



Bill Rodgers

Green is for Saint Patty's Day'. It does not get any greener than right after an early spring rain over short winter wheat in the Touchet River valley. What better place to celebrate St. Patrick's Day than right here in our own verdant Waitsburg neighborhood. This photo of the Shriner's Farm was shot from Ferris Road near Lower Waitsburg Road. Enjoy the green while it lasts.

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# Young witness account from Ukraine

THE TIMES

"My name is Olha, and I am in the capital of Ukraine, in Kyiv. We live in a shelter now. Today is the eleventh day of war, and I want to show you the place I live in."

That was the start of a video sent to *The Times* via email on Tuesday morning. Reporter Beka Compton had a sinking feeling, knowing that while she sipped her morning iced Americano, the young woman who sent the email was getting ready to hunker down for another night of war.

Olha Oltarzhavska is a 22-year-old Ukrainian woman. Before the war, she had started taking Spanish courses. She worked as a copywriter and earned a degree in public relations. For the past four years, Olha has worked as a public relations specialist, focusing on media communications.

She has been living with her family, neighbors, and many pets in her family's basement since the Russian invasion of Ukraine began on February 24, 2022. Olha's father was able to create a living area with some of the comforts of home, including bedding and mattresses to sleep on. There are as many as three people sharing a mattress. The youngest resident in their shelter is just two years old.

"These are good conditions, because many people do not have the opportunity to lie down," Olha explained in a video sent to *The Times*.

While the video shows some necessities are available in the make-shift shelter, other day-to-day needs, like showers, are not. Olha said she has not showered in over a week, or had access to a private bathroom space.

The night she took the video, Olha said that they heard nine separate air raid sirens, warning of incoming attacks. She said she knew they would be in the shelter for much longer than they originally anticipated.

In her email she said, "Explosions are heard every day. It's good that we are in the private sector, so more houses that are near the private sector, I think, help to protect us a little.

"For the time being, we are not going to run anywhere from the city or from the country. Firstly, it is very risky, and secondly, our neighbors brought their children and a large number of pets to us. Therefore, we must take care of them. We are the only ones who have a basement in the house."

It is important to remember that Olha and other civilians have taken shelter in basements of their homes, these are not bomb shelters.

"Tonight, there was a warning that they wanted to blow up the Antonov plant. And it is located about 600 meters from us."

The Antonov Serial Production Plant, formerly AVIANT, is lo-



Olha Oltarzhavska, a 22-year-old Ukrainian woman living in Kyiv, strums a guitar and sings the Ukrainian National Anthem in a video taken from inside the basement shelter she is currently living in.

# School Board votes to restructure

By Justin Jaech | THE TIMES

DAYTON – The Dayton School Board held a regularly scheduled work session meeting at 6 p.m. on March 2, 2022. All Board members were in attendance.

The night before, the School Board held a two-and-a-half-hour special board meeting which consisted of a long executive session.

At the beginning of the meeting, Board Chair Jeff McCowen announced an executive session would be held under IAW RCW 42.30.110 (f). This section of the Open Public Meeting Act (OPMA) allows a closed session specifically to receive and evaluate complaints or charges brought against a public officer or employee.

The closed session was added to the agenda to be held after public comment and before action is taken on the two agenda items. The action items consisted of the Superintendent's Recommendations and School Planning.

Superintendent Guy Strot presented his final recommendations proposal. The focus of the presentation were seven recommendations, five of which are essential:

1. Critical look at K-12 math curriculum and classes. – **Essential**
2. Engage and support the MS / HS students in changing culture. – **Essential**
3. Update the AG/metal/wood shops and add a CAD Lab.
4. Reorganize the administrative structure. - **Essential**
5. Redo MS/HS Master Schedule and add elective classes and choices. - **Essential**
6. Establish a partnership with Walla Walla Community College.
7. Develop a financial plan for this fiscal year and next fiscal year. - **Essential**

The Superintendent's presentation of recommendations is available on the Dayton School District website, <https://tinyurl.com/2p9k6rwd>

The second action item for the night was Resolution 2021-2. This addressed the fifth recommendation from the Superintendent's presentation regarding reorganizing the administrative structure. The resolution would change the assignment for the elementary principal to K-8 principal. It would eliminate the High School Principal position and the full-time Superintendent position and create a combined HS principal and Superintendent position.

The resolution would also allow the administration to lay off Kristina Brown as the high school principal. Though not stated in the resolution, it is assumed Guy Strot would move to the new superintendent/HS principal position.

Resolution 2021-20 is available to review on the School Board page of the DSD website, <https://tinyurl.com/yhykvrex>

After minimal discussion between the board members, the meeting was open for public comment.

The first speaker had some issues with Strot's plan to improve the Ag shop and greenhouse.

A student asked for some clarification on the proposed partnership with WWCC.

Dave Phillips, a HS math teacher and tech coordinator, expressed dissatisfaction with the extensive use of online testing and outside consultants instead of allowing the teachers to solve problems without interference.

Kristine Warren, the HS academic counselor, spoke of her efforts to make electives, particularly foreign languages, available in some form for all students. She expressed concern the partnership with WWCC may further drain funding available to Dayton.

Clay Hutchens, a community member, said that the effort to keep kids from leaving was more



# NEWS

## NEWS BRIEFS

### AT THE LIBERTY:

*Dog*

THE TIMES

*Dog* is a road-trip comedy that tracks two hard-charging former Army Rangers paired against their will; Briggs (Channing Tatum), and Lulu (a Belgian Malinois), as they race down the Pacific Coast in hopes of making it to a fellow soldier's funeral on time. Along the way, they'll drive each other completely crazy, confront the possibility that pet psychics are real, and begin to reckon with the one thing they were trained never to do: surrender.

Rotten Tomatoes critics give this movie a 75% favorable, and the audience gives it a 90%. That website audience summary is that "*Dog* is as heartwarming as you'd hope, but it also tells a sensitive story about the long road to healing after experiencing the horrors of war." This movie is rated PG-13 for language, thematic elements, drug content and some suggestive material. Runtime is 101 minutes.

*Dog* will show March 11-13, and on the 15th at the Liberty Theater's usual times (see advertisement here, or the theater website). Use of masks continues to be required of guests, and seating is distanced between groups.

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### CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S LUNCHEON

THE TIMES

You are invited to join the Christian Women's Connection and Stonecroft Ministries for a luncheon at the Pataha Flour Mill, 50 Hutchens Hill Rd., Pataha, WA, March 16, 2022, from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. Lunch will be catered by The Flour Mill, and will cost \$15 per person. This month's speaker is Janell Desmond from Tualatin, WA, who will be sharing how she discovered "happily ever after" even in the midst of difficult and challenging times. Event will also feature a special musical performance by owners of the Mill, The Van Vogts.

Please contact Judy Jackson to make reservations by Friday March 11, at 509-399-2005.

### ALASKAN NETS SHOWING ON MARCH 19

THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—Join the Waitsburg High School ASB and the Class of 2023 for a screening of *Alaskan Nets* on March 19.

*Alaskan Nets*, is a documentary that focuses on the Metlakatla Chiefs basketball team from the small community of Metlakatla, Alaska, and former Waitsburg-Prescott Coach T.J. Scott. The film debuted at the Santa Barbara International Film Festival in 2021, where it won the Audience Choice Award.

The Class of 2023 will be hosting a hamburger feed during the event to raise funds for their prom.

Seating is limited to 250 attendees. Interested individuals can contact the Waitsburg High School Office at (509) 337-6351 to join the list for tickets, or they can email Roseann Groom at [rgroom@waitsburgsd.org](mailto:rgroom@waitsburgsd.org).

### SMOKING CESSATION CLASS BEGINS MARCH 15

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—A class to help people stop smoking will begin March 15 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Providence Southgate Medical Park main building in the community area.

The class will continue with a session every Tuesday through April 26. The Freedom From Smoking class is the premier smoking cessation program from the American Lung Association. This program helps people develop a plan of action leading to a quit day and provides the support needed to remain smoke free for good.

The cost is \$25, and scholarships are available for those for whom the cost would be a barrier. To register, contact Shawn Mabley 509-897-2820 or [Shawn.mabley@providence.org](mailto:Shawn.mabley@providence.org).

## LETTERS

Dear Editor

As if the attack on Ukraine by Russia hasn't been immoral enough, the violation of the cease-fire in the independent area of Donetsk where 260,000 civilians are trying to escape through Volnovaksha or Mariupol on the Sea of Azov, has been criminal.

Zelensky, Ukraine's president, has remained in Ukraine with his wife and two kids. He may have been a stand-up comic and played the president of his country in a comic series (before he became the democratically actual president of his country), but he has proven to be no joke.

Putin blames the Ukrainian leadership for the deaths of so many Ukrainians because Ukraine under Zelensky hasn't folded right away like Crimea did when Putin illegally took it in 2014. Putin acts as though his launching of missiles, the firing of flame-throwers, and rolling of tanks through towns has nothing to do with all those unnecessary deaths.

The people in small rural towns have made the Russian advance difficult: they've dug trenches, pulled up street signs, and act clueless so as to get the intruders lost---the way the Poles did over a hundred-fifty years ago. (Polish jokes were first started by Russian invaders who couldn't get any information out of the locals who appeared dumb, but who were secretly crazy like foxes.)

Michael Keifel  
 Walla Walla, Wash.

To the Editor,

In response to Chuck Amerin's comments at the school board meeting published in February 24, 2022 *TheTimes*, I would like to propose some thoughts. I think it is presumptuous to think that people/children were only wearing masks out of fear. They are wearing masks to prevent illness, in consideration for themselves and others, and because that was the mandate. In regard to suggesting that this was telling children "You shouldn't be smart, you shouldn't think critically, you just do what you're told," well some of that is part of being a child. Certainly, we want them to be smart and think critically. And sometimes that means following rules. We expect children to walk in the hallways, no chewing gum, they have a dress code to abide by including no hats in the elementary. Are you saying children should challenge each and every guideline that comes along? To suggest that children, between the ages of 5-18, should be thinking critically about how to respond to an illness that has touched every corner of the world, that we don't have all the answer to, is beyond reason. We want to raise children who are respectful, can think critically, are smart and will follow rules, and fear is not always part of that equation (but sometimes it should be). Let's not discount the fact that a certain degree of fear can be healthy. Fear is a good thing when considering whether or not to jump off of a bridge or play with matches.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Susan Schlenz  
 Dayton, Wash.

## BIRTHDAYS

**March 10:** Bill Gluck, Win Deanna Anderson, Frank Reser and Casey Worth.

**March 11:** Jacqueline Klaas, Catherine Donnelly, Kelly Lodayo, Aaron DeFord, James Kenworthy, Dan David Oliver and Adraine Michels.

**March 12:** Cherie Kurth, Ben and Bill Brown, Susan Webber, Jimmie Young, Walt Warehime, Elizabeth Abbey, Teresa Johnson and Lory Duckworth.

**March 13:** Corey Puckett, Susan Watson, Kathy Logeman, Darla Fischer, Ryan Shweid, Dan Mortimore, Darin Groom, Louie Gagnon, Scott Hagerman, Mark Lanning and Larry Branson.

**March 14:** Jim Wilson, Rhonda Perry, Kathy Rose, Luanna Kalahale, and William Adams.

**March 15:** Drew Farley, Arvilla Cyr, Debra Olson, Stacey Mohney, Gage Baker, Sharon Puckett, Sara Payne Dimak, and Lolita Clayton.

**March 16:** Edna Clough, Mike Estes, Edith Largent, Carol Heilbrun, Michael Kerry, Guy Keeney, Chenae Dahlstrom, Megan Payne, and Carley Horlacher.



Dayton 4th and 5th graders had their last learn-to-ski day on Friday, March 4. The students started their four days of skiing at Bluewood on February 11. Nina Jaech on her first-time down Country Road

### AROUND THE VALLEY: WITH KAREN HUWE



Waitsburg elementary students and staff celebrated Dr. Seuss day at school on Tuesday, March 2 by wearing crazy socks

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## ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER AND AUCTION AT TOWN HALL

THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—Join Town Hall for an Irish dinner on March 12, in honor of St. Patrick's Day. Doors open at 5 p.m., with dinner served at 6 p.m.

If traditional Irish food isn't enough to entice you, then the wide selection of goods and items up for auction should be! Items include a spa basket, donated by Elk Drug, and Gaudy Gall basket, donated by Gaudy Gals on Main, a makeup bag donated by A-Ron's Rustic Designs, power tools, lawn games, and farm-fresh egg deliveries from Dusty Britches Farms.

Tickets are \$15 per person and may be purchased at Gaudy Gals on Main, located inside Town Hall. Gaudy Gals is open Wednesday-Saturday, 11 a.m.- 5 p.m. Tickets are also available for purchase by contacting one of the Town Hall board volunteers, Marie and Louie Gagnon, Ron Griffen, Allen Huwe, Jim Davison, Jim Romine, and Ron Stranding.



Larry Johnson and Jim Romine preparing the St. Patrick's day feast a few years ago. Masters of corned beef.

## BRIX & BREW IS HAPPENING MARCH 11

An event you will not want to miss!

THE TIMES

DAYTON—It's not too late to purchase tickets for the 2022 Brix & Brew fundraiser. A 'casual attire' event, Brix & Brew will benefit the Dayton Chamber of Commerce.

The annual Dayton Chamber of Commerce fundraising event will be held at the Columbia County Fairgrounds

Social hour and a well-stocked silent auction will begin at 5:30 p.m., with a live auction kicking off at 7 p.m. Jewelry, foosball tables, camping supplies, and local wine and candies are just a couple of the items up for grabs.

Tickets are \$40 per person, and include dinner, beer or wine, and a collectable glass, and are available to purchase at the Dayton Chamber of Commerce office, 202 E Main Street, Dayton. Raffle tickets for a patio fireplace are also available for purchase at the Chamber office. Winner will be announced on March 11, during Brix & Brew



## REGISTER NOW FOR FREE SHERWOOD TRUST NONPROFIT LEARNING WORKSHOP

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—This March, learn with Human Resources Consultant Skye Mercer about creating a positive workplace culture, recruiting, and retaining employees, planning for succession, and creating flexibility in the workplace. The four-part free online series takes place March 15, 29, and April 19, 26, from 12- 1 pm PST.

This series is the second learning event of the 2022 Connect, Innovate, & Thrive Nonprofit and Community Learning Series. Workshops are translated into Spanish. For more information and free registration, visit the Sherwood Trust website [www.sherwoodtrust.org](http://www.sherwoodtrust.org).

"Creating a positive workplace culture that balances the needs of employees with the organization's mission and financial sustainability," Mercer said, "is critical to retaining the best employees and volunteers."

Regardless of size or budget, nonprofits have an opportunity to create a great place to work. In this workshop, we'll explore building on your nonprofit's strengths to continue enhancing your organizational culture.

Mercer, the facilitator for the series, is an Iowa-based, certified HR Consultant with nearly 20 years of professional HR experience, including in-house and consultative nonprofit HR experience.

She holds an MBA, SPHR, SHRM-SCP. Mercer has worked extensively with nonprofits in the Pacific Northwest, including Safe Passage Violence Prevention Center in Coeur d'Alene, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) in Spokane, YWCA in Vancouver, and the Brave Warrior Project in Wenatchee.

With nearly 20 years of HR/Leadership Training experience, she has in-depth experience coaching and consulting with nonprofit leaders.

Complete 2022 Community Learning Schedule

1. Event has taken place.
2. Organization Culture, Human Resources, and Leadership. With facilitator Skye Mercer. Online March 15, 29, and April 19 26 from 12- 1 pm PST. A four-part online series
3. Board Membership 101 Overview with facilitator Liz Heath. April 27 from 11 am - 1 pm PST
4. Powerhouse Boards Nonprofit Board membership with Nancy Bacon. May 11 and 25 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. PST
5. DEI Cultural Competence with facilitators Lynn Carlson and Naima Chambers Smith. October 13 from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. PST
6. Civic Engagement through Inclusive Meetings with facilitator Mark Smutny. October 27 time TBD

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For more information, please contact Julia Leavitt at Sherwood Trust, 509-529-2791, or email [Julia@sherwoodtrust.org](mailto:Julia@sherwoodtrust.org).

## DEATH NOTICE

Judi K. Geisen, long time area resident, passed away suddenly at her home in Waitsburg on March 3, 2022. She was 75. Judi worked in various food service positions during a long career in the Dayton/Waitsburg area. A Full Obituary and Funeral Service announcement will be in next week's papers. Corbeil Funeral Home in Dayton is assisting the family.

## Community Calendar

### Waitsburg Monthly Meetings

#### Waitsburg City Council

Third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m.

#### Waitsburg School Board

Third Thursday of every month at 6 p.m.

Zoom meeting information is available at <https://www.waitsburgsd.org/o/waitsburg-school-district/page/school-board--272>

#### Waitsburg Commercial Club

Last Thursday of each month

Location TBA

Zoom info available by emailing [waitsburg-cc@icloud.com](mailto:waitsburg-cc@icloud.com)

#### Waitsburg Gun Club

TBA-General Membership / Board Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.

#### Walla Walla County Commissioners

Every Monday and Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m.

Call-in information is available at [https://www.co.walla-walla.wa.us/government/commissioners/2020\\_agendas.php](https://www.co.walla-walla.wa.us/government/commissioners/2020_agendas.php)

#### Friends of the Weller Public Library

4th Monday of each month at 7 p.m.

Weller Public Library,  
212 Main Street, Waitsburg

#### Waitsburg Parks and Recreation Meeting

Third Thursdays , 6:30 p.m.

Lions Club, Waitsburg Fairgrounds  
January 27, 2022 will be the first meeting.

#### Weller Library Book Club

March 15, 2022, 7:00 p.m.

at Weller Public Library

#### Waitsburg Celebration Days Meeting

TBA

Location to be announced

#### Dayton & Columbia County Meetings

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

**Board of Columbia County Commissioners work session meetings** Second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 9 a.m.

Call-in information available at <https://www.columbiaco.com/114/County-Commissioners>

#### Dayton City Council

Second Wednesday of every month at 6 p.m.

Call-in information available at <https://www.daytonwa.com/54-inside-city-hall/city-council>

#### Dayton School Board

Third Wednesday of every month at 6 p.m. at the Dayton High School auditorium

#### Columbia County Public Hospital District Board of Commissioners

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

#### Dayton Memorial Library Board of Trustees Meeting

Every month on the Third Monday at 7:00 PM

Zoom Meeting ID: 852 3836 3787

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85238363787>

#### Dayton Kiwanis Club Meeting - Online

Second and Fourth Thursday at Noon

Zoom Meeting ID: 559 815 3650

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5598153650>

#### Starbuck City Council

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

*Church Directory*

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**Waitsburg Presbyterian Church**  
504 Main  
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337-6589  
Pastor Stan Hughes

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### WAITSBURG SENIOR CENTER

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

#### Tuesday, March 15

Spaghetti & meat sauce  
Vegetable  
Green salad  
Garlic bread

### WAITSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT

#### Thursday, March 10

B: Breakfast burrito  
L: Crispito  
Spanish rice  
Veggie  
Fruit

#### Friday, March 11

B: Waffles & sausage  
L: Ham & potato casserole  
Dinner roll  
Veggie  
Fruit  
Cookie

#### Monday, March 14

B: Pancake on a stick  
L: Mozzarella cheese sticks  
Marinara sauce  
Veggie  
Fruit

#### Tuesday, March 15

B: Biscuit & Gravy  
L: Hot dog  
Baked beans  
Chips  
Veggie  
Fruit

#### Wednesday, March 16

B: Long john  
L: Uncrustables  
Chips  
Veggie  
Fruit



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# SPORTS

## Russell Wilson traded to Broncos

By Eric Umphrey | THE TIMES

The Russell Wilson era in Seattle will end pending a physical and Wilson's approval. Wilson was traded to the Broncos on Tuesday for two first-round picks, two second-round picks, a fifth-round pick, Denver quarterback Drew Lock, tight end Noah Fant and defensive lineman Shelby Harris.

In addition to Wilson, the Broncos will get a fourth-round pick from Seattle. The trade is not official until the new NFL year begins on March 16. Wilson is expected to both pass the physical and approve the trade.

If the return seems a little pricey for a quarterback with only two years left on his contract, know that the Denver Broncos have used eleven different quarterbacks since Peyton Manning retired in 2016. They have a young talented offense and have drafted well in recent years, so they don't need draft picks to supplement their team. The Broncos moved up to fifth in Super Bowl LVII odds after the news

broke of the trade. The Broncos are now a win team.

Here's a brief look at the players the Seahawks are getting in the trade. Drew Lock was a 2019 second-round pick for the Broncos. He served as the backup quarterback to Teddy Bridgewater last season, playing in six games for the Broncos. Since Geno Smith is now a free agent, the move gives Seattle a quarterback on their roster. Noah Fant was the twentieth overall pick in the 2019 draft. Last year he caught sixty-eight passes for six hundred seventy yards and four touchdowns. Shelby Harris has been in the league for seven years now. In 2021, the thirty-year-old had six sacks for the Broncos and has had 22.5 sacks in his NFL career.

Wilson was set to make a base salary of \$19 million next year and \$22 million in 2023, the last year of his contract. He would have cost the Seahawks \$37 million toward the salary cap this year. Now they will have \$11 million of that space freed up this year. With Wilson gone, will Seattle start a complete rebuild or try to rebuild in place?

Expect to see more Seahawks moves this offseason. I'm guessing Bobby Wagner is probably next to go as the team will look to get younger and free up more salary-cap space in the years ahead. Wagner is now the Seahawks' highest-paid player.

If you are already missing Wilson, you will see him this year against the Seahawks in Seattle as the Denver Broncos are one of the Seahawks' home opponents this year.

## WOLFPACK SPRING SPORTS

### High School Softball:

March 16- At Mac-Hi. 1st game at 3:00 p.m.

March 19- At Desales High School. 1st game at 11:00 a.m.

### High School Baseball:

March 16- At Mac-Hi. 1st game at 3:00 p.m.

March 19- At Desales High School. 1st game at 11:00 a.m.

### High School Golf:

March 16- Milton Freewater Golf Course. Start time: 2:00 p.m.

March 23- Wine Valley Golf Course, Walla Walla. Start Time: 2:00 p.m.

### High School Track & Field:

March 12- Walla Walla Jamboree, Walla Walla. Start time: 12:00 p.m.

March 18- Windbreaker Invite, Wahluke. Start time 3:30 p.m.

## MATBIRDS AT HANFORD-REACTOR RUMBLE

By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES

The Matbirds had 12 wrestlers attend the Hanford-Reactor Rumble on Saturday, March 5. Six athletes brought home medals.

Koyen Fortune placed 2nd and Bryon Collier placed 3rd in the 13/14 age bracket.

Luke Collier and Rylie Coates both brought home 3rd place medals in the 11/12 age bracket.

Two wrestlers in the 9/10 age bracket, Caleb Barron and Parker Winona, placed 3rd.

The Matbirds will compete at the Colfax Little Guy Tournament on March 12.



Submitted photo

Akayden Mikesell (left) waiting for the referee's call for action at Hanford.

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## Walla Walla Union Bulletin announces changes to print days

An email to readers from Senior Editor Dian Ver Valen explained a shift to a three-day printing schedule

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—The Walla Walla Union Bulletin (UB) will be moving to a three-day printing schedule, cutting down from the current seven-day schedule, starting May 1.

Senior Editor Dian Ver Valen sent a letter to the UB readership on March 1, letting subscribers know that the longstanding daily newspaper would reduce print days to Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays. The Union Bulletin will still be available daily, but will be sent out via virtual options, including email, eEditions, and at [www.union-bulletin.com](http://www.union-bulletin.com) for subscribers. For more information about the changes go to <https://tinyurl.com/2p95ap4s>.

“At the U-B, we’re investing in our journalism by growing and changing to meet the demands of our audience. By reducing print days, we’re able to focus on keeping our newsroom staffed at a level that will continue to meet your needs as readers now and into the future,” the letter stated.

Ver Valen said that the print editions of the paper will be larger than the current print editions and will feature more local news, a greater focus on feature stories, and other in-depth reporting.

Readers can send thoughts or comments about the changes to [feedback@union-bulletin.com](mailto:feedback@union-bulletin.com). Updates will be provided as the change date approaches.

## UKRAINE - FROM PAGE 1

ated at the Sviatoshyn Airfield in Kyiv less than half a mile from Olha's home. Antonov is a state owned aircraft manufacturer and builds and repairs commercial and military aircraft at this facility potentially making it a target for attack. Reports of shelling from the Russian military has shown that targets are not all military.

Olha reported that ‘representatives of the neighboring country are firing upon women, children, priests, even animals, in the streets.’

“The worst thing is that now Russia is waging war not only on the battlefield, but also on the information front. And if we have already received support from 128 states that say that Russia started a war, all the inhabitants of Russia assume that Putin is saving us from someone. Although we have a very friendly country. And we don’t need this salvation that destroys. At the university, I studied journalistic standards. And I know that the author cannot insert personal opinion into the text. But the Russians use the media as a propaganda tool and nothing more,” Olha wrote.

Olha said that she was aware of Russian attempts to publish and distribute propaganda reports, pushing disinformation including Ukrainian children in Lviv burning the Russian flag after school each day. Another report framed Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenski as a drug addict. She said that some propagandists are writing that Ukrainian people are feasting on the heads of Russian children for breakfast, and that Russian-speaking people are being shot while attempting to flee the country.

The Times was unable to independently verify these specific stories of disinformation. However, the state led propaganda televised in Russia and online has portrayed the war as a ‘rescue mission’ to stop genocide occurring in Ukraine, claimed the Ukrainian government is led by Nazis, and there was an imminent threat to Russia. All these statements have been labeled as disinformation by international journalists and governments closely following the crisis.

Complicating the situation is the recent law signed by Putin on March 4, 2022, criminalizing any contradiction of the official Kremlin line on this war, a war Putin insists is not even a war. Under this law, to call it a war in Russia could mean a 15-year jail sentence.

A massive amount of real-time information, photos, videos, and accounts have been posted online and covered by local and international journalists and aid workers in Ukraine. This is a war the world is watching.

The Kremlin is making sure to block as much of this coverage as it can, and where it can’t, it threatens those who speak the truth with imprisonment.

“They say our president is a drug addict. Although in fact, his bad appearance is argued by the fact that he has not slept for two weeks. Our president is very brave. I didn’t expect this from him,” Olha wrote.

The young Ukrainian said that she is often asked to broadcast live, however, her internet connection in the shelter is unreliable. The Times will be sharing her video, and any subsequent updates, online at [www.waitsburgtimes.com](http://www.waitsburgtimes.com).



Still photo from submitted video  
A glimpse of the shelter set up in a Olha's home basement fort Olha, her family, neighbors, and many pets. Most of her neighbors do not have basements. Some make-shift shelters are not big enough for mattresses.



## SPECIAL DELIVERY TO PRESCOTT POST OFFICE

Having worked for the US Postal Service for almost ten years, seven of which were at the Waitsburg Post Office, Sarah Putnam now heads to Prescott. Last Wednesday was Putnam's last day in the 'burg before starting her new position at the Prescott Post Office. Her great attitude and laughter will be missed on Main Street.

## SCHOOL - FROM PAGE 1

about the school's culture than programs. He said culture starts with the superintendent and the principal; the dysfunctional relationship between the superintendent and secondary principal is no secret.

“These two positions are really important and I’m not confident there is enough trust and confidence from teachers and community for these leaders to effectively fix culture. The school board must keep in mind that you have responsibility to put teachers in place who have the ability to cultivate a different culture than we’ve been experiencing the past couple of years. It does not seem like a good idea to me for Mr. Strot to act as superintendent and principal,” said Hutchins.

Pearl Dennis said she appreciated earlier comments including a student saying the relationship between the principal and the faculty is critical for student success. She ended her comments questioning the reorganization resolution.

“The superintendent has declared not just once, but twice now, that the superintendent’s responsibilities at Dayton School District can be performed by a half-time job. Perhaps you should believe him and staff and fund the job as a half-time position,” said Dennis.

Paul Bryan, an elementary school teacher, cautioned about making change for change's sake.

“When we talk about saving revenue, I don’t see how eliminating one administrator and getting two non-teaching personnel, moving them from the classroom to other type jobs is going to help. That’s not saving revenue,” said Bryan.

Jeremy Trump, a parent, said that although some of the proposed changes may be helpful, he thought the administrative change would harm the school culture by moving the middle school to the elementary administration. He also questioned how the school hoped to increase elective offerings while reducing the teaching staff.

Katie Leid, former Chair of the Dayton School Board, said, “We as a school board hired Guy in June, and in November, I knew it was the wrong choice. So, I did not share that, well I tried to share that with my board at the time, and I was not supported. That’s one of the reasons why I left the board. The other was because my husband was dying of cancer.

“So, you as a board are young, you have so much to learn and what I know from the staff at Dayton School District, that your superintendent does not tell the truth, does not follow through. If any of you would like to call me or talk to me about that, that would be fine. Thank-you.”

Leigh Cranmer told the Board she had ‘choiced’ her three children out of the district this school year. She hopes to regain confidence in the Dayton School District so her children can return as students.

“I’m disappointed in the recommendations mostly because I don’t see references to where the Superintendent has conferred with his staff to develop the recommendations.”

Vicki Zoller said proposed improvements and changes to the school culture ‘roll uphill, directly into the superintendent’s lap.’ Concerned that Strot has not been able to resolve these issues in his position as a full-time superintendent, she questioned how things would get better should he transition to a half-time role.

Zoller said it felt like a cobbled-together, desperate plan to somewhat fix things for the superintendent but not necessarily resolve the issues that parents, community, and teachers are concerned about. She also asked why the rush?

“Maybe there needs to be an opportunity for more input from the people that are truly the stakeholders in all of this, the teachers and the parents so that they can have some say in this before there’s nobody plugged in full-time to those high school students who deserve, deserve, deserve, deserve to have that instead to have some half-time, busy, unfocused leader, that isn’t really a leader.”

A student expressed surprise that the superintendent’s plan omitted student comments to the consultant who visited classrooms. Multiple classes told the consultant that the administration is “pretty toxic.”

The student said other comments omitted included the effect on students from the loss of teachers over the past four years. The student said these were some of the reasons other students she knows left the district. After public comment, Board Chair McCowen spoke to attendees before adjourning to hold the executive session.

“This board of five people plus two, everyone on this campus, we all want what is best for kids. Sometimes what’s best for kids is going to be in conflict with what’s best for those people who teach kids. Sometimes that may be in conflict with how the public perceives it.

“The truth of the matter is, even if you are boots on the ground, at best, maybe you know seventy-five percent or eighty percent of all the information. If you’re well informed within the community, you might know half of that as well.

“I’m going to speak for everyone here, even though they didn’t ask me to, and they can tell me I’m wrong. This has been a not fun two weeks for myself; it hasn’t been good for my family, but everyone here and you folks here in the building or those online are evidence we all care, we all need to come together, we all need to be cooperative, we all need to figure this out together, because this is our future. We have to put aside petty things. We need adults to be adults so that so that kids can be kids...”

School Board member Aneesha Dieu made a statement to attendees after the executive session.

“I would just like to corroborate with that and say that this is a piece of the whole situation, the whole picture. So not everybody knows everything that we know, and while this is just a step, it is not the entire movement of what is going on. I would just ask that you guys have respect for what we are trying to move forward and do, that you would have patience with us and that you’d give us a little bit of grace as we continue to discuss everything, and learn, and dive into things. And that’s all I would like to say.”

Before going into executive session, the board asked to meet without Superintendent Strot attending. After leaving and immediately returning, it was not clear he was able to stay for the executive session.

After the closed session was adjourned and the public meeting was reconvened, Board member Korinda Wallace moved to table voting on the Superintendent’s Recommendations pending further study. The board voted unanimously to pass the motion.

The board did vote unanimously to approve Resolution 2021-02, restructuring the administration as proposed by the superintendent in his recommendations.

Discussion by the board in open session was limited at this and the previous evening’s meetings. With several board members asking the community to trust them as only they have the full story, some feel uneasy about the lack of transparency surrounding recent decisions. The Board’s decisions on voting have the appearance of being agreed on in executive meetings.

# LEGALS

## Surplus nearly finished for City Hall, pocket park

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—Since accepting bids for two properties on Main Street last month, the city sees the surplus process coming to an end by the March City Council meeting.

The sale of 124 Main Street, the lot that the City of Waitsburg purchased as a pocket park in 2018, was tabled in November after the council questioned the real estate policy and its lack of flexibility in accepting bids. The first call for bids gave the city only three options after receiving qualified bids: accept the highest offer, reject all bids, or table the decision. The City Council rejected all bids and worked with the city attorney to draft a revised surplus policy that allowed the council to consider proposals for the use of the property and the amount of the bid.

In January, the calls for bids, which were to include proposed use, went out for the former City Hall building at 147 Main Street and the lot at 127 Main Street.

Multiple proposals were received from bidders from all over Washington for the old City Hall building. Two bids met the criteria, and the city accepted the bid from Walla Walla resident Randy Hallowell. The Hallowell proposal includes developing residen-

tial units on the upper floor and retail space on the main floor of the building.

Tom and Judy Bennett from Waitsburg submitted the only bid for the lot next to their building on Main Street. The council accepted their offer for the property, which will be used for outdoor seating and events at their new restaurant, American 35, opening this Spring.

In an email, City Administrator Randy Hinchliffe said the steps to follow the bid acceptance were simple. A sales agreement was drafted by the city's legal team and sent to the respective buyers. As of Monday, the Bennetts had accepted the proposed sales agreement. The city was still waiting on Hallowell to accept the sales agreement.

After the sellers and buyers agree to the terms for the sales, the sales agreements will be sent to a title company to finish the closing process. Hinchliffe believes that the process will be finalized before the March city council meeting.

The next Waitsburg City Council meeting has been moved back a week and will be held on Wednesday, March 23, at 7 p.m.



The city council accepted bids for the former city hall, and the pocket park lot in downtown Waitsburg. Interested parties were asked to include 'proposals for use' in their bids. Above is the conceptual sketch submitted by the Bennetts showing the lot as outside space for American 35, their restaurant opening in Spring 2022.

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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA**  
No. 22 2 00080 36  
**SUMMONS**  
VIRGIL REED, Plaintiff, vs. SHERWOOD & ROBERTS-WASHINGTON, INC., a Washington for-profit corporation and assigns, Defendants.

A lawsuit has been started against you in the above-entitled court by the Plaintiff named above. The Plaintiff's claims are stated in the written Complaint, a copy of which is served upon you with this Summons.

In order to defend against this lawsuit, you must respond to the Complaint by stating your defense, in writing, and serving a copy upon the undersigned attorney for the Plaintiff within twenty (20) days after the service of this Summons, excluding the day of service (or within sixty (60) days if this Summons was served upon you outside the State of Washington), or a default judgment may be entered against you without notice. A default judgment is one where Plaintiff is entitled to what he asks for because you have not responded. If you serve a Notice of Appearance on the undersigned attorney, you are entitled to notice before a default judgment may be entered.

The originals of this Summons and Complaint have been filed with the clerk of the above-entitled court.

If you wish to seek the advice of an attorney in this matter, you should do so promptly so that your written response, if any, may be served in time.

This Summons is issued pursuant to Rule 4 of the Superior Court Civil Rules of the State of Washington.

DATED this 9th day of February, 2022.  
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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA**  
No. 22 4 00037 36  
**PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
In Re the Estate of PRISCILLA J. DAUBLE, Deceased.  
The Personal

Representative named below has been appointed as Personal Representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the Personal Representative or the Personal Representative's attorney stated below a copy of the claim and filing of the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the Personal Representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(C); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice.

If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.

Personal Representative: DENNIS D. DAUBLE  
Date of First Publication: February 24, 2022  
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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA**  
No. 22 4 00047 36  
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RCW 11.40.030  
In re the Estate of: TRACY SETTLE, Deceased.

The administrator named below has been appointed as administrator of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the administrator, or the administrator's attorney at the address stated below, a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty (30) days after the administrator served or mailed the Notice to the Creditors as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2.) Four (4) months after the date of first publication of the Notice.

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Caysie Williams,  
Administrator  
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**SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON, WALLA WALLA COUNTY**  
No. 22-4-00032-36

Probate Notice to Creditors (RCW 11.40.030)  
In re the Estate of Sally Edith Reynolds, Deceased.

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

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA  
NO: 22-4-00045-36  
**PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
RCW 11.40.030

In re the Estate of: JAMES W. IRWIN, Deceased.

The personal representative named below has been appointed as personal representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the personal representative or the personal representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the Court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) thirty days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and RCW 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.  
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**Public Hearing Notice**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Waitsburg City Council will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, March 23, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. or soon thereafter at Waitsburg City Hall, 106 Main Street, in order to hear public comment on the proposed alley vacation petition submitted to the City on behalf of Paul and Karen Gregutt. City Council action may or may not include approval of the alley vacation petition.

All interest citizens are invited to attend the hearing and present evidence in favor or opposition of the vacation. Complete copies of the petition are available at City Hall 106 Main Street, P.O. Box 35, Waitsburg, WA 99361 or (509) 337-6371. Written testimony may be forwarded to the Waitsburg City Council, P.O. Box 35, Waitsburg, WA 99361.

Dated this 8th Day of March 2022  
City Clerk  
Randy Hinchliffe  
The Times  
March 10, 2022  
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# Hopelessness and Hopeful in Waitsburg

By Vicki Sternfeld-Rossi | THE TIMES

These past few weeks have been heart-wrenching. The feelings of grief, sadness, anger, and hopelessness are all swirling within me as I watch this dreadful war unfold in Ukraine. My paternal grandfather moved to the United States as a child from a small town in Austria in the late 1800s. That town is now part of Ukraine. I feel connected to this war in a way that I hadn't imagined.

Hindsight being 20/20, I am now embarrassed by my last column. While the people in Ukraine hear the constant barrage of bombs, guns, explosions, and air-raid sirens, my singing appliances are comparatively a trivial annoyance. I am fortunate; I have all my senses, and I don't live in a deadly dangerous environment. When we make cocktails, it's a martini to enjoy and savor, while Ukrainians make Molotov cocktails to save their lives.

Last week at the restaurant, our Prix Fixe dinner was in tribute to Ukraine. We served Ukrainian food and donated 10% of the proceeds to UNICEF. I donated personal funds as well, yet it still feels inadequate. I'd enlist in the Ukrainian army if I thought they would take me. But even though I consider myself fit for my age, I am sure they wouldn't have the same confidence in my abilities as I do. I've never shot a gun. Being nearsighted in one eye and farsighted in the other, I'm confident I couldn't hit a tank coming directly towards me.



As sad as I've been these past few days, Sunday brought sunshine and some renewed energy. I had plans to play tennis in the afternoon, but I still needed to work off some energy. I went out to the backyard, grabbed my gloves and rake, and got to it. I raked dead leaves, pine branches, pine needles, pulled some weeds, and managed to fill three giant trash bags.

The feeling I had accomplished something did elevate my mood a little. And as a bit of bonus, plants I thought for sure were goners, are beginning to grow back. I saw green spikes starting to show from daylilies I was certain had frozen to death. Rhubarb, hollyhocks, tulips, and iris are really starting to spring up. The snowdrops I was gifted last year have bloomed and spread. Next year I will remember to add some crocuses.

Feeling better after gardening, I went off to the tennis courts. And another bonus, for the first time since we started playing at the school's courts, four 11-12-year-old kids appeared on the second court. My first thought; the internet must be down. But they were there to have some fun and play tennis. However, we overheard they had rackets but no balls. A need I could easily solve, giving them some of our spares. Watching and hearing kids play is always a joy.

Before Daniel and I had dinner that night, I took a quick look at the news, which is still so disheartening. However, what is impressive is the assistance countries bordering Ukraine have offered. Strangers offer their homes, clothing, food, water, toys, and medical supplies. Many other countries will allow the Ukrainian refugees to work without work visas. The inhumanity from this unprovoked invasion is being met with some of the most generous humanitarian assistance imaginable. I will continue to hope for a quick resolution to this atrocity. Hope is a good thing!

# How to help the people of Ukraine

THE TIMES

The Russian military invasion of Ukraine has caused a fast-moving and dangerous humanitarian crisis. As the Russian troops have moved into the country, it has become clear that civilians are being targeted. The people of Ukraine have been forced to decide between becoming refugees, leaving their lives behind, or staying and resisting Putin's forces.

Finding food, gas, medicine, and safe shelter has become difficult for Ukrainians staying in the country. As it has become increasingly apparent that the Russian military is targeting civilians, providing aid has become more difficult and urgent.

It is a long road for those who make the difficult decision to leave their homes and go to neighboring countries, including Poland, Hungary, Moldova, and Romania. The weather is freezing, and often the routes are not safe. Families have been separated from fathers, brothers, and husbands as the Ukraine government prohibits men between 16 and 60 from leaving the country.

As of 03/08/22, over 1.5 million Ukrainians have crossed into neighboring countries, including Poland, Hungary, Moldova, and Romania. This is a huge number of displaced people who can stress

the hosting countries without the international aid of food, medicine, and sanitation. In addition to the immediate needs, these people will need help to start over, find sponsors or family in other countries, and given emotional support.

The war atrocities are being seen throughout the world, if not Russia, and many want to help those affected. Below are nonprofits that have been working in Ukraine since the start of Russian aggression in 2014. Please go to their websites and learn more about the work and the status of this crisis.

### Médecins Sans Frontières/Doctors Without Borders

MSF, also known as Doctors Without Borders, has established projects in Ukraine, working with local volunteers, organizations, health care professionals since the first Russian invasion in 2014. As the war in Ukraine escalates, the organization has focused its work within Ukraine and neighboring countries providing sanctuary for refugees.

Visit their website for more information about the work the organization provides and to make donations, <https://tinyurl.com/2uk7x3b6>

### UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR)

The international organization provides emergency assistance to families from Ukraine by providing aid, including cash assistance and opportunities for relocation.

"UNHCR is working with the authorities, UN, and other partners in Ukraine and is ready to provide humanitarian assistance wherever necessary and possible. To that effect, security and access for humanitarian efforts must be guaranteed," the organization said in a statement.

<https://www.unrefugees.org>

### CARE

CARE is raising money for its Ukraine Crisis Fund to provide immediate aid, including food, water, hygiene kits, support services, and direct cash assistance to people in Ukraine.

The humanitarian organization aims to raise \$20 million and help at least 4 million Ukrainians. It says it will prioritize women and girls, families, and the elderly who are at high risk.

<https://tinyurl.com/2dr7wb85>

### Global Empowerment Mission

GEM partners with other organizations, including bstrong, a nonprofit founded by Real Housewife of New York Bethenny Frankel. The group has raised over \$35 million as of 3/6/22 for Ukraine relief. The focus is not just on immediate needs but also on helping the refugees establish new lives. This is a newer nonprofit that focus on the urgent needs of people during a disaster and facilitating the next steps to make victims whole. Helping to find sustainable futures.

<https://tinyurl.com/2dwhembe>

### UNICEF

UNICEF launched an emergency response in Ukraine in 2014 and has continued as the conflict with Russia continued to escalate.

"Children have been killed. Children have been wounded. And children are being profoundly traumatized by the violence all around them. We must protect all children in Ukraine. Now. They need peace." — UNICEF Executive Director Catherine M. Russell

Visit their website for more information and to make donations, <https://www.unicefusa.org/crisis-ukraine>

# The Wrestler's Daughter takes over the Royal Block

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—It was a full house on Saturday night at the Royal Block, when a crowd of more than 30 gathered for a book reading by local author Markeeta Little Wolf's from her new book, *The Wrestler's Daughter*.

Little Wolf knows how to hold an audience, and the Royal Block has continued to create a space that works well for readings and live music. With Little Wolf, you get both. Sound system checked, podium in place, and a petite guitar on its stand, she launched into an entertaining introduction to her life. She also sang one song, which left me wanting more.

Attendees from Waitsburg, Prescott, Walla Walla, Dayton, and beyond gathered to hear old and new stories from the author's life. They were given glimpses into the life of Big Chief Little Wolf. A Navajo man from Colorado who left the States in 1937 to continue his wrestling career in Australia. He met the beautiful Dona, ultimately leading to the birth of his daughter, Markeeta, a born star.

She shared the roots of her love for cooking and baking, which started with a devil's food cake baked at the young age of ten. As her mother, Dona, directed her to a recipe, "if you can read, you can cook."

The daughter Little Wolf found her fame as a singer as a teenager in high school, known across Australia for her acclaimed televised and live performances. After taking her show international, she eventually ended up in Los Angeles. The riots

and other events in the 90s encouraged her to leave the big city, and she ended up in Waitsburg with her mother, Dona.

Looking for help to settle a dispute with a neighbor, she met attorney Vaughn Hubbard and his son, Michael, also an attorney. It was obvious that Dona was not okay with her daughter's instant attraction to the younger lawyer. But, as it often does, love prevailed, and the memoir became the Markeeta and Mike love story.

Once in Waitsburg, Little Wolf discovered that she had a knack for local politics. In 2007, she made her mark as Mayor after serving four terms on the City Council. She shook things up alongside her friend and city council member Leroy Cunningham. An Australian Navajo woman and a gay, Black man in leadership positions caused some grumblings among long-time locals or as referred to in the book, as O.W.N. That did not stop the duo as they continued their progressive leadership.

Little Wolf was the first candidate to defeat an incumbent. She was the first Native American and the first female mayor of Waitsburg. A born trailblazer.

*The Wrestler's Daughter*, which details Little Wolf's life, is full of grand stories, her favorite recipes, and photos. The book is available for purchase at Ten Ton Coffee and online through Amazon.



Beka Compton

Mike Hubbard is never far from his entertaining wife, Markeeta Little Wolf.

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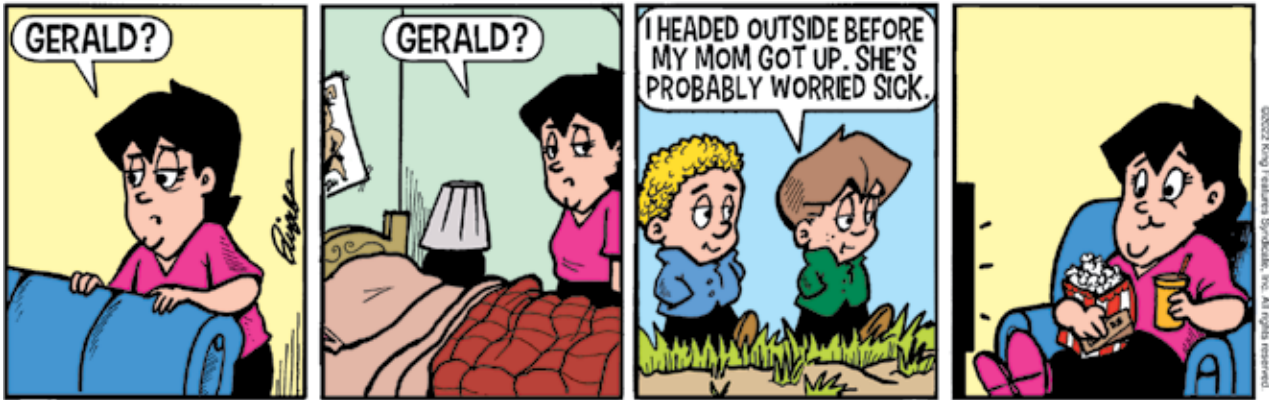
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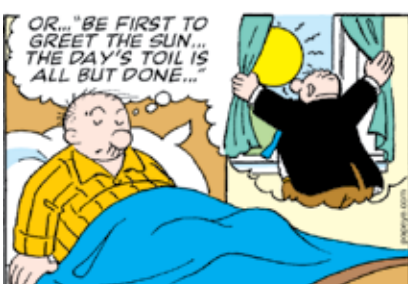
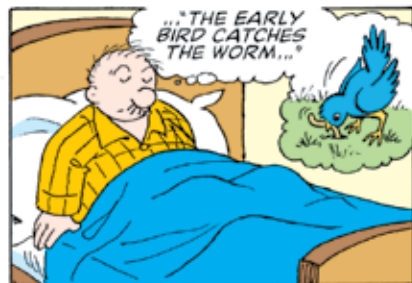
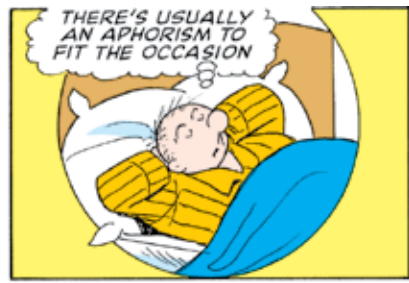
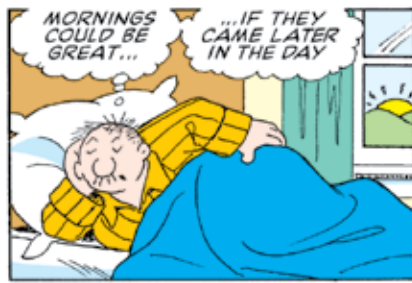
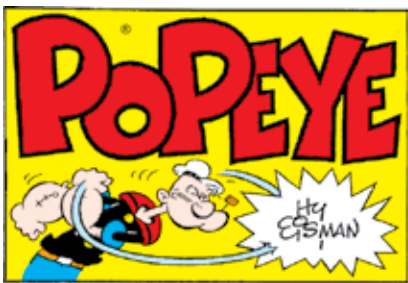
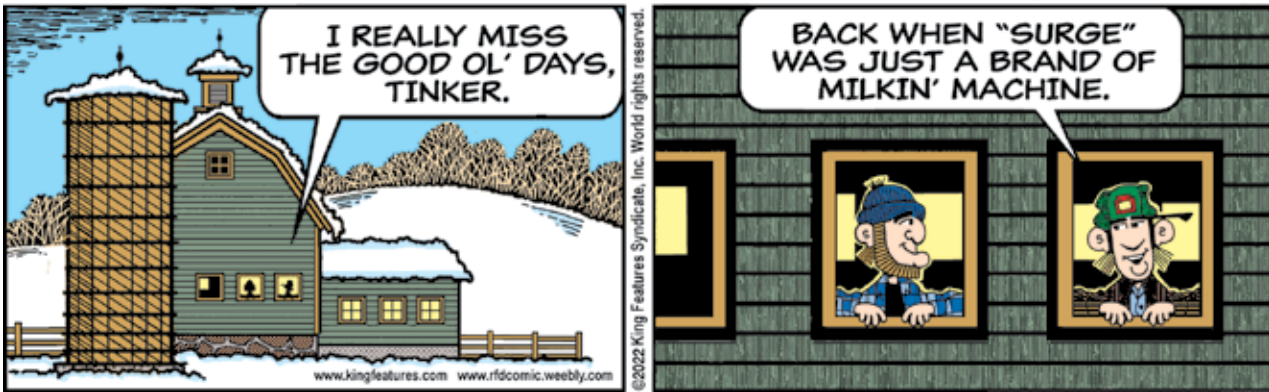
## Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



## R.F.D.

by Mike Marland



## Touchet Valley Weather

March 9, 2022

### Waitsburg's Seven Day Forecast

<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>
Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Scattered Rain	Scattered Rain	Few Showers
High: 41 Low: 19	High: 46 Low: 29	High: 55 Low: 39	High: 62 Low: 41	High: 56 Low: 40	High: 59 Low: 44	High: 54 Low: 37

### Weather Trivia

Which of these cities gets the least rainfall: New York City, Miami or Seattle?

### Weather History

**March 9, 1956** - A whopping 367 inches of snow was measured on the ground at the Ranier Paradise Ranger Station in Washington. The snow depth was a state record and the second highest total of record for the continental United States.

### Local Almanac Last Week

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip
Tuesday	65	47	51/35	0.14"
Wednesday	53	47	52/35	0.14"
Thursday	48	38	52/35	0.50"
Friday	50	32	52/35	0.00"
Saturday	48	30	53/36	0.00"
Sunday	50	31	53/36	0.00"
Monday	58	34	53/36	0.00"

Departure from normal ..... +0.37"  
Average temperature ..... 45.1°  
Average normal temperature ..... 43.9°  
Departure from normal ..... +1.2°

Data as reported from Walla Walla

### Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Wednesday	6:16 a.m.	5:50 p.m.	9:34 a.m.	12:46 a.m.
Thursday	6:15 a.m.	5:52 p.m.	10:11 a.m.	1:49 a.m.
Friday	6:13 a.m.	5:53 p.m.	10:55 a.m.	2:48 a.m.
Saturday	6:11 a.m.	5:55 p.m.	11:49 a.m.	3:39 a.m.
Sunday	7:09 a.m.	6:56 p.m.	1:50 p.m.	5:22 a.m.
Monday	7:07 a.m.	6:57 p.m.	2:57 p.m.	5:58 a.m.
Tuesday	7:05 a.m.	6:59 p.m.	4:07 p.m.	6:27 a.m.

## PIONEER PORTRAITS

### Ten Years Ago

March 8, 2012

The newest addition to Dayton City Council, Arthur Hall, was appointed by a unanimous vote on Monday, Feb. 27. When Hall moved to Dayton in February 2010, he said he had no intention of running for city council at any point in time. When the position opened up, friends and associates suggested he apply, so he did. Hall said he is already looking toward November when he will be up for public election reaffirming his position on the council.

### Twenty-Five Years Ago

March 13, 1997



[Photo Caption] Cardinal basketball players from the boys team won recognition at the Sports Dessert. Chris Pearson was named to the all-league second team; Matthew Wyatt was voted by teammates as Most Inspirational; James Riggs was named MVP and to the all-league first team; and Juan Landin received the Most Improved award.

### Fifty Years Ago

March 9, 1972

King Witt was re-elected to the Days of Real Sport Board last Tuesday night, while Bill Payne was named vice president. Jack Griffen will serve as treasurer and Herman Gohlman, secretary. Other hold-over board members are Kenneth Smith and Joe McCown. John Wood is a new board member, taking the place of H.V. "Bill" Zuger who has served for several years. A new barn structure will be built at the track replacing those destroyed earlier this year by wind. The steel cover joining two present structures will be put in by Carroll Adams of Walla Walla at a cost of approximately \$4000. Secretary Herman Gohlman said that this should increase the capacity to 140 head of horses.

### Seventy-Five Years Ago

March 14, 1947

Miss Colleen Collins, who is a junior at Washington State College, was awarded the Panhellenic scholarship this year which entitles her to her tuition at the college for two semesters.

The new home of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Davis on Preston Ave. is nearly completed and will be ready for occupancy in a short time.

Mrs. Byron Gusse was honored at a birthday dinner Tuesday evening at the Coffee Shop by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Laughery, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Glassner were also present.

Mr. and Mrs. Denzil Mock returned home Monday from Seattle where they were called by the illness of their son, Delbert, who had a recurrence of malaria combined with the flu.

### One Hundred Years Ago

March 10, 1922

C. M. Phelps, who farms the Davis Bros. ranch of 1000 acres, sold his entire crop one day last week at \$1.10 per bushel. This wheat was of the No. 128 variety and brought the top price paid for wheat so far this year.

According to official reports, June 1 is the probable date for the opening of Fort Walla Walla as a hospital for the rehabilitation of ex-service men.

Following are the members of the girls' basketball team who made the trip to Prosser Friday: Mabel Groom, Mabel Bowles, Lola Danielson, Bernice Cline, Lois Dixon, Bessie Barnes, Blanche Stonecipher, Lillian Callahan and Miss Evangeline Ward, coach.

### One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago

March 12, 1897

A jolly crowd of young people gave Miss Clara Morrow a very pleasant surprise party on last Friday evening at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Morrow. Music and games occupied most of the time, light refreshments being served.

Society item from an exchange: "With the prospects of a saloon ahead, we learn that the young ladies of the town have organized a 'lips-that-touch-liquor-shall-never-touch-mine' club. The young men have retaliated by organizing a 'limbs-that-wear-bloomers-shall-never-warm-their-feet-on-my-back' club."

J. W. Cole brought a large bucketful of corn meal to this office this week which was ground in this city from Nebraska corn. It certainly makes fine corn bread and we appreciate his thoughtfulness in not forgetting the "hungry printers."

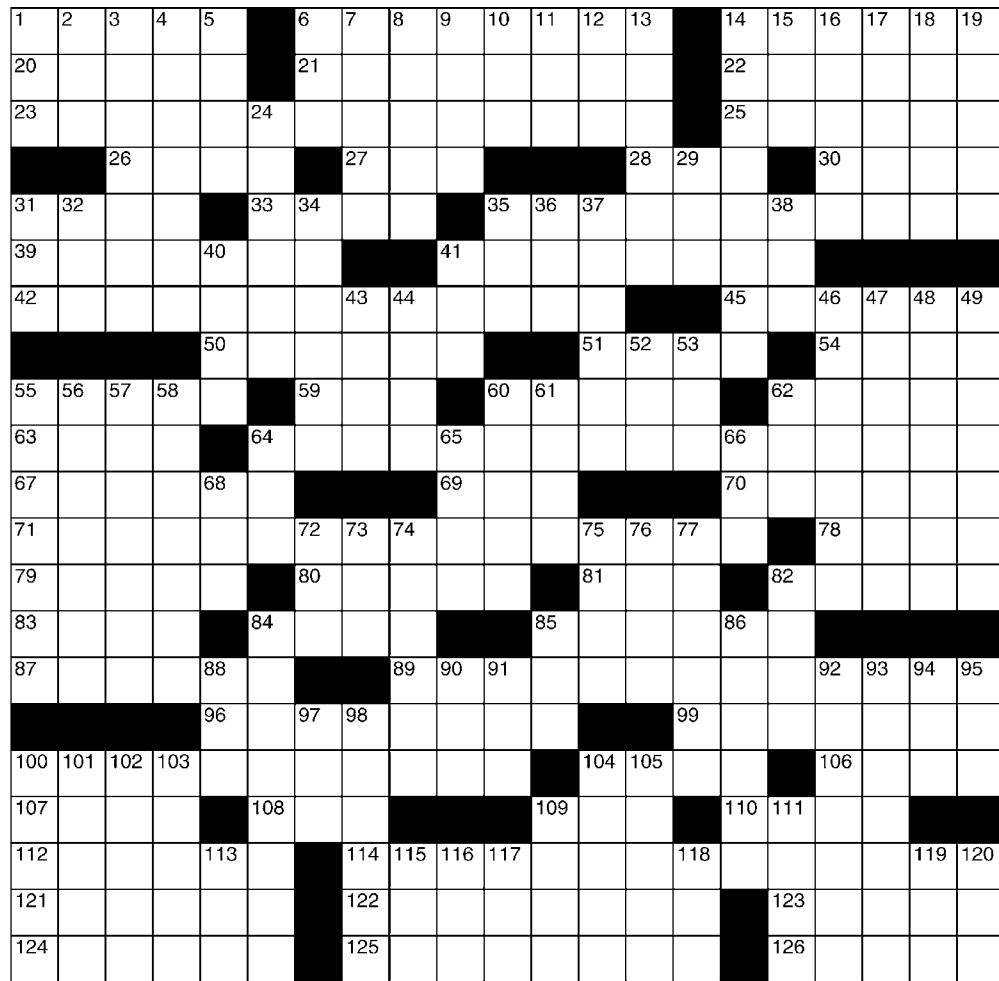


# PUZZLES & LIFESTYLES

## Super Crossword

CONFORMITY

- ACROSS**
- 1 Competitor  
6 Least hilly  
14 Spring birds  
20 Adult insect stage  
21 Irish moss or nori  
22 Insect's egg capsule  
23 Steady job, say  
25 Money, slangily  
26 Egg on  
27 See 110-Across  
28 One — kind  
30 Israeli politician  
31 Waikiki locale  
33 Catholic liturgy  
35 Steak/lobster combo dish  
39 Leave behind  
41 Aquarium shop supply  
42 Endowing organization  
45 Didn't allow to pass, as a bill  
50 Swimmer Gertrude  
51 "— the night before ..."  
54 Novelist — Stanley Gardner
- 55 Pass, as a bill  
59 "Lady Love" singer  
60 Really hate  
62 Jeans brand  
63 Recline lazily  
64 Regulating system  
67 Main nun  
69 Nest egg abbr.  
70 Estevez of "Tex"  
71 Attractive  
78 Tesla's Musk  
79 Volley starter  
80 Flora and fauna  
81 GPS display  
82 Vogue thing  
83 Uruguay's Punta del —  
84 Good buds  
85 Campout fuel  
87 Suffer from hunger  
89 Like an attention-grabbing actor  
96 Unrefined petroleum  
99 Eppie who's known as Ann Landers  
100 Home-state candidate  
104 Skillful feat  
106 Clodhopper
- 107 Pitcher Hershiser  
108 Grassy tract  
109 Deceive  
110 With 27-Across, makeshift sheds  
112 Theater area  
114 What the starts of seven answers in this puzzle might do?  
121 California beach city  
122 Online merchants  
123 Sharpens truck maker  
124 Appraise  
125 Sign on a dead-end street  
126 Start
- DOWN**
- 1 Grafton's "— for Ricochet"  
2 "If u ask me ..."  
3 Singer Sarah  
4 Bad way for a ship to run  
5 "Livin' La Vida —"  
6 Swing to and —  
7 Some jobs in the ring  
8 "Ciao!" in Chihuahua  
9 Gets bronze  
10 Special attention, for short  
11 Conceit  
12 Singer Cooke  
13 Start a golf hole  
14 Longtime Russian dynasty members  
15 Large gametes  
16 "Carmen" composer  
17 D-Max pickup truck maker  
18 Appellation bestower  
19 Neck warmer  
24 Halley of Halley's comet  
29 — Schwarz (toy store)  
31 Clodhopper  
32 — Dhabi  
34 San — (Texas city near Abilene)  
35 Ungodliness  
36 The Trojans of the NCAA  
37 Musical beat  
38 1950s prez  
40 Losing effort?  
41 Add-on charge  
43 Cal's twin in "East of Eden"  
44 Fill to excess  
46 More itty-bitty  
47 Redenbacher of popcorn  
48 Omission of a syllable  
49 Archbishop Tutu  
52 Affliction  
53 Projectile path  
55 Slips by  
56 Most majestic  
57 Calgary locale  
58 Meat cutter  
60 Large artery  
61 Ho-hum  
62 Hasty escape  
64 2000-15 CBS drama  
65 Prison melee  
66 Laugh half  
68 ND-to-LA dir.  
72 Rockets' gp.  
73 Actor Gerard  
74 Chucks out  
75 Art Deco artist  
76 Summers, in Somme  
77 Dr. Seuss' title turtle  
82 Warty hopper  
84 Very risky  
85 Hit sketch show since '75  
86 Tattooing tool  
88 Outmoded TV adjunct  
90 Aviary sound  
91 A, in Berlin  
92 Classic Chrysler  
93 Heat-attached patches  
94 Prefix with natal  
95 Mutt's threat  
97 Adaptable truck, in brief  
98 Stun with sound  
100 Pro — (perfunctory)  
101 Opera songs  
102 Osso buco meats  
103 "Kukla, Fran and —"  
104 Carpentry peg  
105 — nous  
109 Stallion-to-be  
111 Iterate  
113 Samantha Bee's station  
115 Southern Sioux  
116 Thai tongue  
117 Lucy  
119 Really little  
120 July hrs.



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## MY RECIPES Luke Chavez

# Chicken Marsala



At the age of 29 I moved to New York City on a whim. Not to sound dramatic, but the year that followed was truly the best of times and the absolute worst of times. On nights when I felt completely broken and exhausted from the rat race, I would take myself out for a dinner date with a book. Just a few blocks from my apartment was a cozy, hole-in-the-wall Italian restaurant that quickly became a favorite. With flickering candles, cheap carafes of house chianti, and a menu featuring unpretentious Italian American classics, dinner there was like a delicious hug. Among their specialties was Chicken Marsala, tender chicken cutlets pan fried then simmered in a rich and slightly sweet wine sauce with mushrooms. This week, with the whole world feeling out of sorts, I found myself craving this comforting dish from my brief time living in lower Manhattan.

### Ingredients:

- 1 ½ pounds boneless skinless chicken breasts, thin cut, 4-5 escalopes (see notes)
- ¼ cup flour
- Salt and fresh ground black pepper
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 3 tablespoons unsalted butter, divided
- 8 oz mushrooms, sliced
- 1 small shallot, chopped, about 3 tablespoons
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tablespoon fresh oregano, minced
- ¾ cup chicken stock
- ¾ cup dry Marsala wine (see notes)
- ¾ cup heavy cream
- Fresh parsley, chopped for garnish

### Directions:

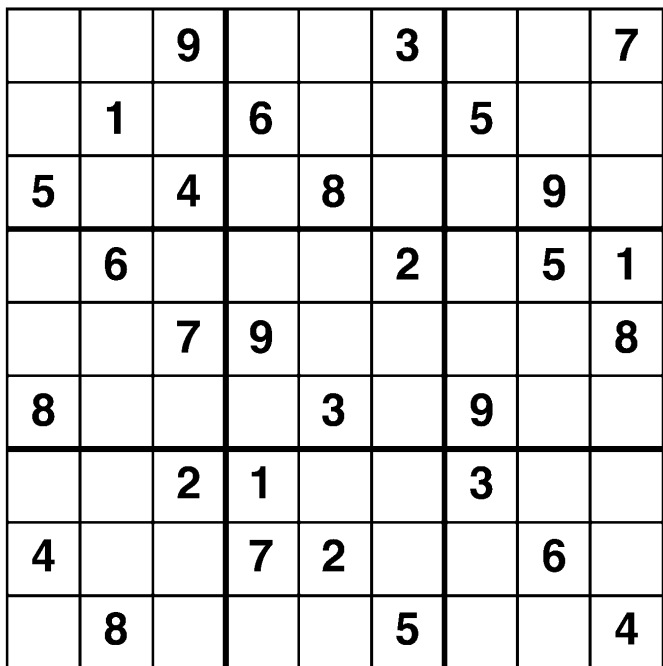
Place flour in a shallow dish. Season both sides of chicken with salt and pepper, then dredge in the flour, shaking off excess. Set aside. Heat oil and 2 tablespoons of the butter in a large heavy skillet, over medium-high heat. When the butter is fully melted and foam has dispersed, add chicken to pan. You should hear a nice sizzle. Cook chicken, turning once, until both sides are golden brown, and meat is just cooked through, about 2 to 3 minutes per side. Transfer chicken to a plate, tent with foil, and set aside to keep warm. Reduce heat on pan to medium and melt the remaining tablespoon of butter. Add the mushrooms and the shallots, then cook until the mushrooms begin to brown nicely, about 5 to 6 minutes. Next add the garlic and oregano with a pinch of salt, and continue to cook an additional minute or 2, until fragrant. Pour in the marsala and the stock, scraping up any browned bits from the bottom of the pan. Bring to a gentle simmer and allow the alcohol to cook off for a couple of minutes. Then add the cream, stirring quickly to incorporate. Return to a simmer, reduce heat to low, and gently simmer for 10 to 15 minutes, until the sauce has thickened, reduced by about half, and darkened in color. Taste and adjust seasoning, adding more salt if needed. Return the browned chicken to the pan, along with any accumulated juices from plate, arranging in a single layer and spooning sauce over the top of each piece. Allow sauce to gently simmer for another 3 to 5 minutes, allowing chicken to heat through and the sauce to thicken a little more. When in doubt, check the chicken for doneness by slicing into the thickest part. Sprinkle with parsley and serve.

### Notes:

Escalopes are thin fillets of boneless meat, usually chicken or veal, that are pounded thin for quick cooking. You can often find chicken breasts pre-sliced in grocery stores, or you can ask the butcher to slice them. Or purchase two breasts (about ¾ pound each), then slice them in half horizontally by butterflying with a sharp knife. Once breasts are sliced in half, use a meat mallet to gently pound the fillets out into an even ¼-inch thickness. Marsala is a fortified wine from Sicily. Fortification is the process of adding distilled spirits to wine which preserves and enhances the flavor after fermentation has finished. You can find dry Marsala in wine and spirit shops, or larger grocery stores. Sometimes in grocery stores you can find small bottles of cheaper "cooking" Marsala wine in the same section as cooking vinegars. If you can not find Marsala, you can substitute with other fortified wines such as Madeira, dry sherry, or port. On top of being lovely to cook with, these wines are lovely as a dessert pour after a large meal. This creamy and flavorful entrée is lovely served with buttered noodles, rice, or mashed potatoes. This week, I served it with buttery smashed new potatoes, and a crisp salad with a light vinaigrette. Some Louis Prima on the stereo and a glass of chianti completed this Little Italy fantasy. Mangia! Enjoy.

## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

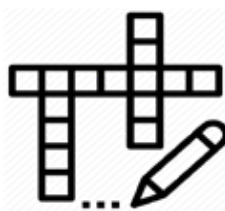


Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ◆◆◆

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

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## Super Crossword

### Answers

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## Weekly SUDOKU

### Answer

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1 6 2 8 5 7 9 3 4  
8 3 5 2 6 4 1 7 9  
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6 2 1 7 9 8 5 4 3  
7 5 6 4 3 2 8 9 1  
9 1 3 5 8 6 4 2 7  
2 4 8 1 7 9 3 6 5



## Job and Career Fair at Waitsburg High

THE TIMES



Photos by Beka Compton

Students at Waitsburg High School attended a Career and Job Fair on Tuesday, March 8. Students met with various presenters, including Walla Walla Community College, Washington State University College of Agriculture, Human and Natural Resource Sciences, Eastern Washington University, US Army, Walla Walla Electric, Walla Walla Fire Department, and the Columbia County Health System. Surrounding schools, including Dayton, Prescott, and Touchet, were invited to attend the fair.

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