of Mrs. W. B. Shaffer on 4th Street Friday afternoon, Oct. 21. There were 80 guests. The decorations were red geraniums, autumn leaves and salvia. Refreshments were served later in the afternoon.

Miss Dorothy Johnson (of Huntsville) daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Johnson entertained a number of her friends Monday in honor of her seventh birthday. Little folks present were Jean Harsh, Bonnie Hawks, Pauline Fullerton, Gwendolyn Leid, Verla Piatt, Orleta Piatt, Hazel Buroker, Vivian Keiser, Nona Crawford, Helen Johnson, Laurence Fullerton, Wane Fullerton, Harold Duncanson, Virgil Duncanson, and the little hostess.

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago

October 30, 1896

An extra wheat train consisting of 27 loaded and six empty cars, was derailed near Wallula on Tuesday morning. The fireman and head brakeman were killed outright while the engineer had his shoulder dislocated. A broken rail was the cause.

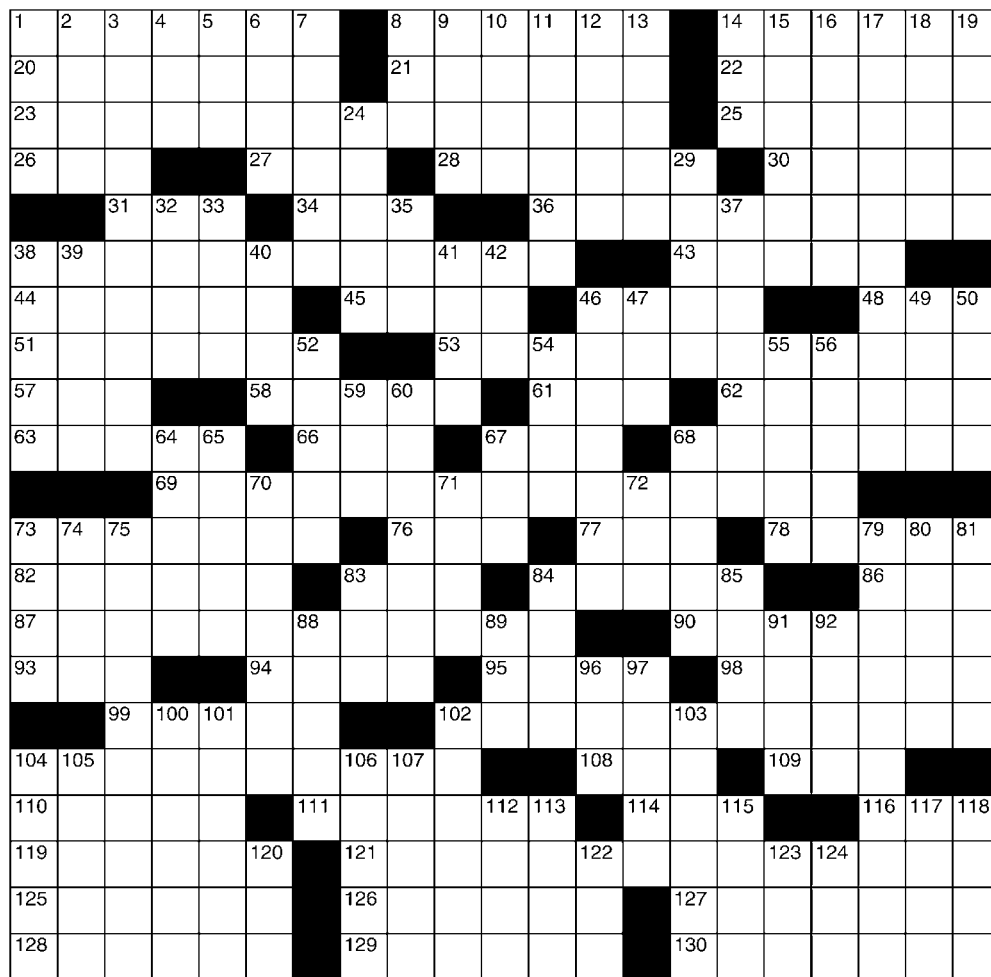
The Northwest Horticulturist says: the first wheat ever sown in the state of Washington was put in the ground now occupied by Mr. C. L. White's nursery, Walla Walla; the seed cost \$5 per bushel, it having been brought from the Dalles, Oregon, on mules, in 1859. It was sown by John A. Simms and numerous are the stories related of the fabulous amounts he made on his venture.

PUZZLES & LIFESTYLES

Super Crossword

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Abu Dhabi, for one
 - 8 Old name for a hippo
 - 14 Top banana
 - 20 Like many rec room walls
 - 21 Democratic diplomat Harriman
 - 22 Take off of a spool
 - 23 Cat's-eye, steele and aggie
 - 25 Skimpy
 - 26 Moral wrong
 - 27 "High School High" actress Carrere
 - 28 Wife of TV's Frasier
 - 30 "Take — out of crime!"
 - 31 Nine-digit ID, for short
 - 34 Big Apple inits.
 - 36 Tsunamis are big ones
 - 38 They make pins fall
 - 43 Fashion figure Oscar de la —
 - 44 Colored ring of the iris
 - 45 Falco who portrayed a Soprano
 - 46 Alan who portrayed Hawkeye
 - 48 Mai — (cocktail)
 - 51 Has in one's sights
 - 53 They list a film's cast
 - 57 Diamond great Mel
 - 58 Midwest air hub
 - 61 CPR specialist
 - 62 Conductor André
 - 63 Corp. shake-up
 - 66 Gold, to Jorge
 - 67 Zip
 - 68 1995-2016 NBAer Kevin
 - 69 Racial, e.g.
 - 73 Zoo
 - 76 Chi-Town team
 - 77 "— Na Na" (TV oldie)
 - 78 French painter Edgar
 - 82 Concert extra
 - 83 And so on: Abbr.
 - 84 For — (really cheaply)
 - 86 Avail
 - 87 Resounding storm noises
 - 90 Harmful ant
 - 93 Good cholesterol, for short
 - 94 "If only — known!"
 - 95 Suffix with kitchen
 - 98 More in order
 - 99 Maine university town
 - 102 Diner and sleeper
 - 104 Casino cubes
 - 108 — laude
 - 109 'Neath's opposite
 - 110 Deer family member
 - 111 State of societal breakdown
 - 114 Amigo
 - 116 Orlando-to-Miami dir.
 - 119 More highfalutin
 - 121 What eight answers in this puzzle are
 - 125 2017 biopic about skater
 - 126 Attacked energetically
 - 127 Acid neutralizers
 - 128 Big pizzas, say
 - 129 Like some post-meal bad breath
 - 130 Principe's partner island
 - DOWN**
 - 1 Actor Omar
 - 2 African land
 - 3 As a response for
 - 4 Playa del —
 - 5 Old ring king
 - 6 Camp shelter
 - 7 Border fringe
 - 8 Facial offerer
 - 9 British noble
 - 10 Both: Prefix
 - 11 Violins' kin
 - 12 — acid (fat compound)
 - 13 Squander
 - 14 Tour vehicle
 - 15 Hocked
 - 16 Reach for rudely
 - 17 Using other sources
 - 18 Opposite of east, in Mexico
 - 19 Choral clubs
 - 24 Possibly
 - 29 Sound in "cant" but not "cent"
 - 32 Walk heavily
 - 33 River close to the Sphinx
 - 35 Loutish guy
 - 37 Close to its face value, as a bond
 - 38 Ulan —, Mongolia
 - 39 Elocute
 - 40 Defense gp.
 - 41 Sour fruit
 - 42 MGM lion
 - 46 Without purpose
 - 47 Allow to
 - 49 Feuding, say
 - 50 "Who —?"
 - 52 Jarred
 - 54 Disguise
 - 55 Muffed up
 - 56 Thick
 - 59 Elbow locale
 - 60 Sat on a perch
 - 64 Hit with the knuckles
 - 65 Close watch
 - 67 Vote down
 - 68 Immense
 - 70 Trapping in branches
 - 71 — Raton
 - 72 E'en if
 - 73 One of the "Little Women"
 - 74 With a sharp image, for short
 - 75 Like nerves acting on eye muscles
 - 79 Part of many a heavy-metal track
 - 80 Fall bloom
 - 81 Soothsayers
 - 83 Ecol. monitor
 - 84 Fizzy wine, for short
 - 85 Rowlands of "Gloria"
 - 88 1970s spinoff sitcom
 - 89 Grassland
 - 91 Make over
 - 92 Eggnog spice
 - 96 Dr. Mom's attention
 - 97 Spew forth
 - 100 Skyrocketing
 - 101 Odd feature of a cyclops
 - 102 Actress Leah
 - 103 Nebraska natives
 - 104 AOL rival
 - 105 Vital conduit
 - 106 Halved
 - 107 Actor Sacha Baron —
 - 112 Liking a lot
 - 113 Novelist Jennifer
 - 115 Follower of "oooh" or "tra"
 - 117 Thin
 - 118 "Who —?"
 - 120 Dorm heads, for short
 - 122 Pig's home
 - 123 Boxing win, in brief
 - 124 Scoundrel



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MY RECIPES

Luke Chavez

Sage Biscuits and Sausage Gravy



Biscuits and Gravy is a dish that can swing wildly from utterly delicious to painfully disappointing. Seemingly on every breakfast and brunch menu across the country, this comforting classic often feels like an afterthought. Lifeless, dry biscuits covered in sad runny gravy can often taste bland and pasty. Run away! Once mastered, this recipe that will make you never want to order this southern breakfast staple in a restaurant again. Beautiful flakey biscuits, scrumptious with or without the gravy, are elevated here with fresh sage. The gravy is smooth, creamy, and bursting with flavor, yet not too heavy.

Ingredients:

For the biscuits:

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 ½ teaspoons baking powder
- ½ teaspoon baking soda
- ½ teaspoon fresh ground black pepper
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ¼ cup (half stick) butter, 1-inch cubed and chilled
- ¾ cup buttermilk
- 3 tablespoons fresh sage, chopped

For the gravy:

- 1 pound ground pork sausage
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1/3 cup flour
- 3 cups whole milk
- 2 tablespoons fresh thyme, chopped
- ½ teaspoon salt
- Fresh ground black pepper, to taste
- Chopped herbs for garnish, such as chives, parsley or thyme

Directions:

For biscuits: Preheat oven to 450 degrees. In large bowl, combine flour, baking powder, baking soda, pepper, and salt. Using a pastry cutter, or your fingers, quickly cut the butter into the flour until mixture has a coarse crumbly texture. Add buttermilk and sage and stir until mixture just combines into a soft shaggy dough.

Turn dough onto floured work surface and gently knead 6 to 8 times, until dough is smooth. Using a floured rolling pin, roll dough out ¼ inch thick.

Cut out 2-inch biscuits using a floured round biscuit cutter. Press trimmings together, roll and cut out additional biscuits. Arrange biscuits on ungreased baking sheet, 1 inch apart. Bake until golden, about 12 to 14 minutes. Keep warm while finishing gravy.

For gravy: Add sausage to a large skillet and set over medium heat. Brown sausage until no longer pink, breaking up as it cooks with a wooden spoon. Add butter and stir around as it melts. Sprinkle flour over the sausage and stir to fully incorporate. Cook for 2 minutes to cook the flour, stirring constantly and scrapping the bottom of pan as you go.

Slowly pour in the milk, whisking constantly. Keep whisking, scraping the bottom and sides, until gravy is smooth. Stir in the salt, thyme and black pepper. Reduce heat to medium-low, and continue to cook for 10 to 15 minutes, stirring occasionally, until gravy thickens to perfect consistency. Taste and adjust seasoning, adding more salt and black pepper if needed.

To serve, split biscuits in half, arrange on plate, and smother with gravy. Garnish top with chopped herbs and plenty of fresh ground black pepper. A pinch of paprika for color is also lovely on top.

Notes:

The key to this version of biscuits and gravy is the addition of fresh herbs. Play around with your favorites. Try sage, dill, tarragon, chives, marjoram or any combination. If you don't have access to fresh herbs, you can substitute dried herbs, using the general ratio of one teaspoon dried for one tablespoon fresh. Taste and adjust as you go, dried herbs are more concentrated.

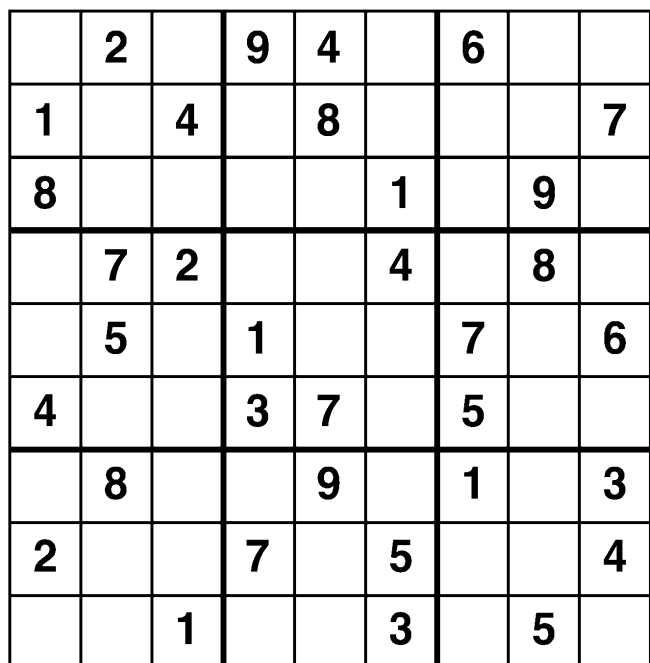
Use any loose ground pork sausage you like, breakfast style or mild Italian work great. If you only have links, remove the sausage from the casings before you brown. Try substituting with your favorite turkey or chicken sausage. Leaner sausage might require a bit of oil in the pan while browning.

When making a white gravy, or any sauce that starts with a roux, it is very important to cook the flour in the butter or fat sufficiently before adding the liquid. Don't rush, give it a good 2 to 3 minutes. This will add depth and prevent your gravy from having a gummy raw flour flavor.

Serve this as part of a decadent brunch spread perfect for a crowd. A fried egg on top is never a bad idea. Also lovely when you are craving breakfast for dinner, as I was this week. Enjoy!

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

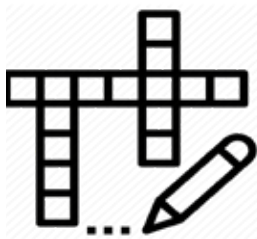


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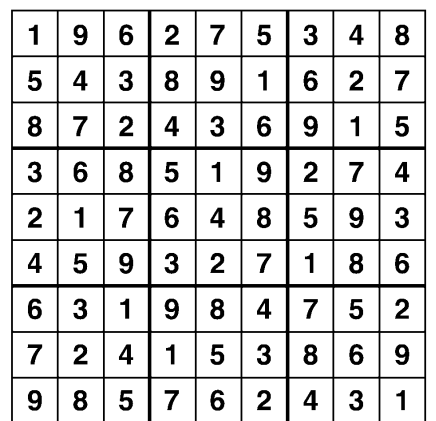
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School Board Candidate Q & A

THE TIMES

Joseph Rhymes is running as a write-in candidate for Waitsburg School Board Position 4.

Why are you running?

Simply, we need change. The majority of our current board is neglecting their duties to our kids and families and have become apathetic to the concerns of parents, students, and even the staff of our school.

What issues do you believe our district needs to address?

We need to return to the basics of education. There is something to be said about the old adage "reading, writing, and arithmetic". Our kids don't need to be inundated with questionable lessons about Critical Race theory, or taught to hate, or racism. As a nation, we spend far more than anyone else on public education, yet our children regularly score near the bottom when compared to other nations. That's on us. If our kids cannot compete in tomorrow's workforce, we have let them down. Let's give our kids the edge by giving them a good foundation, and then they themselves can build strong ethics and confidence upon that foundation.

What do you see as major issues?

Politics, politics. We have good potential for great schooling here in Waitsburg, yet in the current national political climate, we are under assault from Wash D.C, and even Olympia, to force compliance with questionable mandates, which hinder our children and grandchildren's learning ability. I listened recently as parent after parent shared passionately regarding the same concern, yet in the end, the majority of our current school board simply blew them off. Ignoring them. Our great nation was not built by people who will simply "fold" under threats by outside forces. RCW title 28 includes "parents have the right to attend classes if they so choose". Also, the local school board has the authority to "establish final curriculum...evaluate teaching materials, including textbooks, teaching aids, and handouts...and to hear (and deal with) complaints by parents who consider certain material objectionable". Is our current board living up to this responsibility? No. Our local school board MUST be accountable, and represent the best interest of our parents and their children, and not folding in the face of current political winds. I am a firm believer in the concept that evil thrives when good men do nothing. We currently have a "do nothing" board. Yes, I can say that. I served honorably in the Marine Corps to protect the right of any American citizen to say that. I will bring a strong voice to the table who is not afraid to take a stand. I will bring LOCAL CONTROL back to our schools. I will fight to protect our kids, our parental rights, and to keep the many good staff and teachers that we might lose due to current politics. And I will defend your right to strongly voice your concerns at school board meetings! (No FBI involved!) Please take the time to write my name in for District 4. Thank you.



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Times contributors John Avery, Luke Chavez and Flora in their 2017 costumes, Nose Picker, Kleenex and litte boogie. Happy Halloween!



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