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Plaid and tulle at the Father Daughter Snow Ball 2024



Aeryelle Gleason

(above) Drew James' daughter Allison only had eyes for dad at the Father & Daughter Snow Ball at Waitsburg Town Hall.

(left) The charming annual event is hosted by HASA, Home and School Association. Volunteers created a magical space where attendees could dance on a cloud. All proceeds and donations go to support Waitsburg's teachers and students with needs in the classrooms.

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Dayton Auto Repair marks five successful years

By Mike Ferrians | THE TIMES

DAYTON – In January, Robert Bryant marked 40 years of car repair experience as he celebrated Dayton Auto Repair's fifth anniversary. He and his wife Shelli opened the shop at 218 W. Main in January 2019.

According to a report by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, less than forty percent of Washington's small businesses that opened in 2019 were still in business five years later in 2023. Bryant said he considered himself fortunate to have beaten the odds, especially opening shortly before the state put COVID-19 restrictions in place.

"We were considered essential for transportation," Bryant said. "When COVID-19 first hit, the phone didn't ring for four days. On the fifth day, it started ringing and didn't stop. It's been crazy ever since. It's been a blessing."

Bryant said he had to hire a second mechanic within a year and a third six months later. He had not anticipated he would become a manager as well as a certified mechanic.

The business is part of the Napa Network, one of 17,000 Napa Auto Care centers that require technicians to have Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) certifications. He and his staff primarily work on domestic models and specialize in Dodge diesel engines.

Bryant credits his success to dealing honestly with customers and talking squarely about what ails their autos.

"I come from the dealership side where guys who wrote work orders wouldn't always interpret the issues correctly," he explained. "I don't use too much technical jargon with customers. I can't make them feel like I'm trying to overtalk things. Sometimes, instead of asking if their engine has a drone to it, I'll mouth the sounds, and they'll say, yeah, that's it."

Bryant said that treating people fairly and honestly helps build word-of-mouth advertising, which builds business vol-



Mike Ferrians

Robert Bryant celebrating Dayton Auto Repair's fifth anniversary.

ume and helps keep prices down. He added that drivers' attention to their automobiles is a key element in that process. As Bryant puts it, he would prefer servicing your car's differential - the mechanism that controls the variable wheel speed in turns - to rebuilding it.

"Your car is the second most important thing, next to your house," Bryant says. "I preach maintenance. It saves you money. Keep extra fluids in your vehicle and check them regularly."

The shop recently closed for one day to install new garage bay doors at the rear of the building, which may not seem like a grand way to celebrate five years of building his business. However, a key to Bryant's success may be his commitment to grinding away.

"I'm running out of room for the volume of business I have," Bryant says, adding that he may look at adding a couple more bays down the road - all to continue effective and affordable auto maintenance and repair for his customers.

Dayton Auto Repair is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. For more information or to make an appointment, call 382-3189 or visit www.daytonautorepairco.com.

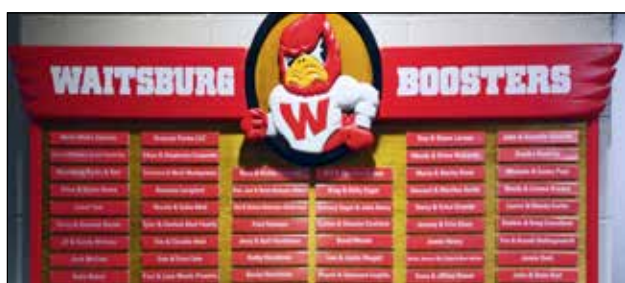
WAITSBURG BOOSTER NEWS

THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—Ross Hamann took the carving of the Cardinal on a previous Booster Club Members board and recreated a newer style Booster board that hangs on the wall in the link of the High School. Hamann placed the names of the current Booster members, officers, board members, and other significant information on the board.

There is still room on the board for new Booster Club members, and dues are only \$25 per family. Send dues to Waitsburg Booster Club Treasurer, 621 E. 7th Street, Waitsburg, WA 99361.

Help fill the board with school spirit and pride. Go Cardinals.



DAYTON CITY COUNCIL CANCELS SPECIAL MEETING

By Lane Gwinn | THE TIMES

DAYTON — A special Dayton City Council meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 31, was canceled on January 30. The purpose of the meeting was to convene an executive session to discuss pending litigation against the city and Council Member Laura Aukerman.

A second agenda item for the meeting was for the council to consider a request from Aukerman that the city pay her legal fees in that case, US District Court Case No. 23-2-00790.

The request was made Washington State RCW 4.96.041 and requires the council's approval.

The public could attend or log in to the meeting virtually. However, executive sessions are not open to the public. The city has not rescheduled the meeting, and there was no reason given for cancellation.

In the lawsuit, plaintiff Teresa Eier claims Auckerman violated public records and free speech laws in the council person's use of a Facebook page associated with her public role. The suit also alleges that the defendant deleted the page without retaining records.

According to court records, Aukerman is represented by attorney Rachelle Leigh McFetridge, Spokane.

The city is named a defendant in the lawsuit and represented by Spokane-based attorney Megan Clark.

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NEWS BRIEFS

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AT THE LIBERTY: "Migration"

THE TIMES

DAYTON — "Migration" is a modern-day comedy following a family of ducks who convince their over-protective father to go on the vacation of a lifetime as they attempt to migrate from New England, through New York City, and ultimately down to the Bahamas.

Rotten Tomatoes critics have this movie at 73% favorable, and 88% from the audiences. That website's critics consensus is "Beautiful animation and entertaining work from a talented voice cast help "Migration" take flight despite a story that doesn't quite stand out from the flock." The audience summary says: "With cute characters, a fun, fast-paced story, and plenty of laughs, "Migration" is a good option for family movie nights." This movie is rated PG for action/peril and mild rude humor. Runtime is 91 minutes.



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A YES VOTE FOR THE REPLACEMENT LEVY IS A WIN

To the Editor,

I won't hesitate to vote yes on the Waitsburg School District's Educational Programs and Operations Levy on Feb. 13. This replacement levy funds our preschool, extracurricular activities (including athletics), transportation and technology.

I brag on Waitsburg School District often, singing the praises of having half-day preschool for children ages 3 to 5, at no extra cost to in-district parents. Waitsburg preschoolers are ready for kindergarten, equipped with the skills they need for classroom success.

Unfortunately, Waitsburg does not have a single licensed daycare and our school district has a preschool program that provides a safe, secure learning environment. This special program allows parents and caregivers to continue to participate in our local workforce. It's a win for our children and for our local economy.

With support, Jillian Henze, APR
Waitsburg City Councilmember, mother of three children in Waitsburg schools

Community Civility Café

Conversations That Matter
"Books in Libraries"

March 7, 2024
at the Columbia County Fairgrounds Pavilion

An evening of good-natured communication about the challenges of libraries and the books they make available.

The conversation will be facilitated to enhance civil discourse by "engaging people in conversations that matter."

Register Today

Hosted by The Friends of the Dayton Memorial Library.

SUPPORT FOR THE WAITSBURG SCHOOL LEVY - INVESTING IN OUR FUTURE LEADERS

To the Editor,

On behalf of Waitsburg Commercial Club, I express our wholehearted support for the upcoming Waitsburg School levy. It should be noted that this is not a new tax or levy; it is a replacement levy for the previously passed measure that is about to expire.

Our schools play an integral role in shaping our community. In a recent hospital visit, I ran across a Waitsburg High School grad who earned their diploma and an AA degree last year. They were employed in the medical field with a good job and benefits due to the educational opportunities offered by the Waitsburg School District. Graduating with a head start saves parents money, gives a young person a job, and in this case, literally helped my loved one breathe better.

This year's levy is not about maintaining the status quo but about enabling our schools to continue providing high-quality education with the challenges of increasing costs, government compliance, and technology costs. It will help the district retain the talented teachers dedicated to our kids, who often pay out-of-pocket to supplement supplies for their classrooms.

Students deserve to succeed, no matter their interests or goals. Waitsburg students have become dentists, lawyers, and NASA doctors. The faculty and staff, led by our new superintendent, continue to deliver a well-rounded education to students choosing agriculture, culinary arts, language, healthcare, and trade careers so that each child can lean into their strengths.

A thriving school system attracts new families, maintains property values, and reduces crime in the community. Strong support of our kids and our neighbors' children through the healthy and well-funded school system reflects a vibrant and prosperous community.

In conclusion, we urge voters to approve the Waitsburg School levy. By voting yes, we can support our kids and educators as we share in the pride of our schools and community. Together, let's invest in the future leaders of Waitsburg and make a resounding statement that we are committed to their success.

Sincerely,
Bob Beaulaurier,
Waitsburg Commercial Club 2024

TIME TO HELP FRIENDS OF THE FAIRGROUNDS TO REBOOT

THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—The Waitsburg City Council has asked volunteers in the community to partner with Waitsburg Parks and Rec to put together a plan to increase usage at the fairgrounds. The city council would like organizers to submit the plan for review at its March regular meeting.

The first planning meeting was held on January 24, 2024, and included past Friends of the Fairgrounds advisory committee members, Parks and Rec commissioners, and fairgrounds advocates.

Recommendations from attendees included reorganizing the Friends of the Fairgrounds Committee as a project under Rural Youth Enrichment Services (RYES.) Under RYSE, the committee could raise tax-deductible donations and qualify and write grants under the non-profit's 501(c)3 status.

The attendees also recommended drafting a memorandum of understanding between Waitsburg Parks and Rec and the City of Waitsburg to specify responsibilities; Parks and Rec would take over events and project management, and the city would continue maintenance at the fairgrounds.

Input and volunteers are needed to reboot the committee. Parks and Rec commissioners seek someone to chair the Friends of the Fairgrounds committee. Nominees should be passionate about

the fairgrounds and able to provide leadership in organizing people and timelines. Please send self-nominations and recommendations to info@waitsburgparks.org.

Organizers would like those who regularly rent the fairgrounds, key stakeholders, and community members interested in the future of the fairgrounds to participate in the planning process. If you are a member of the following organizations, please attend the January 31, 2024, Parks and Rec meeting:

- 4-H clubs
- Waitsburg FFA
- Waitsburg Presbyterian Church
- Waitsburg Lions Club
- P.E.O.
- Waitsburg Celebration Days
- Snake River Little League
- Patriots of Recovery
- Touchet Valley Soccer
- Waitsburg School District (junior high baseball)
- Waitsburg Commercial Club
- Waitsburg Alumni Association
- Columbia-Walla Walla County Fire District No. 2
- American Legion Post #35
- Masonic Lodge #16
- Junior Livestock Board
- Valley Girls Barrel Racing Association
- Waitsburg Garden Club
- Waitsburg Tree Committee
- Waitsburg Grange No. 1
- The Collective
- Friends of the Fairgrounds Planning meeting #2 at 7 p.m. on January 31 at TVAMP, 141 Main St. Waitsburg.

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OBITUARY

Lowell W. Richter

July 27, 1926 – January 16, 2024

Long-time Dayton resident, Lowell W. Richter, 97, passed away gently on January 16, 2024 at Parkview Memory Care in Walla Walla. Lowell was born July 27, 1926 and was raised by his grandparents, Benjamin & Anna Richter, on the family farm in Montgomery, MN. He had lasting memories of attending grade school in the one-room country school and later moving to town where he graduated from high school in 1944. In 1945, he entered the Army Air Corps where he served proudly for two years, primarily in Guam. After discharge Lowell moved to Pomeroy, WA to work at Blue Mountain Cannery (later Green Giant Company). In 1948, he returned to Montgomery to marry his high school sweetheart, Aggie Filipek. Their honeymoon was a drive back to Washington - "God's Country", he always called it. They made their home in Pomeroy where he began what would become his strong, life-long commitment to serving his community and church. He and Aggie welcomed their first three children, Mary Kay, Kurt, and Karen, and lived there until 1959, when Lowell was transferred with Green Giant Co. to Dayton. In 1968, their family was completed when son Kyle was born. Lowell's career as Green Giant Field Man lasted until his retirement in 1981 when he began farming - growing wheat, barley, and dry peas and raising cattle. This was the career he truly loved and it continued until the early 1990's. Lowell and Aggie then became "snowbirds" and began spending their winters in Desert Hot Springs, CA. After Aggie's passing in 2003, Lowell continued going to the desert each winter, golfing nearly every day until 2018, when he moved to Wheatland Village in Walla Walla.



Lowell W. Richter
July 27, 1926 – January 16, 2024



Lowell was known for his involvement in all phases of community activity - Dayton School Board, St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Kiwanis, Chamber of Commerce, St. Vincent's Society, Columbia County Grain Growers, Pomeroy JayCees - as both a worker and a leader, a man never too busy to help. In 1971, he was honored as "Citizen of the Year for Community Service". Lowell's life story is simply the way he lived his life - with faith, kindness, truth, and a huge love of his family, friends, community and country - always with a smile and a humble heart.

Lowell is preceded in death by his wife Aggie, son-in-law Art Fuller, mother Eleanor Welshinger, and half-brother Pat Mears.

He is survived by his four children - Mary Kay Richter (Peter Schmitz), Kurt Richter (Debbie), Karen Fuller, Kyle Richter (Audrey); his eight grandchildren - Courtney Juhl (Nicholas), Zachary Fuller, Paul Richter, Kaden, Alek & Rylan Richter, Alan Schmitz, Katey Ricker (Greg); and his four great-grandchildren Charlotte & Madeleine Juhl and Will & Emma Ricker. He is also survived by sisters-in law Judy Filipek and Patricia Filipek, numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and a multitude of friends.

Private graveside service will be at Dayton Cemetery. Lowell's long and wonderful life will be celebrated at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, March 4 at The Columbia County Fairgrounds Pavilion, Dayton WA.

In lieu of flowers, consider a memorial contribution to these local organizations that were important to Lowell: Touchet Valley Golf Course, Project Timothy, Dayton Kiwanis, The Glen Nysoe Cancer Fund. . . or by simply planting a tree in his honor - he would love that.



Mike Ferrians

Becky Wilson helped her aunt, Gloria Wilson, celebrate the grand opening of Simply Sawdust. The familiar metal building at the end of Main Street has undergone a big transformation, inside and out. It is now ready for all the community-minded projects and classes Gloria will dream up. Keep updated at www.simplysawdust.com.

BIRTHDAYS

February 1: Bob Stewart, Tamara Doepker, Debbie Peck Russell, and Adam Hermanns.

February 2: Lacy Wood, Grant Garrett, Lauren Broom-Vjoertomt, and Brandon White.

February 3: Ryan Neal, Ben Turner, Norman Hansen, Robert Weller, Eric Rohde, Mike Gauch, Joe Watson, and Chris Walker.

February 4: Morgan Baker, Chelsey Smith, Stacey Bennett, Mathew Akers, Renee Bailey, Robert Bailey, Matthew Lyons, and Elaine Till.

February 5: Tim Abel, Andrea Tuttle, Mary Phillips, Loretta Hunt, Janet Hart, Jack & Jim Hubbard, Helen Richardson, Chad and Nicholas Pearson.

February 6: Aidan Larsen, Jena Worth, Lorene Wood, Sueann Neace, Crystal Werner, Teresa Luders, George C. Robinson, Shawn Davis, Lloyd Walker, Jade Alleman and Mike Bergevin, and James Harri.

February 7: Wendy Cobb, Thomas Reese, Melvin and Michael Newbill, and Connie Wyrick.



CLASSIFIEDS

LOST

I am looking for my orange heavy duty appliance dolly. It was borrowed from the Waitsburg Hardware Building. Please check with any service person that was working with

you the day it was borrowed if you don't have it. Please return it to the Waitsburg Hardware Building. I need it.



Waitsburg troop hosts Girl Scouts Cookie Rally

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—Waitsburg Girl Scout Troop 5381 hosted a Girl Scout Cookie Rally for Girl Scouts Service Area 492 at the Lions Building in Waitsburg on Sunday, January 28. Waitsburg Troop Leader Brandi Hollingsworth said the event is a workshop to prepare local scouts for the iconic annual cookie sale. The fundraiser supports Girl Scouts as they learn entrepreneurial skills and fund local life-changing, girl-led programs, experiences, and learning in their communities.



This was the eighth year the Waitsburg troop has hosted the event for area Girl Scout troops from Walla Walla, Milton-Freewater, Dayton, and Waitsburg. Hollingsworth said that 62 Girl Scouts and 11 adults attended the event at the Waitsburg Fairgrounds preparing for the sale, which will begin locally on February 9 for pre-orders. Scouts moved through various stations to learn about marketing, money management, decision-making, business ethics, and people skills.

"When people buy Girl Scout Cookies, they're buying so much more than cookies. Every package of Girl Scout Cookies sold puts girls one step closer to making real change in their own futures, communities, and the world," said GSUSA Chief Revenue Officer Wendy Lou. "Girls break expectations through the power of the cookie program and open a host of possibilities beyond the box."



Jessika Lambert

Waitsburg troop member Jessika Lambert worked on her Girl Scout photography badge by documenting the event. (top) Scouts Oaklee Adams, Sara Wilson, and Kaitlynn Miller participated in the event to build their cookie selling skills. (left) Over sixty scouts attended the rally at the Lions Club building at the Waitsburg Fairgrounds, moving from table to table to get into the cookie season.



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SPORTS & LEGALS

CARDINAL BASKETBALL

By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—Waitsburg High School had a busy week of basketball, finishing the season with the last two games at home on Kison Court. The school will recognize seniors on Friday, February 2.

On Tuesday, January 23, the Cardinal varsity boys beat the Touchet Redhawks 59-51. Ryland Kilts led the Cardinals with 32 points and eight rebounds. Blake French scored 13 points and five rebounds. Reuben Yutzy added six points, Jack Karl scored four, and Lucas VanHoose and Wyatt Booth each scored two points.

The Cardinal girls lost to Touchet 55-26. Makenna Barron scored 11 points, Alyssa Hollingsworth scored seven, and Abbi Paolino had six points and five steals. Cheri Mathews

contributed two points, and Addison Crenshaw led the team in rebounding with five boards.

The JV boys lost to Touchet 44-28. Team highlights were made by Trace Nesje, who hit three treys – 3-pointers and Rollin Carpenter snagged eight rebounds.

Sunnyside Christian was in the gym on Wednesday, January 24, and took home three wins. They beat the JV team 71-33. Carpenter had 12 rebounds, and William Daves had six boards in the loss.

The Cardinal girls lost 55-12. Hollingsworth scored five points, rebounded five, and had three steals. Barron scored four points, and Paolino scored three points and had nine boards. Mathews chipped in with five rebounds.

Kilts led the varsity boys with 13 points. In the 63-38 loss, French added 12 points and five rebounds. Booth scored eight, and Yutzy had four points, five rebounds, and three steals.



Karen Huwe
Blake French shoots for two – #14 Yutzy

NEXT WRESTLING MATCH IN COLFAX ON FEB. 3

By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—The Waitsburg High School wrestling team resumed play after several wrestling competitions were canceled the week of January 15 due to weather. The team traveled to Colfax for a meet on January 23.

Coach Lash LaRue said Jarod Hankins made great strides at the meet, winning both matches. Graycen went 0-2, and Victor Whitmore had a bye in his first round and lost in his second.

On Saturday, January 27, the team went to Almira Coulee Hartline (ACH). Hankins had a record of 2-1 and was seeded 5th for post-season in the 190-pound weight group. Teal wrestled in the 175-pound group, had a 1-1 record, and was seeded 9th. Whitmore went 0-2 and is seeded 6th in the 165-weight group.

The team will travel to Spokane on Saturday, February 3.

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Pursuant to the Revised Code of Washington 61.24, et seq. 108 1st Ave South, Suite 450 Seattle, WA 98104 Trustee Sale No.: WA-22-914935-RM Title Order No.: 220261645-WA-MSW Reference Number of Deed of Trust: Instrument No. 2004-09467 Parcel Number(s): 4101 / 350735524535, 17969 / 350735524501 Grantor(s) for Recording Purposes under RCW 65.04.015: JAMES A JONES, JR, A MARRIED PERSON AS HIS SEPARATE ESTATE Current Beneficiary of the Deed of Trust and Grantee (for Recording Purposes under RCW 65.04.015): U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCF 2 ACQUISITION TRUST Current Trustee of the Deed of Trust: QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION Current Loan Mortgage Servicer of the Deed of Trust: Selene Finance, LP I. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION, the undersigned Trustee, will on 2/9/2024, at 10:00 AM at the main entrance to the Walla Walla county Courthouse, located at 315 W Main, Walla Walla, WA 99362 sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder, payable in the form of credit bid or cash bid in the form of cashier's check or certified checks from federally or State chartered banks, at the time of sale the following described real property, situated in the County of WALLA WALLA, State of Washington, to-wit: BEGINNING AT A POINT IN THE EAST LINE OF LOT 1 IN BLOCK 45 OF DISTRICT 3 OF BLALOCK ORCHARDS, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR OF SAID WALLA WALLA COUNTY, WHICH POINT IS 400.6 FEET NORTH, MEASURED ALONG THE EAST LINE OF LOTS 1 AND 12 OF SAID BLOCK 45 FROM THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 12; RUNNING THENCE WEST ON A LINE PARALLEL WITH THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID LOT 12 A DISTANCE OF 90 FEET; THENCE NORTH ON A LINE PARALLEL WITH THE EAST LINE OF SAID LOT 1 A DISTANCE OF 85 FEET; THENCE EAST ON A LINE PARALLEL WITH THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID LOT 1 A DISTANCE OF 90 FEET TO A POINT IN THE EAST LINE OF SAID LOT 1; THENCE SOUTH 85 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. BEGINNING AT A POINT IN A LINE PARALLEL TO AND 400.6 FEET NORTH OF THE SOUTH LINE OF BLOCK 45 OF BLALOCK ORCHARDS, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR OF WALLA WALLA COUNTY, WASHINGTON, SAID POINT BEING 90.0 FEET WEST, MEASURED ALONG SAID PARALLEL LINE, FROM THE EAST LINE OF SAID BLOCK 45, AND RUNNING THENCE WEST, PARALLEL TO THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID BLOCK 45, A DISTANCE OF 60.0 FEET; THENCE NORTH, PARALLEL TO THE EAST LINE OF SAID BLOCK 45, A

DISTANCE OF 85.0 FEET; THENCE EAST, PARALLEL TO THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID BLOCK 45, A DISTANCE OF 60.0 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 85.0 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SITUATED IN THE CITY OF COLLEGE PLACE, COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA, STATE OF WASHINGTON. More commonly known as: 222 SW DAVIS AVE, COLLEGE PLACE, WA 99324-1263 Subject to that certain Deed of Trust dated 8/10/2004, recorded 8/17/2004, under Instrument No. 2004-09467 records of WALLA WALLA County, Washington, from JAMES A JONES, JR, A MARRIED PERSON AS HIS SEPARATE ESTATE, as grantor(s), to FIRST AMERICAN TITLE COMPANY, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION, as original trustee, to secure an obligation in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR GOLDEN EMPIRE MORTGAGE, INC. DBA LOAN STREET MORTGAGE, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, as original beneficiary, the beneficial interest in which was subsequently assigned to U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCF 2 ACQUISITION TRUST, the Beneficiary, under an assignment recorded under Auditors File Number 2023-02662 II. No action commenced by the Beneficiary of the Deed of Trust as referenced in RCW 61.21.030(4) is now pending to seek satisfaction of the obligation in any Court by reason of the Borrower's or Grantor's default on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust/Mortgage. III. The default(s) for which this foreclosure is made is/are as follows: Failure to pay when due the following amounts which are now in arrears: \$18,395.85. IV. The sum owing on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust is: The principal sum of \$89,377.22, together with interest as provided in the Note from 5/1/2021 on, and such other costs, fees, and charges as are due under the Note, Deed of Trust, or other instrument secured, and as are provided by statute. V. The above-described real property will be sold to satisfy the expense of sale and the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust as provided by statute. Said sale will be made without warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances on 2/9/2024. The defaults referred to in Paragraph III must be cured by 1/29/2024 (11 days before the sale date), or by other date as permitted in the Note or Deed of Trust, to cause a discontinuance of the sale. The sale will be discontinued and terminated if at any time before 1/29/2024 (11 days before the sale), or by other date as permitted in the Note or Deed of Trust, the default as set forth in Paragraph III is cured and the Trustee's fees and costs are paid. Payment must be in cash or with cashiers or certified checks from a State or federally chartered bank. The sale may be terminated any time after the 1/29/2024 (11

days before the sale date) and before the sale, by the Borrower or Grantor or the holder of any recorded junior lien or encumbrance by paying the principal and interest, plus costs, fees and advances, if any, made pursuant to the terms of the obligation and/or Deed of Trust, and curing all other defaults. VI. A written Notice of Default was transmitted by the Beneficiary or Trustee to the Borrower(s) and Grantor(s) by both first class and certified mail, proof of which is in the possession of the Trustee; and the Borrower and Grantor were personally served, if applicable, with said written Notice of Default or the written Notice of Default was posted in a conspicuous place on the real property described in Paragraph I above, and the Trustee has possession of proof of such service or posting. The list of recipients of the Notice of Default is listed within the Notice of Foreclosure provided to the Borrower(s) and Grantor(s). These requirements were completed as of 8/23/2023. VII. The Trustee whose name and address are set forth below will provide in writing to anyone requesting it, a statement of all costs and fees due at any time prior to the sale. VIII. The effect of the sale will be to deprive the Grantor and all those who hold by, through or under the Grantor of all their interest in the above-described property. IX. Anyone having any objections to this sale on any grounds whatsoever will be afforded an opportunity to be heard as to those objections if they bring a lawsuit to restrain the sale pursuant to RCW 61.24.130. Failure to bring such a lawsuit may result in a waiver of any proper grounds for invalidating the Trustee's sale. X. NOTICE TO OCCUPANTS OR TENANTS – The purchaser at the Trustee's Sale is entitled to possession of the property on the 20th day following the sale, as against the Grantor under the deed of trust (the owner) and anyone having an interest junior to the deed of trust, including occupants who are not tenants. After the 20th day following the sale the purchaser has the right to evict occupants who are not tenants by summary proceedings under Chapter 59.12 RCW. For tenant-occupied property, the purchaser shall provide a tenant with written notice in accordance with RCW 61.24.060. THIS NOTICE IS THE FINAL STEP BEFORE THE FORECLOSURE SALE OF YOUR HOME. You may be eligible for mediation. You have only until 90 calendar days BEFORE the date of sale listed in this Notice of Trustee Sale to be referred to mediation. If this is an amended Notice of Trustee Sale providing a 45-day notice of the sale, mediation must be requested no later than 25 calendar days BEFORE the date of sale listed in this amended Notice of Trustee Sale. DO NOT DELAY. CONTACT A HOUSING COUNSELOR OR AN ATTORNEY LICENSED IN WASHINGTON NOW to assess your situation and refer you to mediation if you are eligible and it may help you save your home. See below for safe sources of help. SEEKING ASSISTANCE

Housing counselors and legal assistance may be available at little or no cost to you. If you would like assistance in determining your rights and opportunities to keep your house, you may contact the following: The statewide foreclosure hotline for assistance and referral to housing counselors recommended by the Housing Finance Commission: Toll-free: 1-877-894-HOME (1-877-894-4663) or Web site: http://www.dfi.wa.gov/consumers/homeownership/post_purchase_counselors_foreclosure.htm The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development: Toll-free: 1-800-569-4287 or National Web Site: <http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD> or for Local counseling agencies in Washington: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/sfh/hcc/fcl/index.cfm?webListAction=search&searchstate=WA&filterSvc=dfc> The statewide civil legal aid hotline for assistance and referrals to other housing counselors and attorneys: Telephone: 1-800-606-4819 or Web site: <http://nwjustice.org/> what-clear Additional information provided by the Trustee: If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the noteholders rights against the real property only. The Trustee's Sale Number is WA-22-914935-RM. Dated: 9/25/2023 QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION, as Trustee By: Jeff Stenman, President Trustee's Address: QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION 108 1st Ave South, Suite 450, Seattle, WA 98104 For questions call toll-free: (866) 925-0241 Trustee Sale Number: WA-22-914935-RM Sale Line: 916-939-0772 or Login to: <http://www.qualityloan.com> IDSPub #0188554 1/11/2024 2/1/2024 The Times Jan 11, 2024, Feb 1, 2024 1-11-a

COLUMBIA COUNTY PUBLIC HOSPITAL DISTRICT #1

BOARD SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA 02/06/2024 at 1:00 pm meeting Notice is hereby given that a special meeting of the Board of Directors of Columbia County Public Hospital District No. 1, will be held on February 6, 2024, at 1:00 pm. in the Touchet River conference room on the District's Dayton, Washington campus. The purpose of the meeting is to review the Chief Executive Officer's Performance and Contract. Final disposition shall not be taken on any other matter at such meeting Dated this 6th day of February 2024 Item Responsible 1. Call to Order Bob Hutchens, Chair. 2. Roll Call Bob Hutchens, Chair 3. Executive Session to review the job performance of the District's CEO (RCW 42.30.110(g)) Bob Hutchens, Chair 4. Adjournment Bob Hutchens, Chair The Times February 1, 2024 2-1-d

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA In the Matter of the Estate of Joyce M. Watts Deceased NO. 24 4 00018 36 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS RCW 11.40.030 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. 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 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 decedent's probate and non-probate assets. DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: February 1, 2024. Stephen E. Watts, Personal Representative Trevor V. Hanzeli, WSBA #51290 Roach Law Firm Attorney for Personal Representative 126 E Alder Street Walla Walla, WA 99362 509-522-6800 The Times February 1, 8, 15 2024 2-1-c

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA No. 24 4 000 10 36 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS In re the Estate of LAWRENCE EDWARD NORTH, Deceased. The personal representative named below has been appointed as personal representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided by RCW 11.40.070 by serving or mailing to the personal representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty (30) days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) Four (4) months after the date of first publication of this

notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051, and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets. Date of first publication: February 1, 2024 (anticipated) Personal Representative: Andrea Kay Dobson c/o Michael E. de Grasse Counsel for Personal Representative 59 S. Palouse St. P. O. Box 494 Walla Walla, WA 99362 Walla Walla County Superior Court Cause No.: 24 4 000 10 36 /s/: Andrea Kay Dobson Personal Representative The Times February 1, 8, 15 2024 2-1-a

Thad Sirmon Const, Thad Sirmon, 54 W Rees Ave Walla Walla, WA 99362-1155,

is seeking coverage under the Washington State Department of Ecology's Construction Stormwater NPDES and State Waste Discharge General Permit. The proposed project, 942 Spitzenburg Apartments, is located at 942 NE Spitzenburg St in college place in Walla Walla county. This project involves 1.5 acres of soil disturbance for Other (multi family) construction activities. All discharges and runoff goes to ground water. Any persons desiring to present their views to the Washington State Department of Ecology regarding this Application, or interested in Ecology's action on this Application, may notify Ecology in writing no later than 30 days of the last date of publication of this notice. Ecology reviews public comments and considers whether discharges from this project would cause a measurable change in receiving water quality, and, if so, whether the project is necessary and in the overriding public interest according to Tier II anti-degradation requirements under WAC 173-201A-320. Comments can be submitted to: ecyrewqiano@ecy.wa.gov, or ATTN: Water Quality Program, Construction Stormwater Washington State Department of Ecology P.O. Box 47696 Olympia, WA 98504-7696 The Times February 1, 8 2024 2-1-b

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME OF MINOR CHILD

State of Georgia, Coweta County Notice is hereby given that Serena Laws has filed a petition in the Superior Court of Coweta County on 1/19/24 for the change of name of her minor child from Lawrence J L Smith to Lawrence J Laws. Objections to this petition must be filed with the court within 30 days of the filing date. This notice will be published in the Waitsburg Times on 1/25/24. Serena Laws 96 Portico Pl. Newnan, GA 30265 Phone: 404-507-2765 The Times January 25th, February 1, 8, 15 2024 1-25-c

Palouse Outdoors: Hunting Late-Season Snowshoe Hares

By Brad Trumbo | THE TIMES

The end of the upland bird and waterfowl seasons in the early part of the calendar year comes with bittersweet closure, but as time ticks further beyond that last hunt, the urge to venture afield pulls harder, like an increasing magnetic force. Fortunately, small game seasons often run into March, bridging that early spring gap before the wild turkey opener. Early March can be a fine time to venture afield, with bluebird days forecasting imminent spring weather, which is precisely why I seek the mixed timber stands when the March sun breaks through the Washington freezing fog.

Snowshoe hares are one of the most abundant and well-distributed mammals in North America and are among the small game that can be hunted after other seasons close. They inhabit coniferous and boreal forests throughout the Pacific Northwest, New England, Alaska, Minnesota, Michigan, and Montana. However, hunting snowshoe hares comes with its challenges, like accessing high-elevation habitat.

Six feet of snow piled atop the Forest Service gate, separating my friends Doug, Rob, and me from our mountaintop destination. With snowshoes, it would have taken the rest of the day to make the hike, which is typically another thirty minutes by vehicle on a summer day. Walking to the rig behind me, I smirked through the window.

“What do ya think? Chain up and give it hell?”

I asked wryly.

“You first!” Doug replied with a nervous chuckle.

The wall of snow required the quick formulation of “Plan B,” which necessitated creativity. Also, Rob didn’t have snowshoes, which meant we would have to stay low in elevation. We would leave the deep forest, circumvent a mountain range, and work up the adjacent drainage bottom, although I was skeptical of finding hares below 3,000 feet.

The snow had mostly melted in the creek bottom, save for the toe of the eastern slope, which contained the right mix of ferns, fruiting shrubs, and blackberry, packed tight against a steep hillside that was shaded by eroded basalt bands.

A gated road sliced through the middle of the narrow cover, which made the walking easy, but passing the one-hour mark with no hare sign led me to complacency. I slipped into the clutches of Mother Nature’s charm, hypnotized by golden sun rays streaming through dark timber. Starbursts of sunlight glistened through water droplets that hung delicately from seafoam-tinted fruticose lichens. Steam rose from thawing frost. The stunning details held my attention as Doug and Rob focused on the hunt.

A short distance ahead, Rob walked a line through the thicket where raspberry, rose, and ferns created a dense ground cover. The faint metallic “click” of a gun safety roused my attention while a snow-white hare bounced across the trail directly between Doug and me, leaving us staring



Brad Trumbo

Doug emerges from a tangle of classic rabbit cover, characterized by thick shrubs, brush, and thorny plants like rose and blackberry, where he found this large hare.

at one another in disbelief.

Doug melted into the timber behind the hare while I back-tracked to find an opening in the greenery. A sudden bark from Doug’s Ithaca .410 single-shot echoed within the tight fir canopy, and he soon reappeared with a wide grin, carrying a beautiful young hare.

“It took me a moment to figure out why the snow was moving,” Rob said with a laugh as he emerged from the briars and ferns opposite Doug and me. Had the hare not run our way, it may have been Rob’s bunny.

We marveled over the silky softness of the hare’s flawless winter coat and poked fun at its comically large hind feet. A critter well equipped to thrive in deep snow and evade predators like Canada lynx, bobcats, and coyotes.

Doug swapped places with Rob and moved quickly to the snowy toe of the slope. Moments later, the sudden discharge of his shotgun startled Rob and me. A second hare sat conspicuously beneath a fir just above head height on the slope as Doug approached—a reward for being at the right place and time.

We called the hunt with two hares in the bag and shared a jovial hike out beneath the warming late-morning sun. That first hunt taught us that elevation is not a singular element in finding hares. The right habitat can be shrubby creek bottoms, given hares eat twigs, buds, and bark in winter. A mix of deciduous and coniferous forest stands offer a good variety of food sources and covers.

Look for “browse lines” where hares create trails in heavy snow. Always have a “Plan B,” as conditions and access can change yearly. And never forget your snowshoes.



Natural wonders like these intricate lichens thawing in the morning sun are pleasant distractions when the hare hunting is slow.

Winter Whack, a mole

By Vicki Sternfeld-Rossi | THE TIMES

Last month’s sub-zero weather was brutal, with little relief as temperatures reached a balmy 20 degrees. I was briefly ecstatic about our “not frozen” pipes. We enjoyed running water until we weren’t. And, of course, that’s not the least of it.

The floors were a mess, with salt, ice, footprints, and pawprints. I spent endless hours sweeping, cleaning, and protecting the wood floors. I’ve used Murphy’s Oil, Bona cleaner, and Rejuvenate formulas with towels and rags. Now, when it’s frigid, I do my 30-minute checks on the faucets and the floors. The piles of dirty laundry grew exponentially.

I dumped a whole load of laundry in the washing machine the other day, and lo and behold, no water. Most likely, the water line to the washing machine had frozen. Was there a way to “weep” water into the machine to avoid freezing? Doubtful, I’m sure. Also, why did it happen this year and not the past four winters?

It looked as if the dishwasher was also struggling from frozen pipe syndrome. Water went in but didn’t drain out. An error code from the front panel said Drain Clogged. After pulling it apart to look, Daniel’s educated opinion was that the



Graphic by Lane Gwinn

drainpipe froze, and water couldn’t drain out. Again, this was the first time this pipe had been a problem.

Sometimes, I think Mother Nature is on my side. Other times, she is out to get me or at least tease me into humility. I’m generally not paranoid, but this winter is testing my reserves. When I think I have solved the problem of frozen pipes, different pipes freeze. What’s perplexing is that this year’s frozen pipes are the ones that were insulated.

Mugsy would curl up on the bed, enjoying a fleeting ray of sunshine through the window. Before long, he would bug me to go outside and come to the instant realization that sunshine doesn’t always mean warmth or melted snow. Frequently, he would walk to the front path, picking up one frozen paw at a time until demanding to be carried back to the house.

On the first real snow day of the season, I drove to Walla Walla for my tennis game. The roads were good for the first five minutes before becoming treacherous. By the time I reached Dixie, I had swerved and skidded three or four times, even with snow tires. That drive was too much for me to repeat and I had to park my car. It quickly resembled an ice sculpture that needed occasional engine starts.

Each year, I am reminded that Mustang convertibles were not designed for eastern Washington winters. When I look at options for a more “sensible” car, I take too long. Spring appears, and I put the top down and think, “Maybe next year.”

FUN & GAMES

The Friendly Forest

By Jimmye L. Turner



Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



GRIN and BEAR IT



Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



Wine of the Week

Efesté 2022 Feral Sauvignon Blanc

By Paul Gregutt | THE TIMES

Some 16 years ago, I sat down to taste Efesté's first-ever release of Feral Sauvignon Blanc. I noted that it was made by fermenting with wild/native yeast, which gave it pleasing details of dried herb, sweet grass, fresh mushroom, and overall a more herba-ceous tone to the fruit without the tropical flavors of the regular bottling. At the time, this was cutting-edge winemaking, which has since become almost commonplace. The latest edition of Feral is

from 2022. Sourced from the Evergreen vineyard, a cool climate site, it remains a showcase for wild (or feral) yeast fermentation. It's less adventurous and more reliable these days while still bringing complex aromatics and a savory side to the pantheon of flavors. The lush palate mixes citrus flesh and zest, pineapple, and green melon. I love the way it lingers gracefully through a very long finish without a trace of an off-note. Highly recommended! 12.5%; \$25 (Ancient Lakes) 92/100



PIONEER PORTRAITS

Ten Years Ago

January 30, 2014

A newcomer stepping into Waitsburg Hardware and Mercantile for the first time is apt to be a bit taken aback. They'll find themselves in an old-fashioned general store, filled to the brim with all manner of goods, replete with a group of locals gabbing amiably around a table filled with coffee and treats. They'll probably be greeted at the door by a dog or two and will surely notice the large cay lying in his bed on the counter. It's quite possible a few of the coffee drinkers will be cuddling one of the kittens from the many kennels at the back of the store. It may be a little "different," but the store – home to Black Dog Rescue – is a community gem and source of pride to the locals. John and Marilyn Stellwagon purchased the store in 2004 – immediately connecting with locals and transforming it into a favorite gathering spot. About six months later they began the pet rescue.

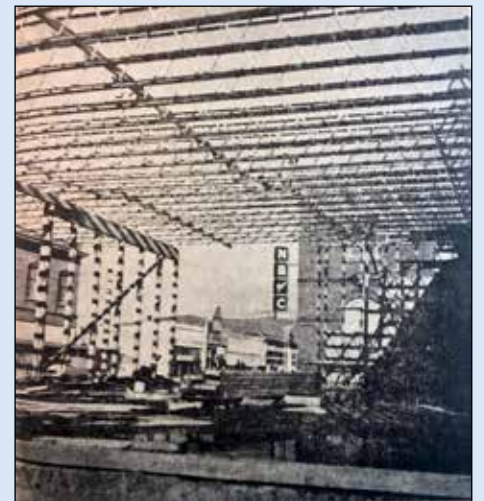
Twenty-Five Years Ago

February 4, 1999

A young Arizona girl's fascination with Japanese culture was first stimulated by exposure to Japanese Americans interned in an Arizona camp during World War II. Years later, that same person, now a teacher in Prescott, reveled in the culture again as a visiting teacher. Sandra Carpenter, Ph. D., of Waitsburg, was one of 600 American teachers visiting Japan as guests of the Japanese government in 1998, from which Dr. Carpenter recently returned. Carpenter, 58, was one of the American teachers to visit the Japanese islands to tour cultural, educational and other sights as part of a reciprocal program. The Japanese are hosting the teachers in gratitude for the Fulbright Memorial Fund's scholarships which made it possible for many Japanese students to attend U.S. colleges and universities.

Fifty Years Ago

January 31, 1974



[Photo Caption] National Bank of Commerce Sign framed under the new roof beams of the new structure which is going up in Waitsburg. Crews have been on the job in spite of inclement weather, and it appears that the construction completion date of April will be met. New vault may be seen at the right of the picture, partly in shadow.

Seventy-Five Years Ago

February 4, 1949

Lynn Pearson, Jim Archer and Parke Enders returned to W.S.C. Monday after spending the mid-semester vacations at their homes.

Cub Scouts met Jan. 31 at the K. P. Hall. Gold and silver awards were won by Bobby Balm, Lloyd Stovall, Charles Danielson, Glen Callahan, James Berry and Bruce Brunton.

Mr. and Mrs. Gil Burgund announce the re-opening of the Quality Bakery and will again provide quality cookies, pies, bread, rolls, etc.

One Hundred Years Ago

February 8, 1924

Eugene Ray together with his brother, Arthur M. Ray, have purchased the Pressery from Mrs. I. I. Keeling and expect to take possession Feb. 15th.

A bunch of members of the Waitsburg Commercial Club are arranging for a billiard tournament shortly. If you want to participate in the fun, see Marvin Lloyd, Clyde Macomber, or D. P. Hayes.

The Preston Shaffer Milling Co., of this city, has a very creditable exhibit of their flour and cereals at the showing of the industries of the Southern Inland Empire being held in Walla Walla this week.

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago

February 10, 1899

W. H. Stonecipher went to market the other day in his hack, having an assorted load of chickens, eggs, cut and dressed hog.

J. W. Morgan, manager of the electric light plant, had ten men employed Wednesday in cutting ice out of the plant race. As a result of this labor we had lights from nine o'clock Wednesday evening, all night.

Emanuel Mikkelsen returned from Nez Perce, Idaho where he has had charge of B. M. Kent's cattle, on last Thursday, after an absence of several months. Emanuel informed us that Mr. Kent had disposed of his cattle at a good price.

Lunches

WAITSBURG SENIOR CENTER

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

Tuesday, Feb. 6

Lasagna
Garlic Bread
Fruit
Vegetable
Cole Slaw

WAITSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT

Thursday, Feb. 1

Breakfast
Pancakes & Sausage
Lunch
Mac & Cheese
Steamed Veggies
Mixed fruit

Friday, Feb. 2

Breakfast
Scrambled eggs & Biscuit
Lunch
Tuna Sandwiches
Carrots & Celery
Peaches

Monday, Feb. 5

Breakfast
Yogurt Parfait
Lunch
Spaghetti with Meat Sauce
Brynne's House Salad

Tuesday, Feb. 6

Breakfast
Biscuits & Gravy
Lunch
Chicken Fajitas
Spanish Rice, Refried beans

Wednesday, Feb. 7

Breakfast
Berry Muffin & Yogurt
Lunch
Chili & Cornbread
Green Beans
Frozen fruit Cup



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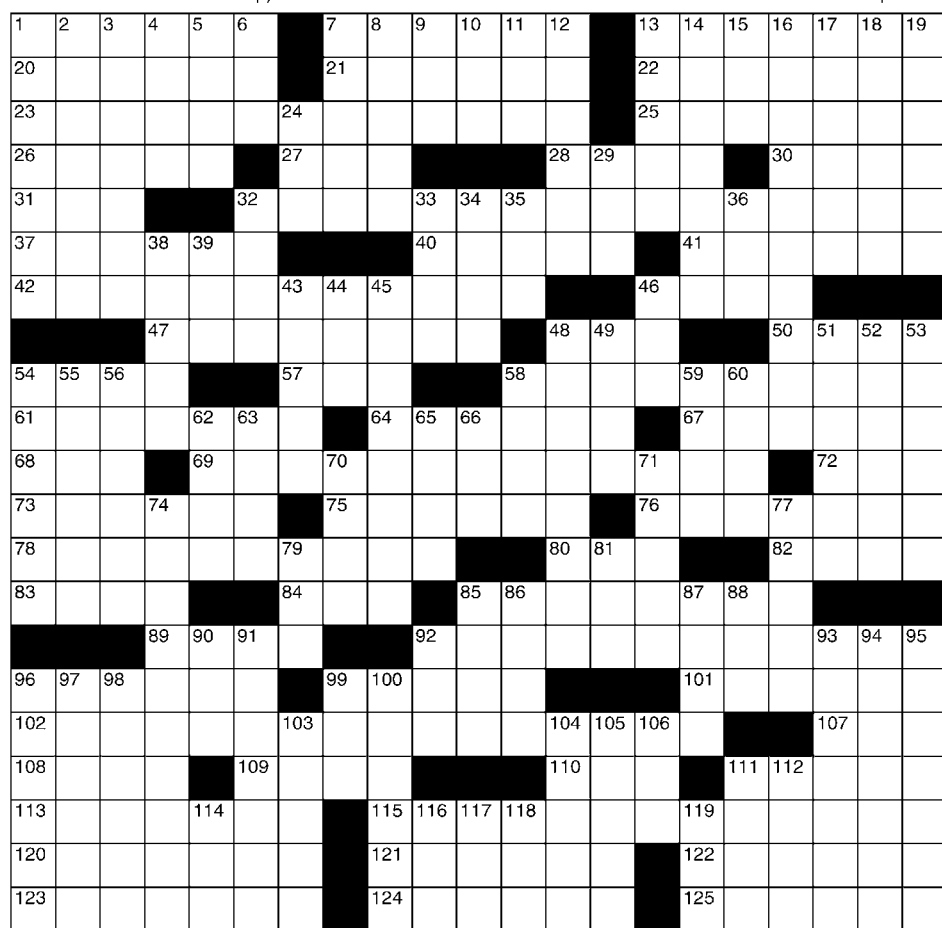
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PUZZLES & LIFESTYLES

Super Crossword

THE SILVER SCREEN

- ACROSS**
- 1 Guy in the Beatles "I Am the Walrus"
 7 Brand of bottled water
 13 Holy places
 20 Yacht basin
 21 Old Missouri natives
 22 Arranged, as a page for printing
 23 2001 Josh Hartnett war film
 25 Not macho
 26 "— little!" ("Have some fun!")
 27 Vegas action
 28 Darkens in the sun
 30 Hammer, e.g.
 31 Yalie
 32 1971 Malcolm McDowell crime film
 37 They're fed after parking
 40 "Energy healing" technique
 41 Artist Neiman and Jim Croce's Brown
 42 1973 Charlton Heston thriller
- 46 Beginner, in gaming lingo
 47 Use sandpaper on, informally
 48 Ed. supporter
 50 Brain wave tests, in brief
 54 —-Ball (carnival game)
 57 Lubbock-to-Laredo dir.
 58 1986 Isabella Rossellini neo-noir film
 61 WWW page
 64 Musical inaptitude
 67 Having arrived tardily
 68 Choose (to)
 69 1984 Gene Wilder romantic comedy
 72 "— said before ..."
 73 "The Lion in Winter" actor
 75 Dawned
 76 Certain English student
 78 1984 Prince musical film
 80 Psychic "gift"
 82 Table scraps
 83 Graf — (German warship)
- 84 Potent compound in marijuana: Abbr.
 85 Sequence of episodes on the tube
 89 Test of speed
 92 1986 Molly Ringwald Cinderella story
 96 6x9-inch book
 99 Attach with cord, e.g.
 101 Actor Patrick
 102 1992 Wesley Snipes sports film
 107 ABA mem.
 108 Sol-do linkup
 109 Meat spread
 110 "Starpeace" singer Yoko
 111 —- voce (quietly)
 113 Smart speaker from Amazon
 115 Photos not in shades of gray ... or what eight answers in this puzzle are?
- 123 More impertinent
 124 Actor Dick Van —
 125 Evaluate
- DOWN**
- 1 Tokens
 2 Telescope pioneer
 3 Newton topic
 4 Rats' relatives
 5 Crooner Paul
 6 "Prob'ly not"
 7 Carpentry rod
 8 Invite out for
 9 Hardly happy
 10 Of yore
 11 Unfamiliar
 12 Fails to be satisfactory
 13 Skulked
 14 Sci-fi role for Harrison Ford
 15 Cup edge
 16 Muckraker who took on Standard Oil
 17 "That's all wrong!"
 18 Funeral speech
 19 Fashion trends
 24 Jackson 5 hit
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 32 Comes — surprise
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 38 Someone — problem
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 43 "I fail — the humor"
 44 Some sporty autos
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 46 No, in Selkirk
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 51 Major Taiwanese carrier
 52 Implies
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 59 Lead-in to Cong or Minh
 60 Lead-in to skeleton
 62 "— cost you!"
 63 You, quaintly
 65 "Sign me up!"
 66 Rapper Lil — X
 70 Infant's cry
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 91 Write music
 92 Pod veggie
 93 Like Charlie Brown's kite, inevitably
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 95 Result of a very-low-carb diet
 96 Hooting baby birds
 97 Latin dance
 98 Gives 10%
 99 Blast creator
 100 Polar topper
 103 Diner patron
 104 1995-2011 Yankee Posada
 105 Release, as from a corral
 106 "Excusez—!"
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Weekly SUDOKU

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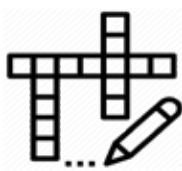
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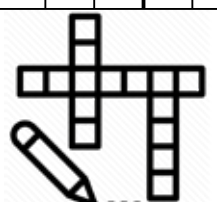
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MY RECIPES Luke Chavez

Sausage and Broccoli Pasta



While some pasta dishes can be quite complicated, such as a slow simmering Bolognese or an intricately layered lasagna, some of my favorite recipes are those composed of just a few ingredients that come together quickly. Here, flavor-packed Italian sausage and bright broccoli are simmered into a buttery sauce with garlic and Parmesan cheese. Satisfying after a long day of work, this easy, weeknight recipe can make a broccoli lover out of even the pickiest of eaters.

Ingredients:

- 1 pound tube shaped pasta, (such as penne, ziti or rigatoni)
- 5 tablespoons olive oil, divided
- 1 pound Italian sausage, casings removed
- 3 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 tablespoon red wine vinegar
- 1 cup chicken broth
- 1 pound broccoli florets
- Salt
- ¼ teaspoon red pepper flakes, or to taste
- 3 tablespoons butter
- ½ cup freshly grated Parmesan or pecorino Romano
- Fresh parsley, chopped

Directions:

Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Add pasta and cook according to package instructions for al dente.

Meanwhile, in a large skillet, heat 1 tablespoon of the olive oil over medium-high heat. Add the sausage to the skillet and cook, crumbling it with a spoon as you go, until lightly browned, about 5 to 6 minutes. Reduce the heat to medium and add the garlic, cooking until fragrant, about another minute. Splash in the red wine vinegar and scrape up any browned bits from the bottom of the pan. Cook for another minute to cook off the vinegar.

Next, add the remaining 4 tablespoons of olive oil, chicken stock, broccoli, red pepper flakes, and a generous pinch of salt. Continue to cook, stirring frequently, until the broccoli is tender-crisp and still vibrant green, about 3 to 4 minutes. Stir in the butter and continue to simmer until the sauce slightly reduces.

Use a heat-proof measuring cup to reserve 1 cup of the pasta cooking water. Drain the pasta and return it to the large pot. Add the sausage and broccoli mixture, along with half of the grated cheese, and toss to combine. To help blend the flavors and melt the cheese, add a splash of the pasta water as needed. Taste and adjust seasoning, adding more salt or crushed pepper as needed. Serve in warm bowls with a garnish of parsley and more grated cheese.

Notes:

You can use sweet or spicy Italian sausage for this recipe, made with either pork or chicken. If you are feeling adventurous, you could also make your own sausage by seasoning ground pork, chicken, or turkey with salt, pepper, garlic powder, oregano, crushed red pepper, and plenty of crushed fennel seeds.

You could also turn this into a baked pasta dish by spreading the above, prepared recipe in a 9- by 13-inch baking dish. Top with spoonfuls of ricotta cheese and then spread grated mozzarella and the remaining grated Parmesan over that. Bake in a 375-degree oven until the cheese is melted and golden brown.

Enjoy.

Community Calendar

WAITSBURG MONTHLY MEETINGS



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

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

Waitsburg School Board

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

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

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

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

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

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

Friends of the Weller Public Library
New Meeting Time - Second Tuesday of the month @ 7 p.m.

Weller Public Library, 212 Main Street, Waitsburg

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



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

DAYTON & COLUMBIA COUNTY MEETINGS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PRESCOTT MEETINGS

Church Directory

St. Mark Catholic Church

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

Waitsburg Presbyterian Church

504 Main
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 11 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



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AMERICAN 35

BINGO NIGHT

Thurs., Feb. 8 @ 6:30 p.m.
Bingo



Wed., Feb. 14 @ 7 p.m.
Singles Mixer Pizza Class

TRIVIA NIGHT

Wed., Feb. 28 @ 6:30 p.m.
Trivia Night

ROYAL BLOCK WAITSBURG

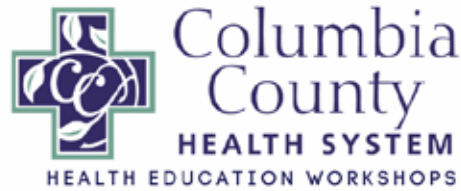
Feb. 1, Thursday – Open Mic Night with music, poetry, and stand-up comedy (no advance sign up required) 6-8 p.m.

Feb. 3 Saturday – Smoky Rose Cellars Wine Tasting @ 3-7 p.m.

Feb. 17 Friday – Vintage Market & Wallala Dumplings @ 2-6 p.m.



DAYTON



DAYTON SENIOR CENTER (COLUMBIA COUNTY SENIOR CENTER)

Free monthly workshops at Dayton Senior Center on the first Tuesday of the month. Call (509) 382-2006 for details.

February workshop is "Heart and Stroke Education."

March workshop is "Introduction to Population Health."

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