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Bill Rodgers

"Touchet River Scene" 2021. "This has been a favorite scene to photograph since 2013, located on the bridge across the Touchet a few miles east of town."

## Real estate and surplus policy center of City Council meeting

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—The Waitsburg City Council met for a regular meeting on November 17, at 7 p.m.

During the public comment portion, resident Joy Smith thanked the council for all their work during their terms.

The council held a public hearing regarding the city's property taxes. City Administrator Randy Hinchliffe said the city property tax base was assessed at \$78 million last year. That figure jumped to a \$90 million valuation this year due to new housing builds and sales. The city currently collects \$2.80/\$1,000. He said that the city should expect a rate of \$1.81/\$1,000 in 2022. The rate is lower, though the total amount to the city could be higher with the increased assessed value. Hinchliffe recommended not increasing the levy rate this year.

The council accepted Resolution 2021-738 regarding the Property Tax Levy. According to a form from the Department of Revenue, the City of Waitsburg will have a levy increase of 0%.

Hinchliffe gave a budget update, reporting the council held a special budget workshop a couple of weeks before the council meeting. He said that not much has changed in the budget since it was presented last month. The city has been awarded a \$30,000 ARPA allocation from Walla Walla County for GIS mapping of the water and sewer system. Retail taxes continue to increase year after year, and the utility tax will remain in effect to cover flood-related work.

Business license revenue is expected to increase. According to Hinchliffe, the real-estate excise tax continues to increase year after year, as more property is bought and sold within the city. He said he expects an unfortunate increase in cemetery fees.

Marie Gagnon provided an update from the Weller Public Library. A large cement pad has been poured at the back of the library, preparing the area for a wheelchair lift to provide ADA-compliant accessibility. She said volunteers gathered on the Sunday prior to the last meeting to clean the inside and repair the book drop at the front of the library.

Gagnon said that the Board of Trustees would like to see wiring redone in the bathroom, so it is not so dark. She requested a larger budget for the wiring project. The library was given a budget of \$500.

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## Dayton School Board discuss new hires

By Justin Jaech | THE TIMES

DAYTON—The Dayton School Board held their regular meeting on November 17, 2021, at 6 p.m.

This week's board meeting began by conducting interviews with the candidates for the vacant board position. James William Wyant, Jr. removed himself from consideration, so only two interviews were conducted. The board interviewed Bryan Martin for about forty minutes, and Zac Fabian's interview lasted less than 15 minutes.

After the interviews were concluded, the board moved on to approval of the consent agenda, including past meeting minutes, November's bills and payroll, and action on a recommendation to hire Kristi Korslund as the Sophomore Class Advisor. All were approved unanimously.

There was no public comment.

Superintendent Guy Strot read Athletic Director Sam Kolund's report, who was in Waitsburg at the time. The AD reported the completion of fall sports and announced an awards night to be held in Dayton on Sunday, December 5, 2021, in the school auditorium.

In the report, Korslund said 28 boys had turned out for middle school basketball, and their season is underway. High school boys' and girls' practices began the week of November 15. He also reported that they had begun COVID-19 testing of the middle school team on November 15, 2021, all came back negative. At the end of the report, Korslund said he was hopeful the Combine Committee would be ready to hold its first meeting in December.

Elementary Principal, Amy Cox, reported Suzy Butler from Texas replaced Morgan Stone as a teacher. Hillary Wheeler was hired through ESD 112 as a special education director/teacher. She hails from Utah and Idaho. Cox touted the work of the school's new counselor, Caitlin Patterson, who, among other things, is experiencing success with her positive



DSD photo  
Elementary Principal Amy Cox

affirmation kits for parents and students.

Cox reported that forty families attended Math Night in the school's Multi-Purpose Room. She said Blue Mountain Counseling donated a buddy bench at the school. A student can sit on the buddy bench if they need someone to talk to or play with. By sitting on the bench, they are inviting others to join them. Board member Fred White asked if the buddy bench was seeing much use. Cox replied that it had positive results as far as she has seen, and the kids liked it. She hasn't heard anything negative about it.

Secondary Principal, Kristina Brown, also advocated for the counselors. Other highlights of her report included a discussion of the Veteran's Day assembly, organized by Jeff McCann, which was student-led and included participation by the band.

Brown also reported that the FFA now has 26 members, which exceeds the goal they had set. The FFA will be selling wreaths and hot cocoa during Dayton's Christmas Kickoff Parade.



DSD photo  
Secondary Principal Kristina Brown

In the Superintendent's report, Guy Strot mainly discussed his plan to improve the Dayton School District. He talked of getting valuable data to help the district address the problem with students choosing to leave the district, which will be discussed in greater detail during the December 8, 2021, School Board Meeting. He spoke about the better than anticipated success of the Learning Center. He mentioned the Center for Educational Effectiveness received 36 surveys back from parents who have children that have opted out of the district or are homeschooled.

Board Chair David Bailey opened the second public comment period for the meeting's agenda action items. Aneesha Dieu, board member-elect, requested to comment on a matter not listed as an action item. She said that she could not find the "raise hand" button in time for the open public comment period where her comment would have been allowed. The Board Chair denied her request.

The meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m. for an executive session to discuss the candidates for the vacant school board position.

The meeting reconvened at 8:12 p.m. with Bailey proposing that Zac Fabian be appointed to the vacant position. The board approved the appointment by voice vote. Fabian will be sworn in at the next regular board meeting on December 8, 2021.

In his interview, Fabian stated that he has four young kids and that his work experience includes being a credit union teller for seven years. He is currently employed as a Correctional Officer. The meeting adjourned about a minute and a half after reconvening.

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# NEWS

## NEWS BRIEFS

### AT THE LIBERTY:

*Clifford the Big Red Dog*

THE TIMES

When middle-schooler Emily Elizabeth (Darby Camp) meets a magical animal rescuer (John Cleese) who gifts her a little, red puppy, she never anticipated waking up to find a giant ten-foot hound in her small New York City apartment. While her single mom (Sienna Guillory) is away for business, Emily and her fun, but impulsive, Uncle Casey (Jack Whitehall) set out on an adventure that will keep you on the edge-of-your-seat as our heroes take a bite out of the Big Apple. Based on the beloved Scholastic book character, Clifford will teach the world how to love big!

Rotten Tomatoes has rated this movie as 50% favorable from the critics and 94% from the audience. Clifford the big red dog is rated PG for impolite humor, thematic elements and mild action. Runtime is 96 minutes.

This movie shows on Friday Nov. 26, and Saturday Nov. 20 at 7:30 pm. Note that there will be a Special Sensory Friendly viewing on Saturday at 1 pm. This showing will have reduced sound, and increased light levels. The movie also shows at 3 pm on Sunday Nov. 28, and then again on Tues. Nov. 30 at 6:30 pm.

Online advance seat purchase is preferred, but tickets will be available at the door if any remain. Masks are required.



### WALLA WALLA COUNTY COVID-19 TESTING UPDATE

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—Walla Walla County Department of Community Health (DCH) and healthcare partners will temporarily close the Providence Southgate vaccine clinic during the week of November 22, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. The regular clinic schedule (Tuesday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.) will resume on Tuesday, November 30. Additionally, the Southgate clinic will have altered hours on Saturday, November 20. The clinic will shut down at 4 p.m. instead of the usual 5 p.m. Everyone interested in scheduling an appointment at Providence Southgate should visit <https://www.covidwvc.com/clinics>.

The COVID testing site at Providence Southgate will have altered hours for the week of November 22. The site will be open Monday, November 22 through Wednesday, November 24, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and again on Friday, November 26, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. The testing site will be closed on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 25. Anyone in need of a COVID test can find testing appointments and locations at <https://www.covidwvc.com/testing>.

Residents without Internet/computer access can call the DCH helpline (509) 524-2647 and leave their name, date of birth, phone number, and a message stating that they need assistance scheduling an appointment.

We encourage all residents to visit the County COVID website or text COVIDWW to 888777 for information on upcoming vaccination clinics.

### COVID-19 VACCINE BOOSTER DOSES NOW AVAILABLE FOR ALL ADULTS 18 AND OLDER

THE TIMES

OLYMPIA—Booster doses of all three COVID-19 vaccine types are now available for everyone 18 and older. The expansion comes following recommendations from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Advisory Committee on Immunizations Practices, and the Western States Scientific Safety Review Workgroup.

At least six months after receiving both doses of the Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine:

Adults age 50 and older, or those 18 and older living in a long-term care facility, should receive a booster dose.

Those 18 through 49 may receive a booster dose. Everyone 18 and older who received the single-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine should get a booster shot two months after getting vaccinated.

"We want people to be as safe and as healthy as possible. Expanding booster eligibility to all adults will further protect families, especially as we gather for the holidays," said Secretary of Health Umair A. Shah, MD, MPH. "We know COVID-19 vaccines work, and boosters further increase immunity and protection. If you are 18 or older, and enough time has passed, I strongly encourage you to get a booster dose."

Booster doses are especially important for those at high risk of severe COVID-19, including older adults, people with chronic conditions, and anyone living in a congregate setting. Across Washington, more than 860,000 people have received an additional dose, which includes both booster doses and third doses. Any of the three COVID-19 vaccines currently available for use may be administered as a booster dose, regardless of which vaccine was used for the primary series.

Everyone age 5 and older is currently eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine. People who have not yet been vaccinated are highly encouraged to make an appointment today to protect themselves and those around them. To find a vaccine location near you, visit Vaccine Locator or call the COVID-19 Information Hotline at 1-800-525-0127, then press #. Language assistance is available.

The DOH website is your source for a healthy dose of information. Follow DOH on Facebook and Twitter. Sign up for the DOH blog, Public Health Connection.

### PRESCOTT, WAITSBURG ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS HOLDING CHILD VACCINE CLINICS

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—Walla Walla County Department of Community Health (DCH) and healthcare partners will hold vaccine clinics at Waitsburg and Prescott elementary schools.

• Prescott Elementary School, Tuesday, November 30, between 9:30 and 11 a.m.

• Waitsburg Elementary School, Thursday, December 9 between 2:30 and 3:30 p.m.

All clinics will only offer the lower dosage Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine that has been approved for 5-11-year-old children.

Those 12 years and older are not eligible to receive a vaccine at the clinics listed above. A parent or guardian must accompany children in grades K-5 while vaccines are administered. Sixth-grade students may get vaccinated with written parental consent only.

Those interested in scheduling an appointment at one of the local school vaccine clinics should visit <https://www.covidwvc.com/schools>. Walk-in appointments are also welcome for those who wish to register on-site. Residents who are without Internet/computer access can call the DCH helpline (509) 524-2647 and leave their name, date of birth, phone number, and a message stating that they need assistance scheduling an appointment.

We encourage all residents to visit the County COVID website or text COVIDWW to 888777 for information on upcoming vaccination clinics.

### DCH ANNOUNCES TWO ADDITIONAL COVID-19 RELATED DEATHS

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—Walla Walla County Department of Community Health confirmed two COVID-19-related deaths this week. County health officials were notified that a man in his 30s and a man in his 70s, that tested positive for COVID-19, passed away. DCH offers their sincere thoughts and heartfelt condolences to the individuals' families and friends during this difficult time.

Case Overview (as of 11/23/21 @ 8:30 AM):  
• Confirmed Cases: 9,322  
• Recovered: 9,002  
• Deaths: 111  
• Active: 211 (includes 0 WSP inmate & 4 WSP staff)  
• Home Isolation: 208  
• Hospitalized: 3

Case counts are frequently changing as new cases go through county case investigation and tracing. More information about cases, including community of residence, age, and gender, can be found on the Walla Walla County COVID website.

DCH would like to remind everyone that there are resources available for anyone in the community that may be feeling the stressful impacts of COVID-19. Those looking for help can visit [www.covidwvc.com/struggling-to-cope](http://www.covidwvc.com/struggling-to-cope) or email [health@co.walla-walla.wa.us](mailto:health@co.walla-walla.wa.us). Both English and Spanish language assistance is available.

### CLASSIFIEDS

**Blue Mountain Counseling** is looking to enhance our Crisis Team! We are currently looking for Crisis First Responders and Designated Crisis Responders (DCR). If you are looking to make extra cash or have the desire to help your community then this could be a good opportunity for you. We are open to schedule options in 15-24 hour shifts that would help us build a stronger DCR and Crisis First Responder team. Crisis workers will work closely and collaborate with our crisis team/DCR's. Will respond to psychiatric crises in the community in the most effective, efficient, and safest manner possible. Will provide crisis support and stabilization to youth and adults in Columbia County under the supervision of our Clinical Director and in accordance with agency regulations and standards. DCR's must hold a master's degree in behavioral, social sciences or related field. Crisis First responders must have high school diploma or GED and a valid driver's license. Blue Mountain Counseling provides training for Crisis First Responders and helps facilitate DCR training if needed. Evening and weekend work is included in the positions, along with flexibility. Employment is contingent upon an individual successfully passing a drug test and a criminal background check. Individuals interested can get additional information at Blue Mountain Counseling, 221 E. Washington, Dayton, WA 99328

Congratulations to Mayor Dunn and all the newly elected Waitsburg candidates!

I'd like to thank everyone who turned out to vote in the first Waitsburg election that was overseen by Walla Walla County. We had a strong election turn out in Waitsburg!

I'd also like to thank the folks who voted for me, made and displayed yard signs, and those that wrote letters of support for my candidacy.

Kate Hockersmith

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## Marvin Keith Shutters

March 24, 1967 – September 28, 2021

Marvin Keith Shutters, 54, died of esophageal cancer at home in Dayton, Washington on September 28.

He was born to Alvin and Alice Shutters in Ridgway, Pennsylvania on March 24, 1967, joining brother Alvin and sister Karen.

Marvin's love of the outdoors began at an early age. He roamed the woods, fields, and streams around the family home in Weedville, Pennsylvania, either on foot or horseback. Marvin and his siblings spent summers haying and selling vegetables they raised. Hunting with his dad, brother, and sister was one of his favorite activities. He was an avid hunter throughout his life.

Marvin attended Bennetts Valley Elementary School, graduating from St. Mary's Area High School in 1985. He earned his Bachelor of Science from Penn State and his Master of Science from Oklahoma State University.

He was employed by the US Army Corps of Engineers for nearly 25 years, most recently at the Walla Walla District where he served as the expert biologist on fish passage and hydro turbine design. His attention to detail and commitment to the Corps were enhanced by his sense of humor and willingness to mentor others.



Marvin Keith Shutters

Marvin married Linda Weistaner in 1999, and in 2006, they welcomed daughter Sarah. The family, accompanied by dog Felix, enjoyed camping, hiking, and canoeing. Marvin was an attentive father, enthusiastically supporting Sarah in everything she did. He was a steady, deep, and joyful life companion for Linda.

Marvin helped with Dayton's Mule Mania celebrations and belonged to several organizations including the Deutscher Wachtelhund of North America Club and Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation. He was an active member of First United Methodist Church.

Marvin was preceded in death by his parents Alvin and Alice; brother Alvin; infant niece Aileen; uncles William Thacher and Jim Green; and aunt Hazel Thacher. He is survived by wife

Linda and daughter Sarah; sister Karen (Chris) Launer; sister-in-law Carrie Shutters; nieces Amanda (Eric) Lattin and Jenna Launer; nephews Ken (Irene) Shutters, Brad Launer, and Matt Launer; aunts Lydia Green, Gail Thacher, and Elaine Yetzer; uncle Charles Thacher; and several great-nieces and cousins.

Burial took place at Dayton Cemetery and a memorial service will be held later. The family suggests that memorial donations be made to First United Methodist Church; 110 S Third St; Dayton, WA 99328; or Touchet Valley Arts Council; PO Box 233; Dayton, WA 99328.

## Waitsburg School Board monthly meeting focuses on levy

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—The Waitsburg School Board met Wednesday, November 17, for its regular meeting. The meeting was led by vice-chairman Ross Hamann, following the resignation of former chairman Pam Chapman earlier this year.

Secondary Principal Stephanie Wooderchak reported that grades 6-12 had completed the year's SBAC (SmarterBalanced) testing. She said that the fall testing was a shortened version and that students will return to regular testing schedules in March. Students in grades 3-12 will take the tests.

She shared that WHS ASB officers, class representatives, and Shelby Gould hosted a 30-minute Veterans Day assembly on November 9, which several community members attended. Wooderchak commented that the event was very nice.

Athletic Director Sam Korslund provided an update on the Dayton-Waitsburg Wolfpack combine, saying that Fall Sports were over. A Sunday evening

awards banquet has tentatively been scheduled for December 5. Middle school basketball is currently in season and is going well.

Korslund shared that COVID-19 testing is going well, though it has had challenges. He said all tests have been negative so far, and the process has made him cautiously optimistic about the upcoming season and the impact of COVID-19.

High school girls basketball sign-ups are limited, with just enough players for a varsity squad. Boys basketball has 18 athletes, which is enough for a varsity and JV squad.

The DW Athletic Combine Committee is being reformed. Both Dayton and Waitsburg schools have accepted the new bylaws and are solidifying student and community representative positions. Charlie Barron took the role of Waitsburg representative, and the committee is searching for a Dayton community representative. The combine committee will meet on December 1, with details to come later.

Student representatives were selected by their respective ASB's, with nominations being provided by ASB officers. Korslund said that he did not want to micromanage the student representative selection process, as it is vital to allow the students a voice of their own.

Superintendent and Elementary Principal Mark Pickel reported that the elementary classes had also finished their SBAC testing. The fourth and fifth grades took tests based on the grade that they were in last school year. He shared a brief report of the results, spread across English Language Arts (ELA) and math. He said that teachers are reviewing the data.

The elementary school also held a Veterans Day assembly, and Pickel reported that it was "very well done." The assembly lasted roughly 45 minutes. A winter program is being planned; details were not available at the time of the meeting.

The Cardinal's Nest art program is in full swing,

having started in early November. Pickel said the program had been well attended.

The fifth-grade ski trip is being planned. Bluewood extended the invitation to include this year's sixth-grade students who missed out last year.

Moving on to the Superintendent's report, Pickel explained the status of the school's levy. The current levy was approved in 2019 and expires in 2022. The district asked for a \$3.50 rate; however, due to the state's levy-lid, the school could only collect \$2.50 per \$1,000 and a maximum of \$2,500 per student. The district collected just over \$493,200 in 2021.

Every two years, the district proposes a levy to help cover the costs related to the school, not covered under the McCleary Act, which could collect up to \$731,000, based on a conservative estimate of the community's growth rate. Pickel later requested that a December 2 special meeting be held to further discuss the levy.

The school district is seeking applicants for a committee to write the pro and con statements for the Walla Walla County voter's pamphlet related to the new levy ballot measure. Those interested should send their name, address, phone number, and declaration of pro or con to Pickel by December 1, 2021.

New school board member Stephanie Cole and re-elected members Sarah Boudrieau and Lisa Morrow will be sworn in at the December meeting.

Candidates to fill the board seat left by Pam Chapman, whose resignation was accepted in November, will be interviewed at an upcoming special meeting.

School will be released early on Wednesday, November 24, and students will return on November 29. Winter break will begin on December 20, and students will return on January 3. The school's office will be closed from December 20-31.

The board exited the regular meeting for a personnel-related executive session.

## 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

TBA-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](https://www.co.walla-walla.wa.us/government/commissioners/2020_agendas.php)

#### Friends of the Weller Public Library

Nov. 17, 7 p.m. Weller Public Library, 212 Main St., Waitsburg

#### Waitsburg Celebration Days Meeting

TBA  
Location to be announced

#### Dayton & Columbia County Meetings

**Board of Columbia County Commissioners**  
First and second Monday of each month at 9 a.m.

**Board of Columbia County Commissioners work session meetings** Second and fourth Tuesday 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/city-council>

#### 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  
403 E. Patit St.  
12 p.m.  
Drive Up Only

#### Thursday, September 23

TBA

#### Tuesday, September 28

TBA

### WAITSBURG SENIOR CENTER

504 Main Street  
11 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.  
**Tuesday, November 30**  
Chicken & dumplings  
Vegetable  
Pea salad  
Fruit juice  
Brownie

### WAITSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT

#### Thursday, November 25

Happy Thanksgiving!  
No School

#### Friday, November 26

No School

#### Monday, November 29

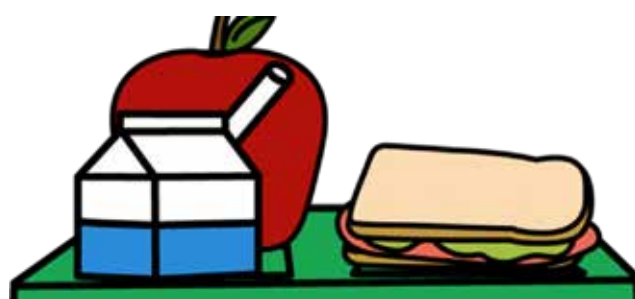
B:Sausage, Omelette, Hashbrown  
L: Cheeseburger  
Fries  
Mixed veggies  
Fruit choice

#### Tuesday, November 30

B:French toast  
L: Sweet & sour chicken  
Rice  
California blend veggies  
Fruit choice

#### Wednesday, December 1

TBA



*Church Directory*

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**Waitsburg Presbyterian Church**  
504 Main  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Worship 11 a.m.  
337-6589  
Pastor Stan Hughes

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**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

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**Waitsburg Christian Church**  
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337-8898  
Rev. Cameron Hedges



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# NEWS & COMMENTARY

## LETTERS

### THANKS TO LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS

Dear Editor,  
Thanks to all those folks who helped clear and then reconstruct safe access to the library from the rear of the building. Fanny Weller originally donated the Bruce House for a City library, and is now remembered in the sculpture with children out front of the current library. I'm sure she would have appreciated their efforts.  
Sincerely,  
Roger Hevel

### GRATEFUL FOR LOCAL HEALTHCARE WORKERS

Dear Editor:  
Each Thanksgiving it is important to pause and reflect on all that we have to be grateful for. Especially over the last nearly two years of COVID, we at the UW School of Medicine-Gonzaga University Health Partnership appreciate and are very thankful for the physicians and healthcare workers in Waitsburg, Dayton, Clarkston, and Pomeroy, who, despite unprecedented stress and hardship, continued to train our medical students.  
We desperately need more high-quality, well-trained physicians and we simply could not do it without the healthcare providers in Chelan. The UW School of Medicine has developed an extensive network of hundreds of physicians throughout Eastern and Central Washington who train medical students, just as they were once trained by their mentors. With added layers of complexity from COVID, they persevered, understanding this is a unique opportunity for medical students to learn in a pandemic situation.  
We are grateful for each physician, nurse, physician assistant, medical assistant and healthcare professional who contribute to our students' medical education. Because of you, we can deliver top-ranked medical education to train the next generation of excellent physicians for Waitsburg, the surrounding communities, and beyond.  
Together, we are working to make our region healthier.  
In gratitude,  
Geoff Jones, M.D.  
Assistant Clinical Dean  
Eastern and Central WA  
University of Washington School of Medicine

### WALLA WALLA COMMUNITY COLLEGE INVITES COMMUNITY TO NOV. 30 OPEN HOUSE

*Learn more about WWCC programs, financial aid, and starting your college education*

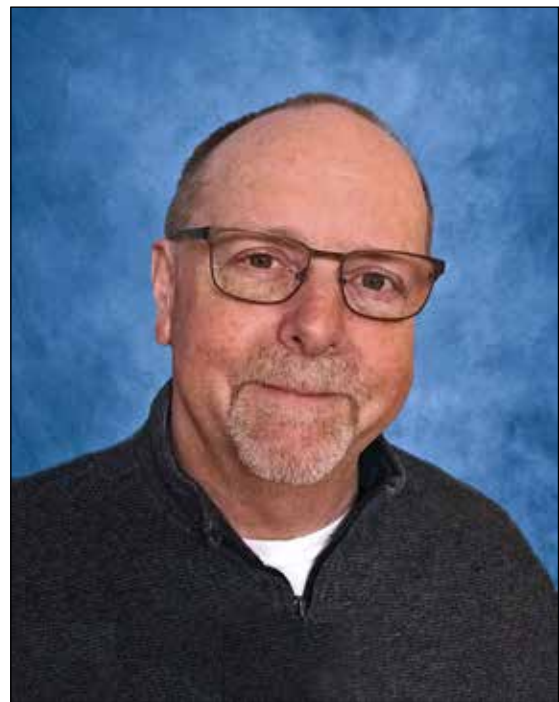
#### THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA— Walla Walla Community College (WWCC) invites future college students, parents, and community members to an Open House from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Tuesday, November 30 in the main building (Building D) at Walla Walla Campus.  
The Open House is designed as a one-stop setting to learn more about WWCC and many of its programs, services, and community partners. Representatives of some of the college's workforce and trade programs will be on hand to provide fun, interactive activities, giving attendees an opportunity to try a trade. Attendees will also enjoy free pizza while supplies last, as well as free WWCC items and tours of the college's new Student Rec Center.  
"It is fun to highlight the things that are new, like the new Student Rec Center and the science building currently under construction, while also offering helpful information and encouragement to new students," Director of Outreach Melissa Rodriguez said.  
Organizers note that this Open House is an ideal opportunity for those looking to get started in January and those looking ahead to a Fall Quarter start. Even if you are still undecided about attending the college, you should plan to attend. Open House attendees will receive the information they need to make an informed decision on their future.  
WWCC also supports those who are looking to finish what they started.  
"Whether it was at WWCC or any other college or university, our team will maximize the number of your previous credits that can be applied to your WWCC degree, saving you time and money—while also providing the exceptional staff and expert faculty you need to be confident in successfully completing your degree," Rodriguez said.  
Visitors are required to wear a face-covering when indoors. If you cannot attend, WWCC suggests that you drop by campus during regular business hours for personalized help with Admissions, Educational Planning, and Financial Aid. Interested individuals are also encouraged to call 509.730.0897 or visit [www.wwcc.edu](http://www.wwcc.edu).  
"The holiday season is a great time to start thinking about the gift of education—whether that be for a loved one, friend, or even yourself," Rodriguez said.  
Winter Quarter classes begin on January 3.

### COMMUNITY INVITED TO WAITSBURG SCHOOL BOARD SPECIAL MEETING DEC. 2

WAITSBURG—The Waitsburg School Board will hold a special meeting on Thursday, December 2nd, to interview and select candidates for the recently-vacated Seat 5. They will also be swearing in newly-elected and re-elected board members.  
The public is invited to attend the special meeting to honor Ross Hamann, who announced his retirement from the school board after more than 18 years of service.  
In December of 2020, Hamann announced that he would not be running for re-election, and would like to dedicate more time to his family— especially the grandkids. He said that being on the board for nearly

20 years had been a great joy.  
The meeting will start at 6 p.m., at the Waitsburg Elementary Library.



WSD photo  
Waitsburg School Board Vice-Chair Ross Hamann

### Touchet Valley Weather

Nov. 24, 2021

#### Waitsburg's Seven Day Forecast

<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>
Partly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Cloudy
High: 46 Low: 33	High: 51 Low: 42	High: 56 Low: 41	High: 55 Low: 42	High: 57 Low: 39	High: 53 Low: 36	High: 55 Low: 37

#### Weather Trivia

How many inches of dry snow equal one inch of rain?

ANSWER: You would need to melt 20 to 40 inches of snow to get one inch of rain.

#### Local Almanac Last Week

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Precipitation
Tuesday	48	34	49/36	0.00"	0.32"
Wednesday	48	28	48/35	0.00"	0.53"
Thursday	42	31	48/35	0.02"	-0.21"
Friday	38	34	48/35	0.30"	35.9°
Saturday	45	30	47/35	0.00"	41.3°
Sunday	32	29	47/34	0.00"	-5.4°
Monday	35	29	47/34	0.00"	

Data as reported from Walla Walla

#### Weather History

**Nov. 24, 1863** - The Civil War's "battle above the clouds" was fought on Lookout Mountain near Chattanooga. Pre-frontal clouds obscured the upper battlefield. These weather conditions contributed to a victory for Union forces.

#### Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Wednesday	7:06 a.m.	4:12 p.m.	8:30 p.m.	11:49 a.m.
Thursday	7:07 a.m.	4:12 p.m.	9:37 p.m.	12:22 p.m.
Friday	7:09 a.m.	4:11 p.m.	10:46 p.m.	12:49 p.m.
Saturday	7:10 a.m.	4:11 p.m.	11:57 p.m.	1:13 p.m.
Sunday	7:11 a.m.	4:10 p.m.	Prev Day	1:34 p.m.
Monday	7:12 a.m.	4:09 p.m.	1:10 a.m.	1:54 p.m.
Tuesday	7:14 a.m.	4:09 p.m.	2:25 a.m.	2:15 p.m.

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# NEWS

## SURPLUS - FROM PAGE 1

She reported the wheelchair lift would cost upwards of \$30,000. She said that the sales representative informed her that costs would go up 12% in the upcoming year. The library board plans to install the lift in January, and Gagnon asked the city council to consider covering the amount of the increase.

Fundraising efforts for the library included The Monster Mash Bingo event, which raised \$2,000 on October 30. The Friends of the Library continue searching and applying for grants.

Last month, the council started the process to surplus the current City Hall, at 147 Main, following the purchase of the former Limagrain building, at 106 Main. Hinchliffe said that the building appraisal came in at \$205,000. The bidding process for that building will open in December.

Joseph Roberts, an owner of the Royal Block, asked if the city could only accept the highest bid or would the buyers use be considered. Hinchliffe replied that the bid structure is simple for the surplus, and the accepted bidder's use will have to fall within the building's zoning. Subsequent plans are subject to approval or rejection from the Planning Commission. He also noted that there are historical restrictions on the building.

Councilmember Karen Gregutt clarified that Item 3 on the surplus resolution, which states: The City Council will review and accept or reject bids for the building at the December 2021 City Council meeting and proceed with negotiations with the highest bidder on the sale of the building but reserving unto itself the right to reject all bids when the Council, at its discretion, finds that to be in the best interest of the city.

"It isn't just the price- it's what is in the best interest of the city," Gregutt said. "City-owned property belongs to the whole city, represented by us, so we want to make sure that it is what is in the best interest of the citizens."

This brought up a discussion of the city's real estate policy, with city attorney Jared Hawkins weighing in. Hawkins said it would need to be stated in the bid request that the council could consider best interest to the city over price. However, the current surplus resolution reflects the city's real estate policy which is more restrictive. Gregutt suggested that the city continue to move forward on the building's surplus after amending the policy and the resolution so the sale would not be based solely on the highest bid.

"Money is the least of it," Gregutt said. "I want to look at all the bids and make sure that we are treating that (building) with respect."

Gregutt moved to table the surplus until the council can review and adjust the policy. The council voted in favor of tabling the surplus.

This conversation continued during the discussion on the surplus of the lot on Main Street. Three bids were received for the property between the former Anchor Bar and Whoop'emUp Cafe. One bid was below the acceptable margin, one bid was at the appraised value of \$24,000, and one bid came in at \$30,000.

The two acceptable bids were from the new owners of businesses on either side of the lot. The person who submitted the \$24,000 bid, Tom Bennett, had approached the council several times over the past couple of months with interest in buying or leasing the property. Bennett purchased the adjacent building, which had been home to the Anchor Bar, and is remodeling the space to open a new restaurant in the Spring. Ownership of the lot would provide outdoor seating and other access for the business.

The council asked the city's attorney what their options were under the current policy. They were told they could reject all bids, table the selection until the next meeting or accept the highest bid. The council rejected all bids and tabled

the surplus of the property until they could revise the policy and speak with legal counsel. There was concern from the councilmembers that the two surplus properties be treated consistently.

The council approved the second payment for the Millrace Grade Improvement project, which Hinchliffe explained would cover the 'bulk' of the work. He said an AgLink truck damaged a concrete sidewalk panel recently, and the city is working with that company to fix it. Councilmembers suggested that a post or marker be installed to prevent damage in the future.

Hinchliffe presented the council with a resolution to reinstate the Transportation Benefit District on the February 2022 ballot. If voted in, the TBD will authorize a sales and use tax to be imposed within the district on all taxable retail sales and uses. The tax would be up to 2/10 of a percent for the purpose of financing all or a portion of the costs associated with transportation improvements in the districts.

TBDs are in effect for ten years and can be reinstated once. Hinchliffe explained that the TBD authorized by the city in 2012 covered most of the cost for the sidewalk improvement projects completed within the last two years. The council approved the TBD reauthorization.

A budget amendment was presented to the council. Amendments were made in the Current Expense Fund, the Promotion Fund, the Municipal Capital Improvements Fund, and Water and Sewer,

Hinchliffe said the flood season typically starts in November and runs through March. A flow chart of flood response responsibilities for the city was discussed. This information is temporarily available to view online in the meeting's packet. According to the document, the National Weather Service will issue weather warnings to Walla Walla County Emergency Management (WWCEM) related to a possible flooding event. WWCEM will then inform the City of Waitsburg (Mayor, City Administrator, or Public Works Director) via phone and email. The Public Works Director will then increase flood watch, including gauge monitoring at preset points along both the Touchet and Coppei Rivers. If the water levels are rising at more than two feet per hour, with increased flow rates expected, the public works director will then inform the mayor and the administrator of imminent flooding.

The mayor will then convene the city council to proclaim a local proclamation of emergency in accordance with RCW 35.33.081. There are two separate pathways to prepare, based on which river is expected to flood.

The city's responsibility is to protect city-owned property and infrastructure. Hinchliffe said the city siren would be tested the following Friday for use in alerting residents of imminent flooding.

Councilmember Jillian Henze thanked Kate Hockersmith for four years of service on the Community Health and Protection Committee (CHPC). Hockersmith was instrumental in raising flood awareness in the city while she was on city council and as chair of the CHPC. Under her leadership, volunteers were given training to help provide an effective crisis response during last year's flooding event. Henze said she would be taking over as chair.

Councilmember Jim Romine asked if the streets could be swept early in the morning before cars start to park along Main Street.

The Council adjourned after a brief report from Hinchliffe.



Courtesy photo  
Councilmember Karen Gregutt



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**November 26:**  
Devon Harshman, Donna Lee Harris, Donald Land, Greg Gabel.

**November 27:**  
Peggy Lightfoot, Nita Snider, Rose Worth, Rod Baker, Jaidyn Brown.

**November 28:**  
Norma Jean Green, Karen Hermanns, Shawn White, Michael Lafer, Cara Rea.

**November 29:**  
Lewis Neace, Sherrie Morris, Pat Huwe, Scott Lambert.

**November 30:**  
Betty Prock, David McKenzie, Cameron McConnell.

**December 1:** Debbie Hunter, Linda Rohde, Martin Sauer, Michelle Saranovich, Jean Hinchliffe.





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## LEGAL NOTICES

### In the Superior Court of the State of Washington for the County of Walla Walla

**Walla Walla**  
No. (18-3-00015-1)  
Maritela A. Lopez, Petitioner,  
Jose L. Lopez, Respondent.

The State of Washington to the respondent Jose J. Lopez:

You are hereby summoned to appear within 90 days after the date of the first publication of this dissolution of marriage summons, after the 11/11/2021, and defend the above entitled action in the above entitled court, and answer the complaint of the petitioner, Maritela A. Lopez, and serve a copy of your answer upon the petitioner at the address below stated; and in case of your failure so to do, judgment will be rendered against you according to the demand of the dissolution petition, which has been filed with the clerk of said court. If you do not serve your written response within 90 days after the date this summons was served on you, exclusive of the day of service, the court may enter an order of default against you, and the court may, without further notice to you, enter a final order and approve or provide for the relief requested in the petition. The court will not enter the final order until at least 90 days after filing and service. Serve a copy of your response on Maritela A. Lopez at 127 W. Tietan Street, Walla Walla, WA. 99362.

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December 2, 9, 16, 2021  
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### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA  
No.: 21-4-00234-36  
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

(RCW 11.40.030)  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: MATTHEW ("ISAAC") ROBERTSON, Deceased.

The Personal Representative/Administrator 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 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.

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Personal Representative/Administrator: Diane L. Robertson.

Brian H. Andrews, WSBA #57791,

Of Attorneys for Personal Representative/Administrator Address for Mailing or Service:

2225 Isaacs, Suite A, Walla Walla, WA 99362  
Court of probate proceedings and cause number:

Walla Walla County Superior Court Cause No. 21-4-00234-36

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### CITY OF DAYTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

**2022 CITY OF DAYTON FINAL BUDGET**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a final public hearing will be held on Wednesday, December 1, 2021 at 6:00 p.m., or soon thereafter, at a special meeting of the City Council of the City of Dayton to review and receive public input on the City of Dayton 2022 Final Budget. Said public hearing shall be held via ZOOM® and the ZOOM meeting information will be available online at <http://www.daytonwa.com> not later than 3:00 p.m., November 30, 2021.

Written testimony/comments shall be read into the record at the public hearing and can be submitted to the City of Dayton no later than 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 1, 2021. All testimony/comments shall be submitted to/at City of Dayton, 111 S. 1st Street, Dayton, WA 99328 or by email to [info@daytonwa.com](mailto:info@daytonwa.com).

The 2022 City of Dayton Final Budget is available on the City of Dayton's website at <https://www.daytonwa.com>. A paper or electronic copy of the budget may be obtained by submitting a request via [info@daytonwa.com](mailto:info@daytonwa.com), by mail or in person at 111 S. 1st Street or by telephone at 509.382.2361.

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### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR CLARK COUNTY

Case No. 21-4-01336-06  
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

RCW 11.40.030  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DELBERT W. KLICKER, 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 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.

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PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: DANIEL KLICKER

RESIDENT AGENT: CAROLYN A. SIMMS ATTORNEY FOR

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: Carolyn A. Simms, WSBA #18258

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COURT OF PROBATE PROCEEDINGS: Superior Court of Clark County AND CAUSE NUMBER: No. 21-4-01336-06

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### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA  
No. 21 2 00517 36  
SUMMONS  
ERIC AND MARGARET ANDERSON, as Trustees of the EMA Trust, Plaintiffs,  
V.

A 26 FOOT CIRCULAR PARCEL OF REAL PROPERTY QUITCLAIMED TO GEORGE B. DAGUE AND BERTHA L. DAGUE ON JUNE 8th 1917; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OR SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST TO GEORGE B. DAGUE and BERTHA L. DAGUE; and ALSO ALL OTHER PERSONS OR PARTIES UNKNOWN CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE, LIEN, OR INTEREST IN THE REAL ESTATE DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT HEREIN, Defendants.

THE STATE OF WASHINGTON TO THE SAID DEFENDANTS, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OR SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST TO GEORGE B. DAGUE and BERTHA L. DAGUE; and ALSO ALL OTHER PERSONS OR PARTIES UNKNOWN CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE, LIEN OR INTEREST IN THE REAL ESTATE DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT HEREIN:

You are hereby summoned to appear within sixty days after the date of the first publication of this summons, to wit, within sixty days after the 18 day of November, 2021, and defend the above entitled action in the above entitled court, and answer the complaint of the plaintiff, and serve a copy of your answer upon the undersigned attorneys for plaintiff at their office below stated; and in case of your failure so to do, judgment will be rendered against you according to the demand of the complaint, which has been filed with the clerk of said court. The nature of the action is as follows:

Plaintiffs seek to quiet title to a 26-foot circular parcel of real property ("the Subject Property") located in Walla Walla County in the State of Washington, which parcel of real property was quitclaimed to George B. Dague and Bertha L. Dague on June 8, 1917. Plaintiffs, together with their predecessors in possession, have been in the actual, open, adverse, notorious, and uninterrupted possession of the Subject Property for more than ten (10) years immediately prior hereto, and are entitled to a judgment of the court establishing the validity of that title and barring any further claim of any person or entity to the Subject Property.

DATED this 16th day of November, 2021.

HAWKINS LAW, PLLC  
By: /s/ Brian H. Andrews,  
WSBA #57791

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### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF BENTON  
IN PROBATE  
NO. 21-4-00679-03  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF  
NORMAN LEROY WELCH, Deceased.

The Personal Representative named below has been appointed and has qualified as Personal Representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, prior to the time such claims would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, serve their claims in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the Personal Representative or the Personal Representative's attorneys of record at the address stated below and file the original of the claim with the Clerk of this Court. 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(3); or 2) four months after the date of first publication of this notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim will be 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 non-probate assets.

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/s/ Christine Herd, Personal Representative.  
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### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA  
NO: 21-4-00222-36  
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
RCW 11.40.030  
IN re the Estate of:  
STEVEN LOUIS GLASPEY, 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.

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Steve M. Irwin, Personal Representative Attorney for Personal Representative:

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## WALLA WALLA FIRE DEPART. DISPLAYS WREATHS AS REMINDERS OF FIRE SAFETY DURING THE HOLIDAYS

### THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—It's that time of year when the temperature drops, the days get shorter and there is a buzz in the air about the upcoming holiday season. For those preparing to celebrate the holidays, the Walla Walla Fire Department would like to remind you to take steps to help ensure the safety of your home and family.

As the winter months settle in, and particularly around the holiday season, the number of structure fires tends to increase. This upsurge, typically starting around Thanksgiving and stretching through the new year, is due to unintentional and mostly avoidable accidents.

This year, the WWFD would again like to involve the community in a risk-reduction program titled "Keep the Wreaths Red." The program is simple, yet it offers the public a visual reminder to think about fire safety during the holiday season.

Starting today, a wreath decorated with red lights will be mounted at each of Walla Walla fire stations— at the corner of 12th Avenue and Poplar Street, and at Wilbur Avenue and Tacoma Street. For every fire that happens from today through New Year's Day, WWFD will replace one of the red bulbs with a white one to signify a fire has occurred.

"As you drive down Poplar and Wilbur, we invite you to glance at the wreaths and be reminded that fire safety is everyone's job. We hope the community will help us keep the wreaths red by keeping safety at the forefront during this holiday season," WWFD Deputy Chief John Knowles said. "Have a wonderful holiday season, stay safe and check your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors."

### Fire statistics and safety tips

For many people, holiday fun begins in the kitchen. From testing family recipes to decorating cakes and cookies, everyone enjoys being part of the preparations. However, the National Fire Protection Association reports many fires also start in the kitchen:

1. Thanksgiving is the peak day for home cooking fires, followed by Christmas Day, the day before Thanksgiving, Easter and Christmas Eve.
2. Unattended cooking was by far the leading contributing factor in cooking fires.
3. In 2018, U.S. fire departments responded to an estimated 1,630 home cooking fires on Thanksgiving. Cooking caused almost half of all reported home fires and home fire injuries, and it is the second leading cause of home fire deaths in 2014-2018.
4. Keeping fire safety at the top of your mind in the kitchen is important, especially when there's a lot of activity and people at home. Here are a few simple safety tips from the NFPA to remember as you warm up the oven to start that mouth-watering meal:
5. Stay in the kitchen when you are cooking on the stove top.
6. Stay in the home when cooking your turkey, and check on it frequently.
7. Keep children away from the stove.
8. Make sure pan handles on the stove top are out of the reach of children.



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**Waitsburg Christmas Light Contest**

Residents will be Judged under 3 Categories:  
• Capturing the Christmas Spirit (45% of sponsorship pot)  
• Best of Show - highlighting your yard space (30% of pot)  
• Kids at Heart (25% of sponsorship pot)

Contest Rules:  
• Lighting will occur the evening of December 7, 2021.  
• The contest will operate in both cities (depending on sponsor pot and category).  
• Entries to be judged will be within Waitsburg city limits.  
• Lighting and decorations must be visible from the street and intended for outdoor use.  
• Contest begins at 6:00 PM on December 7th and ends at 10:00 PM on December 7th.  
• Prizes will be awarded on December 11, 2021.  
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# Just a few of the many things to be thankful for in our community

## VALLEY GIVING GUIDE OPEN TO SUPPORT COLUMBIA COUNTY NONPROFITS

DAYTON—The Valley Giving Guide, an annual year-end fundraiser to bring donations and attention to the incredible nonprofits making a difference in the area, is live for the 2021 season.

The Valley giving Guide is a tool for local nonprofits to raise money, attract new donors, and expand their marketing programs. Like any tool, the more effort put into using it, the more benefit you will receive.

The Giving Guide supports any 501c3 nonprofit located in Walla Walla, Columbia, Garfield or Umatilla counties, or regional organizations with a substantial presence in one of the listed counties, are eligible to participate.

Project Timothy, located in Dayton, is one of the many nonprofits who participate in the Giving Guide. Established in 1990, Project Timothy provides assistance to residents of Dayton, Waitsburg, and Starbuck, with a focus on single mothers and families with school-aged children.

Financial assistance offered through Project Timothy includes emergency housing, emergency food, rental assistance, utility assistance, and transportation assistance.

Here are the organizations that you can contribute to through the Valley Giving Guide:

- Project Timothy is open Tuesday through Friday, 12 p.m - 2 p.m, inside St. Vincent de Paul, on Main Street in Dayton. All are welcome with dignity and respect: <https://tinyurl.com/2sb2epbp>.
- Blue Mountain Counseling of Columbia County, <https://tinyurl.com/7x8wtw>
- Columbia County 4-H Youth Development: <https://tinyurl.com/m5t9my9s>
- Columbia County Children's Fund (Innovia Foundation): <https://tinyurl.com/vwah5cyv>
- Community Food Bank of Dayton: <https://tinyurl.com/fun26rwn>
- Dayton Development Task Force: <https://tinyurl.com/35ry6bvd>
- Dayton Historical Depot Society: <https://tinyurl.com/35jnxcfy>
- Friends of the Dayton Memorial Library: <https://tinyurl.com/x2trk9rw>

Visit [www.valleygivingguide.org](http://www.valleygivingguide.org) to see the complete list of eligible nonprofits. Donate today to give back to the organizations that help communities thrive.

## COAT DRIVE HAPPENING NOW IN WAITSBURG

WAITSBURG—The Waitsburg Christian Church is hosting a Coat Drive through the end of the year.

Donated new and gently used cold weather coats and other gear, including hats, gloves and mittens, and scarves, will be provided to school children and families in need.

To arrange a pick up or drop off, or if you are in need of a coat or other items, contact Debbie Crenshaw by text or call, (480) 414-4373. Items may also be dropped off at the Waitsburg Christian Church on Sunday, between 9:30 a.m and 122 p.m. Coats will be handed out as donations are received.



## CUSTOMER APPRECIATION LUNCH AT SAM'S CORNER ON NOV. 24

WAITSBURG—Stop by Sam's Corner, 715 Preston Ave., on Wednesday, November 24, for a "thank you!" chicken and rice meal.

Sam Kumar, owner of Sam's Corner, will be busy serving up lunch from 12:30 p.m - 1:30 p.m, just in time for holiday travelers. He wants to say thank you to all of his customers for their support throughout the year.



## MAIN STREET TREE COMING TO TOWN NOVEMBER 27

WAITSBURG—Columbia-Walla Walla Fire District 2 will be bringing classic holiday cheer to Main Street over the weekend.

The fire department has a long history of picking out a beautiful Christmas Tree every year, and volunteers gather to set it up just outside of the Plaza Theater. Once the tree is up and the lights are lit, students from Waitsburg School District will be busy making ornaments and decorating it throughout the holiday season.

The 2021 tree will be delivered on Saturday, November 27, with the time to be determined.

## CHRISTMAS KICKOFF IN DAYTON NOV. 26, 27

DAYTON—Fireworks, hayrides, and great shopping are just a few things to be found at the Dayton Christmas Kickoff this weekend.

Friday, November 26 will kick off with the Festival of Trees, followed up by the Ugly Christmas Sweater 5K Dash. Live reindeer will stop by at 12 p.m, and mule-drawn hayrides will start up at 10 a.m (previously listed at 1 p.m).

Friday will finish up with a lighted parade, starting at 6 p.m, followed by the Tree Lighting Ceremony and fireworks.

Both Friday and Saturday will have plenty of local shopping available at the Historic Dayton Depot, Church Parish, and on Main Street.

## WAITSBURG ELEMENTARY FIRST GRADERS DONATE 200 POUNDS OF FOOD

*The class blew their goal of 100 items out of the water*

WAITSBURG—Leading the spirit of giving in the valley is, without a doubt, the Waitsburg Elementary School's first grade class.

They wrapped up the fifth annual food drive on Tuesday and delivered more than 240 canned and boxed goods to the Waitsburg Resource Center. Their original goal: 100 items.

"They went way over and beyond by collecting 243 items to donate, weighing in at 200 pounds," said their teacher, Stephanie Hinchliffe. "Pretty awesome and makes me super proud. Such a good life lesson for all to learn- the importance of giving to those that are less fortunate."

Hinchliffe said that each year, she reads a book about a first-grade class that does a food drive, and she asks if her class should do a drive. The answer is always a resounding "Yes!"

The donated goods will help boost the Resource Center's holiday-dinner baskets, available to families in need of a little extra help. The deadline to sign up for Christmas Food Baskets is December 2. Sign-up sheets are available at the Resource Center, as well as the Waitsburg Christian and Presbyterian churches.

The Waitsburg Resource Center is always open on Thursdays, from 2 p.m- 4 p.m.



## Veterans Benefit

December 5

@ Waitsburg Town Hall

Doors open @ 11:30 Games start @ 12:00

3 cards for \$1 or \$20 for 20 games

Proceeds support our Veteran's

Meat prizes include: ham, turkey and brisket



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## ST. NICK'S BAZAAR COMING TO PRESCOTT DECEMBER 4



PRESCOTT—Mark your calendars! The third annual St. Nick's Bazaar is coming to Prescott in just two weekends.

Nearly thirty local vendors will be offering fun, one-of-a-kind shopping experiences on December 4, from 10 a.m- 3 p.m, at Skyrocket Church, 202 E 2nd St. Vendors include A-Ron's Rustic Designs, Pepper Peppers, LLC, Hummingbird Tea, Baked Black, and ALazyK Leather.

The church cafe will be open in the morning, and Walla Walla-based Italian food truck, Pasagna To Go, will be serving lunch. Skyrocket Church will be hosting a raffle to benefit a to-be-announced fundraiser.

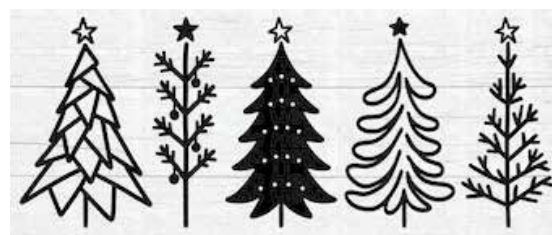
Be sure to bring the kids, too! Santa will be making a stop for photos from 10 a.m- 2 p.m.

Further details can be found on the event's Facebook page, "3rd Annual St. Nick's Christmas Bazaar." Event organizer Jessica Ruffcorn, owner of Country Chic Boutique, has been posting Vendor Highlights each day.

Swing on through Prescott for fun finds and a great time!



## SANTA WILL BE ON MAIN STREET IN WAITSBURG ON SUNDAY DECEMBER 19 AT 1:00 P.M.



## WAITSBURG FESTIVAL OF TREES

WAITSBURG—It is that time of year for businesses, clubs, and community groups to participate in the Festival of Trees. Waitsburg FFA provides the tree stands and trees, and participants provide the creativity that may win them a trophy!

The trees are available for a \$30 donation to the Waitsburg FFA. This year they are also selling 24" Nobel Fir wreaths for \$25. Contact Nicole Abel at [nabel@waitsburgsd.org](mailto:nabel@waitsburgsd.org) to reserve your tree and buy a wreath.

Be sure to take a tour of the decorated trees between December 5 – 25 on Waitsburg's Main Street, and vote for your favorite!

## Setting expectations for the rest of Seahawks season

By Eric Umphrey | THE TIMES

The Seahawks (3-7) will play in another Monday night football this week, traveling to Washington D.C. to play against Washington (4-6) at 5:15 p.m. Pacific Time. At the beginning of the season, this game looked like it would be an easy game on the schedule for Seattle. This game is essentially a toss-up according to oddsmakers, with some giving a slight edge to Washington since they are playing at home.

Based on the information below, which quarterback would you rather have starting for your team?

Quarterback	CMP	ATT	PCT	TD	INT	Sacks
Player A	61	105	58.0	3	3	12
Player B	65	95	68.4	5	1	13

Key CMP=Completions, ATT=Attempts, PCT=Completion Percentage, TD=Touchdowns, INT=Interceptions.

The totals above are the combined statistics of the last four games for each quarterback. Player A is Russell Wilson, and Player B is Geno Smith. The Seahawks will start Russell Wilson if he is healthy and will continue for the rest of the season.



Don't expect to see Geno Smith unless Wilson gets hurt again. This just shows how poorly Wilson's last two games have been. If you've been watching the games, you can see that his arm strength is still there, but his ability to accurately place the ball is not where it was before the finger injury. Wilson's poor play in the last two games has dropped his completion percentage for the year down to 64.9%. That puts him at 22nd out of thirty-eight quarterbacks.

The situation at running back isn't much better. With Chris Carson out for the rest of the season and set to have surgery on his neck, the primary running back is Alex Collins. Collins ranks 29th in the league in attempts, yards, and touchdowns among NFL running backs. He is getting about ten carries a game and averaging forty-two yards per game. Rashaad Penny is listed as questionable for the next game as he suffered a hamstring injury against the Cardinals. Expect to see more of DeeJay Dallas and Travis Homer.

With only seven games left in the season, Seattle would probably need to win all of them for a chance to get a wildcard spot. In the three games left against division opponents, they are unlikely to be favored in any of them. That leaves this week's game against Washington, an away game against the Houston Texans (2-8), and home games against the Chicago Bears (3-7) and the Detroit Lions (0-9-1) as possible wins. Even with wins in those four games, Seattle finishes with a 7-10 record. That keeps them out of the playoffs and results in a poor draft position. So, if you are a Seahawks fan, it's time to alter your expectations and watch the remaining games this season with an eye on next season, hoping Russell Wilson gets fully healthy, the defense continues to improve, and someone emerges at running back.

## Splash pad plans moving forward in Waitsburg

THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—At the Nov. 17 Waitsburg City Council meeting, City Administrator Randy Hinchliffe reported he had purchased the components needed for a splash pad. The pad is being constructed at Waitsburg's Preston Park, so area youngsters have a place to cool off this summer.

A splash pad at Washington Park in Walla Walla has become very popular with parents of young children in recent years. Splash pads consist of a concrete pad embedded with various sprinklers, jets, and other water features. They provide a safe spot for children to play with friends and beat the summer heat.

The pad planned for Preston Park will feature Water Web, Waterspout, and Water Flower fixtures, an Over N' Under spout, and a Touch & Go bollard for easy water activation. The fixtures and controller cost a total of \$29,244.53 and were purchased from Issaquah-based Northwest Playground Equipment, Inc.

Hinchliffe said that the splash pad will be constructed in an already-open area at the park, so the city will not need to remove trees or other plants. A contractor has not been secured for the project. Hinchliffe said he will start the process to secure a contractor in the spring.

The splash pad will be open from Memorial Day Weekend until at least the end of September. At prior council meetings, Hinchliffe voiced that one of the perks of the pad is the time flexibility. If the weather remains hot, the pad can be kept open later. There will be minimal work to winterize the project, and to prepare it for spring use.

The idea, which had been presented at multiple city council meetings, has not received much feedback from the community.



## Two Waitsburg Seniors to be recognized at Exchange Club

THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—Congratulations to Waitsburg High School Seniors Brayden Mohney and Megan Forney for receiving the Walla Walla Exchange Club Youth of the Month award for December 2021.

According to an email from the school, these students will also be eligible to compete for the Exchange Club of Walla Walla Youth of the Year Award and a special \$1,000 college scholarship.

The Youth of the Month Theme: "The COVID-19 Pandemic drastically changed every aspect of our lives, in every way imaginable. Reflecting on what you learned during this time about yourself, your community, and the world, explain how your perspectives on success, empathy, prioritizing, social inequalities, and leadership have been reshaped."

Brayden and Megan will be recognized with a plaque and read their essays at a luncheon hosted by the Walla Walla Exchange Club on December 15 at noon at the Marcus Whitman.



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Waitsburg seniors Brayden Mohney and Megan Forney

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## Regroup, Rejuvenate and Rethink

By Vicki Sternfeld-Rossi | THE TIMES

When we were kids, and my mother had reached the end of her rope with our mess, complaining, whining, and general bad behavior, she would halt all activities, give us “the look,” and let us know in her stern voice, “there is a new regime, starting now!”

Our rooms had to be cleaned, clothes put away, homework done, and only then could we go out to play with our friends. This new regime and stricter discipline period would usually only last a few weeks. Still, it probably provided my mother with a few much-deserved days of a little peace and time for herself to think and rejuvenate.

Daniel and I are now in a similar mindset. We bought the Weinhard Café on April 23, 2021, and we opened the restaurant on May 15, 2021. We have been on a fast-track roller coaster ride since then. With the holidays upon us, we’ve decided to take some time to rethink, regroup, relax, and rejuvenate.

As we anticipated, this is the time of year that businesses like ours tend to slow down. The weather is changing, people are busy with holiday preparations, as are we. Staffing has been an ongoing challenge, so it’s time for our “new regime.” We will be closed for the holidays, other than some private parties, Thanksgiving Take & Bake, and catering. This will give us time to rethink how we want to reopen in the new year. Without appropriate staff (a problem everyone faces), we will prob-



ably focus on winemaker and tasting menu dinners and continue catering, Take & Bake, and private parties.

During our holiday hiatus, I plan to finish overdue projects in the house. Patching and painting are on the top of my list of easy fixes. I’ve started my wish list for the more involved projects: first, the removal of the old, discolored acoustic ceiling tiles and replacing them with something else (not sure what yet), and in Spring, refinish the outside deck.

I have also promised myself to start culling the contents of my closets. It’s time to toss or donate clothes, purses, and shoes I haven’t worn in the past ten years, or maybe five years if I get ambitious. Optimist that I am, I may even be able to have my tax paperwork ready on time, instead of the mad dash on April 14th to Staples to scan documents for my accountant.

Now that my schedule is not so busy, I am working on a self-care list, back to working out at the Y and on my Mirror. I won’t have the “I’m just too tired excuse” anymore.

I will miss our customers, both the locals and those traveling through. There were so many “it’s such a small world” moments, “wow! I didn’t know that about wheat,” or “you want the Tandoori Chicken without the chicken,” and even the Gluten-Free, Dairy-Free, no tomato, no sauce people. I will especially miss the surprised look on the faces of the people who ate our food for the first time and were amazed at how wonderful it tasted and how artfully it was presented.

While closed for the holidays, we will miss seeing our local vendors, maintenance people, neighbors, and the occasional lunch run for pizza because we were too busy to cook for ourselves.

Oblivious to the back story and without having to regroup or rethink his own life, the happiest beneficiary of our time off will be Mugsy. He will have less time alone, more walks, more treats, and no excuses for accidents in the house!

## Kiwanis Club hosted Vietnam Veteran at Nov. 11 meeting

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES



Eric Thorn

courtesy photo

DAYTON—Listening to a veteran’s story was the perfect topic at the November 11 Dayton Kiwanis Club Meeting.

Kiwanis members invited Eric Thorn, a local veteran who served in Vietnam, to share his experiences as a Chinook pilot during the war.

“It’s coming up on almost exactly fifty years since I got back from Vietnam,” Thorn began. “I think it’s in another month.”

The United States became involved in Vietnam when President Eisenhower declared support for South Vietnam in 1955. President Kennedy furthered support efforts in 1962. South Vietnam’s president, Ngo Dinh Diem, was killed in 1963, just weeks before the assassination of President Kennedy. President Lyndon B. Johnson sent the first U.S. troops into combat in early 1965.

“By 1967, there were 500,000 of us in Vietnam,” Thorn said.

Thorn, who graduated from Dayton High School in 1965, said that his high school years saw the build-up of the conflict. A draft was in effect until President Nixon ended it in 1972. Thorn noted a few exemptions to the draft, including for education which he and many friends used to finish college.

“We never knew, at that time, what life after college would be,” he shared. “Those in my class who didn’t go to college, they got drafted right out of high school.”

Many of the helicopter pilots in Vietnam were as young as eighteen or nineteen. Thorn said he was considered the “old guy” when he joined at the age of 22.

After graduating college in 1969, he said that many of his friends and Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity brothers were anticipating joining the military.

“We formed a circle after graduation, in front of the fraternity house, and held out our hands and pledged to each other that we would meet at our social barn dance five years hence,” Thorn shared. “We all made it.”

In preparation for the possible draft, Thorn shared that many of his friends and classmates were mem-

bers of the ROTC, but he chose to focus on his education first, military second.

“Every Thursday night, they had to polish their shoes and shine their brass for inspection on Friday,” Thorn shared with a smile. “I’d chuckle at them. Three years later,

when I was going to flight school as a warrant officer candidate, which meant I was living on post, marching to class, they would drive by and laugh at me.”

When making his branch decision, he said that he only knew that he wanted to fly. He enlisted in the Army, in the Warrant Officer Program. He graduated in May and was active by September 1969. He went through basic training at Fort Polk in Louisiana. He married his wife, Elizabeth, on Christmas Eve in 1969.

In March of 1970, he went away to flight school. “About five months at Fort Wolthers, Texas,” Thorn explained. “Two primary trainers at Fort Wolthers, two tiny helicopters.”

He learned to fly in a Hughes 55 trainer helicopter, which was only big enough for a student and a teacher. He said around 40,000 pilots trained at the fort from 1956-1973. At the height of training, there were up to 500 helicopters flying each day.

“There were several benchmarks that you had to meet. One of them, one of the first, you had to solo in ten hours. If you couldn’t, you were kicked out of flight school and sent to the infantry,” Thorn said.

He said he was having an awful time, unable to hover the trainer helicopter as his ten-hour limit was almost up. Vietnam vet turned flight instructor Dennis Lockhart was credited with saving Thorn’s life.

“He was just back from Vietnam, and he was a flight instructor at Fort Wolthers. He wasn’t my instructor, but he visited me at the dorm one evening and asked how I was doing,” Thorn said, getting emotional. “I told him that ‘I don’t know, it doesn’t look good. I told him that I didn’t think I was going to meet the ten-hour deadline for soloing.”

Lockhart offered to work with him over the weekend, and within 20 minutes, Thorn said he was able to hover.

Thorn said that if he hadn’t worked with Lockhart, he wouldn’t have met the deadline and been handed over to the infantry.

He graduated and received his wings at the end of training before heading off to Fort Rucker, Alabama, to fly Bell UH1 helicopters. The pilot’s motto during Vietnam: “We fly above the best.”

After Rucker, he said that most pilots received

their orders to head overseas. He said that there were options, however, for the transition. Some pilots opted to fly crane helicopters, which transport bulldozers and equipment to make firebases on the tops of mountains.

Other options included piloting Chinook helicopters, classified as medium-lift helicopters, or becoming medevac pilots, which required additional training. There were also gunner aircraft and Light Observation Helicopters (LOH).

Thorn decided to fly Chinook helicopters, which required him to sign up as “indefinite,” which no one was ever able to explain to him. He took the chance, and in March of 1971, he landed at Tan Son Nhut Air Base near Saigon, South Vietnam.

He said within 24 hours of filling out his ‘dream sheet,’ which allowed soldiers to voice where they wanted to be stationed, he arrived in Phu Bai. He flew in the areas between Phu Bai and Quang Tri.

“Our mission was not as dangerous, enemy-wise, as the folks that were doing guns, LOHs, and Uh-1’s. Our danger was in mechanical problems, human error, and weather,” Thorn said. “I think I found one bullet hole, the whole time I was there, in our Chinook, and a couple of fellows got shrapnel in their wrist or ankle, but no one got shot down while I was there.”

Thorn went on to say the most dangerous time was off-loading supplies at firebases. If the enemy was in the area, they might take a shot at the helicopters. The exhilaration, he said, came from trying to control the aircraft and set the load down exactly where it needed to be. Water, for example, had to be set on frames so that the spigots on tanks would work. Once the helicopters left, soldiers on the ground had no way to lift heavy items.

He flew on flare trips, as well, which meant that he was often on combat standby. He was called out once, in terrible weather, flying to coordinates provided by ground troops. The fuses on the flares had to be set to a certain time so that they would ignite below the fog.

At dawn, his crew was informed that they could return to base. About halfway through, all the instruments quit working, and they had to navigate using a stopwatch, heading out towards the ocean to avoid obstacles.

“We got about two-thirds of the way home, looked out the side, and there was a hole in the clouds,” Thorn said. “In aviation terms, it’s known as a sucker hole because usually when you get down through it, it closes up on you. It looked like the best option at the time, so we made a fast descent, got through the clouds, and made it home.”

Thorn returned home in 1972, flying over 1,000 hours in 10 months. He went on to Fort Lewis, where he was processed out of the military. He contacted a younger fraternity brother, who helped him surprise his wife upon his return home.

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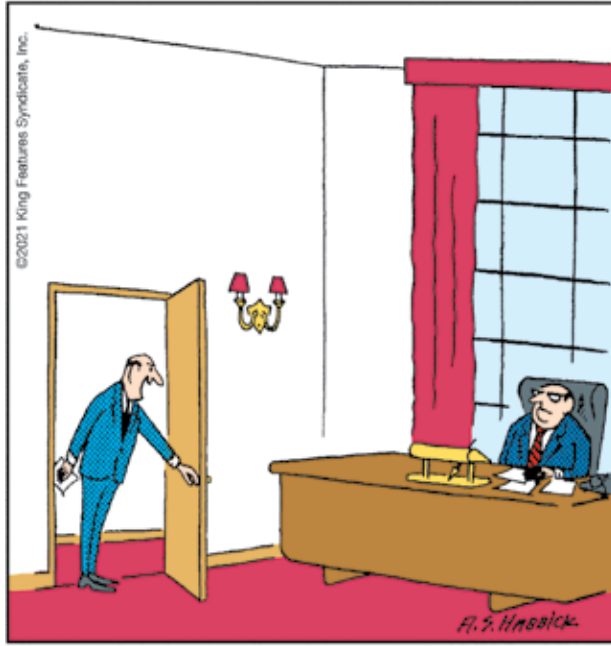
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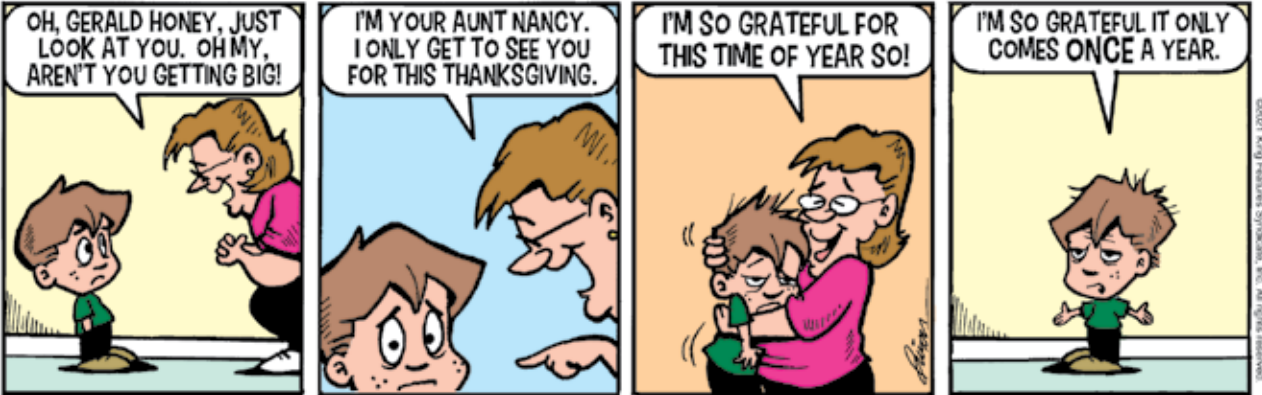
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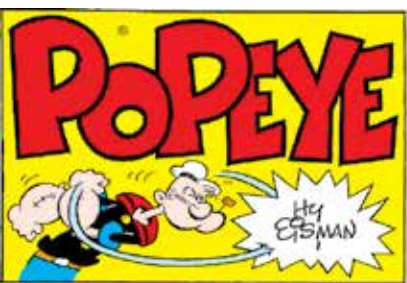
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### Ten Years Ago

November 24, 2011

The Waitsburg Resource Center, which opened in the American West Bank in December 2010, is being used by our neighbors more than ever. The city's food bank had been run out of the basement of the Presbyterian Church for 25 years until the bank offered up its space. The churches in town formed a board and its new visible spot and word of mouth is bringing more neighbors through the doors, said Bethany Moser, the chairwoman of the board. The Leos Club at Waitsburg High School does a food drive for the food bank each year in addition to drives by other clubs and help from the Blue Mountain Action Council and individuals.



[Photo Caption] Cardinal Justin Zuger holds on and earns the extra yardage needed for a first down in Saturday's matchup against the Broncos in Pasco.

### Twenty-Five Years Ago

November 28, 1996

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Abbey will observe their golden wedding anniversary at a reception and light buffet to be held Sunday evening, Dec. 8 for 6 to 9 p.m. in the Legion Banquet Rooms. Joe Abbey and Elizabeth Danielson were married on Sunday, Dec. 8, 1946, at 3 p.m. in the Waitsburg Methodist Church with the Rev. Aubrey Windsor officiating. Joe is the son of Bruce and Jennie Abbey. Elizabeth's parents were Velma Auer and Dewey Danielson. Both are Waitsburg High School alumni having graduated in 1944 and '45 respectively.

Members of the Waitsburg Pool Resources Committee are again asking for help to complete renovation of the city swimming pool. More than \$100,000 has been raised for the equipment purchased and the work performed to this point. Approximately \$20,000 to \$25,000 more is needed for the diving board, slide, fencing and other materials costs. The February Flood of 1996 placed an added burden on the financial situation. Some of the work had to be redone after the pool filled with mud and floodwater.

### Fifty Years Ago

November 25, 1971

A group of young Waitsburg livestock exhibitors fared quite well at the Pacific International Livestock Show in Portland, Or., held November 15 and 16. Over-all, the group won the contest for the best three Hereford steers from a single county, the steers shown by Debbie Smith, Pam Smith and Terry Conover. A little larger group won the county herd title for the best five head of any breed. Winners were Terry Conover, Debbie Smith, Darleen Smith, and Pam Smith. Both these titles and trophies went to those girls representing Walla Walla County.

[Photo Caption] Returning lettermen for the Waitsburg Cardinal basketball team line up for a pose for Cardinal photographer Richard Bray. They are Terry Lambert, Jerry Baker, Jeff Peterson, Guy McCaw, and Neil Carpenter. The Cards open their season on December 3rd at Connell at the league Jamboree. Dave Harshman is the new cage coach for the Redbirds. The team will practice during Thanksgiving vacation at 10:00 a.m. on Friday the 26th, and will hold an intra-squad scrimmage on Saturday morning to which the public is invited.

### Seventy-Five Years Ago

November 29, 1946

Competing for the first-string berths on the basketball team are Wally Lowery, Bob Wardrip, Jim Archer, Gary Johnson, Bob Leid, Bill Zuger, Bob Danforth, Dick Polumsky, Bill Allen, and Gerald Gibson. Other candidates who should be very much in the running are David Dilts, Lester Callahan, Lyn Roseberry, Warren Woods, Arland Johnson, Bill Ritter and Fritz Zuger.

Coal supplies in Waitsburg have been practically exhausted at the fuel yards and no one is allowed to have coal if they have more than a ten-day supply. The situation has been brought about by a strike of coal miners.

### One Hundred Years Ago

November 25, 1921

Fully eighteen inches of snow were on the ground here Monday night, when one of our famous gentle Chinook winds started the beautiful cover to shrinking in double-quick time. It commenced snowing in earnest Friday evening and kept it up without a break until Monday evening.

### One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago

November 27, 1896

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Davies and Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Caldwell went to Walla Walla on Tuesday evening to attend the Elk's Social. They report an excellent time.

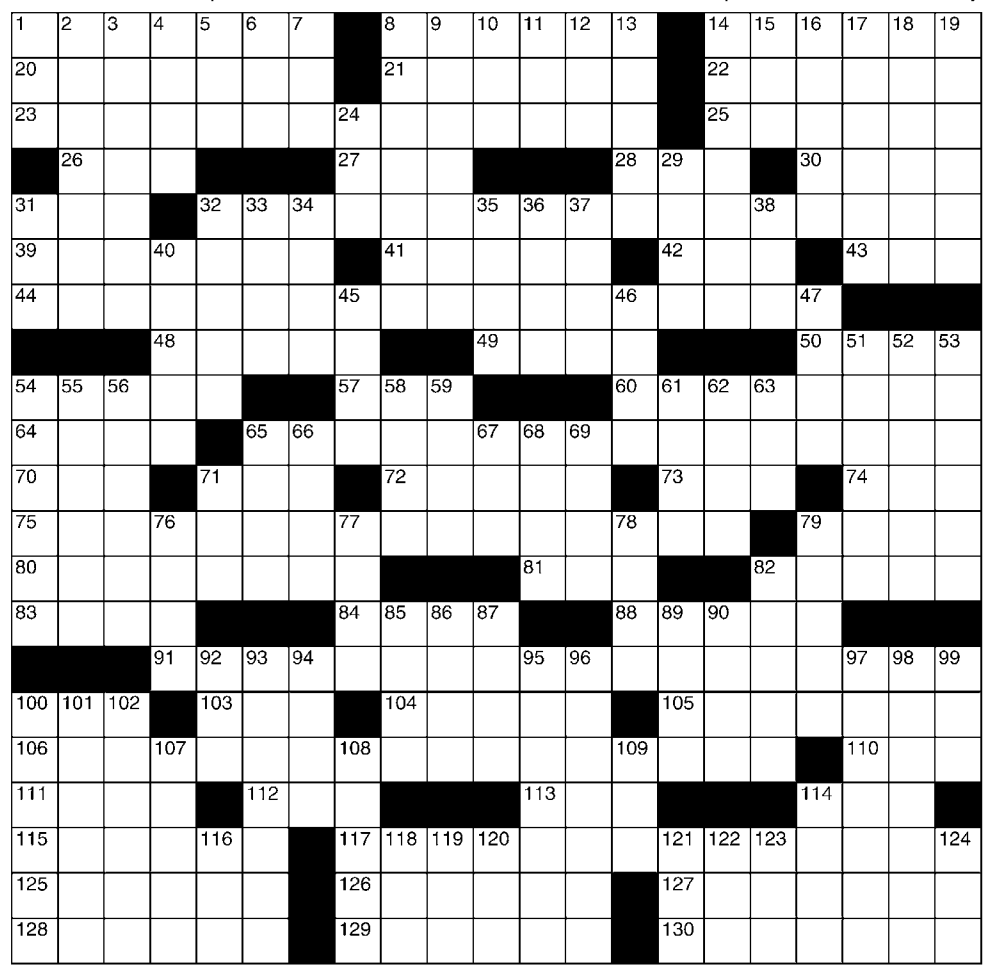
This week Mrs. N. B. Davies had placed at the grave of her departed husband, a magnificent monument, one of the handsomest in the City Cemetery. It is of sarcophagus design, weighs three tons and is a fitting ornament to the last resting place of a good man.

# PUZZLES & LIFESTYLES

## Super Crossword

### OVERTHINKING THINGS

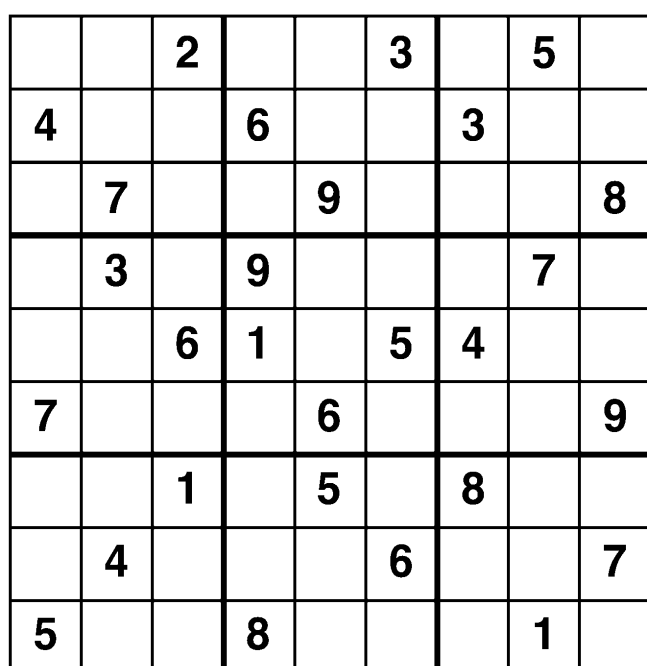
- ACROSS**
- 1 Curved like a pothook  
 8 Some Algonquians  
 14 Gushes lava  
 20 Cartoon cel material  
 21 Bassett of Hollywood  
 22 Witch's elixir  
 23 Start of a riddle  
 25 Shoe-collecting Marcos  
 26 State whose cap. is Boise  
 27 Company that retails outdoor gear  
 28 FDR follower  
 30 Gather, as a harvest  
 31 Pooch's yap  
 32 Riddle, part 2  
 39 Free of charge, as legal services  
 41 Make knotted  
 42 Large simian  
 43 Stroke gently  
 44 Riddle, part 3  
 48 Right wrongs  
 49 Genesis game system maker  
 50 Egg, formally  
 54 "Cool beans!"
- 57 Lenin's land: Abbr.  
 60 Tubular pasta  
 64 Part of REO  
 65 Riddle, part 4  
 70 — kwon do  
 71 "Toyboat" singer Yoko  
 72 Caravan layover  
 73 See 112-Across  
 74 Gift for music  
 75 Riddle, part 5  
 79 Ho-hum  
 80 Like gear that quells mobs  
 81 English lav  
 82 Chair fixer of a sort  
 83 Bug spray ingredient  
 84 Auction, e.g.  
 88 Oscar winner Mercedes  
 91 Riddle, part 6  
 100 Toby drink  
 103 Zodiac lion  
 104 Hocus-pocus  
 105 Big retail stores  
 106 End of the riddle  
 110 Nibble on  
 111 Be furious  
 112 With 73-Across, fluorescent paint brand
- 113 Pampering, in brief  
 114 Pal, to Yves  
 115 Demonstrate clearly  
 117 Riddle's answer  
 125 Bleep bad words from  
 126 Warning on an airplane wing  
 127 Earhart or Lindbergh address  
 128 Tramps (on)  
 129 Sub-locating devices  
 130 Greek
- DOWN**
- 1 Looked at  
 2 Apollo 7 astronaut  
 3 Go toward  
 4 "— girl!" ("All right!")  
 5 Dads  
 6 Verb ending in the Bible  
 7 "Gloria in Excelsis —"  
 8 Guy's sense of self-importance  
 9 Neighbor of Michigan  
 10 Entertainer's rep.  
 11 "Ho-hum"
- 12 Land in la mer  
 13 Voice a quick greeting  
 14 Inscription on a tombstone  
 15 — -com (film genre)  
 16 In — (gestating)  
 17 Make a heap  
 18 Up till now  
 19 Talk testily to  
 24 Hi-tech address  
 29 Salty expanses  
 31 Many an iDevice game  
 32 The Lone Ranger's chum  
 33 Gung-ho for Wally  
 34 Hamlet  
 35 Operates, as a booth  
 36 Northwestern French department  
 37 Many a YouTube journal  
 38 Pollen transporter  
 40 Triumphs over  
 45 Lifesaver, perhaps  
 46 Football field unit
- 47 Kind of IRA  
 51 Determine by ballot  
 52 Nervousness  
 53 It shows reflections  
 54 Passable  
 55 Comedian Boosler  
 56 "— Fideles" (Yule carol)  
 58 Atop  
 59 Doe's partner  
 61 "Othello" role  
 62 Wide divide  
 63 Earlier  
 65 Italian for "years"  
 66 "Dumb" bird  
 67 Suffix with 45-Down  
 68 Stringed instrument of yore  
 69 Canadian gas station  
 71 Atop, to poets  
 76 Essential part  
 77 Potential reply to "Who's there?"  
 78 Shredded  
 79 Round of gunfire  
 82 Lay's snacks  
 85 Oscar's kin  
 86 Hop
- 87 Corporate ID  
 89 Takes unfair advantage of  
 90 Girl in a J.D. Salinger story  
 92 Part of REO  
 93 Hands down, as a verdict  
 94 Cato's robe  
 95 More wee  
 96 Lugs around  
 97 Recluse under a religious vow  
 98 Person acting as a link  
 99 China's Sun — sen  
 100 Influence  
 101 Shutter slat  
 102 Ferret cousin  
 107 High-IQ group  
 108 Sacred songs  
 109 Outer: Prefix  
 114 Central Asia's — Sea  
 116 Flaky fish  
 118 Winning row in tic-tac-toe  
 119 Rival of AOL or Yahoo!  
 120 NYC rail and bus org.  
 121 "That'll show ya!"  
 122 Adam's woman  
 123 Petroleum  
 124 Three, in Italy



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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

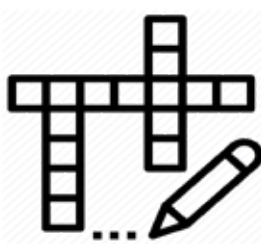


Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

### DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆

- ◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging  
 ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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## MY RECIPES Luke Chavez

# White Bean, Turkey, and Kale Soup



After a whirlwind week of menu planning, shopping, and cooking, all for one holiday feast, the next day can leave one with little energy to make another meal. Thankfully, leftover turkey is a versatile ingredient for quick post-holiday meals. Over the years I have tried everything from simple turkey sandwiches to more ambitious mole enchiladas, though on these cold late autumn nights, my favorite option is always a comforting pot of soup. This warming white bean and kale soup, which comes together quickly, sparkles from the addition of fresh lemon juice.

### Ingredients:

- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 large onion, diced
- 1 large carrot, diced
- 2 stalks celery, diced
- 1 tablespoon fresh rosemary, minced
- 1 tablespoon fresh thyme, minced
- 1 bay leaf
- 2 tablespoons tomato paste
- 1 ½ teaspoons ground coriander
- 3 to 4 cloves garlic, minced
- Kosher salt
- 2 to 3 cups turkey meat, shredded
- 3 cups cooked white beans (see notes)
- 6 cups turkey or chicken stock (see notes)
- Large bunch kale, cleaned, stemmed, and torn into bite sized pieces, about 4 cups
- ½ cup fresh parsley, chopped
- Juice and zest of one lemon

### Directions:

Heat the oil in a large heavy pot over medium-high heat. When the oil is shimmering, but not smoking, add the onions, carrots, celery, rosemary, thyme, and bay leaf. Sauté, stirring frequently, until vegetables are soft and beginning to lightly brown, 8 to 10 minutes.

When golden, add the tomato paste, coriander, and chili flakes to the pot and stir to fully incorporate. Sauté until the tomato paste slightly darkens and is very aromatic, about 1 minute. Next add the garlic, 1 teaspoon of kosher salt, with the turkey, and continue to sauté for another minute or two. Now add the stock and beans all at once while raising the heat to bring to a simmer. Adjust heat to maintain a steady simmer, cooking until soup slightly thickens and flavors meld together, 15 to 25 minutes.

When ready, stir in the kale and continue to simmer until they are tender. This will take 5 to 10 minutes. If the soup is getting too thick add more stock, or water, to thin it out.

To finish, stir in the lemon juice, zest, and parsley. Taste for seasoning, adding more salt as needed. Broth should be bright and lively. Serve in large bowls with a drizzle of olive oil and if desired, a sprinkle of chili flakes on top for garnish.

### Notes:

While store bought stocks are a staple in my pantry, there is something so satisfying about making my own, and it's a lot easier than most people think. While many people spend the day after Thanksgiving at the mall, I can always be found in the kitchen making turkey stock. Here is an easy recipe to try:

### Turkey Stock:

Fill a large stock pot with all the bones and carcass of the turkey (after picking off all the leftover meat). If you still have the neck and giblets, throw those in the pot, too. Add 2 onions, 2 carrots, and a couple stalks of celery, all quartered. Add a couple sprigs of thyme and parsley, along with 2 bay leaves and 1 teaspoon of peppercorns. Add enough water to cover, about 1 gallon or more, and bring to a boil over high heat.

Reduce heat to maintain a gentle simmer. Simmer for 1 hour then add 2 tablespoons of apple cider vinegar, and skim off any foam. Continue to simmer for another 2 to 2 ½ hours, until the liquid has reduced by about half. Drain through a fine mesh strainer set over a large bowl. Use tongs to remove the large bones. If you want a clearer stock, clean and line the mesh strainer with cheesecloth, then run the stock through a second time. Pour into storage containers and allow to cool completely before sealing with lids. Keep in the refrigerator for one week or freeze for later use.

I love Cannellini beans in this recipe, but Great Northern or white Navy beans will work as well. If you are cooking your own white beans from dried, 1 cup dry will yield about 3 cups. If using store bought, use two 15-ounce cans which are drained and rinsed before adding to soup.

This soup is a wonderful way to use your leftover turkey, but it would also be lovely with leftover chicken, or with ground Italian sausage. If using raw sausage, add at the same time you would add the turkey, sauté for 6 to 8 minutes until browned, then continue recipe. Serve this hearty soup with plenty of crusty bread for dipping. Enjoy!

## Super Crossword

## Weekly SUDOKU

### Answers

ERASERS ESTIMATE STAT  
 MELANIE DERAILER THUR  
 BACKUP AND DRUNNING AERI  
 ELOFETA DRUNITO OFHIS  
 DMAJ PAUSEFOREFFECT  
 ELBA ITALY STELLA  
 FORWARDSLASHMETERMEN  
 APERTURE HICKMAN  
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 MASCARAS VOLUMENUMBER  
 IDTAGS AARONREMS  
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 REINAIDS LUTZRAH  
 ORNETELEVISIONREMOTE  
 BEER AGENCIES DISAVOW  
 EDDY RESTRICT OPTIONS

### Answer

4	6	1	7	3	9	2	8	5
5	2	3	1	6	8	7	4	9
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1	4	7	6	8	3	9	5	2
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# THE LAST PAGE

## A Friday night on Waitsburg's Main St.



Beka Compton



Kate Hockersmith

Left: The Mythical / Movable Blue Mountain Bluegrass Jam was back at Ten Ton Coffee last Friday.  
Top: Larry Conover was there to enjoy the music and evening snacks served by Beka.  
Top Right: Jimmy Turner and Carrie Hendrix mixing up the strings.



Kate Hockersmith



Beka Compton

Top: Former owner of The Plaza, Phil Monfort and new owner Corben Ketelsen in the lobby before a special show honoring Monfort.

Right: Ketelsen showed a movie last shown at The Plaza in 1965.



Lane Gwinn

Above: It has been a while since Main Street was lit up for a regular Friday night.



Lane Gwinn

Fred Betz dressed for a stylish night out at The Royal Block.



Kate Hockersmith

Bluegrass Jam regulars, Glenn Morrison and Roger Lemstrim

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