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Karen Huwe

The seventh-grade band awaits instructor Mrs. Jaegeski.

## Waitsburg Christmas Concert brings cheer

By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—Waitsburg High School and Preston Hall's Christmas Concert was held in the high school auditorium on December 12. Waitsburg's outstanding music instructor, Mrs. Elizabeth Jaegeski, directed the concert.

The sixth-grade band opened the program, playing "Good King Wenceslas," "Jingle Bells," and "Jolly Old Saint Nicholas." The duet of Kaitlyn Paul and Emily played "Lightly Row."

The Cardinal Choir sang "Do You Hear What I Hear," followed by the seventh-grade band playing "Sleigh Ride," "Frosty the Snowman," "Home For The Holidays," and "Levitating." The duet of Sophia Castillo and Stella Pearson played "Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy."

The Cardinal Choir sang "Angels We Have Heard

On High" before the eight-twelve-grade band played "Carol Of The Bells," "Transmutation," and "Jingle Bell Rock." The trio of Fredy Chavez, Juca Beckman, and Bryer Paul played "We Wish You A Merry Christmas."

Jaegeski is very proud of the students' growth. She said they were working well together and recognizing what sounds good. The school has replaced band uniforms and would appreciate donations of instruments so the band can continue to improve their musical skills with quality instruments.

## THIS WEEK



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## Jay's Garage to change ownership

Port discusses new leases and issues relating to a railroad sale.

By Justin Jaech | THE TIMES

DAYTON – The Columbia Port Commissioners held their regular meeting at 5 p.m. on December 13, 2023. Commissioners Seth Bryan, Johnny Watts, and Executive Director Jennie Dickinson attended at the port office and Genie Crowe via Zoom.

Dickinson updated the commissioners on five leases. The Desperado Cowboy Bullets and Blue Mountain Co-op renewed their leases for two years. Rae's Studio in the Cameron Street CoWorking building extended its lease for another year. The Columbia County Conservation District signed a new lease for the garden space at Blue Mountain Station. The conservation district will grow and store native plants used along the rivers at the property.

Finally, the port signed a three-year lease with Ace Automotive for the property held by Jay's Garage. Jay Ball, the owner of Jay's, will retire at the end of 2023 and has sold the business to an employee, Andres Lara.

Dickinson said the Lyons Ferry Marina concessionaires believed their most important project is the construction of pull-through sites. Next, they hope to address repairs to moorage to allow work on the marina's boat launch and fuel dock. The sea wall was last on the concessionaire's list. Dickinson spoke broadly about potential funding sources for those projects.

Dickinson then said the Conservation District, the new lease for the BMS garden, is considering building a larger greenhouse and moving their offices to the property. If implemented, this move could generate five or six jobs.

Chris Herman from the Washington Public Ports Association (WPPA) spoke about the railroad as a guest speaker. He focused on issues for the port should it decide to sell the railroad and right of way.

Herman spoke in depth on the matter and said the port should ensure a buyer has a business plan that coincides with the port's vision. For example, a common revenue generator for rail operators is to rent inactive lines to other companies for storage of their unused rail cars. Herman said he doubted Columbia County would like to see the rail line alongside Highway 12 full of unused, stored rail cars.

The work on the railroad property's appraisal has begun; however, the assessment may not be completed for several months.

The Dayton Community Broadband



Courtesy photo

Jay Ball will be retiring at the end of the year, passing his successful garage to Andres Lara.

## Guilty Without Prejudice

By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—Waitsburg School students acted as jurors in the State of California vs. George Milton, in the murder of Lennie Small, and delivered a verdict of dismissed without prejudice.

The names of the defendant and victim will sound familiar to those familiar with John Steinbeck's "Of Mice and Men."

The mock trial based on the famous book was held in Shannon Schreindl's high school freshmen classroom. In the first trial that afternoon, all present rose when Judge Schreindl was introduced. Prosecuting attorney Quinn Benavides called witnesses Crooks, Boss, Carlson, and the girl from Weed, asking questions before giving the floor to defense attorney Makenzie Castillo for cross-examination.

There was an overruled objection, and Castillo sometimes had no cross-examination questions.

Benavides, with the Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Tegan Largent, charged Milton with shooting Small in the back of the head.

Castillo and assistant Griffen Hinchliffe called witnesses Candy, Slim, and Curly before putting Milton (Vayden Guay) on the stand. On the stand, Milton claimed he acted in self-defense.

After both sides' closing arguments, the jurors left the "courtroom" to deliberate. They returned with a verdict of "dismissed without prejudice."

In the second trial of the day, Prosecuting Attorney Jasper Sweet was assisted by Pilar Easton and McKenzie Strickland. Sweet asked probing questions, and the defense attorney, Akayden Mikesell, occasionally had no questions during cross-examination. Trace Nesje assisted Mikesell for the defense.

After both sides questioned witnesses and presented closing arguments, the jury deliberated, and the foreperson announced a hung jury verdict.

Schreindl had her students participate in the mock trial after reading the book "Of Mice and Men" by John Steinbeck.



Karen Huwe

Some members of the court, (l-r) Assistant defense attorney Trace Nesje, Vayden Guay (George Milton weeping after verdict), defense attorney Akayden Mikesell, Hannah Peralez (Curley, Lennie smashed his hand), Rollin Carpenter (Crooks, named because of crooked back) and defense attorney Jasper Sweet

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# NEWS BRIEFS

## NEWS BRIEFS

### AT THE LIBERTY: "Trolls Band Together"

THE TIMES

DAYTON—Get ready for an action-packed, all-star, rainbow-colored family reunion like no other as Anna Kendrick and Justin Timberlake return for the new chapter in DreamWorks Animation's blockbuster musical franchise. After two films of true friendship and relentless flirting, Poppy (Anna Kendrick) and Branch (Justin Timberlake) are now officially, finally, a couple. As they grow closer, Poppy discovers that Branch has a secret past. He was once part of her favorite boyband phenomenon, BroZone, with his four brothers: Floyd (Troye Sivan), John Dory (Eric André), Spruce (Daveed Diggs) and Clay (Kid Cudi). BroZone disbanded when Branch was still a baby, as did the family, and Branch hasn't seen his brothers since. But when Branch's bro Floyd is kidnapped for his musical talents by a pair of nefarious pop-star villains—Velvet (Amy Schumer) and Veneer (Andrew Rannells)—Branch and Poppy embark on a harrowing and emotional journey to reunite the other brothers and rescue Floyd from a fate even worse than pop-culture obscurity.

The returning cast includes Zooey Deschanel as Bridget; Christopher Mintz-Plasse as Gristle, the Icona Pop duo Aino Jawo and Caroline Hjelt as Satin and Chenille, plus many others. DreamWorks Animation's Trolls films—2016's "Trolls" and 2020's "Trolls World Tour"—have sung and danced their way to record-breaking success, earning an Oscar nomination for Best Original Song and fueling one of the largest and most beloved entertainment brands in the world.

"Trolls Band Together" serves up another amusing, eye-catching outing that should entertain young fans of the franchise while remaining perfectly painless for parents is one critic's consensus on the Rotten Tomatoes website. Critics there only rated this movie 60% favorable, but the audiences gave it 92% favorable. This movie is rated PG for mildly rude and suggestive humor. It has a runtime of 91 minutes.

Please note that we have experienced many last-minute attendees to movies, which creates issues for us to adequately serve everyone and start the movie on time. Please arrive at least 15 minutes before the show is scheduled to start. We appreciate your cooperation.

Also, we are reactivating our East Coast New Year's Eve celebration on Dec. 31 with a showing of Sleepless in Seattle at 7 p.m., after which there will be hors d'oeuvres and a sparkling toast at 9 pm, all for \$25 per person.

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**TROLLS BAND TOGETHER**

### East Coast New Year's Eve Celebration at the Liberty Theater

December 31 at 7 p.m.

Special movie "Sleepless in Seattle" with Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan, followed by a social event with hors d'oeuvres and a toast to the new year at 9 pm, East Coast New Year's Eve.

Price \$25 per person includes the movie, a glass of champagne or sparkling cider and the famous Liberty Theater hors d'oeuvres!

This was a tradition at Liberty Theater for many years before COVID, starting back when there was no smoke-free place to celebrate, and for people that don't stay up past midnight, or who want to go to 2 parties!

Rated PG, runtime 105 minutes

### SANTA HAS DROPPED OFF LETTERS TO DAYTON LIBRARY

THE TIMES

Did you, your child, or anyone you know leave a letter to Santa at the Festival of Trees or the Dayton Library? If so, Santa has sent his replies, and a large bag of letters from the North Pole was just dropped off at the Dayton Library.

Come to the library this week to pick up your letters for Christmas. If you can't make it before Christmas, his letter will still be there waiting for you next week.



### DEATH NOTICE

Barbara K. Hubbard, 91, of Pasco, died December 12 in Pasco. She was born in Baker City, OR., and lived in Waitsburg for 62 years. She was a retired manager at a law firm.

Einan's at Sunset, Richland, is in charge of arrangements.

### CLASSIFIEDS

#### HELP WANTED

Fun opportunity to join a motivated team of library professionals providing excellent service to the community. The Columbia County Rural Library District is seeking a flexible, reliable, and organized individual for the position of Library Assistant I. Position is full-time (38-40 hours/week) at the Dayton Memorial Library in Dayton, WA. Full job description available at [ccrld.org](http://ccrld.org). Contact Ellen Brigham, [director@ccrld.org](mailto:director@ccrld.org) or 509-382-3169.

The Columbia County Rural Library District in southeast Washington State is seeking a Director of Library Services. The Director will be responsible for the day to day operation of one central library serving a population of approximately 4000 people and 2500 active patrons. Full job description available at [ccrld.org](http://ccrld.org). Applications for this position accepted until 12/27. Contact Ellen Brigham, [director@ccrld.org](mailto:director@ccrld.org) or 509-382-3169.

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### WALLA WALLA COMMUNITY HOSPICE WILL START GRIEF SUPPORT CLASSES JANUARY

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—Community members throughout the region are invited to join a ten-week grief support class offered this winter by the Walla Walla Community Hospice (WWCH.) The class will begin Wednesday, January 10, 2024, and run through March 13, 2023. It is offered in person at WWCH and virtually. Attendees need not be family members of current or former hospice patients; there is no charge to the participants. All forms of grief support offered through Walla Walla Community Hospice are free.

The hybrid weekly support group will be held on Wednesdays from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. It will be facilitated by WWCH grief support specialists utilizing the book, "Understanding Your Grief" by Dr. Alan Wolfelt. The winter group will close to new members after the second meeting or when registration is filled.

After winter's 10-week class, the next Grief Support Class will begin on Tuesday, April 9, 2024, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

To participate in any of WWCH's grief support groups, please register via 509-525-5561 or [info@wwhospice.org](mailto:info@wwhospice.org). To learn more about the grief support opportunities, please review support options listed at [www.hospice.org](http://www.hospice.org).

WWCH was founded in Walla Walla in 1980. The not-for-profit agency provides compassionate end-of-life comfort care, family support, and bereavement support in Walla Walla and Columbia Counties and NE Umatilla County. Hospice addresses all the needs of the patient and family during the last stages of an illness. Patients who contact WWCH when they first learn an illness is incurable are able to receive the most comprehensive care. Patients of any age and with any terminal illness are eligible for a hospice benefit.

**PORT - FROM PAGE 1** project is complete; 574 households have subscribed through one of the three ISPs. Dickenson said that many of the utility trucks seen around town were not connected to the port's broadband project but instead have been contracted by Charter Communications to remove the old TTVV cable.

Dickinson announced the voting results from the Community Economic Development Symposium (CEDS). Housing was selected as an issue the attendees thought to be the top priority for Columbia County's economic development.

The meeting went into an executive session for about ten minutes.

Following the close of the executive session, Genie Crowe gave a farewell message, thanking those who helped her in her duties as port commissioner. Mike Spring was elected to fill Crowe's seat on the board beginning in January.

The next meeting of the Port Commissioners is scheduled for 5 p.m., January 10, 2024.

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# NEWS & SPORTS

## “THE GIFT OF ART” SHOW AT THE COMBINE

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WALLA WALLA—The Combine Art Collective in Walla Walla has extended its gallery hours through December 23rd. The gallery hours from Monday, December 18 through December 23, will be 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Combine features a unique selection of items, including jewelry, boxes, cards, glass, ceramic, painting, sculpture, and ornaments by member artists, artisans, and guest artists.

Here is the list of artists who will participate in this year’s “The Gift of Art” show:

Combine Members: Lauri Borer, Sheila Coe, Bonnie Zahn Griffith, Anne Haley, Patty Gardner, Ann Hooper, Tricia Harding, J&S Glassworks, Gary Meddaugh, Rachelle Moore, Matthew Pierce, Katherine Wildermuth, Dianna Woolley, Lynn Woolson

Guest Artists: Kathryn Barron, Ben Brown, Mary-Ann Duffy, Tara Graves, Margaret Jamison, Marriam Motamedi, Heather Sinclair, Tim Theriac

Visit [Combineartcollective.com](http://Combineartcollective.com) to learn more about the event and venue.

Combine Art Collective is located at 130 East Rose Street #102, Walla Walla, Wash.



Lane Gwinn

Original photograph by Tim Theriac

## Wine of the Week



### The Jack 2022 Red Wine

By Paul Gregutt | THE TIMES

I cannot say enough about how utterly delicious this wine is. In fact, any wine bearing The Jack label is going to gobsmack your tastebuds. This is the latest rendition of the original Jack red, a Right Bankish Bordeaux blend of 75% Merlot, 10% Cab Franc, 10% Malbec, and 5% Petit Verdot. It may sound rather sophisticated for such an inexpensive wine, but it meets the challenge and takes you to flavor infinity and beyond. The Jack’s track record for low cost/high quality over the past 20 years is undeniable. If anything, this is a much better wine than in the brand’s early days, with older vineyard sources, more accomplished winemaking, and a balanced, lingering, complex finish. The bold raspberry fruit shines through a long, clean finish, with a finishing kiss from 25% new oak. And yes, it’s topped with a screwcap, which guarantees freshness. 6500 cases; 14.5%; \$18 Columbia Valley) 92/100

## Wrestling Team Competes in First Tournament

By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES

The Waitsburg High School wrestling team competed in their first tournament in Connell on Saturday, December 9.

Koyen Fortune, the most experienced wrestler on the team, had to move up a weight class. Usually, he is in the 190-weight class. In his first match, Fortune got pinned in the second round at two minutes 45 seconds, and in the second, he pinned his opponent in 29 seconds.

Fortune wrestled Cardinal teammate Jarod Hankins in his third match, winning with a score of 7-3. Fortune lost 4-2 after three rounds in a hard-fought fourth match.

Hankins (190-weight class) is a first-year wrestler and ended the day with a 1-2 record.

Victor Whitmore (175-weight class) is another first-year wrestler who went 0-2 in his first tournament.

Coach Lash LaRue said, “Whitmore is going to do great when everything clicks, and I know it will click for him.”

First-year wrestler Graycen Teal (175-weight class, had a record of 1-2 at Connell. He won his first match after three rounds, 14-8.

Tucker Hamilton (138-weight class) went 0-2 for the day. Hamilton went three rounds in his first



Courtesy photo

Fortune at Connell

match, losing 15-9, and was pinned by his opponent in his second match.

Akayden Mikesell (165-weight class) ended up 1-2 as a freshman on the Cardinal team. He did exceptionally well, considering he also had to move up a weight class. Mikesell won his first match by pinning his opponent in 43 seconds. He lost his second match by a score of 9-3, and he was pinned in his third match.

The team’s next tournament will be in Pomeroy on December 30.

## MUSIC AT THE ROYAL BLOCK

WAITSBURG—Waitsburg businesses celebrated Stocking Stuffer Saturday with shopping, holiday treats, and live music. Mike Ferrians and Stephanie Hinchliffe led a holiday sing-along at the Royal Block on Main Street, and American 35 hosted Quin Wise on guitar.

Local residents and visitors to town joined in to make the event a joyous celebration.

There is still time to find that perfect gift at Guady Gals on Main, Blush Salon, Ten Ton Coffee, Royal Block, American 35, classes from Greg Tate Studio and Simply Sawdust.



Courtesy photo

## MS BOYS FINISH SEASON WITH WINS

By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—Waitsburg Middle School boys basketball team finished their season with two wins. The boys beat Prescott 22-15 on the Cardinal court on December 13. As Prescott only had enough boys for one team, the A-team played the first and third quarters against Prescott, and the “B” team played in the second and fourth quarters. B-team’s point guard, Damien Karl, had a hot night, scoring 14 points.

On December 14, the A-boys traveled to Dayton and won 17-14. Dayton did not have enough players for two teams. Jake Lynch led the team in scoring with six points.



Karen Huwe



Colt Boudrieau shoots as #12 Flynn Richardson and #32 Arrow Groom look to rebound against Prescott

## Lunches

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IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA NO. 23 4 00270 36 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS RCW 11.40.030

In the Matter of the Estate of Robert P. Lorán 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 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.

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PURPOSES ORDINANCE NO. 2005 AN ORDINANCE OF THE DAYTON CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DAYTON, WASHINGTON, VACATING A PORTION OF NORTH 2nd STREET, VACATING A PORTION OF NORTH 2nd STREET RIGHT-OF-WAY, NORTH OF EAST DAYTON AVENUE. WEST OF BLOCK 68 OF DAY'S ADDITION TO DAYTON AND EAST OF BLOCK 60 OF BROOKLYN'S ADDITION TO DAYTON. The full text of Ordinance No. 2005, adopted the 7TH day of November 2023, is available for examination at the Dayton City Hall, 111 South 1st Street, Dayton, WA during normal business hours, 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday - Friday. By: Zac Weatherford, Mayor Attest: /s/ Debra M. Hays, City Clerk/Treasurer Approved as to from: /s/ Quinn Plant, City Attorney Published: December 21, 2023 The Waitsburg Times December 21, 2023 12-21-a

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### Mill Creek RM 17 Floodplain Improvement Project

Invitation to Bid PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT The Walla Walla County Conservation District (WWCCD) is issuing an Invitation to Bid on the Mill Creek RM Floodplain Improvement Project. The project is located on Mill Creek, east of Walla Walla, Washington. The construction begins at the confluence of Blue Creek and continues upstream roughly 1 mile. Major elements of this project include installing a series of revetment log structures, log jam and bank habitat structures, and pilot and drain channel cuts. The complete bid packet will be available December 7, 2023 at 1:00 PM. There is a mandatory, in-person pre-bid meeting and site visit beginning at 10:00 AM on December 19, 2023 at the WWCCD office. The In-stream work window begins July 15, 2024 and concludes Sept 15, 2024. Proposals will be for materials, labor, equipment, and appurtenant items required as per project plans and specifications. Bids must be guaranteed for 60 days from Project Award Date. The complete bid packet is available at the WWCCD office; materials will be available on a drive, or via email at annie.byerley@wwccd.net. Proposal will include a statement of qualifications and the elements of which will be used to award the bid. A 5% Bid Guarantee or equivalent will be required. The project will follow Davis-Bacon wage determinations (Prevailing Wages required). WWCCD retains the right to reject any and all bids and to waive minor irregularities in the bidding process. Bids must be received at the WWCCD office by the designated date and time. For questions, please contact Annie Byerley at annie.byerley@wwccd.net or (509) 956-3764. Walla Walla County Conservation District, 325 North 13th Ave., Walla Walla, WA. 99362 The Times December 7, 14, 2023 12-7-a

### DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Description of Proposal: 2024 Walla Walla County - Annual Construction Program. Non-project review of Walla Walla County's proposed one-year road program for 2023. Work will be done on various roads and bridges throughout unincorporated Walla Walla County, including the following: Dell Sharpe Bridge on Pettyjohn Road, Byrnes Road, Lower Waitsburg Road, Lower Waitsburg Road, Seven Mile Road and Bridge, Fishhook Park Road, Mill Creek Road; deck repair of Hart Bridge and Gose Street Bridge, Lyons Ferry Road, Five Mile Road Bridge, Wallula Avenue Bridge, Mojonnier Road, Paxton Bridge on 3rd Avenue South, Reser Road, and intersection safety enhancements. Proponent: WALLA WALLA COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS 990 NAVION LN WALLA WALLA WA, 99362 Owner: WALLA WALLA COUNTY PO BOX 1506 WALLA WALLA WA, 99362 Location of Proposal: The sites are located throughout the unincorporated Walla Walla County. The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030 (2) (c). This decision was made after a review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request. The Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) is based on the project as proposed and reflected in the following: Environmental Checklist (SEPA23-015), dated 11/1/2023 2024 Annual Construction Program list This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2)(a); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for fourteen days from the date below. Comments must be submitted by January 2, 2024. The lead agency has determined that the requirements for environmental analysis, protection, and mitigation measures have been adequately addressed in the development regulations and comprehensive plan adopted under chapter 36.70A RCW, and in other applicable local, state or federal laws or rules, as provided by RCW 43.21C.240 and WAC 197-11-158. Our agency will not require any additional mitigation measures under SEPA. This DNS may be withdrawn at any time if the proposal is modified so that it is likely to have significant adverse environmental impacts (unless a non-exempt license has been issued if the proposal is a private project); if there is significant new information indicating, or on, a proposal's probable significant adverse environmental impacts; or if the DNS was procured by misrepresentation or lack of material disclosure. Lead Agency: Walla Walla County Responsible official: Lauren Prentice, Community Development Director Address: 310 W Poplar Street, Suite 200 Walla Walla, WA 99362 Phone: 509-524-2610 Email: planning@co.walla-walla.wa.us Issue Date: 12/19/2023 Signature: /s/ Lauren Prentice Date: 12/15/2023 Staff Contact: Michael Maret, Associate Planner, 509-524-2621 You may appeal this determination, in writing, to the CDD no later than fourteen days from the end of the comment period. You should be prepared to make specific factual objections. Contact the CDD to read or ask about the procedures for SEPA appeals and obtain details regarding submittals for appeals (including application forms and fees). Walla Walla County Code (WWCC) Chapter 14.11 outlines the County's appeal procedure. The Times December 21, 2023 12-21-f

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

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA Case No.: 23-4-00246-36 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS RCW 11.40.030 In the Matter of the Estate of DIAMENTINA R. RANGEL, Deceased. PLEASE TAKE NOTICE The personal representative named below has been appointed as personal representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the personal representative or the personal representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets. Date of First Publication: December 7, 2023 Personal Representative: Ernesto Ramirez Attorney for the Personal Representative: Kelby J. Derenick Address for Mailing or Service: 14 E. Main St., Suite 207, Walla Walla, WA 99362 Court of proceedings and case number: Walla Walla County Superior Court, 23-4-00246-36 Dated this 30th day of November, 2023. Kelby J. Derenick, WSBA#42860 Attorney for Personal Representative The Times December 7, 14, 21 2023 12-7-c

### ORDINANCE SUMMARY BY TITLE ONLY FOR PUBLICATION PURPOSES

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2008 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DAYTON, WASHINGTON, RELATING TO TAXATION OF UTILITY PROVIDERS; AMENDING 2-34.030 SECTIONS E AND F OF THE DAYTON MUNICIPAL CODE, CHANGING THE 12% UTILITY TAX TO 15% UTILITY TAX ON THE GROSS INCOME OF THOSE ENGAGED IN THE DISTRIBUTION OF WATER AND WASTEWATER OPERATIONS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROVIDING FOR SUMMARY PUBLICATION BY ORDINANCE TITLE ONLY. The full text of Ordinance No. 2008 adopted the 21st day of November 2023, is available for examination at the Dayton City Hall, 111 South 1st Street, Dayton, WA during normal business hours, Monday-Friday 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Full text of the Ordinance shall be mailed upon request. By:/s/ Zac Weatherford, Mayor Attest: /s/ Debra Hays, City Clerk/Treasurer Approved as to from: /s/ Quinn Plant, City Attorney Published: The Times December 21, 2023 12-21-e

### Superior Court of Washington, County of Spokane In re:

No. 20-5-00484-32 Summons Served by Publication (SMPB) Matthew Tangen (fka Lindquist), Petitioner, And Ashley Klassen (aka Lee, Barela) Respondent, Calvin Lee, Respondent, Matthew Paul Barela. Respondent. Summons Served by Publication To: Ashley Klassen (aka Lee, Barela) and Matthew Paul Barela I have started a court case by filing a petition. The name of the Petition is: AMENDED Petition to Decide Parentage 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 : December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023. 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 FL Parentage 302, Response to Petition to Decide Parentage 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, Spokane County, 1116 W. Broadway, Rm 300, Spokane, WA 99260 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: Signature Date DIANE R. BRODERSON, 53521 Print name and WSBA No., if any I agree to accept legal papers for this case at my lawyer's address (electronic service preferred), listed below: Farnsworth · Broderson, PLLC 1008 North Washington St. 2nd Fl Spokane, WA 99201 dbroderson@farnsworthbroderson.com This Summons is issued according to Rule 4.1 of the Superior Court Civil Rules of the state of Washington. The Times December 21, 28 2023 January 4, 11, 18, 25 2024 12-21-g

### PUBLIC NOTICE

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE - CHANGE OF NAME CASE #CV23003923 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner: Michayla Thomas on behalf of Jonah Manning, a minor filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: present name, Jonah Michael Manning to proposed name Jonah Michael Thomas. The court orders that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changed described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. Notice of hearing Date: February 1st, 2024 Time: 8:30 am Dept. 2 The address of the county is: Superior County of California, county of Stanislaus 801 10th street, 6th floor Modesto, CA 95354 A copy of this order to show cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation printed in Waitsburg Times Date: 12/07/23 John R Mayne Judge of the superior court Published: The Times December 21, 28, 2023, January 4, 11, 2024 12-21-h

### ORDINANCE SUMMARY

Pursuant to RCW 35A.12.160, the Council of the City of Prescott hereby approves for publication the following Ordinance Summary: The Ordinance summarized is Ordinance 2023-08, adopted by the Council of the City of Prescott on December 11, 2023. The Ordinance establishes the City's 2024 budget. The Ordinance is divided into four (4) sections. Section 1 adopts the 2024 Budget for the City of Prescott. Section 2 states the estimated resources for each separate fund of the City, totaling \$366,683.60 in revenue sources, and appropriates total expenditures in the amount of \$366,683.60, broken down by fund as follows: General Fund (\$231,196.60); Street Fund (\$30,980.00); Emergency Fund (\$3,130.00); Water Fund (\$101,377.00). Section 3 states that the City Clerk shall transmit a certified copy of the budget to the State Auditor's Office and to the Association of Washington Cities. Section 4 states that the Ordinance shall take effect five days after its publication. A copy of the entire Ordinance will be mailed upon request or may be examined at City Hall. Passed by the Council of the City of Prescott this 11th December, 2023. APPROVED /s/: Jay Potts, Mayor The Times December 21, 2023 12-21-i



# Life, a Period of Adjustments

By Vicki Sternfeld-Rossi | THE TIMES



I think everyone goes through periods of adjustment; some are more difficult than others. Changes to relationships, houses, careers, seasons, and aging, are never-ending, but that's life.

My mother's parents didn't have a great marriage and were not a great example of a good relationship. They lost a lot of money in the depression, and my grandmother's gambling addiction became more apparent the less they could afford to lose.

My mother learned early about debt, loan sharks, and strained marriages. She knew to be an independent woman early on out of necessity.

By the time she met and married my father, she had a lucrative job as a woman's sportswear buyer for upscale department stores. My father also had a demanding career, but like most marriages during that time, women continued to be the housekeepers, cooks, and caretakers, even as they "brought home some bacon."

When I became engaged to my first husband, my mother approached me about "adjusting to married life." I rolled my eyes and reminded her that I'd been living with my fiancé for over a year, so I didn't need to "have the talk."

# Waitsburg High School Fall Awards

By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—Waitsburg High School held its fall sports awards in the auditorium on Thursday, November 30. The annual awards assembly honors athletes who participated in cheerleading, volleyball, and football during the fall sports season.

Principal Joe Wirtzberger welcomed the athletes and guests before Coach Vickie Hamann announced her cheerleading awards. Coach Tracy Barron followed with volleyball, Coach Gabe Kiefel gave out football awards, and Wirtzberger closed the awards night with a thank you to parents and athletes.

Coach Hamann awarded Abbi Paolino, Chasity Paddock, Cedar Segall, Karissa Potts, Bea Karl, Matti Carter, and Hope Adkins with athletic letters and Scholar-Athlete Awards.

Adkins received the Most Improved Award, Carter was voted MVP, and Stegall received the Most Inspirational plaque. Hamann thanked Hope's mom, Alicia Adkins, for the gifts she made for all the girls.

Harmann said, "All the girls liked spending time together, and it was a fun season."

Coach Barron presented athletic letters to all nine of her girls and Scholar-Athletes Awards (SA) to Makenzie Castillo, Kayla Mikesell (SA), Emma Hays (SA), Alyssa Hollingsworth (SA), Madison Kaehler, Peyton Struckmeier, Makenna Barron (SA), Kylee Henry (SA) and Alyssa Segraves (SA).

Barron commented that it was a fun season and laughed at how keeping the girls on task was a little tough. She said they bonded while learning

how to play different positions.

Kaehler and Henry received Coaches Awards; the Most Improved Award went to Emma Hays, the Most Inspirational was to Peyton Struckmeier, and Makenna Barron was voted Most Valuable. Barron thanked the administration and bus drivers for all they did throughout the season.

Coach Kiefel thanked the school board, administration, coaching staff, players and families. He talked about his first year as a head coach, coaching 8-man football for the first time and the team's 5-5 record in a new league.

He said, "You can't teach effort." Adding that his team gave effort every day.

Football certificates were given to Brayden Vasquez (SA), Landon Henry, Isaac Mahre (SA), and Joey Finch. Letter awards and Scholar Athletes Awards were given to JJ Gleason (SA), Isa Reyes (SA), Cyson Morris (SA), Koyen Fortune, Tucker Hamilton, Lucas VanHoose (SA), Kaden Cole (SA), Jackson Karl (SA), Blake French (SA), Cougar Anderson, Teegen Kenney (SA), Brenton Segraves (SA), Jarod Hankins, Jayce Gleason (SA), Victor Whitmore (SA) and Reuben Yutzy (SA).

Mahre was awarded Scout Player of the Year, and Yutzy received Special Teams Player and Lineman of the Year. Defensive Player of the Year was Jayce Gleason, and second-team All-League defensive lineman. Offensive Player of the Year went to VanHoose, and Morris earned second-team All-League running back and linebacker. Morris was voted Cardinal of the Year.

In retrospect, maybe we should've talked because it might have been an early warning about my choice of men. We divorced five years later. I didn't need to adjust to him; I needed to adjust my choice of men.

I'm sure there is some adage that states, "The older you get, the more difficult it is to adjust." So, I am proud of the fact that I am better off having made several life adjustments in my later years, or so I believe.

When I first moved here, it was winter, and I experienced the shortest days I could remember. With the sun going down by 4 p.m., I was getting sleepy and ready for bed. It took time to train myself to stay up past 7 p.m. It was not something I thought I'd be proud of before moving here, but now, I am prepared for the short days of PNW winters. I've even managed to stay up past 10 p.m. on some winter nights.

I've also adjusted to my car's sluggish performance with its heavy snow tires. I doubt the engineers at Ford designed the Mustang convertible for snow tires, but here I am, confidently driving through snow to play tennis, another adjustment – playing tennis on indoor courts. But at least I can play tennis year-round, so adjust I have. An additional benefit is that it saves me from smearing myself with sunscreen.

After Daniel and I split, I had to adjust to single life again. And now, reconciled and back together, we both had to make some adjustments to living together and in eastern Washington. Four years and counting, and mostly adjusted, there are days we are still a work in progress.

I have adjusted to Mugsy, small as he is, being the master of my side of the bed. How is it possible he cannot manage to sleep vertically, only horizontally, so he maximizes his space and minimizes mine?

Most recently, I submitted my letter of retirement and will end my professional career on February 2, 2024. A change of lifestyle that I am simultaneously dreading and gleefully anticipating. My Los Angeles trips will now be for pleasure, i.e., tennis with friends, warm weather, and sushi.



Football award winners (l-r) VanHoose, Yutzy, Gleason, Mahre

Lane Gwinn



(above) Cheerleader award winners (l-r) Carter, Stegall, Adkins

(left) Volleyball players with their awards (l-r), Hollingsworth, Barron, Struckmeier, Henry, Mikesell, Castillo, Hays, Kaehler, Segraves



## BIRTHDAYS

**December 21:** Jamie Kibler, Katy Hofer, Loren Davis, Jenny Devine, James Adkins.

**December 22:** Micah Winnett, Kara Largent, Callie Dueñas, Forrest Mock, Gordon Bateman, Suzanne DeCoria, Marell Patricia Hubbard.

**December 23:** Tyler Hofer, Joyce Beckley, Claire Raven, Alta Daniel, Larry Bickelhaupt, Lorene Brown, Kim Douglas, Richard Bessey, Karen Lambert, Chelsea Gore.

**December 24:** Shirley Kitterman, Carolyn O'Brien, Shane Hilton, Mary Conner, Barbara Wagener, Tracey Harper, Karen Stroobants.

**December 25:** Solon Pietila, Donna Manley, Les Richardson, Sonia Borrowsdale, Annette Becker, Carol Hevel, Dalton Carlisle, and Neil Maxwell.

**December 26:** Sandra Farley, Sydney Claire Brookshire, Jennifer Nielsen, Margie Douglas.

**December 27:** Everett Wright, Laura Keyser, Veronica Hartwell, Adam Branson, Marcus Mead.



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# 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



## The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



## WALLA WALLA COUNTY REPORT FLU-RELATED DEATH

THE TIMES

Walla Walla — The county's first flu-related death of the 2023-24 flu season was recently reported. Previous flu-related deaths have been reported in the eastern Washington region in recent weeks, but this is the first reported in Walla Walla County.

While most people recover from flu with care and rest, flu can be a serious illness and cause deadly complications.

The Walla Walla County Community Health Department urges individuals to follow public health recommendations and stay up to date on vaccinations to help reduce the spread of respiratory illnesses this season:

Receive the updated COVID-19 vaccine, flu vaccine, and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) vaccine if eligible.

Individuals can visit [www.YakimaVaccines.org](http://www.YakimaVaccines.org) for more information.

Stay home if you are sick and if individuals experience COVID-19 symptoms, get tested.

Beginning November 20, every household in the United States can again place an order to receive four more free COVID-19 rapid tests delivered to their home. Individuals can place their order at [www.COVIDTests.gov](http://www.COVIDTests.gov).

Wash hands frequently and thoroughly with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

Individuals are encouraged to speak to their primary care provider about vaccination for themselves and their family to make informed decision-making. For those that do not have a primary care provider, please call 2-1-1.

### Flu Vaccine

Everyone six months of age and older are recommended to get an annual flu vaccine. Young children, pregnant women, those with underlying health conditions, and people aged 65 and older are at high risk for flu-related complications. The flu is a highly contagious disease that can cause mild to

severe illness, and lead to hospitalization and death—even in healthy, young people. Getting a flu vaccine reduces an individual's risk of getting the flu, and it can be safely given at the same time as a COVID-19 vaccine.

### COVID-19 Vaccine

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has recommended the updated COVID-19 vaccine for everyone ages six months and older to protect against the newer COVID-19 variants, regardless of previous vaccination.

### RSV Vaccine

RSV is a common respiratory virus that usually causes mild, cold-like symptoms. Most people recover in a week or two, but RSV can be serious. Infants and older adults are more likely to develop severe RSV and need hospitalization. RSV vaccines are available to provide protection:

#### Adults 60 years old and over

Adults 60 years and older may receive a single dose of the RSV vaccine

#### Pregnant people

1 dose of maternal RSV vaccine during weeks 32 through 36 of pregnancy, administered immediately before or during RSV season.

Individuals with questions about the RSV vaccine for themselves should speak to their healthcare provider.

### Additional Information

#### COVID Tests

<http://www.covidtests.gov/>

#### CDC Influenza Information

<https://www.cdc.gov/flu/index.htm>

#### Washington State Department of Health: Are you at high risk for the flu?

<https://doh.wa.gov/you-and-your-family/illness-and-disease-z/flu/are-you-high-risk-flu>

#### CDC RSV Information

<https://www.cdc.gov/rsv/index.html>

#### CDC RSV Immunization Information

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/vpd/rsv/index.html>

## PIONEER PORTRAITS

Ten Years Ago  
December 19, 2013



[Photo Caption] Mr. and Mrs. Claus (Robbie and Marilyn Johnson) pose together during Waitsburg's 2013 Hometown Christmas event.

Twenty-Five Years Ago  
December 24, 1998

A full house was delighted by the singing and antics of some members of Waitsburg Grade School's Kindergarten class. The class played the role of church mice in the Austrian church where, in 1818, the song "Silent Night, Holy Night," was born. Also performing were First, Second and Third graders, with a special appearance by the Fifth Grade Band. The Waitsburg Elementary Christmas program, held Tuesday evening in the High School auditorium, was directed by Becky Wilson.

Fifty Years Ago  
December 20, 1973

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Mikkelsen will gather in the Lodge room of the Walla Walla Elk's Saturday afternoon between the hours of 1 and 4 p.m. to honor them on their Golden Wedding Anniversary. "Mik" and Charlotte have made the Spring Valley ranch their home for the past 50 years, and have led a very busy life. She is a past matron of Waitsburg Chapter No. 9, O.E.S., a member of Daughters of the Nile, Amity Art Club and other service organizations. Mik is a past master of Waitsburg Lodge No. 16, F&AM, El Katif Temple, Blue Mountain Shrine Club, Walla Walla Yacht Club, past president of Days of Real Sort, Inc. and the chief cook for the annual salmon bake.

Seventy-Five Years Ago  
December 24, 1948

Bob Leid was presented the sportsmanship trophy at the high school football banquet Monday evening and Joe Cobb won the inspirational award.

Freshman agricultural students have just completed two WSC Sunshine hog houses. These houses are to be sold to anyone interested in raising their hogs on clean, cheap pasture and thereby better utilizing their soil conservation practices.

Mrs. Norman Stanley won first prize at the drawing held in Waitsburg Saturday night consisting of a chest filled with many useful and beautiful gifts, Dick Wolfe drew second.

One Hundred Years Ago  
December 28, 1923

Rock St. Jacque and Mrs. B. Gibson were quietly married Christmas Day at 2 o'clock.

Forrest Mock celebrated his 9th birthday Saturday afternoon, Dec. 22 by entertaining the fourth graders at his home from 2 till 4 o'clock. Quite a large number were present. The time was spent playing games after which refreshments were served.

Miss Rose Slater, bride-elect was the recipient of two enjoyable showers last week. On Tuesday Mrs. Harold Roberts and her sister Mrs. Ella Shelton entertained at the W. H. Beckley home. Wednesday evening the J. V. G. Club had their regular meeting with Miss Wilma Shaffer with a surprise shower for Miss Slater who will marry Aaron Jessup on New Year's Day.

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago  
December 30, 1898

Clement Witt is in town from the Clyde school spending the holidays with his parents and friends.

Mr. D. B. Gerking this week purchased the Pickle residence and property on Seventh Street and will take possession immediately.

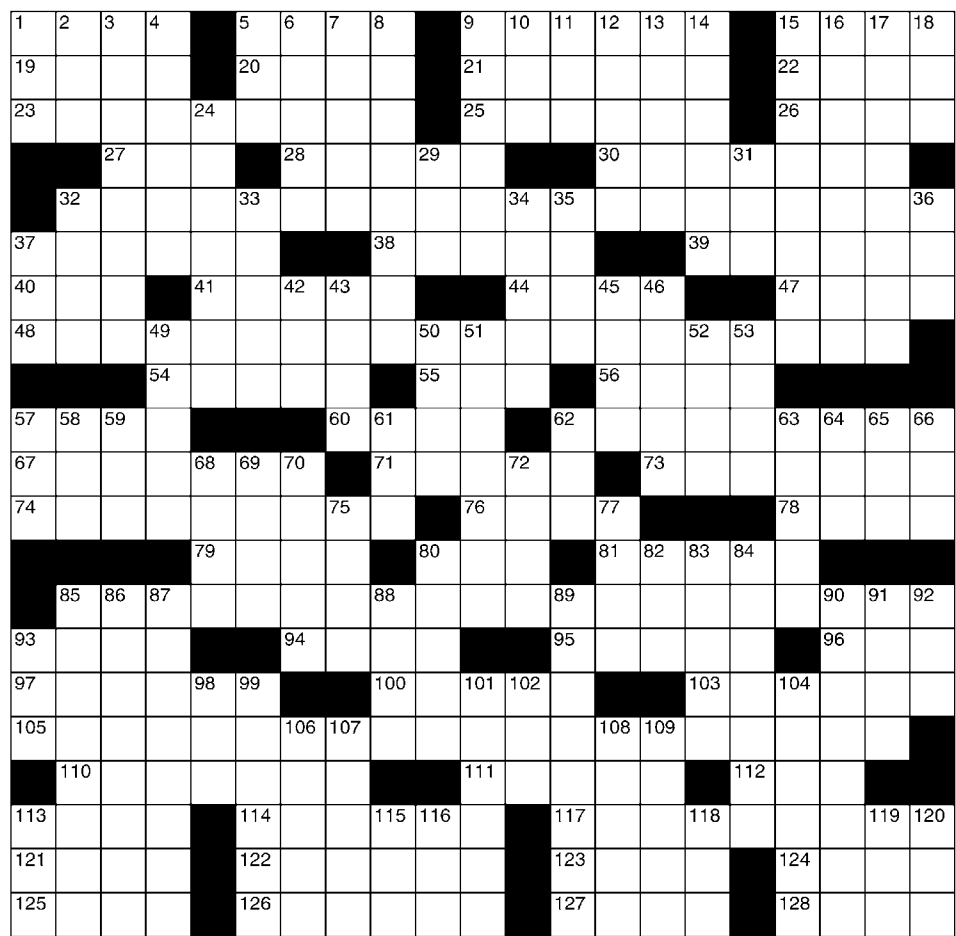
Miss Fannie Weller who is teaching at Washtucna spent Christmas with her parents in this city.

# PUZZLES & LIFESTYLES

## Super Crossword

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63 City on the Seine  
64 Put — (jokey pranks)  
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99 Sewing unit  
101 Bank job  
102 "Neroli" musician  
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106 Maui greeting  
107 Contrarian's retort  
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115 Park oneself  
116 Cooler cubes  
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## MY RECIPES Luke Chavez

# Beef and Potato Gratin



With all the hustle and festivities of the winter holiday season in full swing, something as simple as a quiet night at home can feel like a luxury. Between the packed schedule of glittering engagements, it is important to allow time for warming up and recharging over a cozy meal. With tender root vegetables and bubbly cheese baked over delicately seasoned beef, this comforting recipe comes together in a single pan, perfect for an evening of unwinding from seasonal stress.

### Ingredients:

- 4 garlic cloves
- 1 cup heavy cream
- 2 fresh thyme stems
- 2 tablespoons fresh sage, finely chopped
- 1 tablespoon olive oil, plus more
- 1 pound ground beef
- Salt and fresh ground black pepper
- ½ yellow onion, thinly sliced
- ¼ cup red wine
- 3 cups baby spinach, packed
- 2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
- ½ pound rutabaga
- ½ pound russet potatoes
- 1 cup Gruyère cheese, grated

### Directions:

Peel two of the garlic cloves and use the side of a chef's knife to lightly crush them. In a small saucepan combine the heavy cream, crushed garlic, thyme stems and ½ tablespoon of the chopped sage. Set pot over medium heat and bring cream mixture to a simmer. Be careful not to scald the cream. Reduce heat to maintain a gentle simmer, cooking until reduced by half, about 30 minutes. Strain and set aside to cool.

Meanwhile, heat the olive oil in a large cast iron skillet over medium-high heat. Add half the beef to the skillet and brown well, crumbling with a wooden spoon as you go. Season to taste with salt and black pepper then transfer meat to a paper towel lined plate. Repeat process with the remaining beef and set aside on the plate.

Return the skillet to medium heat and add the onion to the beef drippings. If the pan seems a little dry, add a little more olive oil. Cook, stirring occasionally, until the onions are very tender and golden, about 10 minutes. Peel and chop the remaining 2 garlic cloves then add them to the skillet and continue to sauté until fragrant, about another minute. Add the wine and stir any browned bits from the bottom of the pan. Cook until the wine is reduced, and the alcohol is cooked off. Next return the browned beef to the skillet along with the rest of the chopped sage. Add the spinach a handful at a time, stirring as it wilts. Stir in the Worcestershire sauce and season to taste with salt and pepper. Take off the heat.

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Peel and trim the rutabaga then cut in half lengthwise. Slice the rutabaga halves crosswise into 1/8-inch-thick slices and set aside. Peel the potatoes and cut into ¼-inch thick rounds. Arrange half the sliced vegetables over the beef mixture, alternating between rutabaga and potato, with slices overlapping. Season with salt and pepper, then sprinkle half the grated cheese. Repeat with the remaining vegetables, arranging decoratively. Top with the last of the cheese and season with salt and pepper to taste. Pour the cream evenly over the top of the vegetables, then cover tightly with foil. Bake until vegetables are very tender, about 60 to 75 minutes. Uncover and return skillet to the oven, cooking until top is golden brown, about another 10 minutes. Allow gratin to rest for 10 minutes before serving.

### Notes:

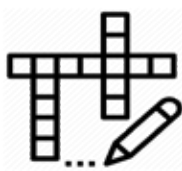
Rutabagas are a delightful root vegetable in the brassica family. They have a slightly buttery flavor and are sweeter than turnips. If you cannot find rutabagas you can substitute with parsnips or sweet potatoes. You could also just use double the russet potatoes instead.

If you cannot find Gruyère you could substitute with a quality Swiss cheese, or with a sharp, aged white cheddar.

This cozy, one-pan supper would be perfect served with a crisp salad and a fruit forward red wine. Enjoy.

## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ◆

- ◆ Moderate
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## LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

### Super Crossword

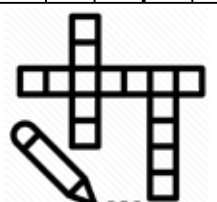
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### Weekly SUDOKU

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## Community Calendar

### WAITSBURG MONTHLY MEETINGS



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

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

**Waitsburg School Board**  
Third Thursday of every month @ 6 p.m.  
Zoom info is available by emailing [waitsburgcc@icloud.com](mailto: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 Tues. 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](mailto: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**  
Fourth Monday of the month @ 7 p.m. Weller Public Library, 212 Main Street, Waitsburg

**Waitsburg Commercial Club**  
Last Thursdays of the month @ Waitsburg Business Center@ noon. Last Thursdays of each month, Zoom info is available by emailing [waitsburgcc@icloud.com](mailto: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 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**  
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**  
First and 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

Third Monday of the @ 7 p.m.  
The fourth Monday if the third falls on a holiday.  
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

## Community Calendar

## Events, Film, Performace, Live Music



Friday, December 22, 2023  
Mythical / Movable  
Blue Mountain Bluegrass Jam will be at The Royal Block. 21+ only  
7 p.m.



**ROYAL BLOCK**  
WAITSBURG

**DEC 22 6-8PM**  
MYTHICAL/MOVABLE  
BLUE MTN  
BLUEGRASS JAM

**DEC 23**  
BAR OPEN 2-6PM  
(CLOSING EARLY FOR  
HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS)



### "We Can't Have Nice Things" A fund raiser for The Times at Ten Ton Coffee

A series of paintings by Lane Gwinn and Wrecks, her Australian Shepherd, titled "We Can't Have Nice Things" is on view at Ten Ton Coffee.

A mash up of deconstructed dog toys (by Wrecks) in still life oil paintings by Gwinn.

The Times is offering prints from this series, ready to be given as Christmas presents or stocking stuffers.

All proceeds from sales will go toward the weekly printing costs for the Waitsburg Times newspaper.

The cost of printing a weekly newspaper continues to be the main reason local newspapers in Washington and nationally have been closing at an alarming rate.

Papers must have a print version to publish legal notices. Publishers of legal notices are papers-of-record and must offer accurate coverage of news. As a paper of record in Washington State, The Times must follow certain rules not imposed on online news sources, including Facebook pages. It is important for the future of journalism to keep newspapers in print.



### AMERICAN 35

**12/27:** Trivia, 6:30-8:00 pm; all three categories have to do with winter weather and all that goes along with it!  
All ages welcome, but please limit teams to 8 players.

**12/31:** New Year's Eve party, 6-9 pm. We will ring in 2024 on East Coast time.  
Eric Leadbetter's band will perform.

Expect themed cocktails, games, and a champagne toast at "midnight." Tickets are \$10; all ages can attend (we will have plenty of non-alcoholic (NA) options for minors.)



### "Understanding Your Grief"

In-person and virtual grief support series  
Winter: Wednesdays, January 10 to March 13, 2023, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
Spring: Tuesdays, April 9 to June 11, 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
Fall: Wednesdays, Sept. 4 to Nov. 6, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.



Season's Greetings  
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### 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