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Four seniors played their last game for Waitsburg High School on February 1. On defense, (l-r) are Morgan Lindsey, Alyssa Hollingsworth, Kaydance Tiner, and Jessica Lambert
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Times rides again

By Lane Gwinn | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — The decision to suspend the printed publication of “The Times” has been suspended. “The Times” received an anonymous donation to cover the cost of print production for the paper over the next few months. In that time, the paper will transition to a nonprofit organization.

In reorganizing as a nonprofit, the new organization will form a board and file for a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS. The board will work with a local fiscal sponsor to begin raising funds for the paper’s operation as it waits an estimated three to eight months for IRS approval.

For more information or to send us your comments, email Lane Gwinn at lane@waitsburgtimes.com.

Cardinal Booster of the Year honored

WAITSBURG — For the last 21 years, the Waitsburg Booster Club has honored a member in January for their exceptional dedication to supporting our students.

Vickie Hamann, a long-time Booster Club supporter, was recognized as Booster of the Year on Saturday, February 1, 2025.

Booster Club Vice-President Julie Karl made the presentation after President Ross Hamann read Vickie’s attributes, including her contributions behind the scenes, poster making, washing and mending uniforms, organizing booster events, and ensuring all the little details are handled.

Hamann was recognized for caring deeply about the students, making sure no kid is left out or left behind.

Congratulations to Vickie Hamann as the 2024 Booster of the Year.



Karen Huwe
Julie Karl (left) presents Vickie Hamann with the Booster of the Year Award on February 1

AAUW adds scholarship, networking opportunities for women in WWCC trade programs

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA — The Walla Walla chapter of the American Association of University Women has added a third scholarship type to its scholarship fund for women seeking a trade school certificate. The Women in Trades Scholarship is available to help women enrolled or intending to enroll in trade programs at Walla Walla Community College.

“Locally and nationally, AAUW’s mission is to empower women and girls. And we know workforce needs are changing,” said AAUW Walla Walla President Mitzi Jensen. “For students not on the four-year college path, learning a trade is a great opportunity to gain economic self-sufficiency. And we believe the training at WWCC is both high-quality and affordable.”

The chapter raises scholarship funds through local kitchen tours and annual book sales and has awarded over \$125,000 to women in the Walla Walla Valley since 2016. This year’s book sale is scheduled for Feb. 21 through 23 at the Marcus Whitman Hotel.

AAUW Walla Walla scholarships support women earning college degrees and certificates to achieve economic self-sufficiency. The three scholarships are:

The Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Horizons Scholarship is for women pursuing a STEM or STEM-adjacent degree.

The Walla Walla Branch Scholarship is for women returning to school after a break in their education.

The Women in Trades Scholarship is for women seeking a certificate to pursue a trade.

In addition to its scholarships, AAUW has partnered with WWCC to host luncheons that provide networking and skills-building opportunities for women enrolled or interested in the college’s trade programs. The lunches began over the summer and feature former students, resume-building tips, and financial advice.

“Our long-term goal is to create a strong network for WWCC students and WWCC Women in Trades graduates,” said Tracii Hickman, AAUW’s Women in Trades Project co-chair.

One of WWCC’s most popular trade programs is Welding Technology. Kristopher Margart, who leads the program, said the number of women interested in the trade is growing at a time when skilled welders are retiring faster than they can be replaced.

Recent WWCC graduate Kaitlin Nye took her first welding class in high school. After enrolling in a four-year college to study bioengineering and math, she gravitated back to welding because she enjoyed it and found she was good at it.



Submitted photo
WWCC graduate Kaitlin Nye.



NEWS BRIEFS

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AT THE LIBERTY: "Mufasa: The Lion King"

THE TIMES

DAYTON — "Mufasa: The Lion King" enlists Rafiki to relay the legend of Mufasa to young lion cub Kiara, daughter of Simba and Nala, with Timon and Pumbaa lending their signature schtick. Told in flashbacks, the story introduces Mufasa as an orphaned cub, lost and alone until he meets a sympathetic lion named Taka—the heir to a royal bloodline. The chance meeting sets in motion an expansive journey of an extraordinary group of misfits searching for their destiny—their bonds will be tested as they work together to evade a threatening and deadly foe. It is rated PG for action/violence, peril and some thematic elements and the runtime is 118 minutes.

"Mufasa: The Lion King" is rated 89% by the audience on Rotten Tomatoes. One audience member said, "I grew up watching the first Lion King so to now have the background of Mufasa and Scar is such a full circle moment!"

The Rotten Tomatoes critics were not as generous giving it a rating of 63%.

On February 14, The Liberty Theater has a Valentine for its patrons. The theater is offering a night of romance with a free showing of the 1942 film classic "Casablanca" at 7 p.m. This is in place of the regular movie for one night only. Concessions will include champagne or cider, a special Casablanca Cocktail created by Hotel Hardware, and a sweet treat from Vikki's Sweet Shoppe. There will also be flowers for purchase from Paige's Floral and Gifts.

Tickets must be reserved and are available at <https://Casablanca-Valentine-Liberty-Theater.eventbrite.com>.

The upcoming movie lineup is "Mufasa: The Lion King" on February 7 through 11, "Conclave" on February 15 to 18, "Dog Man" on February 21 to 25, and "Captain America: Brave New World" on February 8 to March 4.

LEGAL NOTICES

Columbia County Public Hospital District #1
BOARD SPECIAL MEETING
AGENDA
02/11/2025 10:00 a.m.
meeting
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 February 11 at 10:00 a.m. in the Administration Conference Room on the District's Dayton, Washington campus. The purpose of the meeting is to review the Chief Executive Officer's Performance and Goals. Final disposition shall not be taken on any other matter at such meeting.

Dated this 11th day of February 2025
1. Call to Order - Bob Hutchens, Chair
2. Roll Call - Bob Hutchens, Chair
3. Executive Session to review the job performance of the District's CEO (RCW 42.30.110(g)) - Bob Hutchens, Chair
4. Conclusion of the Review and Goals will be reported.
5. Adjournment - Bob Hutchens, Chair
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WARMING CENTER OPEN IN ANTICIPATION OF COLD WEATHER FORECAST.

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA — Cold temperatures will continue in Walla Walla County and surrounding areas this week.

To help residents stay warm, the First Congregational Church at 73 S. Palouse Street will host the Walla Walla Emergency Warming Center from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. beginning Tuesday, February 4, through Saturday morning, February 8. The Warming Center is not open during daytime hours, and dates and times are subject to change based on weather forecasts and conditions.

The Warming Center relies on volunteer staff and offers volunteer training regularly. For more information on volunteering, please call 509-301-6848.

The Walla Walla Public Library, located at 238 E Alder Street, is open to the public Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and can be a good place to take shelter from the cold during the day.

For up-to-date information on cold weather shelter options, including any changes that may occur, visit the Walla Walla County Department of Community Health "News Listings" page at <https://dch.co.walla-walla.wa.us/newslist.php>

DAYTON LIBRARY ADDS LOCAL LIBRARY ACCESS TO PATRONS

THE TIMES

DAYTON — The Columbia County Rural Library has entered into a Reciprocal Borrowing Agreement with neighboring libraries. Patrons can obtain free library cards from the following reciprocating libraries:

Richland Public Library
Mid-Columbia Libraries
Walla Walla County Rural Library District
Walla Walla Public Library
Columbia County Rural Library District

DOL LICENSING OFFICES CLOSED FEB. 14 - 17

Online services down Feb. 10-17

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA — The Washington State Department of Licensing is upgrading its software systems in mid-February. While updates are underway, many services will be unavailable. The temporary shutdown will include closing the Walla Walla County vehicle and driver licensing offices from February 14 through 17.

Online vehicle/boat and driver licensing services will be unavailable from February 10 through February 17. Anyone with driver or vehicle/boat transactions is encouraged to complete them now by going to www.dol.wa.gov before February 9. After February 9, you will not be able to order car tabs or renew your driver's license online until February 18.

The system upgrades will enhance customer service, add security features, and better support mobile devices. Residents, agency business partners, and the state's transportation system will benefit. The DOL apologizes for any inconvenience the outage causes and appreciates your patience and understanding.

For further information about this system upgrade, visit www.dol.wa.gov.

WELDING- FROM PAGE 1

After enrolling in the WWCC welding program, Nye secured an internship and paid part-time job at Key Technology, a Walla Walla company that manufactures stainless steel food processing equipment. Before working as a welder on Key's night shift, she would attend morning and early afternoon classes.

"Yes, I was tired, but Key is very open and encourages their employees' success," said Nye, who continued working for the company after graduating in spring 2023.

Nye landed her dream job at Cascade Natural Gas about a year ago.

"Getting to the point where all your hard work pays off -- it's just a good feeling," said Nye.

"Kaitlin welds on live natural gas lines," said Margart, her former instructor. "Those are nursing home furnaces and hospital furnaces. You can't turn on your heat in this city without taking the work she does for granted. Every time you cross a bridge, walk into a big building or fill your car with gas, a welder has done something to elevate the quality of life for our society."

Kaitlin Nye often returns to coach WWCC welding students on what it takes to succeed. The AAUW Women in Trades Scholarship will be most welcome, she says, "especially if it allows them to focus solely on their education, without the added stress of working after classes."

The AAUW is accepting applications for the 2025 scholarships through March 10. Go to www.aauw-wallawalla.org to apply and to get more information about the scholarship program and other enriching opportunities for women and girls in the Walla Walla Valley.

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Palouse Outdoors: Playing a Royal Flush

By Brad Trumbo | THE TIMES

Some of the best moments of my life have occurred while following the flashing tail of a bird dog through the whipping grouse covers and amber plains. I've found the upland hunting community welcoming, and the tales I've shared have connected me with friends I would never have known otherwise. Pheasants Forever holds a subset of this community - like-minded conservationists passionate about nature, bird dogs, and the beautifully plumed game birds that fascinate us.

I've had the good fortune of experiencing a variety of hunts and dog breeds, each with unique styles, personalities, and quirks. Yet, I had never hunted with golden retrievers before the 2024 season. Fortunately, fellow Pheasants Forever volunteer Randy Snyder recently invited me to walk with him and his brace of stunning strawberry blonde golden retrievers to push up pheasant.

Randy's casual appearance belies his wisdom and character as one of the most interesting people alive. He has traveled and hunted birds widely with his beloved golden retrievers. A 1970s throwback photo of Randy sitting with his dog and a handful of valley quail after a momentous day in Baja was highlighted in the 2024 Pheasants Forever Journal Upland Bird Super Issue, Volume 43(4). Randy has a story for every occasion, hunting or otherwise, but as I followed him and his bouncing pups into the field, our conversation narrowed to strictly business.

"I've never hunted with flushers, save for a lab or two," I said.

"Really?" Randy questioned with surprise. "Well, you're in for a treat!" Little did I know we would embark on a gentlemanly experience worthy of custom leather boots, twill wool garments, and ivy caps.

Flushing dogs are bred to do just that - find and flush birds. One crucial difference between flushing and pointing dogs like my setters is that flushers must work close to the hunter so the birds get up within shotgun range. Conversely, pointing dogs can range to whatever distance their handler is comfortable because they are bred and trained to stop when they find birds, allowing the hunter to approach and flush. These different dog behaviors also require the hunter to adapt their approach.

"You see the dogs getting 'birdy'? Get up there



Brad Trumbo

Randy standing with Tess (left) and Scout (right) after a textbook shot and retrieve.

fast!" Randy coached.

Making a beeline for the youngest dog, Scout, put me in the perfect position as a rooster pheasant broke from Scout's pursuit. The rooster erupted directly ahead, climbing right-to-left and offering a clean swing. My 1951 C.F. Dumoulin side-by-side arrived at my shoulder with the bead perfectly aligned down range.

"Great shot!" Randy offered as Scout swiftly returned with the bird.

"Thanks, Randy! My first rooster with the ole Dumoulin. And great dog work! I could get used to having my birds brought to hand. My setters have never cared to retrieve."

"Thank you! I'll take the next bird," Randy said with a chuckle as we moved on.

Soon after, Scout and his older companion, Tess, picked up the scent of another bird and began to push out. "Ssssstt," Randy quietly hissed, causing the dogs to hit the brakes and circle back toward us - an intelligent bit of training. Keeping quiet is essential to avoid spooking birds, particularly when approaching pheasants. This subtle sound instead of voice, whistle, or collar tone command



Brad Trumbo

A young golden retriever, Scout, delivers a wily ring-neck rooster to hand.

can be the difference between a rooster flushing at 10 yards versus 100.

"You see how interested they look when they hit that scent? They ramp up to 100 miles per hour instantly, so you've got to be paying attention and moving quickly," Randy advised as he scooted ahead, anticipating the flush.

Randy carried a beautiful old Browning side-by-side, kept immaculate by his care and appreciation for quality and tradition. I observed Randy's shot from behind, noting his relaxed technique and lead on the bird. The rooster tumbled, and Tess retrieved it in a textbook moment like a bread-and-butter sports play practiced 1,000 times over.

The hunt continued while Randy and I discussed birds and dogs and switched shooting opportunities with each new bird find. We strolled unhurried, carefree, appreciating every moment. It felt like a hunt for royalty, like we should have had a caddy to tote, reload the guns, and serve the occasional sip of fine brandy or rich red wine in a classy sniffer.

By the hunt's end, we each carried a passel of birds (Randy's passel a bit heavier than mine) that would later become delicate meals shared with friends and family, sparking reflection on a noble hunt and Randy's golden retrievers dealing a royal flush.

(left) Randy takes aim at a fleeing rooster.





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SPORTS & FUN

The Friendly Forest

By Jimmye L. Turner



PIONEER PORTRAITS

Ten Years Ago
February 5, 2015



[Photo caption] Volunteers (l-r) Robbie Skiles and Marianne Newell serve ready smiles along with the senior round table meals they dish up each week in the basement of the Waitsburg Presbyterian Church. Skiles says there is plenty of food left each week and encourages anyone age 60 or older to come and join them.

Twenty-Five Years Ago
February 3, 2000

If you thought it was a thrill to read about a cougar coming into town... how about a Bigfoot in your backyard? Yes, that's right! A Bigfoot was spotted recently in the Starbuck city limits! The person seeing the creature does not want his identity known so we go with the report we got from the Starbuck postmaster and the deputy, Rick Ferguson. Ferguson is well known here, making his home on Route 2, Waitsburg. His wife, Terry, is postmaster at Prescott. According to Rick, the person who saw the Bigfoot, came into the post office later that day to report his experience. The sighting was about 3 a.m. last Thursday, Jan 27 and the Starbuck resident (whose house is near the Tucannon River on the outskirts of town) went outside for an armload of wood. It was then that he saw the Bigfoot, standing between the woodpile and a fir tree, Ferguson says. The man bolted back to the house and locked the door, remaining there until later when he came to the post office. "He said the thing (Bigfoot) was seven feet tall, with grayish-brown hair," said Ferguson "He also said it was real muscular and walked upright."

Fifty Years Ago
February 6, 1975

Ten students received 4.0 grade averages in the first semester at Waitsburg High School. Topping the list were the seniors with six: Krista Archer, Susie Danforth, Teresa Hulce, Ron Jensen, Susan Saranovich and Lauri Smith. Juniors with all "A" were Lauri McCaw and Loyal Baker. Susan Baril was the only sophomore and Deanna Miller the freshman with 4.0 averages.

Seventy-Five Years Ago
February 10, 1950

Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Hawks and family are moving this week to the Will Hawks farm on the Walla Walla highway. Mr. and Mrs. Will Hawks have moved into their new home, the former Bickelhaupt residence.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Wardrip entertained at a surprise birthday party Wednesday evening for Betty Lou Klundt when several high school young people enjoyed an evening of games and refreshments.

One Hundred Years Ago
February 13, 1925

Ed Morgan, farmer of this community made a trip down below Walla Walla Tuesday and purchased 20 head of dairy cattle. The cows were driven out to the Morgan ranch Wednesday.

Orin Walker, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Walker, has finished his course in General Agriculture at the Washington State College and is now home. Orin receives his "sheep skin" in June.

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago
February 16, 1900

Mr. Vollmer who has lately moved on the Wheeler place, promises to furnish us a full quota of pupils. The first installment of three came in this week.

W. E. Abbey this week received a fine Rose comb Brown Leghorn cockerel direct from North Dakota. Mr. Abbey has gone into the fine poultry business quite extensively and now has on hand 180 full blooded chickens on this variety.

Born in this city Tuesday February 13, to the wife of John Kinder, an eight pound daughter. This is the first girl to appear in the family, the other three children being boys.

CARDINALS SPORTS

HS BOYS WRAP UP SEASON

By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — Last week, the Waitsburg High School boys varsity basketball team ended their season playing three home games.

On Tuesday, January 28, the Cardinals lost a game that saw numerous lead changes in the second half. Waitsburg led Touchet 12-8 after the first quarter. Then it was a tight game, and missed free throws by the Cards in the fourth quarter let the Redhawks go home with the win, 49-45.

Blake Benevides scored 12 points and rebounded 10, and JJ Gleason scored 11 points. Landen Henry scored seven, Logan Seal scored five points, Jack Karl scored six, and Teegan Kenney scored four and rebounded nine. Rollin Carpenter came off the bench and had five boards.

The junior varsity (JV) boys won 49-30 against Touchet.

Moses Lake Christian traveled to Waitsburg on Thursday, January 30, and took home a 77-41 win. The Cardinals struggled to score. The Lions led 26-9 after one quarter and continued to dominate throughout the game.

Seal had an impressive game, scoring 19 points and rebounding



Karen Huwe

Senior Jack Karl (far right) played his last game at WHS on February 1

seven. Benevides also scored in double figures with eleven.

The JV boys continued their winning streak, beating Moses Lake 43-27.

On Saturday, February 1, the Cardinals played their last game of the season against Pomeroy. The Pirates won the game 51-22.

With injuries to seniors Lucas VanHoose and William Daves, Jack Karl was the lone senior on the team this season. Karl was a team leader, leading by example. He might not have been the top scorer, but he hustled, played solid on both ends of the court, and had numerous rebounds and few turnovers. The Cardinals will miss him as a teammate next season.

Juniors Seal and Benevides each scored eight points in the loss.

The JV boys had an off night and lost to the Pirates 75-33. Coach Wallace said they did great this year.

"This week's games went well," said Coach Wallace. "We only need to get about ten points better on offense and twenty points better defensively. We can do that by converting layups, free throws, and moving the ball. On defense, we need to rebound more and have a better help side."

Coach Wallace would like to thank the parents and community for letting him coach and supporting him and his players. He is excited for next year.



Karen Huwe

Mrs. Jagelski and her group of elementary students sang the Star Spangled Banner prior to the high school basketball game against Moses Lake Christian on Thursday, January 30.

LADY CARDINAL BASKETBALL

By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — The Waitsburg Lady Cardinals won one of three basketball games last week. On Tuesday, January 28, they beat the Touchet Redhaws 51-44. On Thursday, January 30, the girls lost to Moses Lake Christian 48-20, and then they fell to the Pomeroy Pirates on Saturday, February 1, 57-13.

In her last week in a Cardinal uniform, senior Alyssa Hollingsworth scored 26 points in the win against Touchet. Freshman Cheri Mathews scored 11 points, and sophomore Hannah Peralez scored nine points.

Against Moses Lake Christian, Hollingsworth scored 15 of her team's 20 points. She also had 14 rebounds.

Hollingsworth hit three-3-point shots in the first quarter against Pomeroy on February 1 on senior night. In the loss, senior Kaydance played big and rebounded five.

"I think the girls have improved so much over the year," said first-year coach Kira Waggoner.

Waggoner had a lot of fun coaching the girls and is excited to watch them grow and see the players they become in the next couple of years.

The players will sell Little Caesar Pizza coupons through February to earn money to attend a summer basketball camp.

Lunches

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

Tuesday, February 10

Lasagna
Garlic Bread
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WAITSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT

Thursday, Feb. 6

Breakfast
French toast & Bacon
Lunch
Teriyaki chicken & rice
Roasted broccoli
Mandarin oranges

Friday, Feb. 7

Breakfast
Scrambled eggs & Hashbrowns
Lunch
Pb & J
Ms. Brynne's house salad
Carrots, apples
Something crunchy

Monday, Feb. 10

Breakfast
Yogurt Parfait
Lunch
Spaghetti With meat sauce

Roasted peas
Mixed fruit
Breadstick

Tuesday, Feb. 11

Breakfast
Biscuits & Gravy
Lunch
Turkey nachos
Fresh toppings
Black bean salsa
Apples

Wednesday, Feb 12

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Lunch
Cheeseburger
French fries
Ms. Brynne's house salad
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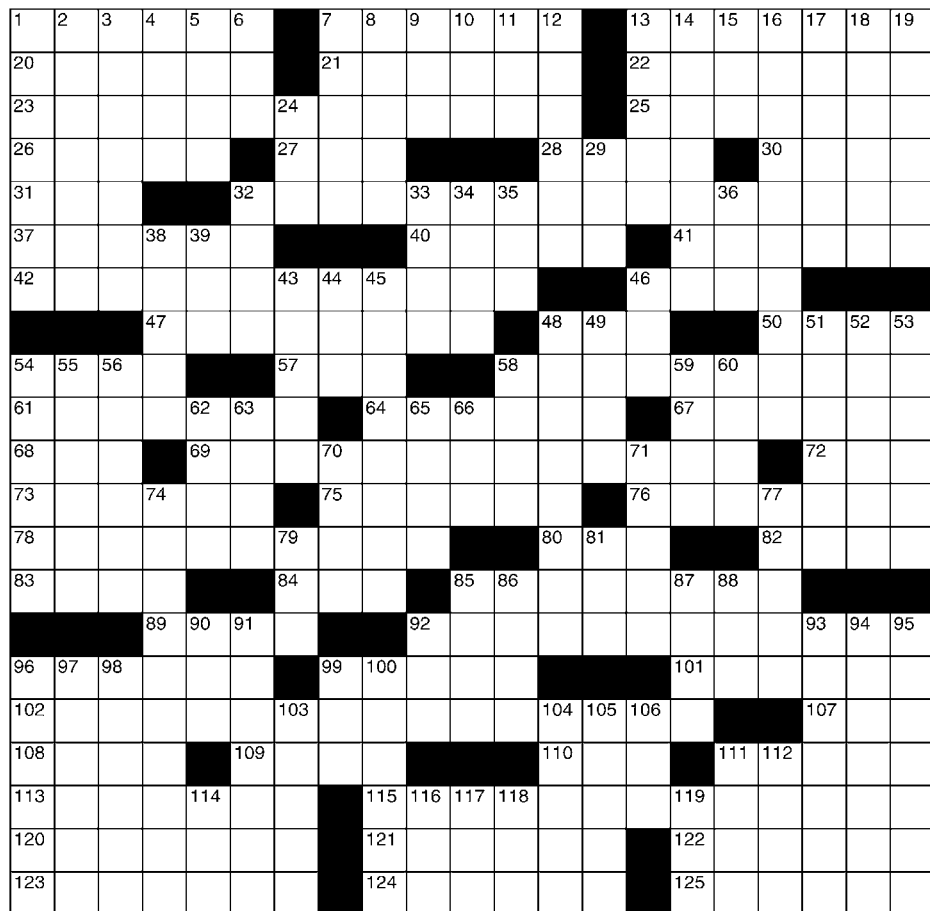
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Super Crossword

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Guy in the Beatles' "I Am the Walrus"
7 Brand of bottled water
13 Holy places
20 Yacht basin
21 Old Missouri natives
22 Arranged, as a page for printing
23 2001 Josh Hartnett war film
25 Not macho
26 "— little!" ("Have some fun!")
27 Vegas action
28 Darkens in the sun
30 Hammer, e.g.
31 Yalie
32 1971 Malcolm McDowell crime film
37 They're fed after parking
40 "Energy healing" technique
41 Artist Neiman and Jim Croce's Brown
42 1973 Charlton Heston thriller
- 46 Beginner, in gaming lingo
47 Use sandpaper on, informally
48 Ed. supporter
50 Brain wave
51 Tests, in brief
54 —Ball (carnival game)
57 Lubbock-to-Laredo dir.
58 1986 Isabella Rossellini neo-noir film
61 WWW page
64 Musical inaptitude
67 Having arrived tardily
68 Choose (to)
69 1984 Gene Wilder romantic comedy
72 "— said before ..."
73 "The Lion in Winter" actor
75 Dawned
76 Certain English student
78 1984 Prince musical film
80 Psychic "gift"
82 Table scraps
83 Graf — (German warship)
- 84 Potent compound in marijuana: Abbr.
85 Sequence of episodes on the tube
89 Test of speed
92 1986 Molly Ringwald Cinderella story
96 6x9-inch book
99 Attach with cord, e.g.
101 Actor Patrick
102 1992 Wesley Snipes sports film
107 ABA mem.
108 Sol-do linkup
109 Meat spread
110 "Starpeace" singer Yoko
111 — voce (quietly)
113 Smart speaker from Amazon
115 Photos not in shades of gray ... or what eight answers in this puzzle are?
- 120 Precisely, with "on"
121 Retaliate
122 Czar called "the Great"
- 123 More impertinent
124 Actor Dick Van —
125 Evaluate
- DOWN**
- 1 Tokens
2 Telescope pioneer
3 Newton topic
4 Rats' relatives
5 Crooner Paul
6 "Proby not"
7 Carpentry rod
8 Invite out for
9 Hardly happy
10 Of yore
11 Unfamiliar
12 Fails to be satisfactory
13 Skulked
14 Sci-fi role for Harrison Ford
15 Cup edge
16 Muckraker who took on Standard Oil
17 "That's all wrong!"
18 Funeral speech
19 Fashion trends
24 Jackson 5 hit
29 Meyers of "Dutch"
32 Comes — surprise
33 Tribe of Canada
- 34 Piercing
35 Come in first
36 Vintage auto
38 Someone — problem
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43 "I fail — the humor"
44 Some sporty autos
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53 Pub mugs
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56 Automaker Bugatti
58 Part of N.B.
59 Lead-in to Cong or Minh
60 Lead-in to skeleton
62 "— cost you!"
63 You, quaintly
65 "Sign me up!"
66 Rapper Lil — X
70 Infant's cry
71 Reimburse
74 Surgeries
77 Like sexist jokes
79 Road map abbr.
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by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

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MY RECIPES Luke Chavez

Beef Goulash with Spaetzle

Everyone has their own unique way of expressing matters of the heart. For me, my love language has always been centered around the kitchen. Sharing recipes, cooking together, and serving special meals, are some of the ways that I communicate my feelings to loved ones. With that, there are certain homey recipes that are so comforting they feel like a hug. This dish of tender braised beef, spiced with a generous amount of sweet paprika, and served over small tender dumplings, is like a love letter in a stew pot.



Ingredients:

For the goulash:

- 3 tablespoons lard, or vegetable oil
- 3 yellow onions, finely chopped
- ¼ cup sweet paprika
- 2 teaspoons whole caraway seeds
- 2 teaspoons kosher salt, or 1 teaspoon fine salt
- 2 pounds beef chuck roast, 1-inch cubed
- 1 cup beef broth
- 1 tablespoon red wine vinegar

For the spaetzle:

- 1 ½ cups all-purpose flour
- 1 ½ cups whole wheat flour
- ¼ teaspoon fine sea salt
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup water
- 2 tablespoons salted butter, melted

For serving:

- Fresh parsley, finely chopped
- Butter

Directions:

Heat the oven to 275 degrees. In a Dutch oven, heat the oil over medium-high heat until shimmering hot. Add the onions, allowing them to sizzle in the hot oil, and cook until they start to turn translucent, about 4 minutes. Turn the heat down to medium-low and continue to cook, stirring frequently, until the edges begin to brown and caramelize, about 15 to 20 minutes.

Stir in the paprika and caraway seeds, incorporating fully into the onions. Add the beef, and continue to cook, stirring constantly to avoid burning the paprika. Cook for about 5 minutes, searing all sides of the meat, then add the beef broth and the vinegar. Bring liquid just to a simmer, then cover the pot and transfer it to the oven. Allow it to cook in the oven until the beef is very tender, about 2 ½ to 3 hours.

During the last half hour of the beef cooking, make the spaetzle. In a large mixing bowl, whisk together the flours, and the salt. Make a well in the center of the flour, then crack the eggs into the well. Starting in the center, begin beating the eggs, then gradually whisk into the flour. As you beat in the eggs, slowly pour in the water, and melted butter. Continue beating the batter until fully mixed and fine bubbles begin to form.

Heat a large pot of water to a boil, then season the water with salt. Working in batches, push the batter through a colander or spaetzle press into the boiling water. Spaetzle will float to the top and slightly puff when cooked through. Drain the spaetzle through a strainer, then transfer to a bowl and set aside.

When beef is tender, remove from the oven. Allow the goulash to rest for a few minutes. Taste for seasoning, adding more salt as needed. When ready to serve, melt a couple tablespoons of butter in a cast iron skillet. Toss the cooked spaetzle in the butter and heat through. Season with a pinch of salt and toss in some chopped parsley. To serve, spoon a portion of spaetzle on a plate or shallow bowl, then top with a scoop of the goulash. Garnish with more parsley.

Notes:

Spaetzle is a rustic dumpling like pasta that is typical in southern Germany and central Europe. While you can be a kitchen gadget nerd like me and purchase a spaetzle press, there are other ways to make these little delights. If using a metal colander, scoop the batter into it and use a ladle or large spoon to push the batter through the holes. Swirl the batter around as you push it through so that you get irregular shapes. Another method is to push the batter through the largest holes in a box cheese grater.

This goulash could be made a day in advance and then reheated gently on the stovetop before serving. I served this hearty dish with a side of lovely green beans sautéed in butter and finished with a squeeze of lemon. A crisp chop salad would also make a lovely side. Enjoy!

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Community Calendar

WAITSBURG MONTHLY MEETINGS

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

DAYTON & COLUMBIA COUNTY MEETINGS

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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



Events, Film, Performace, Live Music

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AMERICAN 35

Mythical / Movable Blue Mountain Bluegrass Jam



Friday, February 7
American 35 @ 7 pm
128 Main Street
Waitsburg

ROYAL BLOCK WAITSBURG

Open Mic Night @ The Royal Block
Thursday, February 6
6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Music, poetry, stand-up comedy, storytelling

Vintage Market @ The Royal Block
Saturday, February 8
2 p.m to 6 p.m

Bagels Popup and Vintage Market @ The Royal Block
9 a.m. to 12 p.m.



Superbowl Sunday at The Plaza Theater
Sunday, February 9, at 3 p.m.
Potluck Community watch party.

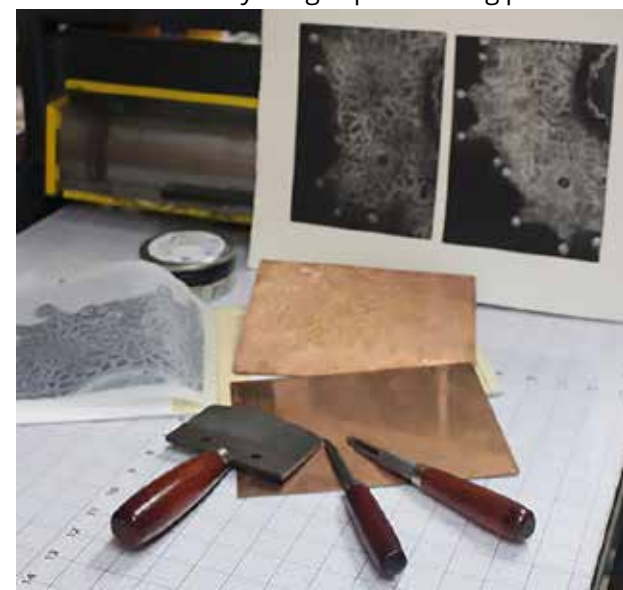
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WALLA WALLA

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

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



F O U N D R Y V I N E Y A R D S

Resilience
2025 Juried Group Exhibition
Art Opening + Celebration
Friday, February 7, 2025
5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Free and open to the public
Enjoy an Evening of ART + Wine to celebrate the talent of the following local artists:
Abad Javier
Anne Haley
Ariel Andersom
Bea Murray
Brian Heinzman
Brianna Wray

Candace Rose
Ellen Heath
Frankie Laufer
Greg Tate
James Harley
Javier S. Ortega
John Mueller
Julee Hightower Ryle
Kathryn Kaye
Lori Montgomery
Lorna Barth
Lynn Woolson
Mareth Warren
Mariana Ruiz-Gonzalez
Mika Means
Nika Blasser
Rachel Smith
Ryan Gary
Sam Sanders
Steve Miller

Church Directory

St. Mark Catholic Church

405 W. Fifth, Waitsburg
Mass Sunday 5 p.m.
382-2311
Fr. Steve Werner

Waitsburg Presbyterian Church

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

Waitsburg Chapel

320 W. 2nd
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship 6 p.m.
Bible Study
Wednesdays 7:30 p.m.
337-6235
Rev. Jimmie Daves

Waitsburg Christian Church

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