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Love is the culture at Walla Walla Cheese Company

By Lane Gwinn | THE TIMES

MILTON FREEWATER—What would you do with a highly productive dairy cow? For Jeff and Andrea Adams, the answer was cheese making. Their son's dairy cow, Toasty, gave the couple plenty of raw material, up to 12 gallons a day. Since then, the hobby has become a full-fledged business.

After 25 years of running their dairy farm in Tillamook, Oregon, the couple moved to Milton-Freewater in 2005. Jeff found work at a dairy-cow replacement farm, and Andrea offers veterinarian services at a Walla Walla animal clinic and an emergency clinic in the Tri-Cities.

Still not busy enough, the pair found their way back to cheese making, which led to the opening of Walla Walla Cheese Co. in 2016.

The business produces artisanal cheese sold to over 20 retail outlets and restaurants in the Walla Walla Vally, Pendleton, and the Tri-Cities.

The couple opened the retail shop, café, and production facility four years ago in Milton-Freewater, offering a chance to taste the variety of cheeses made at the shop. There is also a selection of house-made ice cream, charcuterie boards, and grilled cheese sandwiches at the café.

The shop is connected to the second storefront, giving plenty of room and separation for successful cheese making. Cheese has few ingredients; the process is the tricky part. Using different cultures and enzymes to create the type of cheese, temperature, humidity, or contamination can spoil the effort.

The cheese production and storage areas are "operating room clean" and temperature controlled. Blue shoe covers, aprons, coveralls, and hand washing stations are outside the production and storage rooms make it clear how easily a batch can go wrong.

Willing to take chances, the pair has created over 30 flavored cheeses over the years. A variety of cheese is available at the shop, some flavored with locally roasted coffee, wines, and ciders. There are also curds made with Habanero or herbs and garlic.

Rewards do not come without some risks, and occasionally an experiment goes wrong. Andrea said the failed cheese finds its way as a treat for the couple's laying hens.

Walking to the rear of the shop are giant glass door coolers with stacks of aging cheese rounds. All take their own time to age to the desired tastes. Harvarti may take six months to age, whereas cheddar can take years. There are rounds at the shop still aging since 2016. The longer a cheddar ages, the sharper the flavor.

For their smoked cheeses they use the smoking skills at Mr. C's in Waitsburg. One type of cheese you won't see at the production facility is blue cheese. This soft cheese is not produced in the same facility as other cheeses as the blue mold spores travel easily and can contaminate its neighbors.

The factory is not set up for tours. Private arrangements can be made to tour the operation; however, most of the work happens after hours. Even if the operation is idle, the tour is worth it to experience the couple's enthusiasm for their work. It will make a cheese lover out of anyone. Intolerant or not.

Walla Walla Cheese Co. at 606 N Main St., Milton-Freewater, Oregon.
For more information, go to their website at <https://wallawallacheesecompany.com>.



(left) Jeff Adams entering daily records on temperature, PH, and humidity after spending the early hours in production. (right) Andrea Adams with Creamline Farms owner, Erica Turner who provides all the milk for the cheese, ice cream, and retail dairy products at the shop.



Cheese resting as they age in the coolers at the shop and production facility in Milton-Freewater.

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First regional juried show at Foundry Vinyard Gallery

By Lane Gwinn | THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—The Foundry Vineyards is celebrating its 20th Anniversary with a juried regional art show. The exhibition's reception will be held on Friday, February 3, 2023, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Art has been a big part of the vineyard. In 1980, Mark and Patty Anderson opened the Walla Walla Foundry, a contemporary art production facility. Internationally recognized artists bring projects to be fabricated in resin, bronze, wood, glass and other materials. Work from artists including Deborah Butterfield, Yayoi Kusama, Paul McCarthy, and Isabelle Albuquerque are cast, 3D printed, painted, gilded, and site installed working with the artist.

Most recently, the facility produced and installed a monument honoring the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King. The 20-ton bronze sculpture by the conceptual artist Hank Willis Thomas was the company's biggest project in its 43-year history. Casting over 600 different bornze panels, the work took 18 months to complete.

The Foundry Vineyards Gallery has exhibited work by Chuck Close, KiKi Smith, Ai Wei Wei and Rob Pruitt.

To celebrate the vineyard's upcoming 20th Anniversary, the gallery is jurying its first regional show. Local artists submitted work for consideration by jurors Jenna Gard, a Walla Walla project manager, and Juventino Aranda, a Walla Walla multidisciplinary artist represented by Greg Kucera Gallery, Seattle.

Artists who live within sixty miles of Walla Walla were invited to submit work in 2D and 3D media. All the work will be for sale and a portion of the proceeds will go to ArtWalla for their Arts Build Communities Grant. ArtWalla offers up to four ABC grants to arts, cultural, and educational organizations in the Walla Walla Valley.

The show opens at the Foundry Vineyards Gallery with an artist reception on Friday February 3 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. The gallery is located at 1111 Abadie Street, Walla Walla. For more information go to www.foundryvineyards.com.

Weller Public Library update presented to City Council

By Lane Gwinn | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—Weller Public Librarian Twila Tate presented the library's 2022 year-end report to the Waitsburg City Council at its regular meeting in January. The report included data on the collection status, staffing, programming, and grants.



At the end of 2022, the current collection at the Weller Public Library included 7,776 physical items. In the summer of 2022, the library staff began assessing the materials in the collection. The materials are reviewed for age, accuracy, duplications, circulation, and physical condition. The evaluation will provide a clear snapshot of the library's assets, effectiveness, and relevance to the community.

According to the American Library Association (ALS), the median age of a collection varies based on content. Typically, non-fiction should have a low median publication date (approximately less than five years) to keep current with updated information.

Fiction titles, excluding classics, may have median publication dates of five to ten years. This encourages better circulation and interest from patrons.

In the report, Tate estimated the collection had median publication dates between 2009 and 2012. In reviewing the materials, a large percentage was found to have been in the collection since before 1995.

The physical condition of library materials is also being assessed by section. Tate reported 1,937 books in children's fiction, and 40 percent were in poor condition. Overall, the remaining materials are in good

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CORRECTION

AT THE LIBERTY: "A Man Called Otto"

THE TIMES

DAYTON—Otto (Tom Hanks) is a grumpy isolated widower with staunch principles, strict routines and a short fuse, who gives everyone in his neighborhood a hard time as he watches over it like a hawk. Just as it seems like he's finally given up on life, an unlikely and reluctant friendship develops with his new neighbors. Little by little, Otto undergoes a subtle transformation... but is he really capable of change? The movie is adapted from Fredrik Backman's somewhat comical, but moving, New York Times Bestseller "A Man Called Ove" - with the main character being renamed to reflect the shift to an American setting.

Rotten tomatoes critics give this a 69% favorable rating, but audiences thought better of it and rate it at 97%. This movie is rated PG-13 (mature thematic material involving graphic details of multiple suicide attempts, and language). Many reviewers noted that this movie is probably not suitable for children under 13-15. It has a runtime of 126 minutes.



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A MAN CALLED OTTO

LETTER

To the Editor:

Over 50,000 sports officiating decision-makers (refs, umps) for K-college teams have quit in the US over the past year. Most of them cite parental, coach, and fan harassment for why the job is not worth any amount of money. Social media has compounded the problem with cowards sending snarky messages.

Waitsburg, as small as it is, puts a big emphasis on politeness. The coaches here have traditionally taught their players not to get wound up over questionable calls, and they themselves don't give the refs and umps a hard time. The town crowd might, once in a while, boo at what looks like a bad call, but they don't go on and on about it.

Good manners still matter in Waitsburg. Farming and teaching both require patience, a deep sense of humor and tolerance, so people here don't tend to fly off the handle as easily as they might in more artificial settings.

Few people in Waitsburg may make it to the "Big Time." Maybe that's just as well.

Michael Kiefel
Walla Walla, Wash.

CITY OF WALLA WALLA SEEKS VOLUNTEERS TO FILL VACANCIES ON CITY COMMITTEES

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA, Wash. — The city of Walla Walla is seeking applications for volunteers to fill openings on the following committees.

The Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) has one position. Applicants must be a resident of Walla Walla or live within the city's Urban Growth Area (UGA) as detailed here <https://ti.nyurl.com/2p8ayzjv>.

The Community Development Block Grant Advisory Board has three positions open. Applicants must be a city resident.

The Law Enforcement Officers' and Fire Fighters' (LEOFF) Board has one position. City residents with no close relations to current or former police or fire department personnel may apply.

Information and applications are available at <https://wallawalla.gov/government/boards-commissions-committees>

Applications are due by noon on Jan. 31, 2023, but will continue to be accepted until all positions are filled.

Anyone with questions may contact the City Clerk's Office at 509-527-4424 or Ineissl@wallawalla.gov.

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condition but rarely checked out.

Of the 286 children's non-fiction books, most were published before 2010. During the review, staff found over 100 titles accidentally cataloged as adult fiction and moved them to be included in the 286 total. Most of these titles were added to the library before 1995.

There are 2,753 titles in adult fiction and 1,716 in adult non-fiction. Tate estimated over 50 percent of the non-fiction material was published before 1998.

The 410 young adult (YA) titles are in good condition with 70 percent of the titles published in the last 1-4 years. The library staff determined that several of the titles had been misidentified as YA and contained subject matter that was not age appropriate. These titles were moved by staff to the adult section.

The report included data on physical and internet circulation. Washington Anytime Library, an online service, provides access to an extensive collection of ebooks and periodicals to library patrons. Last year, Waitsburg patrons checked out over 1,600 titles from the site. Friends of the Library pay the annual fee for the service.

The physical materials checked out from the library were estimated in the report at between 1,200 and 1,600. Circulation numbers will be more accu-



Lane Gwinn

Library staff, Sarah Roberts, Twila Tate, and Amada Withers are working to develop the collection and systems at the library.

rate as existing materials and new acquisitions are recorded and barcoded.

Currently, the library has 803 members, two-thirds adult, and one-third youth.

The report stated that the library has two paid



Submitted photo

We are happy to report that Troy and Diana Larson will be celebrating 29 years of marriage in July 2023. In The Times article published on Jan. 26, "Troy Larsen Honored at Fall Sports Awards," incorrectly named Larsen's wife Linda. Apologies to Diana. This was an error by the editor, not the writer.

part-time support staff. They run the library during the scheduled 14 hours of operation a week.

As Librarian, Tate volunteers at least ten hours a week. Her activities include cleaning the library, answering emails, grant writing, program and collection development, and managing the staff. The current budget does not include wages for the librarian.

Tate told the council in her report that the library has provided seventy Take & Make Art Kits for adults and children since September. Programs include two Story Time sessions on Fridays and Crafts and Sewing activities on Saturdays.

The report included data on donations, including \$2,300 from The Friends of Weller Public Library. Private donors gifted \$1,500 in new children's books. The same donors have pledged to purchase library cataloging materials and children's Spanish language books. There are only two such books in the collection.

The library is working on grant applications to renovate the second floor of the library building. Updates are needed to the building's HVAC, electrical, and interior structure.

After renovations, the new space would be able to house potential programs, including:

- Musical instrument lending library for youth and adults
- Music lessons and musical instrument repair
- Community space for organizations to hold meetings and workshops
- Maker Space for Youth and Adults
- Community space for events

The Library Board has applied for three grants open to Weller Public Library as a government entity and does not require non-profit status.

The first is a Rural Libraries Grant which provides funding for library staff to attend the annual Washington State Library Conference. Sarah Roberts would attend this yearly conference should the fund be awarded.

The second, an AAUW grant would provide \$2,500 to purchase children's non-fiction books for the library collection.

The Yancy P. Winans Community Grant, Baker Boyer Bank Trustee, would fund up to \$4500.00 for the 2023 Summer Reading program.

The Friends of the Library can apply for grants, including those requiring non-profit status. This makes the group an essential partner for the library in its fundraising and sustainability. Last year the Friends raised funds to install an ADA lift and update the bathroom to be ADA compliant.

The library's work creating a snapshot of the collection and circulation data is critical for supplying information to fundraise and write grants. It shows the areas of need where private and public funding can make the most difference. The data also shows the shared commitment from the library staff and board, the Friends, City, and the community in maintaining the Weller Public Library.

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WAITSBURG COMMERCIAL CLUB CALL FOR AWARD NOMINATIONS

Time to acknowledge those who make Waitsburg one of a kind.

THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—The Waitsburg Commercial Club has asked the public for nomination letters recognizing Waitsburg community members in three categories, Community Service, Business of the Year, and Employee of the Year. Awards will be presented at the club's annual meeting in April. This is a chance to let community members in Waitsburg know they are appreciated and valued for the excellent work and service they provide.

Nomination letters are due by March 15, 2023, and can be mailed to the Waitsburg Commercial Club, PO Box 451, Waitsburg 99361, or emailed to waitsburgcc@icloud.com.



Community Service Awards
2020, 2021, 2022

Joy Smith presenting Louie Gagnon the 2020 Community Service Award. Becky Huwe accepted the 2022 Community Service award on behalf of Allen and Karen Huwe. Jillian Henze presented 2021 Community Service Award to Margie Benson.

Waitsburg Commercial Club Community Service Awards from 1962 to present

1962 Ernest Kison
1963 Miles Brunton
1964 Albert Land
1965 Larry Broom
1966 Frank Bramlet
1968 Roy Leid
1969 Ernest Mikkelsen
1970 Bill Payne
1971 Julia Davis, Herbert Gohlman
1972 Kenneth Gohlman
1973 Ralph Rankin
1974 King Witt
1975 Orin Walker
1976 Tom Baker
1977 Roberta Broom Adams
1978 Harold Bloor
1979 Ivan Keve
1980 Gerald Maib
1981 Stan Pearson, Sr.
1982 Don Thomas
1983 Vernon Smith
1984 Morrie Kurth
1985 Patty McKinney, Horney Loosmore
1986 Pat Leid
1987 Kenneth Smith
1988 Bill Thompson
1989 Dr. S. Roger Hevel
1990 Bettie Chase
1991 Naomi Patton, Don Wills
1992 Elmer and Joan Hays
1993 Jack and Nancy Otterson
1994 Jack McCaw, Dave McConnell
1995 Bill Zuger
1996 Vaughn Hubbard
1997 Walter Harris
1998 - Glynn Davis
1999 - Rose Englebrite

2000 - Mabel Wood, Terry Jacoy
2001 - Tennys Bickelhaupt, Don Hegelson
2002 - Scott Branson
2003 - Dona Jean Smith
2004 - Anita Baker, Jan Cronkhite
2005 - Jack Cyr, Lillian Judd
2006 - Jane Butler, Evelyn Smith
2007 - John and Marilyn Stellwagen
2008 - Robbie and Marilyn Johnson
2009 - Wayne and Ruth Peterson
2010 - Robbie Skiles, Randy Pearson
2011 - Skip Carpenter, Karen Mohny
2012 - Ross Hamann
2013 - Jeff Broom
2014 - Larry and Deanne Johnson
2015 - Kate Hockersmith
2016 - Mary Lieberman Phillips
2017 - Jim Davison
2018 - BA Keve
2019 - Doris Huffman
2020 - Louis and Marie Gagnon, Gales-Alexenko
2021 - Marge Benson
2022 - Karen and Allan Huwe

Business of the Year

2015 - Waitsburg Grocery
2016 - Waitsburg Clinic
2017 - Waitsburg Business Center
2018 - Laht Neppur
2019 - Whiskey C Sports Bar
2020 - Ten Ton Coffee
2021 - Mr. C's Smokin Co
2022 - Gaudy Gals on Main

Employee of the Year

2018. - Justin Gleason
2019 - Vanessa Vails
2020 - Pam Gales-Alexenko
2021 - Mark Pickle
2022 - Randy Hinchliffe



Lane Gwinn

The 2023 Father & Daughter Snow Ball hosted by the Waitsburg Home and School Association, was held on January 28 at the Waitsburg Town Hall. This was the best turnout for the dance with 52 dads attending this year. The association's president, Naomi Long said, "Home and School and volunteers work hard to put this event on each year. Watching the dad's twirls their young ladies around on the floor is truly worth all the work. We hope to continue this event for many more years to come."

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SPORTS

WOLFPACK BOYS BASKETBALL

By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES

DW COMBINE—In Eastern Washington Athletic Conference (EWAC) basketball action, the DW-Combine athletes dominated visiting Liberty Christian, winning 62-26 on Tuesday, January 24.

The Wolfpack raced out to a 23-2 lead at the end of the first quarter. They scored 22 points in the third to put the game out of reach of the Patriots. Monte Pettichord had a double-double, scoring 17 points and rebounding 10. Spencer Hansen scored 15 and had six boards. Teammates Benny Bryan scored eight, Blake French scored six, Gage Holm scored six and rebounded five, Ryland Kilts scored five, Lucas VanHoose hit a 3-point shot, and Rueben Yutzy scored two points.

At Riverview High School in Kennewick, on January 27, the Wolfpack boys won 56-40. Holm scored 10 of his 15 points in the third quarter, including two 3-point shots. Hansen scored 15 and rebounded seven, Kilts scored 11 points, Pettichord scored 11 and had seven boards, and Bryan scored four.

In the third game of the week, DW lost 84-20 to the Columbia Coyotes in Burbank on January 28. Hansen scored six points, Bryan 5, Pettichord 4, Holm 3, and French scored two points in EWAC basketball action.

The Wolfpack's last home game of the season will be at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 2, against Walla Walla Valley Academy (WWVA.) The game will be in Dayton, and the seniors on the team will be honored.



Monte Pettichord shoots for two points against Liberty Christian

Karen Huwe

DW GIRLS FORCE OVERTIME

By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES

DW COMBINE—The Wolfpack girls were down by twelve points going into halftime at Riverview on Friday, January 27. The girls scored 16 points in the third quarter to tie the game at 33-33.

Both teams scored six points in the fourth quarter and went into overtime tied 39-39. DW scored five points in overtime, and Riverview scored eight to win the game 47-44. Kameryn Tupling scored 14 points, including nine points from the free throw line; Peyton Benevides scored 11; Alyssa Hollingsworth scored eight; Marissa Tupling seven points. Makenna Barron scored three, and Grace Trump hit a free throw for one point. The last time these two teams met, DW lost by 15 points.

The girls traveled to play fourth-ranked Columbia Coyotes in Burbank on Saturday, January 28, losing 51-24. Playing with only six players, the girls showed improvement over a previous loss this season to Columbia, 54-4. Benevides scored nine points in this game, M. Tupling scored seven, Barron 5, and Hollingsworth scored three points.

Earlier in the week, the Wolfpack lost to the visiting Liberty Christian Patriots, 38-15. Benevides scored four points at the free throw line, and M. Tupling scored two points against the Patriots. K. Tupling, Tegan Culley, and Hollingsworth each hit one 3-point shot.



Alyssa Hollingsworth rebounds against Liberty Christian

Karen Huwe

FUNDRAISER DRIVE-THRU DINNER FOR FFA TRAP

by Karen Huwe | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—The Waitsburg FFA trap shooting team is hosting a drive-through dinner on Tuesday, February 7, to raise funds for entry fees and state trap competition expenses.

The fundraiser will be a pulled pork sandwich dinner, including a choice of potato salad or coleslaw, dessert, and a beverage. Hungry donors may pre-order meals by February 5 for \$10 or donate \$12 at pick-up if available.

Pick-up will be at the parking lot next to the Waitsburg High School tennis courts between 5:00 and 6:30 p.m. No need to get out of the car; this is a drive-through for ultimate convenience.

Dads won't have to cook before taking their little wrestlers to practice, and those attending the first booster



club meeting will have a nice meal prepared with no dishes to clean. Those coming from work can drive by and pick up a tasty dinner on their way home.

To pre-order, please contact FFA Advisor Nicole Abel. Text is preferred at 509-301-6560. Be sure to state your name and how many meals you would like to receive. You may also call and leave a message or email nabel@waitsburgsd.org.

CARDINAL MS GIRLS GAINING STRENGTH

By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—A young middle school girls basketball team was dominated in their first game of the season by Rogers Adventist School on Monday, January 23, in College Place. The Cardinals struggled against the much taller Roger team losing 52-16.

Sixth grader Olivia Kiefel played well on offense and defense and contributed with four points and two steals. Seventh grader Cheri Mathews scored six points and had eight rebounds. Sixth grader Kayla Kuykendall and seventh grader Rilee Brunton scored two points each.

On Wednesday, January 25, the Touchet Redhawks led at halftime 22-5 and won 32-19. In the second half of the game, the Waitsburg Cardinals improved on offense as they outscored Touchet 14-10 by stopping the more experienced Redhawks with hustle and a tenacious defense. Mathews had a double-double, scoring 10 points and pulling down 16 rebounds. Kiefel scored nine points and rebounded six.



Olivia Kiefel dribbles against Rogers

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Palouse Outdoors: The Final Day

By Brad Trumbo | THE TIMES

Rather than hunting my traditional last-day tracin Lind, I spent the final morning of the 2022 upland bird season with new friends Ryan and Jessica. They had traveled from Canada to Ryan's old Palouse stomping grounds to finish their season.

Ryan and I met a couple of years prior on social media, connected by the Palouse and a love for upland hunting. Once he had dates set for their trip south, he graciously reached out with an offer to join them in some formidable yet productive covers.

Steep, brushy, and prickly are the most accurate descriptors of the eyebrows the three of us would tackle. It was the first time any of us had laid eyes on the property, situated to the east of Dayton among the wheat fields where their ridgetop fingers crept into evergreen timber.

Gray skeletons of yellow starthistle encapsulated the hills, edged in by golden wheat straw and grasses. Pockets of crimson Woods' rose stretched up through the senesced vegetation, while large clusters of European roses speckled the hillsides. We had already spotted roosters sneaking through the wheat stubble, but somewhere among the pokey shrubbery were more pheasants.

A crisp, bluebird morning blossomed, and temperatures raced toward fifty degrees. And if that wasn't enough to make the day an instant success, the opportunity to share a hunt with new friends iced the cake. Being the last day of the bird season, it was the last opportunity of the year to put Jessica on a prodigious, wild, late-season rooster over the staunch point of my smallest setter, Yuba.

Late-season birds are tough. Few would argue that the intelligence and evasive skill of a wild rooster pheasant, having successfully dodged predators throughout the fall, is unmatched by other species. By January, pheasants have spent a lot of time beating feet and using cover to their advantage. Luckily, Yuba's pheasant savvy is unmatched within my pack of setters. Over the years, she has honed her skills in running birds, and I knew she would serve us well.

With Yuba on the ground, we set off for a long draw that climbed from the canyon floor. Time had carved a deep cut down its belly and choked it with rose and red-osier dogwood. The shrubby stems gave the otherwise senescing weeds a rouge flare, like a low flame licking through cracks in the earth's floor. Hemlock stalks popped under our boots, and starthistle nagged at our brush pants as we began our ascent.

Pheasants enjoy browsing in wheat stubble and loafing in cover near the field's edge. Therefore, Jessica and I hunted high with Yuba while Ryan brought



Photos by Bradley Trumble

Yuba and Jessica look on as Ryan and Dirx work the ditch across the road.

up the bottom with his young yellow Lab, Dirx. Jessica walked the field edge as I side-hilled about twenty yards below, keeping Yuba working between us. Yuba's stubby legs projected her impressively across the steep terrain as she followed her nose and incessant drive to find the bird that some call the clown prince of the prairie.

We pushed the draw for an hour before reaching the top, certain that we would run birds to the end and witness a half-dozen erupt into the wheat. Our reward, however, was a healthy flock of dark-eyed juncos flitting beneath fallen tree branches.

Undeterred, we hopped across the field to the head of the next draw, where Jessica and I dropped into the top of an eyebrow that was clustered with the heavy hummocks of European rose and hawthorn. It looked as birdy as any cover I would have chosen.

Again, Jessica walked the rim while Yuba and I skirted below in the thicket. Rose thorns heckled my hands, depositing their needle-sharp tips into my skin and pants. I was shocked that yuba appeared unperturbed as she poked in and out of the gaps among bushes. My pheasant-sense began to tingle as she made her way toward an intriguing horseshoe of roses. Yuba buried into the roses, halted abruptly, and curled her tail high, sending my heart climbing into my throat.

The hawthorns blocked most of the shooting lanes, and the hill was too steep to have Jessica come down. Instead, I held her up at the top about thirty feet away as I walked behind Yuba for the flush.

As my right foot fell beside Yuba's right rear leg, a rooster rocketed from the thorns as if I had stepped on a launch button. His trajectory was expectedly straight away. We were quickly reminded that a wild rooster could reach Mach speed instantly. His fleeting blue rump and barred tail struck panic as I jerked my double gun to mount.

I have no clue what Jessica saw or must have thought when the bird got up, but the pain in my thighs from the prior days was suddenly dull in comparison to the disappointment of missing the bird. The escape of the clown prince was no laughing matter. He earned it yet, graciously left us with the memory of his kaleidoscope of colors, illuminated by the sun as he glided over the treetops. A beautiful reminder of why we hunt birds and why missing is not so bad.

Our final push sent a handful of birds flushing out one hundred yards ahead and sailing into the amber glow of sunset. With shotguns broken open and shells stowed, we stood at the truck, worn out, scratched, and bloody, laughing at our mishaps, wholly gracious for the opportunity.



(right) Yuba and Dirx checking out some rose and clematis tangles before calling it quits on the 2022 upland bird season.

(left) Yuba and Jessica peer into the top of a draw to make a game plan.

Wine of the Week

Ashlyn 2021 Pinot Gris

By Paul Gregutt | THE TIMES

Fresh, crisp and fruity, this well-ripened wine is brimming with flavors of pear, cantaloup melon and hints of papaya. Though it's finished dry, the intensity of the fruit adds lingering suggestions of honey as it trails out through the finish. I can't imagine a better introduction to Willamette Valley Pinot Gris than this lush and inviting wine. Better still – it's sealed with a screwcap and will stay fresh for days if you quickly re-seal it after pouring yourself a glass. 520 cases; 13.%; \$20 (Willamette Valley) 92/100



Paul Gregutt

Ashlyn 2021 Pinot Gris

CLASSIFIEDS HELP WANTED

Help Wanted: DSD Athletic Program
Positions open in the Dayton School District Bulldog's Athletic Program for the 2023-2024 school year. Salary's range from \$1461 - \$5843 depending upon position and qualifications. Check the daytonsd.org website for all the information. To apply, submit a Dayton Coaching Application, letter of interest & resume. Applications can be found on the employment page of the District website at <https://www.daytonsd.org/page/employment> or the District office at 609 S. 2nd Street. For more information contact the District office at 382-2543. Positions are open until filled. EOE

Help Wanted-Skilled Maintenance Individual
Seasonal /Part Time Employment-Prescott Joint Park and Recreation District
Wages: Depends Upon Education, Training and Experience
Able and willing to any and all of the following:
a. Clean, sanitize and supply bathrooms
b. Remove Garbage & Empty Park containers
c. Mow, weed and water the Park property
d. Plant, prune, trim trees and shrubs and plant beds
e. Conduct park related safety Inspection.

f. Oversee parking lot Improvements
g. Schedule frequency of lawn watering
h. Oversee minor construction projects
i. Safely Assist the Certified Pool Operator.
J. Other Duties as Assigned
Letter of Interest to:
Prescott Joint Park and Recreation District
PO Box 30-Prescott, WA.99348
Phone:509-849-2314/ Email:pre-cottparkrec@gmail.com
Contact: Pauline Cordeiro, Office Manager
Prescott Joint Park and Recreation District is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Position open until filled.

LIFESTYLES & LEGALS

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA
No. 22-4-00224-36
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS
RCW 11.40.030
In re the Estate of SUSAN L. QUACKENBUSH, Deceased.

The Administrator named below has been appointed as Administrator 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 Administrator, or the Administrator's attorney at the address stated below, a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of:

(1) Thirty (30) days after the Administrator served or mailed the Notice to the Creditors as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or
(2) Four (4) 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 non-probate assets.

Administrator: Marci Perkins
Attorney for the Administrator: Mona J. Geidl
Address for Mailing or Service: P.O. Box 1757
Walla Walla, WA 99362
Walla Walla County Superior Court Cause Number: 22-4-00224-36
DATED This 21 day of November, 2022.
/s/ Marci Perkins, Administrator
The Times
January 19, 26, February 2, 2023
1-19-a

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Variance 2023-01
The City of Dayton hereby gives notice that a hearing has been scheduled for Variance VAR2023-01: Grendahl Girls, LLC on February 22, 2023 at 3 p.m. via Zoom at:
Direct Link: <https://tinyurl.com/2xa6jx7j>
Phone: 1-253-215-8782,
Meeting ID: 849 6063 6686,
Passcode: 137273
Approval requires notice, a public hearing, and final decision by the City hearing examiner, with appeals to the Planning Commission. This Notice will be published in the newspaper of record and distributed to surrounding property owners.
PROJECT LOCATION: 262 E. Main St., Dayton WA 99328
PROJECT DESCRIPTION: A request to approve a variance from the 25-foot minimum lot width. The existing building is partitioned into two separate commercial spaces, one of which is 22 feet wide. The variance will allow for future subdivision along the existing interior building walls.
APPLICANT: Grendahl Girls, LLC, PO Box 1055, Soap Lake, WA 98851
COMPLETE APPLICATION SUBMITTED: December 27, 2022
SEPA: The City has determined that this project is Categorical Exempt from SEPA review per WAC Chapter 197-11-800(6) minor land use decisions.
CITY RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL: Dena Martin, Planning Manager, dena_martin@co.columbia.wa.us, 509-382-4676
COMMENTS: The application materials may be viewed online at <https://www.daytonwa.com/inside-city-hall/departments/city-clerk/public-notices> and are available for viewing during normal business hours at the County Planning and Building Department, located at 114 South 2nd Street, Dayton, Washington 99328. Comments may be submitted in writing through 4 p.m. on February 21, 2023. Testimony will also be taken during the public hearing.
The Times
January 2, 9, 2023
2-2-f

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA
No. 23 4 00005 36
PROBATE NOTICE OF CREDITORS
In Re the Estate of ADDIE BERNADINE BERGLIN, 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 stated below a copy of the claim and filing of 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.

Personal Representative: BRIAN G. BERGLIN
Date of First Publication: January 19, 2023
/s/ BRIAN G. BERGLIN
Personal Representative of the Estate of ADDIE BERNADINE BERGLIN
Attorney for the Personal Representative and address for mailing and service: Steven C. Frol
Minnick-Hayner, P.S.
P.O. Box 1757
249 West Alder
Walla Walla, WA 99362
Court of Probate Proceedings and Cause Number: Walla Walla County Superior Court
Cause No.: 23 4 00005 36
Publish: The Times
January 19, 26, February 2, 2023
1-19-b

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

No. (22-3-00154-36)
Angelica Maria Santoyo, Petitioner,
Santos Baltazar Lopez, Respondent.
The State of Washington to the respondent Santos Baltazar 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 26th of January, 2023, and defend the above-entitled action in the above-entitled court, and answer the complaint of the petitioner, Angelica M. Santoyo, 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 Angelica M. Santoyo at 119 Farmland Rd #105, Walla Walla, WA. 99362
The Times
January 26, February 2, 9, 16, 23, March 2, 2023
1-26-a

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA
No. 23 4 00016 36
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS
In the Matter of the Estate of ELSIE A. WELLS, 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 at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing of 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.
DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: February 2, February 9, February 16, 2023.
/s/ Clay Harvey,
Personal Representative
4725 Fowler Ave
Everett, WA 99203
Publish: February 2, 9, 16, 2023.
Court of probate proceedings and cause number: Walla Walla Superior Court
23 4 00016 36
The Times
February 2, 9, 16, 2023
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

File name/number: Dell Sharpe Bridge On Pettyjohn Road/SHR22-001
Application type: Shoreline, Substantial Development Permit
Applicant: Ww County Public Works c/o Seth Walker
990 Navion Ln
Walla Walla, WA 99362
Project description: Applicant proposes to remove and replace Dell Sharpe Bridge on Pettyjohn Road, which spans the Touchet River, due to scour of the bridge foundation by the Touchet River. The new bridge location will be approximately 400 feet upstream of the existing bridge location. The existing bridge is 19 feet wide and 155 feet in length, while the replacement bridge will be 32 feet wide and 320 feet in length. This project is generally located at the Dell Sharpe Bridge on Pettyjohn Road in the vicinity of APNs 350903110001, 350902210003, 350902240002 and 350902220006, in the PA-40 zoning district.
Review process and public comment: The Hearing Examiner will make a decision within ten working days of the public hearing. Written testimony may be submitted prior to or at the public hearing on 2/13/2023. Please indicate your name and address and refer to the file indicated above.
Send written comments via email to planning@co.walla-walla.wa.us or to Walla Walla County Community Development Department c/o Jennifer Ballard, Senior Planner
310 W Poplar St., Suite 200
Walla Walla, WA 99362
PUBLIC HEARING INFORMATION
Monday, 2/13/2023, at 1:30 PM (or as close thereto as possible)
Location (in person): Community Development Office

2nd Floor Conference Room
310 W. Poplar Street, Walla Walla WA 99362

Virtually participate via Cisco Webex Meeting Link: <https://wwco.webex.com/join/CDD>
Call in: 1-408-418-9388; Meeting Number/Access Code: 969 633 053; *6 to unmute your phone
THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON THIS APPLICATION ENDS AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE 2/13/2023 PUBLIC HEARING UNLESS NOTED BY HEARING EXAMINER
Any interested person may comment on this application, receive notice, and participate in any hearings. Persons submitting testimony may participate in the public hearing, request a copy of the final decision, and have rights to appeal the final decision. An agenda, instructions on participating by phone or online, and a staff report, will be available one week prior to the hearing; you can obtain a copy of these documents from the CDD by contacting the person listed below or online.

Contact staff directly for more information about how to participate virtually; if you provide your email address, we will add you to the email distribution list.
FOR MORE INFORMATION: For more information regarding this application, please contact Jennifer Ballard, Senior Planner, at 509-524-2626 or planning@co.walla-walla.wa.us.
Walla Walla County complies with ADA; reasonable accommodation provided with 3 days notice.
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January 2, 2023
2-2-c

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA
No. 23 4 00010 36
PROBATE NOTICE OF CREDITORS
In Re the Estate of BRYAN M. COOPER, 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 stated below a copy of the claim and filing of 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.

Personal Representative: DENNIS B. COOPER
Date of First Publication: January 19, 2023
/s/ DENNIS B. COOPER
Personal Representative of the Estate of BRYAN M. COOPER
Attorney for the Personal Representative and address for mailing and service: Steven C. Frol
Minnick-Hayner, P.S.
P.O. Box 1757
249 West Alder
Walla Walla, WA 99362
Court of Probate Proceedings and Cause Number: Walla Walla County Superior Court
Cause No.: 23 4 00010 36
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Superior Court of Washington, County of Walla Walla

No. 22-4-00232-36
Summons Served by Publication (SMPB)
Bella McQueen (DOB 4/23/09)
Sofia McQueen (DOB 4/29/13)
Lucia McQueen (DOB 3/26/14)
Sequoia McQueen (DOB 4/7/20)

Respondents
Summons Served by Publication
To : Ada McQueen
I have started a court case by filing a petition. The name of the Petition is: Motion and Immediate Order and Hearing Notice-Emergency Guardianship and Restraining Order.
You must respond in writing if you want the court to consider your side.
Deadline! Your Response must be filed and served within 60 days of the date this Summons is published (Publisher enter date of first publication here): 02/02/23. If you do not file and serve your Response or a Notice of Appearance by the deadline:
No one has to notify you about other hearings in this case, and
The court may approve the requests in the Petition without hearing your side (called a default judgment).
Follow these steps:
1. Read the Petition and any other documents that were filed at court with this Summons.
Those documents explain what the other party is asking for.
2. Fill out a Response on this form:
[X] Other (specify): GDN M 204 and GDN M 205 Motion and Immediate Order and Hearing Notice Emergency Minor Guardianship and Restraining Order.
You can get the Response form and other forms you may need at:
The Washington State Courts' website: www.courts.wa.gov/forms
Washington LawHelp: www.washingtonlawhelp.org, or
The Superior Court Clerk's office or county law library (for a fee).
3. Serve (give) a copy of your

Response to the person who filed this Summons at the address below, and to any other parties. You may use certified mail with return receipt requested. For more information on how to serve, read Superior Court Civil Rule 5.
4. File your original Response with the court clerk at this address:
Superior Court Clerk, Walla Walla County
315 W. Main Street, Walla Walla, WA 99362
5. Lawyer not required: It is a good idea to talk to a lawyer, but you may file and serve your Response without one. Person filing this Summons or his/her lawyer fills out below: /s/ Angela R. Garratt, WSBA #38724
Signed: 01/17/2023
I agree to accept legal papers for this case at:
[X] Lawyer's address: Garratt Law, PLLC, 6 E. Alder Street, Suite 315
Walla Walla, WA 99362
Email: angela@garrattlaw.com
This Summons is issued according to Rule 4.1 of the Superior Court Civil Rules of the state of Washington.
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Response to the person who filed this Summons at the address below, and to any other parties. You may use certified mail with return receipt requested. For more information on how to serve, read Superior Court Civil Rule 5.

4. File your original Response with the court clerk at this address:
Superior Court Clerk, Walla Walla County
315 W. Main Street, Walla Walla, WA 99362
5. Lawyer not required: It is a good idea to talk to a lawyer, but you may file and serve your Response without one. Person filing this Summons or his/her lawyer fills out below: /s/ Angela R. Garratt, WSBA #38724
Signed: 01/17/2023
I agree to accept legal papers for this case at:
[X] Lawyer's address: Garratt Law, PLLC, 6 E. Alder Street, Suite 315
Walla Walla, WA 99362
Email: angela@garrattlaw.com
This Summons is issued according to Rule 4.1 of the Superior Court Civil Rules of the state of Washington.
The Times
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The next meeting of the Columbia County Library Board of Trustees will take place on Monday, February 27, 2023, starting at 7:00 pm in the Delany building. All are welcome in person or via Zoom.
The Times
February 2, 2023
2-2-d

Notice of Special Meeting

The Dayton Historic Preservation Commission will hold a special meeting on February 8, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. at the County Planning Department, 114 S. 2nd St., Dayton, WA, to review a Certificate of Appropriateness for 211 E Main St., Dayton, WA. For more information call 509-382-4676.
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CALENDAR

Community Calendar

Waitsburg Monthly Meetings

Waitsburg City Council



Feb. 15 – Third Wednesday of each month @ 7 p.m. at City Hall.
Planning Commission
 Second Friday of the month @ 9 a.m. @ City Hall and on Zoom.
 Next meeting on Feb. 10

Waitsburg School Board

Feb. 16 – Third Thursday of every month @ 6 p.m.
 Zoom meeting information is available at <https://www.waitsburgsd.org/o/waitsburg-school-district/page/school-board--272>
 Zoom info available by emailing waitsburgcc@icloud.com

Waitsburg Booster Club

First Tuesday of the month @ 6:30 p.m. @ High School Home Ec. room.
 Next meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2023 @ 6:30 p.m.

Waitsburg Parks and Recreation Public Meeting

First Wednesday of the month, 9 a.m. @ Ten Ton Coffee
 For more information email: info@waitsburgparks.org

Weller Public Library Board of Trustees

Second Tuesday of the month
 Next meeting on Feb. 14

Friends of the Weller Public Library

4th Monday of the month @ 7 p.m.
 Weller Public Library,
 212 Main Street, Waitsburg
 Next meeting on Feb. 27

Waitsburg Commercial Club

February 23 @ Ten Ton Coffee @noon. Last Thursdays of each month,
 Zoom info available by emailing waitsburgcc@icloud.com



Dayton & Columbia County Meetings

Board of Columbia County Commissioners

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

Dayton City Council

Feb. 14 – Second Tuesday of every month @ 6 p.m.
 Call-in information available at <https://www.daytonwa.com/54-inside-city-hall/city-council>

Dayton School Board

Feb. 15 – Third Wednesday of every month @ 6 p.m. @ Dayton High School auditorium

Columbia County Public Hospital District Board of Commissioners

Fourth Wednesday of every month @ 1:30 p.m. Call (509) 382-2531 for information.

Dayton Memorial Library Board of Trustees Meeting

Feb. 27 @ 7 p.m. Delaney room and Zoom Meeting ID: 852 3836 3787
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85238363787>

Dayton Kiwanis Club Meeting

Second and Fourth Thursday @ Noon
 Hybrid in-person meetings at the Delaney Library with online Zoom available.
 Zoom Meeting ID: 559 815 3650

Starbuck City Council

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

Church Directory

St. Mark Catholic Church

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

Waitsburg Presbyterian Church

504 Main
 Worship 10:00 a.m.
 337-6589
 Pastor Stan Hughes

Waitsburg Chapel

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

Waitsburg Christian Church

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

Events, Film, Performance, Live Music

WAITSBURG

At American 35

February 14, 6:30 - 9 pm
Romance is in the air at American 35
 A delicious 3-course dinner, live music, and couples' games. Your evening begins with a signature cocktail, a salad, choice of steak or salmon, polenta, roasted vegetables, a glass of red wine from the California coast, and a luscious slice of cheesecake. Call 509-337-3111 to reserve a table.

February 18, 7:30 - 10 pm

Swing dancing is back!
 Beginner lessons at 7:30 and 8 p.m. to allow for smaller groups and more individual attention. What a fun way to burn off those creme brûlée calories! Lessons \$5; all ages welcome.

The Royal Block

February 2
 Open Mic from 6 to 8 p.m.
February 10
 Mythical/Movable Blue Mountain Bluegrass Jam from 7 to 9 p.m.

February 17

Gary Hill
 The artist will unveil "Poor Man's Guilt" and discusses his current and recent shows in Guangzhou, Lisbon, Palma de Mallorca, Reykjavik, etc.

February 18

Shangyang Fang poetry reading and Q&A with Michael Wieggers, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

February 25

Guitarist Gustavo Lopez gives a flamenco performance.

WALLA WALLA



GET YOUR TICKETS AT
[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/WWDANCE](https://tinyurl.com/wwdance)



Join the Waitsburg Booster Club!
 Next meeting on Feb. 7 6:30 p.m.
 Waitsburg High School Home Ec. room.



Wednesday Feb. 1
Artist Reception 5 to 7 p.m. at Walla Walla General Store
 "Love Notes and Momentos" new paintings by Laura Telander at the Walla Walla General Store, 110 E. Alder St., Walla Walla
 Nibbles and bubbles provided, plus an opportunity to create a Valentine's keepsake for your true love.

Lunches

WAITSBURG

SENIOR CENTER

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

Tuesday, Feb. 7

Spaghetti & Meat Sauce
 Vegetable (Chefs Choice)
 Coleslaw
 Garlic Bread
 Fruit

WAITSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT

Thursday, Feb. 2

Breakfast
 French Toast
 Lunch
 Teriyaki Chicken & Rice
 Steamed Veg.
 Fruit Choice

Friday, Feb. 3

Breakfast
 Breakfast Sandwich
 Lunch
 Turkey bacon ranch wrap
 Salad
 Strawberries
 Chips

Monday, Feb. 6

Breakfast
 Bagels & Yogurt
 Lunch
 Chicken Drumsticks
 Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
 Green Beans
 Fruit Choice

Tuesday, Feb. 7

Breakfast
 Biscuits & Gravy
 Lunch
 Beef Nachos
 Refried Beans
 Apples

Wednesday, Feb. 8

Breakfast
 Cinnamon Rolls & String Cheese
 Lunch
 Hamburgers
 Lettuce, Tomatoes
 Chips, Fruit cups



BIRTHDAYS

January 2: Joy Hill.

January 3: Mary Olona, Guy Antonius.

January 4: Meagan Zajac, Loegan Harshman, Andrea Payne, Ben Kiefel, Carol Clarke.

January 5: Fred Rankin, Barb Colby, Willard Cameron, Terry John, Aaron Jones and Ted Seaton.

January 6: Kurtis Reser, Maddie Callahan.

January 7: Cecil Webber, Erma Gilbertson, Patrick Donnelly, Jim Hofer, Alice Webber and Kristyn Scott.

January 8: Steven Price, Esther Presler and Todd Larsen.



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FUN & GAMES

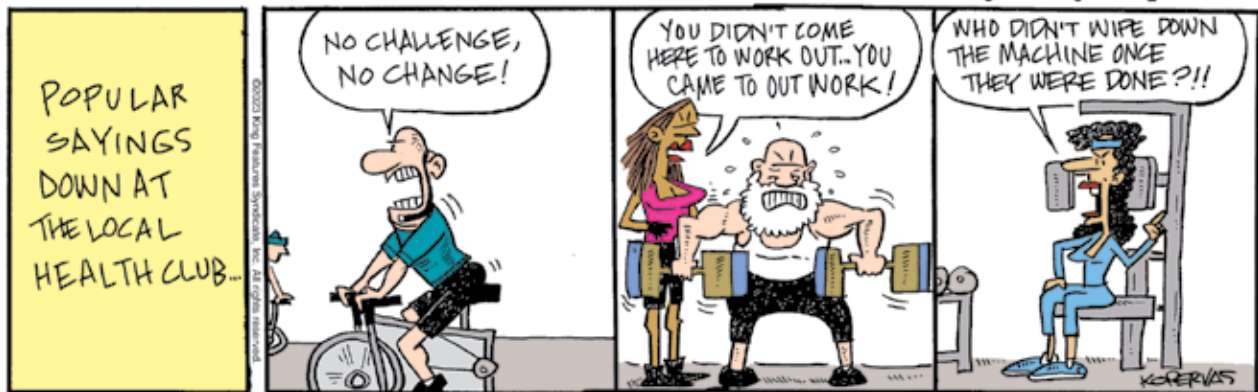
The Friendly Forest

By Jimmye L. Turner



Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas

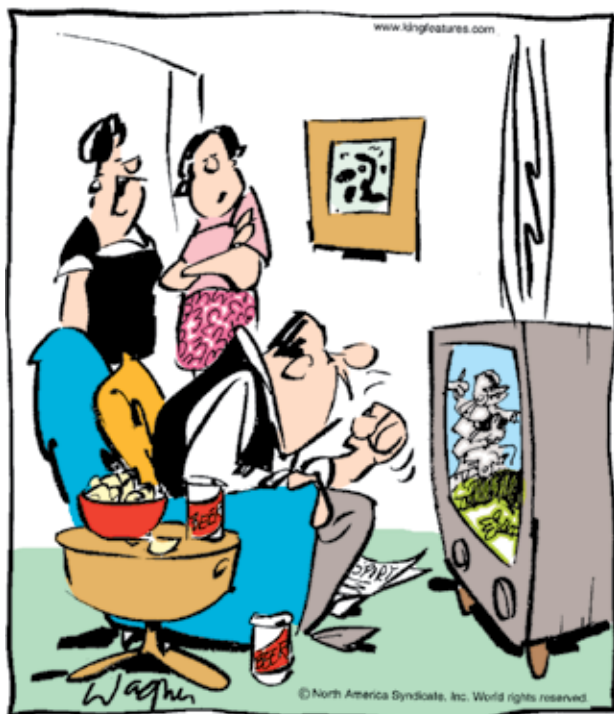


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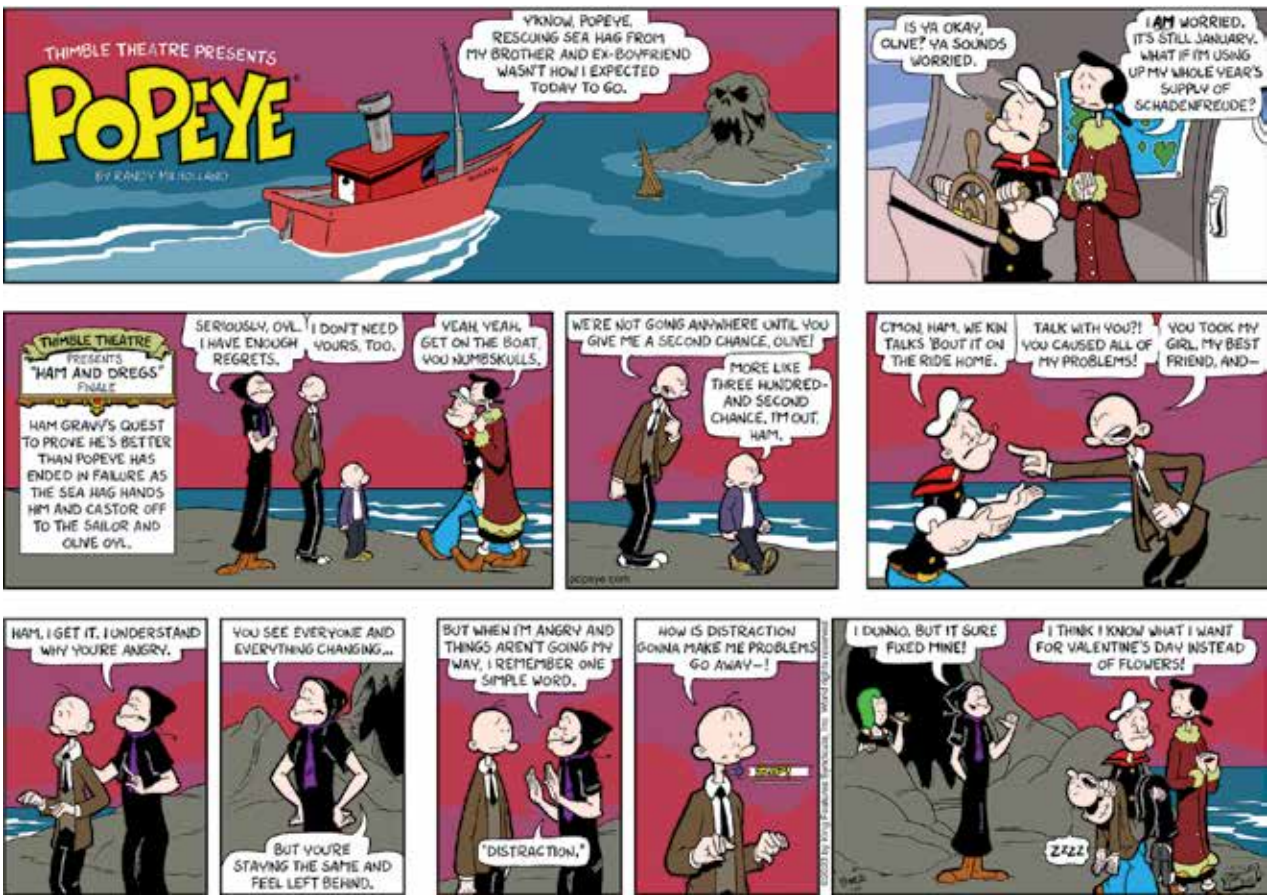
by Dave T. Phipps



GRIN and BEAR IT



“We've lost communication until after the Super Bowl.”



PIONEER PORTRAITS

Ten Years Ago January 31, 2013

Kate Hockersmith, the instigator and, some might say “mother,” of Waitsburg’s bluegrass scene, remembers the first local jam night. It was some time in December at the old Carmen’s Deli on Main Street. She put the youthful Troublemakers, fresh from their musical exchange in Japan, in the same room with several veteran bluegrass musicians from Walla Walla and created a Touchet Valley tradition marking its fifth anniversary this winter. Together with bluegrass lessons Hockersmith teaches at home and an after-school program she runs in the Waitsburg High School band room every week, the jams have generated a bluegrass culture that has become the envy of some observers in other, bigger towns. It also echoes the genre’s popularity in Waitsburg during the 1930s and ‘40s.

Twenty-Five Years Ago February 5, 1998

Local pilot George Downing, a member of the Walla Walla Chapter of the Experimental Aircraft Association, has given more than 100 young people a free demonstration airplane flight as part of the EAA Aviation Foundation’s “Young Eagles” program. The Program’s goal is to introduce a new generation of potential aviators to the world of flight. All pilots in the program explain the safe operation of airplanes and principles of flight before the short trips. All participating young people also receive a certificate signed by the pilot after the flight, making them members of Eagle Flight. The names of the pilots and the participants are also included in the “Worlds Largest Logbook,” which is on permanent display in the EAA Air Adventure Museum in Oshkosh, WI.

Fifty Years Ago February 1, 1973



[Photo Caption] Concentration usually involves some activity on the part of the tongue, and Troy Crowfoot is no exception. He goes up for a lay-in during one of the halftime PeeWee games played in the Waitsburg gym last weekend, while Patrick McConnell stretches to block the shot. PeeWee basketball is the only game we can think of where ten gradeschool players can run up and down the court giving the appearance that there are at least fifty of them taking part in the game. Lots of spectator interest in these miniature contests.

Seventy-Five Years Ago February 6, 1948

Stanley Seaton won third prize in the snow-plane races at DuBois, Idaho on January 25. J. V. Glover, Glen Howard, Herman Gohlman and Sam Erwin attended the WSC-Oregon Basketball game in Pullman Wednesday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hansen are the parents of a son, Norman James, born Feb. 3.

A. S. Dickinson is in a Walla Walla hospital with a broken collar bone and other injuries suffered in a fall.

One Hundred Years Ago February 9, 1923

A surprise party on Mr. Charles Neace was enjoyed by friends on Thursday evening. A basket lunch was taken by the ladies. The evening was spent in dancing and card playing. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Dunn are the parents of a daughter born Jan. 29th.

Roland Allen, who recently purchased the old Masonic hall on lower Main Street, is making a number of minor repairs this week on the building preparatory to renting it for garage purposes to the construction crew of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co.

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago February 4, 1898

R. O. Sanders this week purchased for his daughter, Miss Addie, a fine Fisher piano. Clarence Wilson last week sold his entire crop of blue stem wheat for 70 cents per bushel. Born in this city, Saturday, Jan. 29, 1898 to F. T. Keiser and wife, a daughter. Mother and child are doing well. A. N. Brown has leased a fine farm near Prescott and with his family intends to move there about the 15th of this month. Charles and Dale Preston and Guy Wheeler made a trip to Dayton last Sunday on their wheels. They came back on the train.

Touchet Valley Weather

Jan. 25, 2023

Waitsburg's Seven Day Forecast

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Mostly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Scattered Rain	Rain & Snow Possible	Chance Snow	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy
High: 43 Low: 29	High: 46 Low: 34	High: 43 Low: 31	High: 39 Low: 17	High: 27 Low: 10	High: 25 Low: 9	High: 24 Low: 7

Weather Trivia

In which direction do tornadoes usually move?

 Answer: Southwest to Northeast.

Weather History

Jan. 25, 1837 - At 7 p.m., a display of the northern lights danced above Burlington, Vt. Its light was equal to the full moon. Snow and other objects reflecting the light were deeply tinged with a blood red hue. Blue, yellow and white streamers were also noted.

Local Almanac Last Week

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Precipitation
Tuesday	46	32	42/31	0.00"	0.16"
Wednesday	51	28	42/31	0.13"	0.44"
Thursday	43	30	42/31	0.00"	-0.28"
Friday	41	27	42/31	0.00"	35.9°
Saturday	40	25	42/31	0.02"	36.6°
Sunday	39	29	42/31	0.01"	-0.7°
Monday	44	27	43/31	0.00"	

Data as reported from Walla Walla

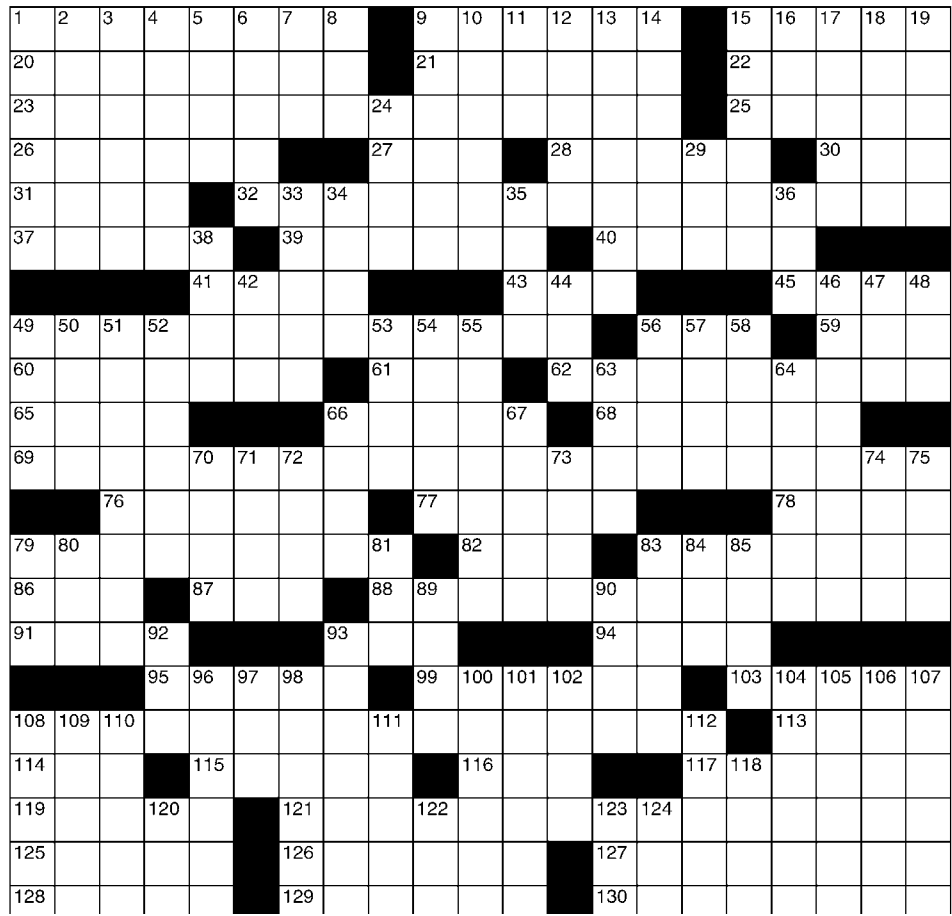
Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Wednesday	7:23 a.m.	4:47 p.m.	9:51 a.m.	10:00 p.m.
Thursday	7:22 a.m.	4:49 p.m.	10:10 a.m.	11:14 p.m.
Friday	7:21 a.m.	4:50 p.m.	10:29 a.m.	Next Day
Saturday	7:20 a.m.	4:52 p.m.	10:49 a.m.	12:27 a.m.
Sunday	7:19 a.m.	4:53 p.m.	11:12 a.m.	1:39 a.m.
Monday	7:18 a.m.	4:55 p.m.	11:40 a.m.	2:49 a.m.
Tuesday	7:16 a.m.	4:56 p.m.	12:15 p.m.	3:57 a.m.

Super Crossword

UNBRIDLED ENERGY

- ACROSS**
- 1 Elevates
 - 9 Faithful attendant in "Othello"
 - 15 Maritime justice
 - 20 Intensify
 - 21 Quark model particles
 - 22 Kagan of justice
 - 23 Start of a riddle
 - 25 Deserves
 - 26 Violinists' rub-ons
 - 27 Radio's Glass or Flatow
 - 28 Fished for morays
 - 30 Jostle (for)
 - 31 In (mired)
 - 32 Riddle, part 2
 - 37 English diarist Samuel
 - 39 Confuses
 - 40 Avian homes
 - 41 Apple, e.g.
 - 43 Next yr.'s alums
 - 45 Look after
 - 49 Riddle, part 3
 - 56 With
 - 59-Across, DVD format
 - 59 See
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 - 60 Supervises
 - 61 — Speedwagon
 - 62 Liquid-emptying conduit
 - 65 Bits of land in la mer
 - 66 Pollute
 - 68 Target of
 - 69 Riddle, part 4
 - 76 Some purple flowers
 - 77 Drifting types
 - 78 Home of Cal Neva casino
 - 79 Place side by side for contrast
 - 82 Ayres of "State Fair"
 - 83 Scold
 - 86 — out a living
 - 87 ID for the IRS
 - 88 Riddle, part 5
 - 91 Part of MCAT
 - 93 Fair-hiring abbr.
 - 94 Irate, with "off"
 - 95 "The Office" actor Wilson
 - 99 Cure provider
 - 103 "Cómo —?" (Spanish greeting)
 - 108 End of the riddle
 - 113 E. — (bacterium)
 - 114 Bagel salmon
 - 115 1980s Pontiac
 - 116 JVC rival
 - 117 Bacterium that requires oxygen
 - 119 Shady recess
 - 121 Riddle's answer
 - 125 Sleep loudly
 - 126 Turns out
 - 127 Bring back in from another country
 - 128 Axed down
 - 129 Not wobbling
 - 130 Florida city south of Tampa Bay
 - 13 Doctors in training
 - 14 "Boyfriend" singer
 - 15 "You — have worried"
 - 16 According to
 - 17 Enthusiasm
 - 18 Marks woman
 - 19 Surgical beam source
 - 24 Encircle with a belt
 - 29 Sue Grafton's "— for Evidence"
 - 33 Papas' other halves
 - 34 Central German river
 - 35 Deputy: Abbr.
 - 36 Oct. clock setting
 - 38 Plan detail
 - 42 Choose (to)
 - 44 Fishing pole
 - 46 Asmara native
 - 47 Middy snooze
 - 48 Salon supply
 - 49 "Understood, dude"
 - 50 Farm tower
 - 51 Un-, non-, pro- and con-
 - 52 Vacation getaway
 - 53 Shah's land
 - 54 Horse noise
 - 55 Boat in Venice
 - 56 Theda of silent films
 - 57 Describe by drawing
 - 58 Potentially offensive, for short
 - 63 Disloyal sorts
 - 64 Capital of South Dakota
 - 66 Throw easily
 - 67 Lhasa's land
 - 70 Narrow inlets
 - 71 African vipers
 - 72 Singer Redbone
 - 73 Strewn, as seeds
 - 74 Military group
 - 75 "Yes" signals
 - 79 Boeing plane
 - 80 Hawaiian guitar, for short
 - 81 Lamb nurser
 - 83 In (prior to birth)
 - 84 Start for eminent
 - 85 — one's time
 - 89 Chocolate snack cake
 - 90 Lone Star State coll.
 - 92 Mr. Capote, informally
 - 93 Contest competitor
 - 96 Film's Hitchcock
 - 97 Ugandan despot Amin
 - 98 Girls in family trees
 - 100 Listening accessory for an iPod
 - 101 Text written for commercials
 - 102 Oahu shindig
 - 104 Tiny pieces
 - 105 Overly, emphatically
 - 106 Writer Camus
 - 107 Middy snooze
 - 108 Really mark down
 - 109 Singer Lena (Henry Fonda film)
 - 111 Singer with the #1 hit "Royals"
 - 112 Bottom point
 - 118 Humorist Bombeck
 - 120 Metal source
 - 122 "That — lie!"
 - 123 Divs. of days
 - 124 "For" vote



MY RECIPES

Luke Chavez

Chicken Tortilla Soup

My version of a classic recipe from central Mexico, is bright and nourishing, with just enough warmth from dried chilis to shake off any case of late Winter blues. Simmered with tender chicken then topped with crispy tortilla strips, this lively soup is perfected with a final garnish of creamy fresh avocado and cheese.

Ingredients:

- 2 chicken breasts, bone-in skin on
- 5 cups water
- 2 bay leaves
- Salt
- 2-3 stems fresh epazote, (see notes)
- 2 medium ripe tomatoes
- ½ white onion, quartered lengthwise
- 2 garlic cloves
- 1 fresh poblano chili
- 1 dried ancho chili
- 1 dried guajillo chili
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil, plus ½ cup for frying
- 6 corn tortillas, cut into thin strips
- 2 to 3 cups chicken stock
- Juice of 1 lime
- For serving:**
- 1 avocado, cut into ½-inch cubes
- White onion, chopped
- Fresh cilantro, chopped
- Queso fresco or Monterey sharp, cut in ½-inch cubes
- Lime wedges



Directions:

Place chicken breasts in a stock pot and cover with 5 cups of water, bay leaves, and a generous pinch of salt. Add more water if needed so that the chicken is just covered. Bring to a boil and add 1 of the epazote stems. Reduce heat to maintain a moderate simmer, and cook until cooked through, around 25 to 35 minutes. Use a thermometer to make sure the internal temperature reaches 165 degrees. Remove chicken and strain the liquid into a large bowl. When the chicken is cool enough to handle, use two forks to shred the meat, discarding the bones and skin. Skim off any extra fat off the top of strained liquid. Set aside.

Heat a dry, large cast iron skillet over medium-high heat. When hot, add the onion segments and whole tomatoes. Use tongs to move vegetables around while they develop a deep charring. Roast onion and tomatoes until they are soft and have blistered char marks all around. Add the garlic and continue to roast for a few minutes, allowing cloves to develop browning all around. Remove vegetables and place in a blender. Set aside, for now.

Add the fresh poblano chili to the hot skillet and toast for several minutes on all sides. Roast until very soft and covered in black blistered char marks. Remove from the pan and place in a bowl. Cover bowl with a lid or plate, and let chili sweat for 15 minutes. Then, use a spoon to gently peel the blistered skin off the chili. Stem, and remove the seeds then chop the chili into a ¼-inch dice. Set aside with the chicken.

Meanwhile, remove the stems and seeds from the dried chilis. Place chilis in a small bowl and cover with boiling water. Set a plate over the bowl and let chilis soak in water for 20 to 30 minutes. After the chilis have softened, add them and the soaking water to the blender jar with the roasted vegetables. Blend until smooth, then strain through a fine mesh strainer into a bowl, using a spatula to press as much liquid through as possible.

Heat 1 tablespoon of oil in a Dutch-oven, or large soup pot, over medium heat. When the oil is shimmering add the strained tomato sauce. Stir and cook for 5 minutes as it comes to a boil. Reduce heat to maintain a gentle simmer and cook for an additional 5 minutes. The sauce will darken in color and become very fragrant. Next, raise the heat and add the strained liquid from boiling the chicken along with the other epazote stems. Bring to a boil and season with a pinch of salt. Reduce heat, again, to keep the stock simmering. Cook for 15 minutes.

While the stock is simmering, fry the tortilla strips. Heat ¼ to ½ cup oil in a saucepan. Fry the tortilla strips in batches, without overcrowding, until golden brown and crispy. Remove with a slotted spoon and drain on a sheet pan lined with paper towels. Season each batch with salt as they come out of the frying oil.

Assemble the soup by adding the roasted poblano chili and shredded chicken to the simmering stock. Add about 2 to 3 more cups of chicken stock, then simmer for 10 minutes. Taste for seasoning, adding more salt as needed. Just before serving add the fresh lime juice and take off the heat. Ladle portions of the soup into bowls, then top with crispy tortilla strips. Serve with bowls of fresh garnish toppings on the side.

Notes:

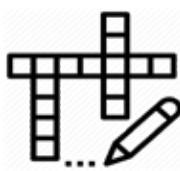
Epazote is a tender herb from Central America with a pungent and distinctive flavor. Some larger grocery stores have started carrying it in their fresh produce sections. You can also find it in Latin groceries. If you can not find it you can substitute with stems of fresh oregano, mint, cilantro, or tarragon. You want to use the whole stem of herb, leaves included. After cooking you can remove the stems from the soup pot.

The garnish toppings add a lot of texture and fresh flavor to the soup. Allow guests to dress their own bowls. Have any extra fried tortilla strips in a bowl for passing around the table. Enjoy!

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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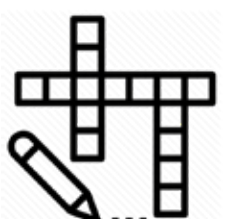
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The Art of Aging (Ha!)

By Vicki Sternfeld-Rossi | THE TIMES

To quote my late aunt, “The Golden Years aren’t really golden; in fact, they suck!”

She had become a little forgetful when playing her weekly bridge game and had hearing loss, but she refused to wear her hearing aids. She had a single mastectomy, and the prosthetic breast was heavy and uncomfortable. She had a removable bridge, which she frequently forgot to put in her mouth. The bottom line, she was uncomfortable at family dinners and couldn’t hear or chew. So, yeah, it did suck for her.

I am lucky that all my body parts are mine, aside from a few caps on some molars. Other than my recently broken wrist, my hips, knees, and joints are in good shape. After the wrist healed, I started to feel like Wonder Woman until I realized I had become addicted to Advil and maybe not as wonderful as I thought.

I am now part of a Monday, Wednesday, and Friday morning tennis group in Walla Walla. On Mondays, I play with the 9:00 a.m. group until 10:30, then move to another court where I play with another group until noon. I have at least one game with my Waitsburg tennis buddy on the weekend, with games with a Whitman tennis team member a few days a week. Both players run me around to exhaustion, but I’m stubborn, and we don’t stop



until they “cry uncle” first.

Add in my workouts on the Mirror, a night of swing dancing at American 35, and occasionally a little house cleaning; I deserve those Advil. Thankfully, I have a few months’ reprieve from gardening, or I will have to double the dose.

I am not sure if I am just crazy or have a subconscious need to prove my golden years don’t have to suck. Either way, I will try to age artfully, if not gracefully. Have you seen me with a cast, splint, in stitches, or splayed out in the middle of the street having slipped on ice? I don’t think “gracefully” is in my future. I’m just trying to avoid joint replacements and casts and keep my brain operating as best as possible.

Recently my sister observed that most people start having difficulty with hiking, traveling, and a myriad of other physically taxing activities around 80 years of age. As she approaches that magical age, she has decided to take more physically demanding trips and booked a bucket list trip to Iceland.

Maybe she has a point, but I am not ready to add more demands to my travels. I plan to save extra money for tipping bellhops, doormen, airport attendants, and others who can do the heavy luggage lifting and carting. Although Daniel is still good at heavy lifting, he needs shoulder surgery and two new knees. So, tipping it is, or I’ll wind up lifting both our luggage into the overhead compartments and down the hotel corridors.

With age, my aunt became a bit quirky about nice things. Maybe as a result of living through the depression. It was difficult for her to use the beautiful nightgowns we bought her. She was “saving them for the right occasion.” We teased her that at 85 years old, it was probably futile to wait for the right guy, but she persisted. I have the opposite mentality. I plan to use everything, and when I’m well into my late nineties, I may consider not buying a whole case of tennis balls. Until then, serve ‘em up!

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