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AAUW candidate forum held Oct. 5

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—The Dayton chapter of the American Association of University Women held a Candidates' Forum on October 5, to allow voters in Columbia County to hear from and ask questions of candidates for local races. Candidates for Columbia County Sheriff, Columbia County Commissioner from District 3, and the Joint Metropolitan Park District attended the event at The Liberty Theater in Dayton.

COLUMBIA COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 3

Columbia County Commissioner Charles Amerein is seeking reelection to a second four-year term in District 3. His opponent, Jack Miller, is hoping to unseat him in the November election. Both men are Republicans.

Amerein said he hopes he has provided the community with efficient, effective service over the last four years.

He believes he is the best choice for the position because he values person freedoms and liberties, as well as economic prosperity for our community.

According to him, the biggest challenges facing county government lie with unfunded mandates and executive edicts from Olympia, which divert funding resources away from the county.

Amerein said he believes the county's most pressing need is for a new law and justice center, which would include a new jail. Another need is for a human resources manager. Both are in the planning stages.

The biggest challenge facing small communities, he said, has been the hollowing out of the manufacturing base, which has led to social ills like drug and alcohol abuse.

With regard to the local economy, Amerein would like to see refining or value added to the products created locally. He mentioned wheat, timber, and cattle. He said he would like to see better access into the Blue Mountains, for tourism, and he would like the now idled pulp plant in Starbuck to become functional.

Amerein said when people have jobs and disposable income to spend, the situation on Dayton's Main Street will also improve.

'Right now, we need jobs in America. We need industry, and we need to build things again," he said.

Jack Miller has a degree in Agriculture Economics from WSU. He was raised on a diversified farm in the Yakima Valley, managed a farm for the Tribes in north Idaho for 32 years, and has lived and farmed in Dayton since 1975.

"Several people came and asked me to run for this position," he said. "I was impressed by the fact they were from across the political spectrum, one side and the other. I thought if people like that are able to get together, it should be easy to get things done rather than argue all the time."

Miller agreed with Amerein's assessment that the county needs a new jail, but, he said if he is elected, it will take time for him to get acquainted with each county department and make a good assessment of needs.

Miller said in 1975, there were three grocery stores on Main Street, two farm implement dealers, hardware stores, jewelry stores, and a "whole lot" of restaurants.

'They are not there anymore. There aren't as many people paying taxes anymore. We need to draw people back here," he said.

He said further investigation is needed as to why

businesses aren't locating in Dayton. He said that a farm implement store or even a saw-

mill is not a far-fetched idea for Dayton.

"Let's attract some businesses, get more people good living wage jobs, and it would solve a lot of our problems. We should be a thriving small community, not one that is fighting for existence.'





Times Archives (left) Chuck Amerein, (right) Jack Miller,

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JOINT METROPOLITAN PARK **DISTRICT & CANDIDATES**

At the AAUW Candidates forum, Dayton City Councilman Jim Su'euga explained the November ballot measure asking voters to approve a nonfunded county-wide Joint Metropolitan Park District (JMPD). A joint taxing district is one that exists in two or more counties

The JMPD would also be a junior taxing district.

"That District has been pushed forward by a group of folks who are really, really committed to get a pool back in Dayton," he told the audience.

The ballot measure will ask two things of voters: One, whether to approve the formation of the JMPD and two, who will serve on the commission.

Su'euga said the pool would be built with grants and other funding sources, and the operations and maintenance would be funded through special taxation. He explained that the current RCW statutory aggregate tax limit for the proposed district is \$5.90 per \$1,000 assessed property valuation.

"It (the JMPD) has to be approved by the voters. No matter what, you always have the opportunity to say yes or no.'

The podium was then turned over to candidates running for a position on the JMPD.

Position 1: Morgan Porche and Dianne McKinlev

Position 2: Lisa Naylor and Melissa Bryan

Position 3: Ted Lowe and Paige Aukerman Position 4: Marjorie Lowe,

Position 5: Carol Anderson and Tony Aukerman.

The candidates spoke about their reasons for applying and how they would prioritize recreational needs in the community. Joint Metropolitan Park District candidates who were absent

from the forum were; Charles Levy, running for Position 1, Dave Schreck for Position 3, and Chris Slack, Paula Murdock, and Robert Yost, for Position 4.



Michele Smith

Jim Su'euga at the podium, presenting the proposed Joint Metropolitan Parks District (JMPD). Some of the candidates running for the five commissioner seats should the District be appoved by voters in November, were in attendence and introduced them-

WASHINGTON'S 5TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Natasha Hill, the Democrat running against incumbent Cathy McMorris Rodgers for Washington's 5th Congressional District, was the first to speak.

Hill is a fourth-generation eastern Washingtonian. As a Spokane attorney, Hill represents a diverse clientele. She said her skill set will be invaluable if elected to represent the 5th district's twelve counties in Washington D.C.

She said she has heard from people telling her they need a strengthened workforce, fair wages, job safety, and access to quality health care. They have also talked to her about the need for affordable preschool and childcare, so they can work and contribute to their families and communities.

One other thing Hill has heard, is how tired people are with the current climate of political extremism.

When communities stand together, even with our disagreements, even with things we are not going to fold on, we are still stronger when we stand together," she said.

As a Black woman, she said she knows what it is like to be fear-

As an attorney, Hill has studied the U.S. Constitution, which sets forth certain civil rights and **5TH DISTRICT - PAGE 3**

COLUMBIA COUNTY SHERIFF

Columbia County Sheriff Joe Helm and Deputy Jeff Jenkins introduced themselves at the Candidates Forum, and each talked about their qualifications for the position of Columbia County Sheriff.

Helm said he leads by example and has accomplished the objectives he set for the Sheriff's Office when he ran for office against Deputy Jenkins four years ago, such as establishing a community-oriented policing program, increasing staffing, increasing interagency collaboration, and working on proactive law enforcement. He has worked under two prior sheriffs in the county as Chief Deputy.

Helm referred to himself as a "constitutional sheriff." He said that means everyone has equal access to the law, and anyone can come to him because he has an open-door policy.

'We are peacekeepers. We are the ones that have to go out," he said. "We don't care what the circumstances are. We are there to keep the public safe, no matter who you are, where you are from, or what the circumstances are."

If elected, Deputy Jeff Jenkins said he would work on rebuild-



Michele Smith Sheriff Joe Helm looks on as Deputy Jeff Jenkins responds to a question at the AAUW Candidates Forum held Oct. 5.

ing the community's trust in the Sheriff's Office by responding to complaints promptly and upholding a higher standard of conduct for deputies. He also would address positions created in the Sheriff's Office for which no policy has been established.

"Without responsibility and accountability, there never will be reliability," Jenkins said.

Jenkins recounted his many local volunteer activities and his 23 years in law enforcement in Columbia County. His work for the county includes specialization in drug law enforcement, during which time he has trained many officers.

"I feel that being involved and helping anybody and everybody to succeed is what matters," he said.

Both men believe the drug problem, especially Fentanyl, to be the county's most significant law enforcement issue.

Helm said poor state legislation has made it difficult to be proactive in policing, and he is working with other law enforcement agencies to change the legislation that ties the hands of law enforcement officers.

He said state laws have a significant impact. For instance, officers can only pursue somebody for probable cause for a sex offense/violent offense, violent offense, or probable cause for

suspicion of DUI. Helm said, "People are getting away with motor vehicle thefts pursuits, property crimes, even assaults that do not fit under violent crimes, and we are not allowed to pursue."

Jenkins agreed that laws need to change.

People in the community are concerned about the lack of 24hour coverage in the community by road deputies.

Jenkins said staffing levels and scheduling problems in the Sheriff's Office are contributing to that. Helm said there is always an on-call supervisor, along with

an on-call deputy 24 hours each day. He promised 24-hour coverage after the two latest recruits graduate from Police Acade-

Helm said the biggest need is for increased training for the officers.

Jenkins said building trust in the community is the most significant need, and that needs to happen before anything else.

NEWS BRIEFS

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AT THE LIBERTY:

"Railway Children"

DAYTON– This movie is inspired by a beloved British family film. It is set in 1944 when life in Britain's cities has become increasingly perilous. Three evacuee children are sent by their mother from Salford to the Yorkshire village of Oakworth during the Second World War, where they are met and supported by a mother, her daughter, and grandson. After settling in at a home in the countryside, the children encounter and attempt to assist a young soldier who is hiding, and like them, is far away from home.

Rotten Tomatoes critics give this movie a 59% favorable, but the audiences disagree and give it a 92%. Runtime is 98 minutes, and the movie is rated PG (for Language, thematic material, some violence).

Please see our nearby advertisement, or our website, for movie dates and times. The Liberty Theater now has open seating with tickets only available at the door. The theater no longer has restrictions or distanced seating, and masks are optional, but recommended. The theater maintains enhanced ventilation and air purification.

THE LIBERTY THEATER - DAYTON Thrifty Tuesdays



Fridays 7:30 pm Saturdays 7:30 pm Sundays 3:00 pm Tuesdays **6:30** pm

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RAILWAY CHILDREN

LETTERS

Dear Editor:

For the past few months I have had the pleasure of working with Jack Miller on his campaign for Columbia County Commissioner. Jack is a lifetime Republican and a genuine conservative. But he understands that, as commissioner, he will represent ALL Columbia County residents, not just those who share his political views. Jack will focus on addressing local issues and making Columbia County a better place to live for ALL its citizens. Please vote for Jack Miller!

Ken Graham Dayton





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LETTERS

SUPPORRT FOR EFFECTIVE METROPOLITAN BOARD COMMISSIONERS CANDIDATES

If the Metropolitan Parks District proposal passes, then I believe it's very important to vote for the board that will commit to progressing forward with the long-term goal. This elected board will have a huge job ahead, working with architects to design the building and have community meetings to approve of said design, work on getting funding and grants, appoint a bookkeeper, work on yearly levies to continue maintaining the new pool, among a few. It will be a lot of work.

After listening to each candidate describe why they are running and what's most important for the new parks and rec district to focus on, I am voting for:

Commissioner #1 – Dianne McKinley, she has put her heart and soul into developing this District and the first step to building the pool.

Commissioner #2 – Lisa Naylor, has worked with Dianne and they make a good team.

Commissioner #3 – Ted Lowe, he has past experience working with Dayton's summer rec program that made use of the city pool and understands the benefit of a parks and rec district for citizens of all ages. Ted gave a compassionate speech and would make a great positive addition.

Commissioner #4 – Marjorie Lowe. She brings to the table her experience in grant writing.

Commissioner #5 – Carol Anderson. She has an invested interest in continuing her water aerobics and will work hard to get a pool built. She listens to many in her classes as to what is needed and desired.

In my opinion, Melissa Bryan clearly stated, if elected it will be her way and her way only, as she sees it. I guess she didn't realize she won't be the only one on the board.

I'm not sure of the reason that three Aukermans decided to run. Perhaps at least one gets voted in, or all so it's a controlling interest?

I believe the above five will work hard and give many hours to this project.

Teeny McMunn Dayton, Wash.

BEST CANDIDATE CAN CROSS PARTY LINES, ULTIMATELY ELECTED OFFICIALS WORK FOR EVERY VOTER

To the editor:

There have been some remarks lately that Jack Miller can't possibly be a true Republican because he has so much support from Democrats in the community. I want to point out that, as a Democrat living in a county with a Republican majority, I have been voting for local Republican candidates for years. Often, both candidates in local races are registered Republicans. I understand that this means I need to learn more about the candidates than just their party affiliation in order to vote my conscience.

I am voting for Republican candidate Jack Miller because I believe he is the best candidate for Columbia County Commissioner, District 3. Jack has education and experience in management and agriculture that are relevant to the position. Jack also understands basic concepts such as Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion as it relates to working with people. His opponent, Charles Amerein, made it clear at the AAUW-sponsored candidates' forum that he was woefully unaware that such a concept exists.

Letters of support for Mr. Amerein have focused on his "character" based on his willingness to help the writers with snow removal, moving, or during a flood. While these are actions to appreciate from a public servant, after three and a half years in office, I would expect to see endorsements based on his accomplishments during his first term. To date, none have been pointed out. In fact, Mr. Amerein stated at the forum that his number 1 priority for county facilities is a new jail. We've been hearing that from commissioner candidates for 20 years. After almost four years in office, Mr. Amerein hasn't brought us any closer to having a new jail. During his 2018 campaign, Mr. Amerein stated goals of improving the fairgrounds. Four years later, the pavilion bathrooms are still incomplete. Jack Miller understands that we need more from a county commissioner than neighborly gestures. We need someone who follows through and has the ability to work well with all types of people in our community.

Shellie McLeod Dayton, Wash.

OBITUARY

Delbert Charles Mock

September 3, 1924 – September 24, 2022

elbert Mock passed away September 24, 2022, in Waitsburg at the age of 98. Delbert Charles Mock was born on September 3, 1924, the son of Denzil and Neoma (Gluck) Mock in Hanfo0rd. The family moved to Hanford, Washington, then Enterprise, Oregon, for a short time before settling in Waitsburg, Washington, in 1933. Delbert was drafted into the U.S. Army while a junior in high school. He attained the rank of Staff Sargent in the 169th 43rd Division. Upon returning from the war, he earned his high school diploma from Waitsburg High School in 1945. Delbert worked at Maybac's, drove truck for Dow Wright, and moved to California to work for Birdseye for five years.

He returned to Waitsburg and opened Mock's Electric, where he sold and repaired appliances until he closed the business in 1979. After that, he worked as a refrigeration mechanic for the Veterans Association Hospital until he retired in 1986.

Delbert married Bernice Cole in 1957 and raised two sons, Jerry and Tom Mock. The couple later divorced, and married Louise Lingle in 1981. Louise, who passed away in 2006, had four children, Jan, Jackie, Debbie, and Rod.

Over the years, Delbert coached Little League baseball, served as Master of the Masonic Lodge,



Delbert Charles Mock September 3,1924 – September 24, 2022

was a member of the Waitsburg Lions Club and VFW, and was Commander of the American Legion.

Survivors include his sons, Jerry and Tom Mock; his stepchildren Jan and Rod; and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren. His parents; Brother, Darrell; sister, Velma; and two stepdaughters, Debbie and Jackie, preceded him in death.

A funeral service will be held on Saturday, October 15, 2022, at 1:00 p.m., at the Waitsburg Christian Church, 604 Main St., Waitsburg, WA.

In lieu of flowers, the family would like memorial contributions made to the Walla Walla Community Hospice through the Herring Groseclose Funeral Home, 315 W. Alder St., Walla Walla, WA 99362. In addition, friend and family are invited to sign the online guestbook at www.herringgroseclose.com.

BIRTHDAYS

October 13: Joan Miller, Robert Smith, Becky Brown, Bertha Poirier, and Earl Smith.

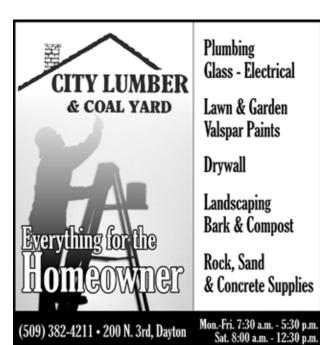
October 14: Dianne Zuger, Dana Adkins, Dorothy Bush, Jared John, and Jace Zuger.

October 15: Jim Romine, Robert Webber, Wayne Stonecipher, Debbie Cobb, Marcus Zuger III, and Robin Marshall.

October 17: Fred Hofer, Jr., Lorene Swauger, Jim Jensen, Shaun Segraves, and Jill Antonius.

October 18: Matthew Frohning, Julia Klucas, Edna Kirk, Vicky Maiden, Jesse McCaw, Tanya Maurer, and Edgar Tarp.

October 19: Ruth Peterson, Noel Atkinson, Rosemary Archer, Lynn Carpenter, Wyatt Withers, and Kennedy Mae Henze



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LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE SUPERIOR **COURT OF THE STATE OF** WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA NO. 22 4 00189 36 PROBATE NOTICE TO **CREDITORS** In re the Estate of RICHARD M. BLACK,

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 by RCW 11.40.070 by serving or mailing to 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 (30) days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) Four (4) months after the date of first publication of this notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051, and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets. Date of first publication: September 29, 2022

IN THE SUPERIOR **COURT OF THE STATE OF** WASHINGTON

September 29, October 6, 13,

Personal Representative:

c/o Michael E. de Grasse

Walla Walla, WA 99362

/s/ Sharie Lee Ledford.

Personal Representative

Counsel for Personal Repre-

Walla Walla County Superior

Sharie Lee Ledford

59 S. Palouse St.

Court Cause No.:

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IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA NO: 22-4-00188-36 PROBATE NOTICE TO **CREDITORS** RCW 11.40.030 In re the Estate of: RICHARD A. THOMAS, 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 PUBLICA-TION: October 6, 2022. BASALT LEGAL PLLC By: Jeremy Hyndman, Managing Member of Basalt Legal PLLC, Personal Representative Attorney for Personal Representative: Jeremy Hyndman, WSBA #44320 Basalt Legal PLLC 61/2 N. Second Avenue, Suite 200 Walla Walla, WA 99362

Notice of Environmental Review

October 6, 13, 20, 2022

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SEPA Threshold Determination Interested parties are advised that the City of Dayton is in receipt of an Environmental Checklist for a proposal to demolish a single-family residence located at 306 E. Clay Street, Dayton, WA. Anyone wishing to review the checklist or make comments concerning the environmental significance of the proposal should contact Dena Martin at the Columbia County Planning Department at 114 S. 2nd Street (509) 382-4676, dena_martin@co.columbia.wa.us. Relevant documents are available for review at the Planning Department. Comments are due by October 27, 2022 at 4 p.m. The lead agency has filed a Determination of Nonsignificance (DNS). No action will be taken on the project from 14 days of this notice. Following comments, the DNS will be retained, revised. or withdrawn based on the comments received The Times October 13, 2022 10-13-b

Call for Public Comments Public Participation Plan A draft of the Walla Walla Vallev Metropolitan and Sub-Regional Transportation Planning Organization's updated Public Participation Plan is available for public review, October 17 through December 2, 2022 on the agency's website at https:// wwvmpo.org/public-participation.html. All comments are due to WWVMPO/SRTPO by noon on December 2, 2022. The Times October 13, 2022

IN THE SUPERIOR **COURT OF THE STATE OF** WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA NO: 22-4-00181-36 PROBATE NOTICE TO **CREDITORS** RCW 11.40.030 In re the Estate of: MARIA DE LOS REYES RAMIREZ,

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 PUBLICA-TION: September 29, 2022. Gregorio G. Perez, Personal Representative Attorney for Personal Representative: Courtney Lawless, WSBA #57415

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

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61/2 N. Second Avenue, Suite

September 29, October 6, 13,

Walla Walla, WA 99362

Childcare Center Operator Columbia County Public Hospital District is requesting Statements of Qualification (SOQ) from experienced childcare facility operators for the purpose of providing childcare services to Columbia County, Waitsburg, WA and surrounding areas. Columbia County Public Hospital District #1 is seeking a licensed childcare program

operator to provide high quality childcare and early learning to the families of the Hospital District and surrounding communities. CCHPD is in the process of renovating a building to support operations that can serve up to 42 children: The current design includes, but is not limited to, one classroom for infants, one for toddlers. and one for preschoolers. The

remodel should be completed spring of 2023 with operations commencing immediately thereafter. The applicant will be expected to run all aspects of the childcare center. CCHPD will lease space to the operator with the intention of making the program viable and sustainable for both the operator and the District. The program will need to accept Working Connections Child Care subsidies and be able to accommodate Early Childhood **Education Assistance Program** (ECEAP) slots. Information about the project

and a complete Request For Qualifications (RFQ) package can be obtained by contacting Tammy Johnson, at rfq@cchd-wa.org, or by calling 509.382.9353. Eight (8) individual copies of the proposal should be submitted to the attention of Tammy Johnson at Administration Building, 1012 S. 3rd St., Dayton, WA, or a single copy emailed to rfq@cchd-wa.org. It is strongly recommended that email receipt be confirmed. If physically mailing or delivery by hand, the package should be clearly marked on the outside "Request for Qualifications- Childcare", no later than 5pm Pacific time, October 31st. 2022. Inquiries regarding this RFQ

should be directed to: Columbia County Public Hospital District #1 1012 S. 3rd Street Dayton, WA, 99328 Attention: Tammy Johnson, **Executive Assistant** Telephone: 509.382.9353 Fax: 509.382.9359 E-mail: rfq@cchd-wa.org The Times September 29, October 13,

Public Notice NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

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that the Waitsburg City Council will hold a Special City Council Meeting at 5 p.m. on Thursday, October 13, 2022, at Waitsburg City Hall, 106 Main Street, Waitsburg, WA. Public is allowed to be present during the meeting, however, part of the meeting will be held in Executive session under RCW 42.30.110 (c) concerning real estate matters of the City and any attending public will be asked to wait outside. Any decision made by the City Council will be done in open session. Any question or comments can be passed on to the City Council via City Hall, located at 106 Main St., P.O. Box 35, Waitsburg, WA 99361, or (509) 337-6371 or by email at administrator@ cityofwaitsburg.com. Written testimony may be forwarded to the Waitsburg City Council, P.O. Box 35, Waitsburg, WA

Dated this 10th Day of October, 2022 Waitsburg City Council The Times October 13, 2022 10-13-c

5TH DISTRICT - FROM PAGE 1 liberties for all people, and she believes in the Rule

Hill was asked about the role of the government in defeating authoritarian movements in the U.S. and abroad.

"We are a beacon of hope across the world in terms of what a democracy can look like and do, but we have to make sure we are not allowing somebody to come in and overshadow an entire political system, and an entire party to try and rig the rules in favor of themselves."



When asked

Canadidate Nastashia Hill share her views regarding the right to privacy, and reproductive choices, she said the right to privacy is enshrined in the United States Constitution. Government is not well equipped to make medical decisions for the citizenry, she said.

"I don't believe the right to choose reproductive health care, or whether to have an abortion is any different than your right to choose a vaccination," she said. "I am not going to mandate anything once I am elected.

Hill favors Universal Health Care, with cost-sharing paid for across the nation. She said Universal Health Care would help provide rural communities with have equal access to quality health care.

When asked about removing the lower Snake River dams, she is not in favor. She said she is concerned about the viability of salmon, but also the effects of removing dams on the agriculture industry.

"We haven't invested in the infrastructure we need to replace what we are going to lose if we just shut down the dams," she said.

Hill said a long-term plan and coordination on the part of the federal, state, and local governments, along with adequate funding, will be necessary before dams are removed.

Planning is also essential when it comes to climate change, Hill said. Reliance on fossil fuels and the lack of planning for it is causing harm to our collective health. She said she is concerned about prolonged drought and its effects on public health.

Her opponent, Cathy McMorris Rogers was not in attendance at the forum.

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Cleaning Services Independent Contractor The Columbia County Rural Library District is seeking a reliable

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SPORTS & LIFESTYLES

DW FOOTBALL TEAM CRUSHES MABTON

By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES

The Wolfpack football team had 432 yards on offense and cruised to a 58-0 win over Mabton on Saturday, October 8. Senior quarterback Monte Pettichord scored one touchdown, hit Cyson Morris for a 40-yard TD, and connected with Daylan Morrow for a 25-yard TD.

Hudson Reser had another stellar showing running for 124 yards while scoring two TDs. Preston Hansen and Kason Fortune each ran for a touchdown.

On defense, Morris made an interception and ran it back for a TD. Spencer Hansen had an interception, and Cougar Henderson, Levi Boudrieau and Jayce Gleason each recovered a fumble. The Wolfpack recorded three quarterback sacks; Fortune and Blake French had two sacks each and Kalub Prather had one. Prather led the team with solo tackles with eight; Pettichord had seven and Fortune finished the game with six solo tackles.

The Wolfpack's overall record is 5-1 and next play Columbia Burbank in Waitsburg on October 14; 7 pm start time.



Touchdown by #13 Cyson Morris

Photos by Aeryelle Gleason



Touchdown by Quartback Monte Pettichord #10



A great run by scout quarterback Isa Reyes

AROUND THE VALLEY: WITH KAREN HUWE

Walla Walla Cemetery Tour

Taking a cemetery tour might not be on everyone's bucket list, yet it is a place with tons of historical information. Joanna Lanning led about 50 people on a tour of the Mountain View Cemetery in Walla Walla on a beautiful fall day, and the crowd heard stories from Lanning and other volunteers.

Walking the grounds with Lanning, we learned that the cemetery is the resting place for over 40,000 beloved souls, including around 3,000 veterans. There were originally four separate cemeteries, and in 1989 all four came under city ownership. The oldest recorded burials on the 80-acre site were in February 1850 and December 1854.

Three residents of the cemetery time traveled from the mid-1800s to the present day to tell us their life sto- $\dot{}$



Karen Huv

Joanna Lanning leads

Mary A. Rice Willcoxson's tale was one of murder and suicide. Willcoxson was 53 and lived in Walla Walla when she killed her 21-year-old son and then turned the .38 caliber Colt revolver on herself while her husband was away on business

Born in 1854, Jessie Gilliam Day was 85 years old when she passed in 1940. She was the second wife of the founder of Dayton, Washington, Jesse Day. Her family homesteaded what is now known as Dixie in 1859. Day was once the Walla Walla County School Superintendent and the first female employee of the Walla Walla Evening Bulletin.

John Franklin Boyer (1824–1897) was cofounder and the first president of Baker Boyer Bank. He was also the County Treasurer for 12 years.

Some of you might have heard of Sarah Hope Summers (June 7, 1902 – June 22, 1979) an American character actress. She portrayed Clara Edwards, Aunt Bee's best friend on the Andy Griffith Show and Mayberry RFD.

The Walla Walla Cemetery offers guided tours each spring and fall. Take the tour next year and learn more about why Willcoxson committed murder and other interesting facts about those buried at Mountain View Cemetery.



Karen Huwe

Mary A. Rice Willcoxson time traveled to tell her story.



Sarah Hope Summers as Clara Edwards chatting with Aunt Bea on the Andy Griffith Show.

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Being Single Again

By Vicki Sternfeld-Rossi | THE TIMES

Somewhat sadly, but with a little smile on my face, Daniel is in Portugal. He has been temporarily hired as a personal chef to work for a family currently in Portugal. This job came together very fast. He is the substitute chef, while their current chef is taking six weeks off.

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Within two days, we had to arrange his flight and ac-

complish as much of the heavy lifting house and garden work as possible, mostly because I am still hindered by a cast on my right hand.

Timing wasn't great, we had a catering job, a dinner for ten celebrating the Jewish New Year, and of course, Sunday brunch for about forty to fifty the same week. It's been a whirlwind

Living in Waitsburg has many advantages, but arranging overseas travel is not one of them. The only option we had was to drive to Seattle and leave



from there. I, being the romantic, suggested we go to Seattle Friday, have a nice dinner, spend a quiet and relaxed time together, and then, conveniently and without stress, have an easy drop-off at the airport.

Daniel agreed, but not for the romance; he was ready to shop. He thought he could pack for six weeks in less than ten minutes, so obviously, things were forgotten.

Our first stop was one of the restaurants we had on our "we need to try" list. They were fully booked, but they save a few tables for walk-ins. After an easy drive, it felt like it took us an hour to find a parking spot, no doubt because we were in a rush to be the "first comers" for the walk-in tables.

We finally parked, and fortuitously, there was

a cute wine, spice shop, deli, and café next to the restaurant. We drank a much-needed glass (or two) of wine, and Daniel was able to buy some teas, which was one of the items he forgot to pack.

The drive to the hotel was intense with heavy traffic, roads merging unexpectedly, creative GPS routing, leaving us no idea which lane to be in. By the time we checked into the hotel, we were not talking to each other.

The following day was smoother; we had enough time for another shopping trip to Whole Foods for organic spices, a cup of coffee, and a light breakfast. Less traffic, easier freeway negotiations, and better temperaments prevailed driving to the airport!

Unfortunately, Daniel doesn't travel with ease. His flight to London was delayed, which meant he would probably miss the London to Portugal flight, and he did. The next available flight was also delayed. A one-hour layover became five hours.

Knowing him, I'm sure he was angry, frustrated, moody, and annoying to be around. All I can say is I'm glad I wasn't on this trip, or we would have killed each other.

I plan to meet Daniel in Portugal when his job is finished around Thanksgiving. Then we will travel together for a few days and spend some time with his family in Italy. I'm sure by November, I will be very excited to see him. I may book my flight home on a different airline to keep the "glad to be together again" feeling a little longer.

CLASS OF 1982 CELEBRATES 40TH

THE TIMES

Waitsburg High School Class of 1982 celebrated their 40th class reunion on September 16 and 17, 2022 in Waitsburg.



Suzie Stoneciper-Sollars

Pictured left to right: Back Row: Fred Hamann, Scott Archer, Paul Presler, Nick Shivley, and Richard Lybecker. Front row: Marybeth Shelley, Suzanne Stonecipher-Sollars, Barbara Goodwin, Anneli Carlson Colter, Patty Katsel Farmer, Shelly Aronson Done, and Cindy Downing Sonenthal. Not pictured: Cynthia Ely, Ellen Holm, Kathy Mason Brown, Kim Miller Clark, Melinda Neal Landwehr, Leanne Peterson, Kathie Goodwin and Barbara Whalen Aschenbrenner. The class shared a moment of silence remembering those three classmates no longer living: Andy Mays, Brad Branson, and Steve Sickles.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX CAMPAIGN IS BACK

THE TIMES

Local churches are organizing the annual Operation Christmas Child Shoebox campaign. Donations of gifts appropriate for children ages 2 through 14 are being collected at the Waitsburg Christian Church and Waitsburg Presbyterian Church, now through October 31. You can also pick up a box to fill at local businesses, including Ten Ton Coffee and the Waitsburg Grocery on Main Street.

Suggested items include toys for various age groups, sports equipment, school/art supplies, socks, sunglasses, and some personal care items such as toothbrushes and combs. No used items, food, perishables, liquids or lotions, toothpaste, or aerosol cans. A complete list of ideas can be found inside the donation boxes

Community members are invited to help assemble the gift boxes at the Waitsburg Presbyterian Church basement on Saturday, Nov. 12 at 9 am. For more information, contact Barb Abbey, 509-386-2209.



Wine of the Week

By Paul Gregutt | THE TIMES



J.C. Somers 2020 La Revanche Chardonnay

One of a pair of Chards from Jay Somers, this is a blend of grapes from the Anahata Vineyard (Eola Hills) and the Corrine Vineyard (Chehalem Mountains). Fermented and aged in 600 liter barrels, it's fresh and spicy, with juicy apple and pear fruit and a squirt of lemon. You won't find a better Chardonnay if you are one of those like me who love this high acid, low oak style. That's not to say this is sour or thin – it's lip-smacking and palate-cleansing, a perfect match to any dishes with lemony flavors.

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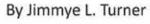


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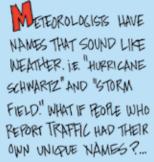
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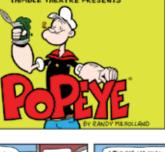
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Breakfast Cook's Choice Lunch

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Monday, Oct 17 Breakfast Muffins & Yogurt

Beef & Potato Au Gratin

Roasted Green Beans Fruit

Tuesday, Oct 18

Breakfast Biscuit & Gravy Lunch

Chicken Fajitas Refried Beans Spanish Rice

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PIONEER PORTRAITS

Ten Years Ago

October 11, 2022

WP runners kept up with the pack last Saturday in Richland at an invitational against 60 middle school and high school teams full of tough competition. The highlight of the day for WP cross country coach Joanna Lanning was seeing middle school runner Emily Adams blaze past the competition in the 2-mile middle school race with first place and a time of 13:06.75. Even suffering from a cold, Lanning said Adams was in it to win it. "Just before the finish line (Adams) passed the runner in first place beating her by less than 2 seconds," Lanning said. "She told me this was 'her plan!""

Twenty-Five Years Ago October 16, 1997



[Photo Caption] Waitsburg High School closed out 1997 Homecoming celebrations with a Saturday, Oct. 11 dance and announcement of Homecoming King and Queen. 1997 Queen was Cara Hulce, center, and Homecoming King Adam Erickson, kneeling at right. Other members of the court included, front row: Jesse McCaw, Amanda McKinley, Justina Ryckman, Hulce, Kelly McCaw, Kynde Kiefel and Erickson. Standing: T.J. Scott, Randy Hinchliffe, and Ryan Leid.

Fifty Years Ago

October 12, 1972

Twenty-four friends and fellow employees helped Elmer Hazelbaker celebrate his retirement from the Waitsburg city staff with a party at Ginny's Grill on Wednesday, October 4. A special cake with a miniature fisherman was enjoyed by everyone there, with some left over for late snacks. The group presented Elmer with a propane catalytic heater for sportsmen, which he said he can use while hunting or fishing – his two favorite hobbies.

. . Hazelbaker went to work for the City of Waitsburg water department in the spring of 1955, and worked there until his September 30 retirement - 18 years of service. He helped out as daytime marshal and deputy sheriff.

Seventy-Five Years Ago

October 17, 1947

Four Waitsburg boys returning to school at Cheney escaped serious injury when the jeep in which they were riding hit a guard rail and spilled the boys. Jack Blize suffered a broken collarbone, Jim Cresswell and Dale Ford were thrown clear and Bob Estes was pinned under the jeep.

Cecil Webber is president of the student body at WHS this year. Betty Williamson, vice president; Jo Mays, secretary; Muriel Roberts, treasurer; Bill Kock, annual editor; Marion Allman, cardinal editor; Delores Egli, Betty Dunn and Erma Lee Kessler, yell lead-

One Hundred Years Ago

October 20, 2022

F.A. Jonas and John Danielson of this city. and Lenn Warwick of Dayton, expect to leave Thursday for Valdez, Alaska to look over the Culrass Island Mining and Milling Co. in which a number of people in this locality are

Ford automobiles in all models took a \$50 drop Monday, according to a message received by the Waitsburg Garage. This puts the touring car under \$500 here.

The highway between this city and Walla Walla is now open to traffic. The barriers at either end were taken down at midnight Saturday night. Sunday the fine weather, and the hard surface made the occasion for several hundred cars to try out the newly completed boulevard.

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago

October 15, 1897

Married at the Fix school house Sunday Oct. 10, 1897 by Rev. J.V. Crawford, Ira D. Brunton and Miss Bessie Ramsaur. These are worthy young people, richly deserving a full share of life's blessings.

Charles Preston made a ride on his wheel from Walla Walla to Waitsburg last Monday morning in less than two hours.

Our schools are not so well attended this fall as usual on account of so many of the larger boys being still out in the harvest fields.

PUZZLES & LIFESTYLES

Super Crossword

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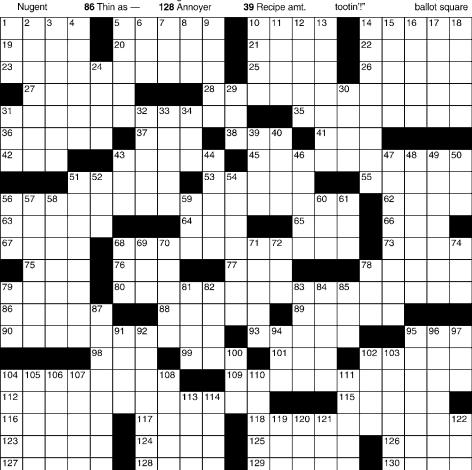
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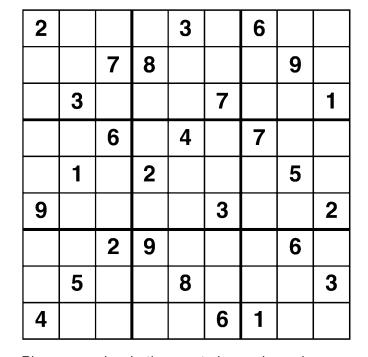
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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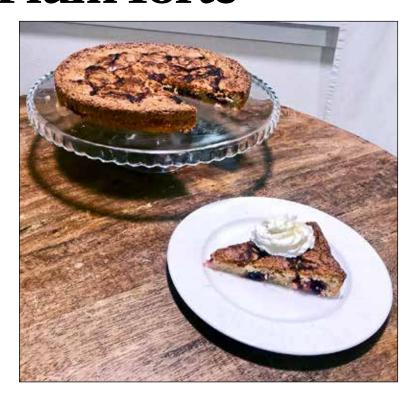
DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging ♦ ♦ ♦ HOO BOY!

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Plum Torte



Each growing season we experiment with different fruits and vegetables in the garden. While some happily flourish, others just seem to fizzle and disappoint. Through it all, the most reliable producer, year after year, has been our purple plum tree. Easy to take care of, and quick growing, the branches of this tree are always heavy with fruit by the start of fall. From pies, cakes, chutneys, and jams, this time of year is always marked by the flavor of sweet, backyard stone fruit. These dark purple plums, small and unassuming, turn a brilliant garnet red when baked. Recently, I came across a recipe for this effortless torte that is a gorgeous way to highlight the flavors of fresh fruit.

Ingredients:

1 cup sugar

½ cup unsalted butter, softened

1 cup all-purpose flour, sifted

1 teaspoon baking powder 1 teaspoon ground cardamom

½ teaspoon ground ginger

Pinch of salt

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

2 eggs

12 purple plums, pitted and halved Sugar and cinnamon for dusting

Fresh lemon juice Fresh whipped cream

Directions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease a 9 or 10-inch springform pan and set aside.

In a mixing bowl, cream the sugar and butter until fluffy. Add the flour, baking powder, cardamom, ginger, salt, eggs, and vanilla. Beat until a thick, smooth batter is formed. Batter will be on the stiff side.

Spoon the batter into the prepared pan and use a rubber spatula to evenly spread smooth. Arrange the plum halves, skin side up, across the top. Lightly sprinkle some sugar and a little lemon juice to the top. Adjust the amount of sugar depending on how sweet the plums are. Then, sprinkle the top with about ½ to 1 teaspoon of ground cinnamon.

Set pan on middle rack of oven and bake for about 1 hour. Check center with a toothpick for doneness. Remove and allow to cool in pan. Serve room temperature or slightly warm with whip cream.

This is the kind of elegant yet easy to prepare dessert recipe that is great to keep on hand for memorable entertaining. You can experiment with other fresh stone fruits when they are at peak ripeness; peaches, cherries, or apricots would all be delightful in this recipe. You could also try it with sliced apples or pears, summer berries or even fresh cranberries. The key is to choose seasonal fruits that are perfectly ripe. While the dense lightly spiced batter rises and bakes, the fruit turn ten-

You can adjust the spices in the batter. Add nutmeg or clove for stronger spice notes. Or to brighten things, add some finely grated lemon or

This week, we had a delightful visit from a group of friends and family. After a lovely meal centered around Linda's perfect pot roast, I served this torte with some fresh whipped cream. A perfect end to an excellent dinner party. Share this torte at your next gathering. Enjoy!

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- **Super** Crossword ______ — Weekly SUDOKU ___

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Community Calendar



BAR BACETTO PASTA AND COCKTAILS

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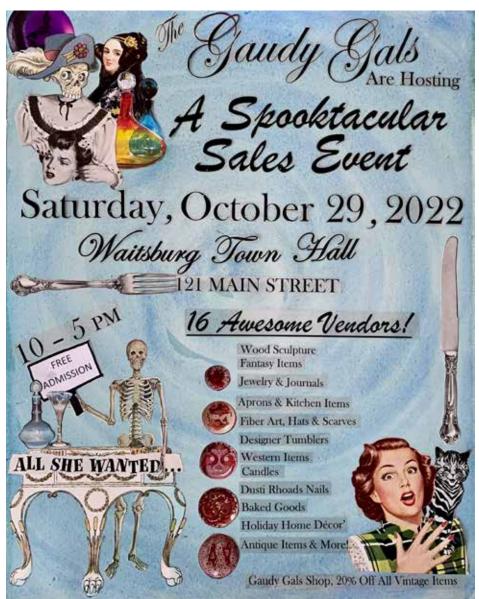
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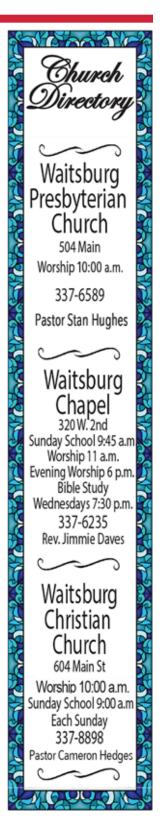
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