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Cierra Schafer, owner of Red Bird Blooms, had help holding down her tent during the first Saturday of the Waitsburg Farmers Market. The next market is Saturday, June 29 at Preston Park. Vendors will include Cedar Rain Spirits, R & B BBQ, and Pink Button Bakery. As Schafer builds up the market, she askes potential vendors to contact her on her website at redbirdbloomsofwaitsburg.com.

THIS WEEK



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Waitsburg Main Street sees big changes this month

Bar Bacetto and Gaudy Gals on Main are closing, and former city hall sale is moving jorwara.

By Lane Gwinn | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG —The last few years have seen significant changes on Waitsburg's Main Street. This June, the city lost two popular businesses, and several empty buildings are finding

Mike and Erin Easton announced they would not reopen Bar Bacetto in July. The James Beard 2024 nominee for Best New Restaurant opened in October 2022 and offered Easton's signature pasta, cocktails, and excellent service. Bar Bacetto started as an informal, no-reservations, twelve-seat pasta counter reminiscent of Easton's acclaimed Seattle lunch spot Il Corvo. It soon evolved into a full-service restaurant, with almost double the seating and staff, and requiring reservations.

"We really enjoyed it, we love Waitsburg. We created a beautiful thing for a while, but ultimately, it was not sustainable," said Easton.

Bar Bacetto will remain as a venue, and the owners are exploring possible uses, including special events and a visiting chef's pop-up. "Where other chefs from out of town can cruise in and do a couple-day pop-up in the space," said Easton.

At the beginning of the year, Mike and Erin bought and remodeled a small pizza shop at 1619 E. Isaacs Avenue in Walla Walla. Bacetto's Detroit Style will open on June 26, with Erin in charge.

"We are so excited to share our pizza with the valley, and we appreciate everyone's support and enthusiasm for our new project," said Erin.



Courtesy photo

One of the pizzas served at Bacetto Detroit Style.

Bacetto Detroit Style pizzas are built on thick, airy crusts similar to the Waitsrestaurant's burg amazing focaccia. The pizzeria will be open Wednesday through Saturday, 5 to 11 p.m., and 2 to 8 p.m. on Sundays. No minors and no reservations; however, takeout will be available.

On June 26, Columbia Hospitality

announced that Mike would join The Kitchen at Abeja as Executive Chef on July 1. Easton's menu will debut on August 1, after he spends the next month developing

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Dayton School Board prepares for new su-perintendent and district reorganization

By Justin Jaech | THE TIMES

DAYTON - The Dayton School Board met in the high school library at 6:30 p.m. on June 19, 2024. School Board members present were Chair Jeffrey McCowen, Zac Fabian, Ryan Paulson (on Zoom), Grant Griffin, and Superintendent Rich Stewart. Aneesha Dieu attended the final five minutes using Zoom. No members of the public were present at the meeting or on Zoom.

The board approved the consent agenda, which included hiring Anna Fortier as an elementary school teacher, Shannon James as the annual advisor, and Sam Korslund as a bus driver. Two resignations were included in the consent agenda: Jamie Trump as the Camp Wooten Camp Director and Wes Harting as bus driver. Trump will remain in the district in her other job

The approved consent agenda renewed several coaching

- contracts: Jeff McCowen – Head Baseball Coach
 - Andee Thurston MS Girls Head Basketball Coach
 - Mike McGhan HS Head Golf Coach
 - Owen Lanning MS Head Track Coach Tara Brenner - MS Assistant Track Coach

Jana Eaton briefed the board on Associated Student Body (ASB) policies and procedures, focusing on the handling of ASB funds.

Stewart spoke on the implementation of a policy governance model for the board and said training and guidance could cost \$25,000 and up. The expense would be based on the choice of consultants and methods chosen. He said less expensive online training is available. Stewart hoped most of the funding for this effort might come from private, local foundations.

The interim superintendent said he favored using Rick Maloney of Policy Governance Associates for assistance; however, it would be up to new Superintendent Jeremy Wheatley after arriving this summer.

Most of the action items on the agenda involved transferring signature authority for the district's financial accounts from Stewart to Wheatley and from Guinevere Joyce to Amy Cox. Beginning in the 2024-2025 school year, the structure of the district's administration will be a full-time superintendent and a full-time K-12 principal. Cox was moved into the principal position, and Joyce's secondary principal position was terminated.

Also in the action items were a resolution to renew membership in the WIAA for the coming year, a resolution to fix and adopt next year's budget, a resolution to approve applying for a grant for football field improvements, and finally, cancellation of the July 3, 2024, School Board Study Session. All were approved without dissent.

The meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m. The next school board meeting is scheduled for July 17, 2024.

NEWS BRIEFS

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LETTERS

AT THE LIBERTY:

"Ghostbusters: Frozen Empire"

THE TIMES

DAYTON — In "Ghostbusters: Frozen Empire," the Spengler family returns to where it all started - the iconic New York City firehouse - to team up with the original Ghostbusters, who've developed a top-secret research lab to take busting ghosts to the next level. But when the discovery of an ancient artifact unleashes an army of ghosts that casts a death chill upon the city, Ghostbusters new and old must join forces to protect their home and save the world from a second Ice Age.

This movie was rated highly by audiences (83%), but not by the Rotten Tomatoes critics (42%). The audience summary is that "Ghostbusters: Frozen Empire" has plenty of nostalgia for longtime fans, as well as fun multi-generational action for younger audiences to enjoy." IMDb gives this movie a 6.1 out of 10. This movie is rated PG-13 for supernatural action/violence, language and suggestive references. The IMDb parents' guide has this movie rated as mild in all categories except for frightening or intense scenes, which is categorized as moderate. That review notes that the main villain appears "as a horned, demonic looking entity with the power to freeze victims to death." Runtime is 114 minutes.

Our free summer movie series for children continues with "Smallfoot" on Tuesday June 25 and Friday June 28, at 1 pm. A small popcorn and small beverage are available for only \$2. The movie summary is as follows: Migo is a friendly Yeti whose world gets turned upside downs when he discovers something that he didn't know existed - a human. He soon faces banishment from his snowy home when the rest of the villagers refuse to believe this fantastic tale. Hoping to prove them wrong, Migo embarks on an epic journey to find the mysterious creature that can put him back in good graces with this simple community. It is rated PG for some action, rude humor, and thematic elements. Then, showing on Tuesday, July 2, and again on July 5, the children's movie will be "Dolphin Tale," which is rated PG.

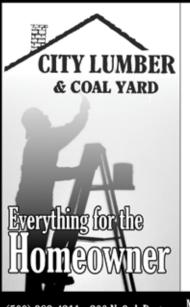
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STATE PARKS URGE PEOPLE TO RECREATE RESPONSIBLY THIS FOURTH OF JULY

THE TIMES

OLYMPIA — The Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission (Parks) asks anyone planning a Fourth of July celebration at a park or beach to be safe and protect friends, neighbors, public lands, and wildlife.

Parks sees high levels of visitation during Independence Day celebrations, particularly on its beaches, which increases the amount of trash left behind. Last year, volunteers collected more than 111,000 pounds of garbage from ocean beaches during the annual July 5 beach cleanup. That's equivalent to the weight of about seven adult orca whales.

To reduce trash, follow beach safety rules, and pack out everything packed in. Litter left behind threatens the safety and future of beach wildlife.

Consuming or getting entangled in trash can disrupt an animal's ability to hunt, escape predators, or provide for its young. High tides from the night of July 4 to the morning of July 5 can wash litter out to sea, harming marine animals.

Fireworks are illegal on all state park lands, including the beaches in front of state parks. Discharging fireworks on state park lands can result in a \$99

Although it is legal to drive onto some areas of the beach, all road rules apply. The beach speed limit is 25 mph, and pedestrians and horses always have the right of way.

Please obey all posted no parking signs, including along the entry to beach access points.. Congestion at access points limits the response-ability for emergency vehicles.

Cars parked below the high tide line may get stuck or washed out to sea and tow support is limited.

It is illegal to use drugs or alcohol and get behind the wheel. Open container laws apply to Washington beaches.

Visitors should be mindful and stay out of beach areas designated to protect wildlife and marine habitats. Campfires must be at least 100 feet from the dunes, less than four feet in diameter ad height. No fires are allowed on any shellfish beds.

In partnership with Washington Coast Savers, Parks organizes three beach cleanup volunteer events yearly, including one on July 5. Visit CoastSavers.org to view a list of participating beaches and where to check in on the event day. Pre-registration is not necessary—just show up and help.

Volunteers should dress for variable weather conditions, wear sturdy footwear and pack a lunch with plenty of water. Upon check-in, participants will receive supplies to help them pick up debris; however, volunteers are encouraged to bring reusable gloves. The check-in station also serves as the dumpster location for marine debris after collection.

Check for parking at parks.wa.org before heading out. For those visiting a state park, a Discover Pass is required for vehicle access.

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Columbia County Public Health is accepting applications for a full-time registered nurse to preform comprehensive nursing services requiring independent professional judgment and carries additional responsibilities for working in programs i.e.: Maternal Child Health (MCH), STD, HIV, Tuberculosis, Communicable Disease, COVID-19 related duties, and Immunization. This position expected to ensure the overall health and safety of our community through education, advocacy and delivery of care. This is a 32-hour a week benefited position with an annual salary range of \$63,859-\$112,908 DOQ. This position will remain open until filled.

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Application Process: County application, resume and cover letter required. Job description and information available on our website, https://www. columbiaco.com/jobs.aspx. Mailing address: Jan Strohbehn, Administrator, Columbia County Public Health, 112 N. 2nd St., Dayton, WA 99328 (509) 382-2181 or email jan_ strohbehn@co.columbia.wa.us

IN SUPPORT FOR CLAYTON **FOR WW COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

To the editor,

I am delighted to support Bertha Clayton for County Commissioner. Over the past six years, our children attended school together and I have seen firsthand her dedication and passion for our community

Bertha is an outstanding candidate who embodies integrity, dedication, and kindness. Her extensive legal training and experience make her exceptionally qualified to enhance public safety, promote economic development, and ensure fiscal responsibility. Bertha is committed to building a more inclusive and prosperous county, advocating for transparent governance and community engagement. As a lawyer and successful state agency director, Bertha's leadership and strategic thinking are unparalleled. Her record includes developing diverse teams and leading cohorts of leaders representing competing interests, showcasing her ability to foster inclusive and collaborative environments. Bertha's vision includes creating opportunities for small businesses, improving infrastructure, and prioritizing environmental sustainability.

Bertha's campaign centers on sensible ideas and energized leadership to unite the County staff in meaningful partnerships without partisan divisions. Her commitment to transparency and community engagement ensures that every voice is heard. She is eager to serve and has the vision and dedication to do it well.

Alayna Brinton, MSW, LICSW Walla Walla, Wash.

WAITSBURG DOG PARK IS NOW OPEN FOR YOUR DOG'S BUSINESS

To the Editor,

The new Waits Mill Dog Park had its grand opening on June 19, and we are celebrating the power of collaboration and partnership.

In 2008, Councilmembers Leroy Cunningham and Ken Lenhart put forward the official recommendation of a dog park for Waitsburg. The recommendation remained a point of discussion until summer 2023 when the recently revitalized Waitsburg Parks and Recreation District's commissioners decided to stop just talking about it and start acting on it.

The dog park was a partnership from the beginning - the city provided the funding in the 2024 budget and Parks and Rec agreed to lead the installation

Parks and Rec Chairman Bart Baxter was outstanding in his dedication and service on this project. Our city administrator and public works crew provided hours of support. On May 4, volunteers installed the fencing - thank you to Brian Richards, Victor Whitmore, Lance Carter, Wendy Carter, Mattilynn Carter, Court Ruppenthal, Jason Taylor, Kristy Taylor, Hagen Taylor, and Dane Henze.

Our new dog park is a win for our four-legged friends and our community, and will stand as a true example that our city is a more vibrant, wonderful place to live when we collaborate and partner together.

Sincerely, Jillian Henze, APR Waitsburg City Councilmember



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PARKS AND REC AND CITY **OPEN DOG PARK, FENCE** PICKLEBALL COURT, AND **EXPAND SPLASH PAD**

THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — On June 19, members of the community, Waitsburg Parks and Recreation District, and Gracie the dog came to the new Waits Mill Dog Park for the ribbon cutting. The park is open for use as the city and parks and recreation continue to make improvements to the facility. In the fall, the ground will be cultivated and seeded, and plants, trees, and shaded seating will be added.

With a hot summer forecasted, Waitsburg kids will be happy to learn that the splash pad has been upgraded with new equipment, better water pressure, and extended skirting.

The pickleball court is now completely fenced in and ready for use. The city, working with parks and recreation, continues to add recreational amenities to the town.



Waitsburg Parks and Recreation members Beth Daves, Bart Baxter, and Wendy Carter were joined by Gloria Wilson and Gracie for the Waits Mill Dog Park opening.



American 35 owners Tom and Judy Bennett donated this bright sun shade to cool off park users.



Bart Baxter finishing the fencing around the picklball court in Preston Park.

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menus that will complement Abeja wines.

"I have been in love with Abeja for over ten years, after the first time I cooked a wine dinner there," said Easton. Once this opportunity came his way, Easton said he couldn't pass it up.



Courtesy photo

Abeja Executive Chef Mike Easton with winemakers Dan Wampfler and Amy Alvarez-Wampfler.

The Kitchen at Abeja is located on the 38-acre historic farmstead that hosts the acclaimed winery and The Inn at Abeja, managed by Columbia Hospitality. The unique setting offers guests an immersive wine-country experience, blending exceptional cuisine, award-winning wines, and luxurious accommodations amidst the natural beauty of the Walla Walla Valley.

Main Street will also say goodbye to Gaudy Gals on Main. On June 25, sisters Lori Davis and Kimi Bruzas announced they were closing after four years in business. They plan to reopen the shop on July 5 to give their patrons a chance to shop 50% off on all inventory until all or most of it has sold

The shop opened inside the Waitsburg Town Hall in 2020, with curated antiques, collectibles, jewelry, furniture, and original art that reflected each sister's style. Lori loves painted furniture and all things '70s. Kimi brings glitz and her quirky collages. Both sisters value uniqueness and quality in everything they selected for the shop.

Their vision extended to community outreach as well. The Gaudv Gal float in the 2022 Waitsburg Christmas Parade was a vision in pink and crystal with a full chande-

Town Hall benefited from their presence as renters and on-site managers. They helped schedule events, answer questions, and organize vendor shows.

Bruzas will begin working at "The Times" on July 1. Ten Ton Coffee will offer a selection of Gaudy Gal cards and prints and exhibit original art by Bruzas. Davis will take advantage of her time from the shop to spend more time with family, including her grandchildren and her delightful donkeys.

A new business is planned for the former city hall at 147 Main Street. The city accepted an offer from Padraic Slattery at a special meeting on June 13. In the accepted sales agreement, Slattery said he would renovate the former bank building to be opened as a designer-grade hotel with eight rooms upstairs and an organic wine bar on the ground floor.

Slattery is completing the renovation of the former Weinhard Hotel in Dayton, Wash., retaining the 15 rooms and planning an organic wine bar and specialty coffee shop. Slattery will reopen the business as Hotel Hardware this July.

Last week, there was confusion about whether the deal for the Waitsburg property would go through after Slattery expressed reservations on social media the day after the agreement was accepted. However, Waitsburg City Administrator Randy Hinchliffe confirmed that the sales agreement had been signed by both parties, including receipt of \$10,000 earnest money from the buyer, allowing the sale to move forward.

"Building to be tastefully restored to showcase its historic charm and beauty," said Slattery in the proposal's plan summary.

The city vacated the building in August 2021 when the Waitsburg City Hall was moved to 106 Main Street.



(left) Kimi Bruzas and Lori Davis brightened up Waitsburg's Main Street with curated gifts, collectables, and original art at Gaudy Gals on Main since 2020.



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NEWS & LEGALS

Cardinal FB players play and work hard at camp

By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES

ELGIN, ORE — Fourteen Waitsburg Cardinal football players attended the Eastern Oregon University 8-man football camp in Elgin, Oregon, June 16-19.

Seniors Lucas VanHoose and Jackson Karl; juniors Isa Reyes, Koyen Fortune, Jarod Hankins, Tucker Hamilton, Teegan Kenney, Martin Vasquez; sophomores Jayton Gleason and Isaac Mahre and eighth graders Carsyn Pennington, Uriah York, Jake Lynch, and Liam Kiefel camped in tents during the four-day event that included eighteen teams from Idaho, Oregon, and Washington. Sunnyside Christian was the only other team from our district.

The EOU coaches put players through daily drills based on their positions. Then, teams participated in a five-on-five passing competition. Each game was played with one quarterback and four offensive receivers against five defensive backs. The Cardinals finished about in the middle, said Coach Gabe Kiefel. In the evenings, the Cardinals played 8-man football games.

On Tuesday, June 18, the boys competed in "Mountain Ball," where teams were put in brackets. Teams had four offensive plays from the 10-yard line to score up to four touchdowns, then switched to play four downs on defense. The winning teams advanced, with Waitsburg making it to the semi-finals.

In their first match, the Cardinals' played Adrian, Oregon, a past Oregon State championship team. Adrian scored twice, and Waitsburg scored quickly in their first play. After Quarterback Reyes was removed from play with a possible concussion, Adrian stopped the Cards on the 6-inch line with one play to go. The Cardinals tried running it up the middle but got stopped.

Adrian placed first, and the Cardinals finished third in the Mountain Ball tournament.

"I am very proud of the boys who came to camp. They worked extremely hard and learned a lot. By the end of it, they were pretty tired and ready for some downtime," said Coach Kiefel.

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SUMMER HOURS AT WAITSBURG'S BRUCE MUSEUM

THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — The Waitsburg Historical Society invites the public to tour the Bruce Museum this summer. The museum on 4th and Main Streets in Waitsburg will be open for tours from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the following Saturdays:

- July 6
- July 20
- August 3
- August 17 September 7

The annual Pioneer Fall Festival, featuring music, food, and demonstrations, will be held on Saturday, September 22, 2024.

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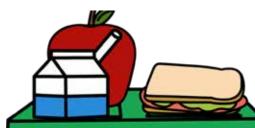
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FREE SUMMER MEALS

Waitsburg Schools will provide free meals to those 18 years and younger this summer break at the Elementary multipurpose room starting June 24.

The program ends on July 19, and meals will not be served on

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IN THE SUPERIOR **COURT OF THE STATE OF** WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY

OF COLUMBIA NOTICE TO CREDITORS RCW 11.40.030 NO. 24 4 0 0 0 0 7 7 In the Matter of the Estate

DANIEL ELLSWORTH SEESE, Deceased.

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Date of first publication: June 13, 2024 /s/: Sue Ellen Seese, PR Address for mailing or service:

P. Ryan Ortuno, Attorney for the Personal Representative **BOGGS ORTUNO PLLC** PO Box 7 | 338 E. Main Street, Dayton, WA 99328 The Times June 13, 20, 27, 2024

NOTICE OF PUBLIC **HEARING**

The Waitsburg School District No. 401-100 Board of Directors of Walla Walla County will review the proposed Extension of the 2023-2024 Associated Student Body Fund Budget on July 8, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at a special meeting.

All District residents are invited to be heard for or against any part of the Budget Extension. Copies of the Budget will be available at the hearing or can be obtained at the Superintendent's Office

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS **David Woods** Secretary to the Board The Times June 20, 27, 2024

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR WINERY GENERAL **PERMIT**

Figgins Estate, 3917 Mill Creek Road, Walla Walla, WA, winery, is applying for a Winery General Permit, Any person desiring to present their views to the department of ecology regarding this application may do so in writing within thirty days of the last date of publication of this notice. Comments shall submit to the department of ecology. Any person interested in the department's action on this application may notify the department of their interest within thirty days of the last date of publication of this notice. The Times

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DAYTON/COLUMBIA COUNTY **WASHINGTON FUND AWARDS \$53,500 IN GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS**

THE TIMES

DAYTON — The Dayton/Columbia County Washington Fund awarded \$53,500 in grants and scholarships. The following organizations were awarded grants:

- Blue Mountain Heritage Society-\$600 for Veteran's Memorial Wall maintenance, \$2,000 towards concrete and ground improvements
- Blue Mountain Humane Society-\$500 to support their rural pet wellness clinics
- **Blue Mountain Resource Conservation De**velopment Council-\$400 to support the 2024 SWIM the SNAKE event
- Columbia County-\$5,000 to support the Touchet Valley golf course irrigation project
- Columbia County Community work-\$2,500 to support the Columbia County Fairgrounds entryway improvements
- Dayton Chamber of Commerce-\$4,000 to support the replacement of the community reader board
- Prescott Joint Park & Recreation District-\$2,000 to support the water safety proj-
- Project Timothy Christian Aid Center-\$5,000 to support general operations
- **Skyline Adventures**-\$500 to support the Ski/ Snowboard experience for disabled veterans
- **The Club-**\$10,000 to support the 2024-2025 after school program
- Touchet Valley Arts Council- \$1,500 to support the Summer Cultural Enrichment Pro-
- **Tri-State Steelheaders**-\$500 to support the Salmon in School Program
- Walla Walla Senior Center-\$5,000 to support the senior nutrition program in Columbia
- YWCA-\$1,000 to support the YWCA fun fac-

Additionally, \$10,000 in scholarships were awarded to Elsie Mann, Grace Trump, Joshua Reser, Justina Abrahamson, Kameryn Tupling, Logan Berg, Madison Richardson, Parker Brown, and Wyntr Mc-

The Blue Mountain Community Foundation, which administers the Dayton/Columbia County Washington Fund, is honored to distribute these grants and scholarships. However, it reports a significant funding shortfall for the community. This year, the DCCW Fund received nearly \$150,000 in grant requests, surpassing the \$53,500 available for distribution.

A group of concerned Columbia County citizens formed the Raise the Blues Columbia County Leadership Team, which is dedicated to closing the gap between the needs and the funds available. Raise the Blues offers incentives through matching contributions for certain donations.

"Join us at a reception on Thursday, July 11, 2024, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. to learn the latest information about 'Raise the Blues' and clear up any misconceptions," said Katie Leid, Chair of the Dayton/Columbia County Washington Fund Committee.

The event is open to the public. For more information, please contact sara@bluemountainfoundation.org.'



OMG! Tennis Camp is not for Sissies!

By Vicki Sternfeld-Rossi | THE TIMES

I just completed my first tennis camp session, and I'm not as fit as I thought (or hoped) I was. The camp started at one o'clock on Thursday afternoon, and I, being overly ambitious, decided to play a two-hour singles game before camp. I began camp a little "used up," but luckily, there was a break with snacks for a little energy

After camp ended in the afternoon, I met a friend for a quick dinner and went on to the tennis league games that started at six. To say I slept well that night is an understatement. I can't remember a hot shower ever feeling so good or Advil ever being so appreciated.

The second day of camp began on Friday at eight in the morning after a healthy breakfast. Then, we went on to relentless (but always fun) tennis drills, skills, and competitions until our well-deserved lunch break.

Later that day, I realized I had initially misunderstood the wellness choices. We didn't have to choose between yoga, working with a fitness trainer, walks, or massage; we had it all.

Each day was a little different. After lunch, some of us chose to go to the fitness center and speak with the Whitman tennis team's fitness trainer. Surprise, we didn't just meet to chat; he made us work out. I'm still sore from squats, presses, and lunges – all with weights. Thank goodness, a thirty-minute whole-body massage was next. I was in heaven. Followed at home by a well-earned shower

and an Advil appetizer before dinner.

Saturday morning was the same routine as Friday. But, instead of a fitness workout, we had a yoga class. The class wasn't long enough for me to reap significant benefits, but another thirty-minute massage followed it. After that, I was so tired and relaxed that I could only wish for a driverless car. I made it home without an Uber, into the shower, and gulped down more Advil before a blissful sleep.

We were back at camp for a morning of drills on Sunday, but with a twist: scorekeeping. Poker chips were awarded for wins, special shots, and other "accomplishments" during drills. After a short break, the real competition began.

> Everyone put their racquets into a basket, and the coaches randomly picked them out to set up the teams. We were given the rules of the competition, explaining how the chips played into the mix. If you missed your serve, you could pay the coaches three chips for another chance, five to replay a missed point, and ten to buy a point that can break a tie for the win. The addition of the chips is where my business background and friend-

ship came in handy. My friend Mollie's team made the finals. Both teams were pooling their chips to buy the match. Mollie and her husband own a winery that makes a very dry Riesling that I like. Fortunately, I had chips to spare, and Mollie and I negotiated for two bottles of

her Riesling. My extra chips allowed her team to buy the match, and I got some of my favorite wine. That's what is known as a "win-win." I can't believe I started this all over again for the next two weeks. At least as

a Costco shopper, I have a huge supply of Advil and sunscreen. Add wine, some scotch, and a good bed; I should be fine. I hope!



The Oregon Trail **Adventure**

By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA — Sunday, June 23, was a big day for groups of settlers traveling from Independence, Missouri, to Fort Walla Walla.

Traveling west with me was my great-nephew Gabe, whom we chose as our leader. My great-nephew Sam, niece Michelle, and sister Sandra joined us as we endured numerous hardships along the way. But we were determined to reach Fort Walla Walla.

Our journey started at the general store in Independence. After purchasing a few needed supplies at the store: medicine, matches, and ammo, we loaded our wagon. We were limited to 75 pounds of goods, and the group loaded needed items, including a rope, skillet, pail, blanket, extra boots, rifle, tools, food, and other items from the store. We headed to Fort Kearny in Nebraska. While at the fort, the boys were pretty dirty, so they learned how to wash clothes on a washboard. The wheel on the wagon broke, and our strong boys fixed it real quick. After Sam got bitten by a rattlesnake, Gabe cut out the poison and applied the medicine we bought at the General Store, saving his life.

We were finally ready to head to Fort Laramie. It was really cold, so the boys went out and gathered Buffalo chips. Sam learned how to use a flint to start a fire before we remembered we had matches.

Gabe broke his leg. Luckily, there was a doctor at the fort who showed Sam how to make a splint using

Before leaving, Michelle and Gabe were accused of stealing and were put in jail. Sam went to work, panning for gold to pay for their bail.



Karen Huwe

Gabe and Michelle in jail

Fort Hall. A tree fell across the road, so Sam grabbed a saw and cut it out of our way.

Both boys fixed a broken harness with the help of Sandra and Michelle before we could be on our way to Fort Boise.

When we reached Fort Boise, our food supplies were low, and we were starving. Gabe shot a deer with his first shot, and Sam caught fish for us to eat. We fetched water, but after drinking it, Sam came down with cholera, and I got alkali sickness. We both took medicine and recovered.

Sam recovered but then was attacked by a wild animal. He cheated death when he was saved at the last moment by his mom, Michelle.



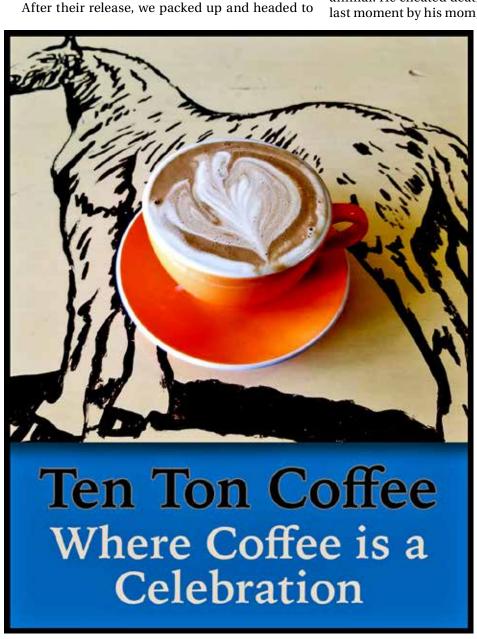
Sam worked panning gold to pay for his family's release from jail

We traveled the last leg of our journey to Fort Walla Walla. For their reward, the boys each claimed 320 acres of land. The deed was dated June 23, 1851.

The interactive Oregon Trail Game took place in the Pioneer Village at the Fort Walla Walla Museum.

There were numerous volunteers from Fort Walla Museum, Blue Mountain Land Trust, and the community. Baskin-Robbins served free ice cream, and Klickers offered fresh strawberries as a topping.

You will want to put this annual event on your schedule for 2025. It is fun for kids of all ages. Where else can you go to jail, get cholera, break bones, hunt, fish, rescue family members, and end up with strawberry-topped ice cream?





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"And to my gold-digger wife, I leave my pick and shovel."

Out on a Limb





















BIRTHDAYS

June 20: Beau Marshall, Frank Loveall, Louis Donnelly, Katreena Mabe, Seth Pierson, Cameron Danforth, and Amber Hilton.

June 21: Gemma Pennington, David Dunn, Tawnya Nettles, Peggy Brookshire, and Anita Baker.

June 22: Andy Winnett, Michael Spidell, and Paul

June 23: James Lehr, Teresa McConnell, Debbie Shaeffer, Delbert Porter, Michelle Bergevin, Lynn Savage, Jon Gibson and Heather Havens.

June 24: Kathleen Seaton, Donna Surry, Rod Bailey, Suzanne Stonecipher-Sollars and Darien Hulce.

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June 26: Judy Mulhair, Michelle Benson Brooks, Norma Bessey, Toni Chavez and Shalyne Bentley.



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PIONEER PORTRAITS

Ten Years Ago July 3, 2014

Well-wishers bid a fond farewell to Coppei Café owner Allison Bond, while serving up a warm welcome to new operators Emry and Sandy Kleck, at Sunday night's welcome/ farewell party. The café was filled with patrons who mingled, visited and laughed as they enjoyed good drinks and tasty tri-tip. "It was a great party! We even had people stop in who had never been down before," said Bond. Emry Kleck prepared specially seasoned tritip steak on his custom grill before a rotating audience outside the café's back door, while Bond manned the bar inside. Sandy Kleck wound her way through the festive crowd, offering delectable tri-tip samples as a varied lineup of musicians took their turns on the stage.

Twenty-Five Years Ago June 24, 1999



[Photo Caption] Luisi Trucking came in third in the softball tourney. Front row: Trevor Albee, Bill Luisi, Louis Ocanaz, Loy Rusch, Mark Echrvarria. Back row: Dan Mooney, Aaron Rebhan, Matt helm, Justin Rogers, Nat Gillman, Don Johnson.

Fifty Years Ago July 4, 1974

Super Star Wrestling moves outdoor Friday (7-5-74) night when the wrestlers get underway at the Walla Walla Fairgrounds starting at 8:15 p.m. This will mark the first outdoor wrestling card in Walla Walla since 1958. It will be presented "come rain or come shine."

Elizabeth Wood, Waitsburg's All-Girl Rodeo Princess participated in the cow-riding contest, amassing 72 points and taking 2nd place in the event. Hannah Thompson was the winner of the radio in the drawing held at the Rodeo.

Seventy-Five Years Ago July 8, 1949

Tom Smith of Cheney has accepted a contract as athletic director and instructor in industrial arts for Waitsburg High School. Paul Webb of Colville has accepted the position of

Beverly Roberts entertained a group of high school students at a no-host picnic Sunday at the state park.

St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Dayton was the scene of a lovely wedding July 3 uniting Miss Elma Donnelly and Robert J. Brown.

One Hundred Years Ago July 11, 1924

Mrs. Robert Ramseur of Jasper Mountain. was thrown backwards out of a header box Tuesday forenoon when the team started up suddenly. She struck her back and it was feared for a time that she was seriously hurt.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Price and daughter Edna went to the Boy Scout Camp Friday to celebrate. Harold Price is spending the week in camp.

Tom Segraves and wife were in this city a couple of days last week visiting friends. Tom has been away for eleven years living in Montana. He has taken unto himself a wife since leaving the Burg.

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago July 7, 1899

Frank Shelton has purchased a new advance steam power threshing outfit and will start up in Spring Valley for a lengthy run.

Frank McCown is binding some barley at Coppei to thresh. This is the first crop we have heard of that is ready for threshing.

W. E. Nixon, C. R. Mason, J. A. Schaffer, L. E. Johnson, Howard Amon and E. L. Wheeler expect to leave tomorrow morning, Saturday, for a two weeks outing at the beautiful Wallowa Lake. They expect to be able to tell some big fish stories when they return.

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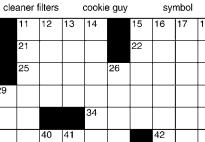
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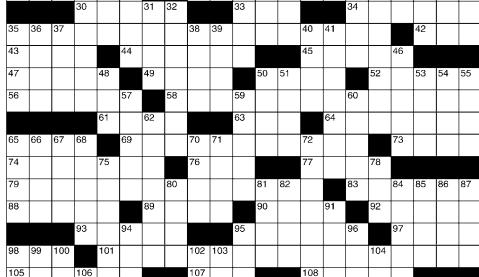
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MY RECIPES

Potato Gnocchi with **Blistered Tomatoes**

There is no shortage of comforting dishes that can be made with a sack of potatoes. Light and tender, gnocchi are marvelous little Italian potato dumplings that can be dressed up in a wide variety of sauces. While packages of shelf stable, store-bought gnocchi have been a reliable staple in my pantry for many years, they are pale in comparison to the delicate texture of



homemade. Here I have them tossed in a quick sauce of blistered tomatoes, garlic and herbs. A wonderful way to celebrate the flavors of summer.

Ingredients:

For the gnocchi:

1½ pounds Russet potatoes Salt and fresh ground black pepper

½ to ¾ cup all-purpose flour, plus more as needed

For the sauce:

1 pint cherry tomatoes

Olive oil

4 tablespoons butter 10 to 20 fresh sage leaves

1 tablespoon fresh oregano leaves, chopped

3 to 4 garlic cloves, sliced

Pinch crushed red pepper flakes

Fresh basil leaves

Parmesan cheese, finely grated

Directions:

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. When hot, bake the potatoes until tender, about 50 minutes to 1 hour. Pull the potatoes from the oven and immediately split them open to let the steam escape. Set them aside to cool. When they are cool enough to handle, use a spoon to scoop out the

While the potatoes are cooling, place the cherry tomatoes on a baking sheet lined with parchment paper. Drizzle with olive oil and season with a pinch of salt. Roast tomatoes until they begin to burst, about 15 minutes. Remove from the oven and allow to cool on the baking sheet. Meanwhile, set a large pot of salted water to a boil on the stovetop.

Next, pass the potato flesh through a potato ricer or food mill, and season to taste with salt and black pepper. Sprinkle ¼ cup flour on a clean counter or work surface and knead the potatoes into the flour. Sprinkle the remaining 1/4 cup flour over the top and knead until the dough just comes together. If the dough feels too loose, add a little more flour a tablespoon at a time. Pinch off a bite size piece of the dough and add to the pot of boiling water to test if it will hold its shape. The gnocchi will float to the top when it is done. If the gnocchi breaks up add a little more flour to the dough.

Lightly flour your work surface. Roll a piece of the dough out into a rope about ½-inch thick, then cut the rope into ½-inch lengths. Roll each piece along the tines of a fork to give the classic gnocchi ridges. Continue with remaining dough. Lay gnocchi in a single layer on a floured sheet pan. Cover loosely with a kitchen towel while the water returns to a boil. Add the gnocchi, a few at a time to prevent them from sticking together, to the pot of water. Reduce heat to maintain a gentle boil. A few seconds after they float to the top, the gnocchi are done. Remove with a mesh strainer or slotted spoon and transfer to a bowl, then toss the cooked gnocchi with a little drizzle of olive oil. Set aside while you make the sauce.

In a large skillet melt the butter with the sage leaves over medium heat for a few minutes until the butter begins to color and the sage is sizzling. Next add the garlic and oregano, cooking until fragrant, about another minute. Add the gnocchi to the pan and toss quickly to coat in the herbs and butter. Cook for a few minutes then add the tomatoes and pepper flakes. Toss to heat the tomatoes and allow the sauce to come to a simmer. Taste the sauce and adjust seasoning, adding more salt as needed. Take off the heat and sprinkle the top with grated parmesan and garnish with torn basil leaves. Serve immediately.

These gnocchi could be cooked and served with several sauces. Butter and sage is a classic, as is a cream sauce with pancetta and garlic.

This is a recipe where it is important to have all your ingredients prepped and ready before you start cooking. Because the sauce comes together so quickly, it is important to start that step right before serving.

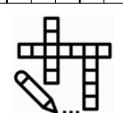
This makes a lovely vegetarian entrée, or a flavorful side dish to a variety of grilled meats. I served this with grilled sausages and a glorious bottle of chilled rose. Enjoy.

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Dayton City Council

Community Calendar

WAITSBURG MONTHLY MEETINGS



Waitsburg City Council Third Wednesday of each

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

Waitsburg School Board

Third Thursday of every month @ 6 p.m.

Zoom info is available by emailing waitsburgcc@icloud.com

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

Waitsburg Historical Society

Third Thursday of the month @ 6:00 p.m. @ Weller Public Library

Waitsburg Booster Club

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

Waitsburg Parks and Recreation Public Meeting

First Thursday of the month, 6 p.m. @ Ten Ton Coffee

Info email: info@waitsburgparks.

Weller Public Library Board of Trustees

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

Friends of the Weller Public Library

New Meeting Time - Second Tuesday of the month @ 7 p.m. Weller Public Library, 212 Main Street, Waitsburg

Waitsburg Commercial Club

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

Waitsburg Resource Center Community Food Bank

106 1/2 Preston Ave Thursdays, 2-4 p.m.

Board of Columbia County Commissioners Regular meetings - First and third Monday of the month @ 9 a.m.

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Dayton School Board

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Work sessions - Second and fourth Monday of each month @ 9 a.m.

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DAYTON & COLUMBIA COUNTY MEETINGS

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

Columbia County Public Hospital District Board of Commissioners

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

Dayton Memorial Library Board of Trustees Meeting

Third Monday of the month @ 7 p.m. Delany room and Zoom Meeting ID: 852 3836 3787

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Columbia County Parks and Recreation Pool District

Regular Board Meetings are held the last Thursday of each month, 5 p.m. at the Columbia County Fire District Conference Room.

Dayton Kiwanis Club Meeting

Second and fourth Thursday @ Noon

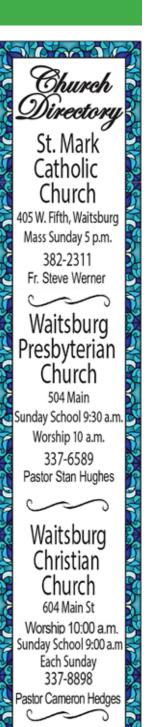
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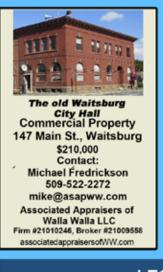
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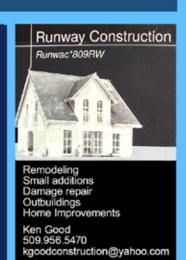
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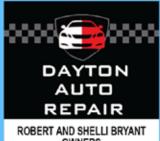
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