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Lane Gwinn

Columbia County Health System is nearing completion on the Rivers Walk Assisted Living facilities in Dayton. The four cottages are each 5,000 sq. ft., with 8 to 10 apartments laid out to create a home-like atmosphere for residents. The first to move in will be the current residents at Booker Rest Home.

## THIS WEEK



The Jungle Book was a recent smash at the Liberty (See page 2 and online for more pictures)



Around the Valley with Karen Huwe - Harris Park (See page 5)



Curried Chicken Skewers & Cucumber-Yogurt Sauce (See page 7)

## CCHS assisted living facilities close to opening

*The Times takes a tour of Rivers Walk Assisted Living*

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—On Monday, Columbia County Health System CEO Shane McGuire led *The Times* on a tour of one of the four cottages at Rivers Walk Assisted Living. The nearly completed cottage we toured was the “Palouse,” which will soon house the memory care residents currently living at the Booker Rest Home. The new buildings provide all the same safety requirements but are quieter, brighter, and feels more homelike.

“Palouse” has ten spacious and airy apartments. There are nine single occupancy rooms, and one larger room for a single or married couple. There is an activity room, a kitchen, and a large communal living/dining area. With the hospital facilities close by, it is not far for staff to deliver meals from the hospital’s Dietary Department.

Individual rooms have bathrooms with toilets and sinks; however, there is only one tub and shower room for the cottage.

McGuire wanted to dispel any rumors about residents bathing together.

“Nobody will shower together,” said McGuire who pointed out that as an assisted living facility, residents are not safe bathing without staff aid.

The lucky residents living at “Palouse” will be allowed to exit the facility and enjoy fresh air and sunshine in a secure courtyard, something they can’t currently do at the nursing home.

And what a view! The cottages are adjacent to city parks, and the river levee is just steps away.

“It’s not jail,” McGuire said. “If they can get up and walk, they can go for a walk.”

Otherwise, staff can take them for a walk.

McGuire said no additional staff would be required than are currently working at the nursing home. Health care will be provided by Health Care Aides, rather than Certified Nursing Assistants (CNAs), and a Registered Nurse (RN) will be on duty to dispense personalized packets of medications – no cart needed.

Other cost savings can be realized at the new facility. For instance, Medicare will now cover the cost of certain durable medical goods, otherwise not covered.

Unlike some facilities where costs increase with the number of added services, McGuire said the rate at Rivers Walk Assisted Living would be set.

“It feels like bait and switch,” McGuire said about those other facilities. “You get in for this introductory rate, but then all of a sudden, there are all of these other charges. We just want to be transparent. We are hopeful that it works and that the community supports it.”

Payment to CCHS for resi-



Photos by Lane Gwinn  
CCHS CEO with Gary Warden, Project Manager for R E A Commercial LLC.

## WILDFIRE SEASON TAKES TOLL ON SMALL WASHINGTON TOWNS

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

WASHINGTON—The small town of Lind, located approximately 75 miles from Spokane, was temporarily evacuated on August 4 as a fast-moving wildfire swept through the town of roughly 500 residents.

The Adams County Sheriff’s Office warned residents to evacuate the town because of the ‘ongoing threat from the flames.’ The fire destroyed six homes and eight other structures before being contained. Nearly 2,500 acres were destroyed by the fire, according to Adams County Sheriff Dale J. Wagner in a Facebook update.

As of Monday, authorities said it was not immediately clear what ignited the fire. Roads were closed to travelers as state and county firefighters worked to contain the fire. Firefighting efforts included the use of two planes and a helicopter.

Local farmers helped fight the Lind fire, bringing in tractors and other heavy equipment to help create firebreaks.

The fire was contained, and evacuation orders were lifted before 8 p.m. that evening.

The Riparia Fire started August 4 in Whitman County, near the town of Central Ferry, WA, and had zero-percent containment and consumed more than 5,000 acres as of Saturday. Level 2 and 3 evacuation orders were in effect for various parts of Whitman County related to the fire, with an unknown number of structures being threatened.

A third fire, located near Vantage, was reported on August 1 and, by August 7, had burned more than 32,000 acres. Nearly 120 personnel were fighting the Vantage Highway Fire, which is expected to be fully contained by August 9, around midnight.

In the event of a wildfire in your area, the American Red Cross advises that you keep track of the weather and fires near you and listen to instructions given by local authorities. Residents should be aware that they may not receive an official evacuation notice but should be ready to leave the area if they feel unsafe or when local authorities advise.

During an emergency, roadways must remain clear from any unnecessary traffic. Fire crews, heavy equipment, and evacuation routes can easily jam up extra traffic, creating potentially-fatal hazards.

Ready.gov encourages residents to sign up for emergency notifications. In Walla Walla County, residents can sign up for emergency notification at <https://tinyurl.com/2hyprjld>. In Columbia County, residents can sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/4m7vcf94>.

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# NEWS BRIEFS

## NEWS BRIEFS

### AT THE LIBERTY:

#### *Minions: The Rise of Gru*

THE TIMES

DAYTON—*Minions: The Rise of Gru* - Long before he becomes the master of evil, Gru (Steve Carell) is just a 12-year-old boy in 1970's suburbia, plotting to take over the world from his basement. It is not going particularly well. When Gru crosses paths with the Minions, including Kevin, Stuart, Bob, and Otto - a new Minion sporting braces and a desperate need to please - this unexpected family joins forces. Together, they build their first lair, design their first weapons, and strive to execute their first missions. Gru eventually finds himself the mortal enemy of the apex of evil, and discovers that even bad guys need a little help from their friends.

This movie is rated 70% favorable by critics, and 90% by audiences, on the Rotten Tomatoes website. The audience on that website summarizes their comments as "*Minions: The Rise of Gru* might not be the best of the series, but it's got all the colorful silliness that fans of the franchise will be looking for."

The movie is rated PG for violence and language. It has a runtime of 1 hour 27 minutes.

Please see our nearby advertisement, or our website, for movie dates and times. We have eliminated the seat buffering between groups, but online seat selection is still available. However, the incidence and spread of BA.5 variant of COVID is high, so we highly recommend that you wear face masks in the theater. We appreciate your cooperation.

### THE JUNGLE BOOK AT THE LIBERTY THEATER



Michael Luce

Shere Kahn, played by Casey Collins, gives the crowd a look that only the scariest cat in the jungle could manage. Local actors and actresses put on two performances of *The Jungle Book* last weekend, at the Dayton Liberty Theater.

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**MINIONS: THE RISE OF GRU** Rated PG

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### END OF SUMMER MOVIE NIGHT AT CCRLD

THE TIMES

DAYTON—The Columbia County Library is hosting an "End of Summer Movie Night" for its Summer Reading Program on Friday, August 12, from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

To fit with this year's theme of "Oceans of Possibilities," the library will show "Finding Dory" for kids and "The Meg" for adults. Snacks and beverages will be provided. The raffle drawing for program participants will take place after the movies. All are welcome, even if you did not participate in the reading program. For more information, contact the library at 509-382-4131 or [info@ccrld.org](mailto:info@ccrld.org).

### PROVIDENCE ST. MARY FOUNDATION GOLF TOURNAMENT RAISES \$125K

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—The Providence St. Mary Foundation held its annual golf tournament on July 22, 2022, and raised a record-breaking \$125,000. Over 170 people came out to support the event and participate in the Foundation's largest fundraiser of the year. The theme for this year's tournament was "A Western Affair." The tournament was followed by a reception, including an auction, paddle raise, and awards.

"After a two-year hiatus due to COVID, we were thrilled to be able to continue the event and raise funds during this time of great need in our healthcare community," said Chief Philanthropy Officer Lacey Rowberg, adding, "We so appreciate the generous community and sponsor support of this event."

Foundation Board Member Bob Schumacher served as Master of Ceremonies, and the event included live music by James Dean Kindle and his Country Combo.

The newly established Providence Medical Assistant Apprenticeship program was the funding focus for the paddle raise portion of the evening.

Darcia Darcy, Manager of Nursing and Clinical Quality, gave a brief presentation sharing, "The program was created to answer a growing need for qualified and dedicated MAs to work throughout our clinics - from urgent care to family medicine, orthopedics, and neurosurgery. Providence St. Mary provides salaries, benefits, on-the-job training, mentorship, free tuition, and an opportunity for the apprentices to be placed in the clinic of their choice after they complete their MA licensure exams." Darcy added, "Many of these individuals have no medical background, simply an ambition and drive to change their lives and others for the better."

Following her presentation, community members pledged \$25,000, enabling six apprentices to participate in the upcoming fall program.

All event proceeds stay in the Walla Walla valley and help ensure the community has continued access to excellent local healthcare. "On behalf of the Board of Directors and Event Committee, we are so grateful to everyone who came out, participated, and showed support," said Dr. Patty Martin, Foundation Board President

### CLOTHING GIVEAWAYS IN AUGUST, SEPTEMBER

THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—Waitsburg Christian Church is currently holding a clothing drive for an upcoming clothing giveaway for all residents.

The church is currently accepting donations of gently-used clothing for the drive. The donated clothing must be clean, and all sizes are appreciated. Donations may be dropped off at the church at 604 Main Street, Waitsburg. Please leave the clothing by the front door or inside the foyer if the doors are open.

Clothing giveaways will take place on August 20, from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., August 23, 24, from 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m., and September 10, from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

To volunteer to help at one of the giveaways, contact Debbie Crenshaw at (480) 414-4373, or contact the church at (509) 337-8898.

### WWSO ASKING FOR PUBLIC'S ASSISTANCE REGARDING AUGUST 5 SHOOTING

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—The Walla Walla County Sheriff's Office (WWSO) is asking for the public's help regarding a shooting incident that occurred on August 5.

Around 8:30 p.m. on Friday, WWSO deputies were dispatched to Nightingale Canyon, just east of Walla Walla, for a hunter who had been shot and needed help. The reporting party told dispatch that their hunting partner had legally shot a bear and went across the canyon to locate the animal. The reporting party had stayed behind to observe the track of the animal, which is a common hunting practice. They heard a rifle shot, and watched as their hunting partner fell down to the ground and rolled downhill. The reporting party said they heard voices from within the canyon.

The reporting party crossed the canyon and located their hunting partner, who had an obvious gunshot wound from a high-caliber weapon, according to a WWSO release. The reporting party looked in the direction of the sound of the gunshot and observed a person running north through a farm field.

The victim was bleeding profusely. Multiple people assisted with life-saving measures, and the injured hunter was transported to a local hospital, where they remained as of Monday.

The reporting party provided information about vehicles seen in the area and, prior to the partner shooting at a bear, heard voices south of them in the canyon from at least two other hunters. Search warrants are being applied for however, the suspect(s) remain at large.

Anyone with information that may be useful in identifying suspects should contact the Walla Walla County Sheriff's Office dispatch at (509) 527-3265 and reference case number 2022-6318.

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## SUPERINTENDENT REYKDAL RELEASES PLAN FOR WORK EXPERIENCE IN SCHOOL TO CONTRIBUTE TO GRADUATION

THE TIMES

OLYMPIA—Nearly 30% (45,000–55,000) of Washington’s high school students are employed. State Superintendent Chris Reykdal announced a plan to allow students ages 16 and up to earn elective credits toward graduation through verified paid work experience.

“Through work experience, students learn employability and leadership skills—skills like interpersonal communication, personal finance, time management, taking direction, receiving critical feedback, and following through on commitments—that support their long-term success in the workforce and in life,” Reykdal said.

To earn a high school diploma in Washington, students must earn 17 credits in subjects aligning with university admissions requirements, complete a graduation pathway, meet personalized pathway requirements, and earn four credits in elective subjects.

Under Reykdal’s plan, students could earn credits at a rate of one elective credit for every 360 hours worked or 0.5 elective credits for 180 hours worked. Students will be allowed to earn up to four elective credits through work experience, and no more than two of those credits may be earned in a year.

“I was in student government, played three sports

a year, and had a full course load, but I also had to work all through high school to help my family,” said Andre Byoune Jr., a recent graduate. “If I could have earned even elective credit for some of that work, it would have taken so much pressure off me. This is a great opportunity for future students!”

Providing students the ability to earn elective credits from employment, honors the different pathways students choose for their education. It recognizes the knowledge, skills, and abilities students acquire through paid employment.

“Helping equip the next generation to succeed in the workforce is critically important for the health of our families, our communities, and our economy,” said Dave Mastin, Vice President of Government Affairs for the Association of Washington Business. “Giving students the opportunity to earn elective credits for their after-school and summer jobs validates the important role that work plays in their growth and development and will hopefully encourage more young people to get a start on acquiring the important life skills that are gained through work experience.”

Students will be required to complete a request form and provide verification of employment to their school to earn elective credit for their work hours. Their school will be responsible for verifying employment, reaching out to employers to monitor student progress, and keeping students’ High School and Beyond Plans updated with their work experience.

The Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) will initiate rulemaking for this proposal, aiming to have the new program in place by the beginning of the 2023–24 school year. School districts will be required to report student participation, and elective credit attainment via verified paid work experience to OSPI.

The plan to provide high school students with the opportunity to earn elective credit toward graduation through verified paid work experience is the second in a series of transformational budget and policy proposals Superintendent Reykdal will unveil November called “Washington State Innovates: K–12 Education for the 21st Century and Beyond.”

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dency at the facility would be either through self-pay or Medicaid.

McGuire said the cost to those who self-pay would be \$275 per day. The state would pay up to \$140 per day per individual and \$250 per day per couple for those on Medicaid. McGuire noted that 70 percent of the residents currently living at Booker nursing home are on Medicaid.



The cottage has one larger room to be available for married couples to share a double occupancy. All the rooms have large windows and beautiful views.

The CCHS expects a large aging population in the community, at least through the years 2040-50, and more housing of this type will be needed.

But for now, the goal is to have the ribbon cutting for these four units soon and to become proficient at operating them.

A virtual tour of the homes is being developed on the Hospital District’s website. After the grand opening in September, the nursing home residents will move to their new digs.

McGuire addressed concerns from a few in the community that the CCHS may be expanding too much.

“The problem with a really small health system is it places a bigger burden on the taxpayers,” he said. He told The Times that when he took over as the CEO in 2016, 11 percent of the funding for operations came from the taxpayers. Because the District developed new initiatives and added new services, the taxpayer’s share is now down to 4.5-percent.

## The Times

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HOW DO YOU PERCEIVE MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS?

Language matters in compassionate care, including what you say behind closed doors with co-workers, friends or family. Understanding the prevalence of mental health conditions is an important step in how you perceive individuals and in destigmatizing mental illness. Consider the following scenarios to educate yourself and others on how to fight stigma with facts.

| IF YOU HEAR THIS...  | CONSIDER RESPONDING WITH...  |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I don't know many people with mental health disorders.</li> <li>Not that many people can have anxiety — even if they do, they should just get a grip.</li> <li>I don't want to work with them. They have some crazy disorder.</li> <li>Please don't invite them to the office party. They are so weird/sad and won't come anyway.</li> <li>We should focus more on physical ailments and not mental health.</li> <li>They don't act depressed.</li> </ul> <p>[ THESE WORDS PROPAGATE STIGMA AND DON'T RECOGNIZE A PERSON'S VALUE. ]</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Almost everyone knows someone who has or had a mental illness. Research shows 1 in 5 people have a mental health condition.</li> <li>An estimated 31% of Americans experience anxiety at some point in their lives. It can be difficult to control without the appropriate tools and resources.</li> <li>Great ideas come from all sorts of people. There are tons of examples of CEOs, celebrities and respected leaders with a mental health diagnosis.</li> <li>We should try to include her/him/them. Many people with behavioral diagnoses feel excluded at work and in social settings.</li> <li>Mental illness is a physical brain disorder. Consequences are dire if we don't treat the whole person. A person's lifespan can be diminished by up to 20 years compared to peers without mental illness.</li> <li>19 million people are living with depression, and it affects each person differently.</li> </ul> <p>[ THESE WORDS SHOW COMPASSION AND COMBAT STIGMA. ]</p> |

Sources include CDC and the National Institute of Mental Health. Thank you to Allina Health and its Be the Change initiative for developing talking points on this topic.

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## Reader's Forum

The Times welcomes Letters to the Editor and invites readers to share their ideas, concerns and thoughts on matters of importance on our Opinion Page. Letters to the Editor can be emailed to editor@waitsburgtimes.com, or mailed to The Times at P.O. Box 97, Waitsburg, WA 99361. Letters can also be hand-delivered to our office or submitted to our waitsburgtimes.com. The deadline for letters is Tuesday at noon.

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We reserve the right to decline to publish any letter that we deem inappropriate for our readership. Letters may be rejected for libel and objectionable material.

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IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF COLUMBIA  
NO. 22-4-00021-7  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
RCW 11.40.030

In the Matter of the Estate of: RONALD ERNEST NORTH, Deceased.

The personal representative named below has been appointed as personal representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the personal representative or the personal representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(3); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of 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.

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

CITY OF WAITSBURG  
ANNUAL UPDATE OF THE CITY'S CAPITAL FACILITIES PLAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a regular meeting of the City Council, City of Waitsburg, WA will be held at Waitsburg City Hall, 106 Main St, Waitsburg, WA at 7:00 p.m. or soon thereafter on Wednesday, August 17, 2022, in accordance with RCW 36.70A.070, to consider and adopt a revision of the Capital Facilities Plan for the City of Waitsburg for the 2023 fiscal year.  
City Council  
City of Waitsburg  
By Randy Hinchliffe, City Clerk  
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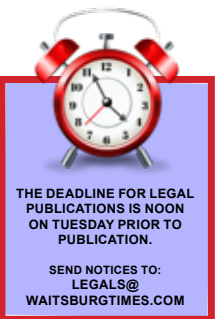
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That Requests for Proposals for surplus City owned property will be accepted at Waitsburg City Hall, 106 Main Street, P.O. Box 35, Waitsburg, WA 99361, until 2:00 p.m. on Friday, September 16, 2022 for the following property: 147 Main Street, Waitsburg, WA

Request for Proposals will be reviewed by the Waitsburg City Council at the September 21, 2022 City Council meeting with the surplus building going to the person(s) that the City Council feels offers the best overall value to the City based on the City's Surplus Property Procedures and corresponding Request for Proposal for the surplus property.

Additional information is available by contacting Waitsburg City Hall, 106 Main Street, Waitsburg, WA 99361 or on the City's Website [www.city-of-waitsburg.com](http://www.city-of-waitsburg.com). Request for Proposals will be based upon the condition of the building being 'as is' with no warranty nor guarantee.

The Waitsburg City Council reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals submitted and to waive any informalities in the bids. Bids must be sealed and plainly marked "City Hall RFP".  
Randy Hinchliffe  
City Administrator  
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## WALLA WALLA COMMUNITY COLLEGE OPEN HOUSE AUG. 18

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—Walla Walla Community College (WWCC) invites future college students, parents, and others to an Open House from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Thursday, August 18. The event will be held at the main building (Building D) at the Walla Walla Campus.

The Open House will offer activities and information tables from several WWCC academic programs, including Allied Health, Cosmetology/Barbering/Nail Tech, Culinary Arts, Diesel Technology, Early Childhood Education, John Deere Technology, Nursing Education, and the college's Bachelors of Applied Science programs. There will also be information on High School programs, Transitional Studies, and Continuing/Community Education.

Staff will be on hand to provide information about services including Career, Disability Support, WWCC Library, and the Center for Integrated Learning.

"Whether you are starting college for the first time or returning to finish what you started, it's not too late to get started for this Fall Quarter," said Melissa Rodriguez, director of Outreach.

Open House visitors will have the opportunity to tour the new Student Rec Center, play games, and win prizes. Free pizza and other refreshments will be available.

New student registration is underway for Fall Quarter. WWCC offers in-person, online, and blended instruction, providing many options to create a perfect schedule for each student.

Those unable to attend the Open House are welcome to drop by campus Mondays through Thursdays during regular business hours for help with admissions, educational planning, and financial aid.

"New students, or those who are returning after a break in their education, will be able to apply for Warrior Pledge, a wonderful program that helps eligible students with costs not covered by financial aid," Rodriguez said.

To learn more about WWCC, visit <https://wwcc.edu>. Fall Quarter classes start September 19.

## CLASSIFIEDS

### HELP WANTED

#### POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE 2022-23 SCHOOL YEAR

**MIDDLE SCHOOL SCIENCE TEACHER.** The Waitsburg School District is accepting applications for a middle school science teacher.

**DISTRICT/ELEMENTARY ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT.** The Waitsburg School District is accepting applications for a District/Elementary Administrative Assistant.

**PARA EDUCATOR** (7 hrs./day). The Waitsburg School District is accepting applications for two (2) Para Educator positions for the 2022-2023 school year. Must hold an AA degree or equivalent.

**NIGHT CUSTODIAN** (8 hrs./day, 260 days/year). The Waitsburg School District is accepting applications for a Night Custodian.

**SUBSTITUTES.** Waitsburg School District has immediate openings for substitute teachers, substitute office staff, substitute classroom para-

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## DAYTON KIWANIS TO CELEBRATE 100 YEARS OF HISTORY AND SERVICE

THE TIMES

DAYTON—100 years! The Dayton Kiwanis Club has set the date of its Centennial celebration for Saturday, September 17 at 5:30 p.m. at the Barn at Blue Meadows on North Touchet Road.

Kim Lyonnais, club president, said, "We're looking forward to a fun, wonderful evening with a catered dinner followed by a presentation of 100 years of history in Dayton."

The Walla Walla Kiwanis Club sponsored the first organizational meeting at the Hotel Dayton on October 19, 1922, with 59 charter members in attendance. Dayton's Club grew to over 70 members in the 1930s and 1940s.



Submitted Photo

Hotel Dayton

The primary mission was to support the youth of Columbia County. The club succeeded over the years in many ways. Members worked with youth on projects but provided financial support for little league, soccer, swim teams, 4H, Road to Leadership, summer rec programs, college scholarships, and many others. The Club also built the roof over the park picnic area, installed benches, built the Big Toy at the school, and worked on many other projects.

Lyonnais said over the years, and members had expressed their appreciation for the organization because of the friendships developed, the fun and informative meetings, and the strong sense of teamwork to accomplish good things for the community.

The Club's history of Thursday luncheon speakers includes Frank Finkel, one of the first invitees, who shared his controversial story as the only survivor of Custer's Last Stand.

Subsequent programs featured nationally known athletes and elected leaders, of which some will be shown at the Celebration.

Internationally, The Dayton Club was influential in beginning the Yamate Exchange Program with Japan and participated in the startup of the first Kiwanis Club in Russia.

The Club President also stated he thought every Dayton High School graduate would remember some experience or benefit received from Kiwanis.

Lyonnais said, "the club has always had a very positive impact in our community. It is a wonderful reason to celebrate! We invite the public to join us!"

Tickets for the event are \$50 and must be purchased by September 10. Tickets are available in person at the Dayton Chamber of Commerce Office or by calling the Chamber Director, Belinda Larson, at 509-383-4825 or call Gary Schroeder at 509-629-2471.

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## AROUND THE VALLEY: WITH KAREN HUWE

# Harris Park-Before and After the Flood

Harris Park is located 15 miles southeast of Milton-Freewater, Oregon. It is an excellent place to camp and close enough to enjoy a day trip to picnic in the day use area.

Before the flood of 2020, the park had about 30 campsites, some alongside the south fork of the Walla Walla River, and three cabins. Alongside the river were trees and bushes where the sight of many species of hummingbirds were enjoyed by campers. If you held a feeder in your hand, the hummingbirds would come and get a drink. The sites along the river were quite shady before the flood. The flood wiped out many trees along the bank and eliminated two campsites. The water raged through the park, taking out roads and bridges.

The park has since been cleared of flood debris and mud. The majority of the roads were repaired and the bridges replaced. Past the camping area is the South Fork Walla Walla River trailhead. Part of the trail was washed out during the flood, and the river still runs across the path. You must wade the river to continue your hike, a primitive, rugged hike with views of the valley. The park recently added nine new campsites on the northwest side of the park, and the sites have all been renumbered.

Harris Park is a wonderful spot for a day outing. The park features a huge yard with a volleyball court, playground/swings, and horseshoe pits. Two covered areas can be reserved, one which includes a kitchen area. You can sit by the river to relax, wade, fish, or look for wildlife, a variety of butterfly species, and birds until the late fall when the park closes for the season.

On your way to the park, drive slowly and watch for deer and turkeys as they wait for their fawns and poults to cross the road safely. Enjoy the outdoors!

Two poults seem to be consoling each other -- they made it safely across the road and now are looking for their mother



Photos by Karen Huwe

A hummingbird feeds from Allen's hand



To get to the trailhead, you must wade the river or use the rocks along the bank when possible

# All things (relatively) relative

By Vicki Sternfeld-Rossi | THE TIMES



With my car freshly washed, lubed and oiled, and gassed, my playlist relatively perfected, I put the top down and hit the road for my four-hour drive to Seattle last Friday. I was heading to the last of my cousins' children's Bar and Bat Mitzvahs. My music and I headed west to Seattle's relatively cool 95-degree weather.

My family is well known among my friends as one that comes together to attend family events no matter where they are held. And as usual, we all showed up in Seattle. Brother, aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends arrived from Chicago, New York, Boca Raton, Los Angeles, Texas, Northern California, Indiana, Washington D. C., and Waitsburg. We are also known (and rightly so) as the family that eats from one event to another.

I arrived at the hotel around 3:30 p.m. to find my brother, aunt, and uncle in the lobby strategizing cars and rides to the evening's dinner at one of the cousin's homes. Transportation logistics are always a challenge, and my response to being a driver was, "I can fit one person in front, one or two in the tiny back seat if they are small, foldable, and flexible, but first, I

need a shower!"

It amazes me how we always pick up where we left off. It is as if we'd seen each other only last week when it's been years. After about ten minutes of multi-generations catching up, we gravitate to our "tribes." The twenty-year-olds were seated in one area while we "elders" planted ourselves at the table nearest the wine. (With age comes wisdom). The young kids played everywhere.

Saturday morning at 7:30, I was awakened and told to hurry down to the lobby. One group of cousins was preparing to make the trek for coffee and crumpets. At breakfast, we scheduled to meet the other cousins for lunch at 11:30. This left us little time to change clothes, digest breakfast, and re-strategize cars and riders to arrive at the service by 2:00.

After the afternoon's event and two hours before

the party, we, of course, needed sustenance. Down to the lobby bar, where we again tried to strategize riders and cars to the party. After a few drinks, we unanimously agreed Uber was the way to go.

The party was boisterous with lots of cocktails, wine, beer, and food. My cousins and I unabashedly raided the children's table for curly fries. Experience tells us that grease is a great compliment to cocktails.

All generations took to the dance floor as we boogied and hula hooped. Sadly, I seem to have lost my hula hoop touch; so disheartening. Relative to my current ineptitude with the hoop, I remember being a star. I think age has taken a toll.

Sunday morning, there was a brunch because an hour awake without food is unconscionable. Again, we had to go through the car-and-rider strategies to get there. Sitting outside on the patio in the relatively cool 90-degree weather, I enjoyed reading the Sunday New York Times in relative perfection as I was about to head back to the 100-plus temperatures of Eastern Washington.

No strategy needed this time; my car, now dirty, loaded with water bottles and fish from Pike's Market was ready. I said my goodbyes and headed out, but not before my cousins wanted to pack up sandwiches for me to take on the road. I graciously declined; miraculously I made it home without even a nibble.

## Just Vignettes by Popo Ott

# The Mother of All Battles

I call this series "Just Vignettes" because that's what they are, just short snapshots of things that have happened to me or have been told to me. I can vouch the stories you read here are mostly true.

The Bahrain night of January 16, 1991, was cold and crisp. Our captain, who commanded the USS San Jose, had offered to buy dinner for most of the officers not on duty at a restaurant in the city of Manama. President George H. W. Bush's ultimatum to Saddam Hussein to withdraw from Kuwait was set to expire in about six hours. All indications were that Saddam had not and would not comply with the ultimatum. In fact, he had just given a speech threatening "the mother of all battles" would greet the allied forces the next day. We expected to put to sea again the next morning.

We hailed three cabs to the restaurant. I got in the same cab as the captain with two other officers. Shortly after we had given the driver our destination and the cab began moving, the driver asked us if we were American military. We confirmed what he had guessed. The driver calmly identified himself as a Palestinian refugee. While I was wondering what would come next, the driver continued in his inappropriately serene manner, telling us that in the morning, we would experience the mother of all battles. He continued by explaining that we would all be dead by this time the next day. Other than calling Saddam Hussein the great protector of the Palestinians, pretty much all he said was to repeat "the mother of all battles" and repeated his belief that this was our last day on earth, over and over again. The officer beside me whispered in my ear, "Now I'm inclined not to tip this guy."

The driver delivered us safely to our destination.

During dinner, naturally, the conversation turned to the topic of our cab driver. Our captain commented that it wasn't close to his strangest cab ride. While aboard an aircraft carrier, the carrier made a port call in Spain. Being senior enough to have some perks, he and another captain arraigned for the ship's husbanding agent to drive them to a golf course and return them to the ship afterward.

Husbanding agents can do anything for a ship or a person in a foreign port, from arranging supplies, fuel, hotel rooms, entertainment, customs clearance, and so on. Our captain's round of golf was uneventful until the husbanding agents received a call at the end of the golf game. The agent begged the two captains' pardon and asked if he could pick up two more clients at the airport on the way back to town. Would they mind sharing the car with two strangers? The

captains were agreeable.

The car arrived at the airport arrivals, and the driver got out to let the new clients in the car. As they took their seats, it was evident the clients were not strangers; one was so notorious they recognized him immediately. It was Yassar Arafat, a man believed to be the world's number one terrorist by most Americans at that time. As the head of the Palestinian Liberation Organization, he was thought to be the mastermind of dozens of brutal terrorist attacks around the world.

My captain told us that after the car started moving again, there was silence in the car, at least for a while. He said he was happy with that. His friend, however, was not the type to miss this opportunity to light into the world's number one terrorist, so he did. Our captain said he mostly sat in silence. Still, he was impressed with how Yassar Arafat calmly explained his positions and actions, justifying them with intelligent arguments. Arafat remained imperturbable during the entire ride.

Our captain finished the story by mentioning that Arafat gained some respect from both captains that day, which was probably about the last thing they would have expected to happen. The cab driver in Bahrain never got the chance to earn our respect.

## Wine of the Week

Gärd 2019 Chardonnay

By Paul Gregutt | THE TIMES

Chardonnay two weeks in a row? Why not! I've been researching a deep dive into Chardonnays from Washington, Oregon and California and this beauty from Gärd is one of the standouts. The Lawrence family owns Gärd, and their estate vineyards include eight separate sites in the excellent Royal Slope AVA in north central Washington. They also farm and get grapes from Conner-Lee, which supplied 43% of the blend here. This is a powerful wine, packed with orchard fruits and showing some light spice from barrel aging. It's got enough acidity to give the mouthfeel a pleasing juiciness, and carries through the finish with a lick of barrel toast. All in all it's a fine value, and you can check it out in the tasting room on Main Street downtown Walla Walla.

265 cases; 14.1%; \$25 (Columbia Valley/Royal Slope)  
<https://gardvintners.orderport.net/product-details/1157/2019-Chardonnay>



# FUN & GAMES

## The Friendly Forest

By Jimmye L. Turner



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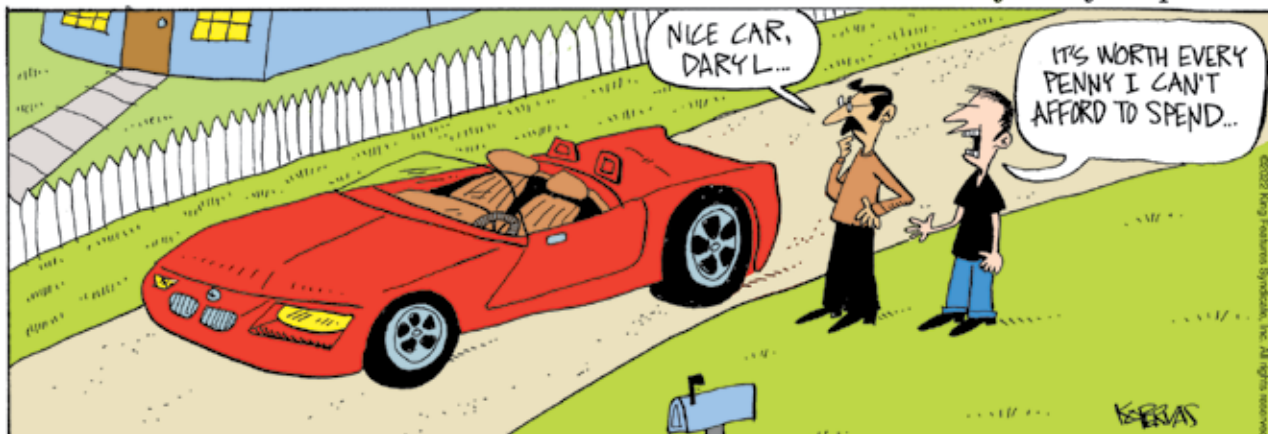
"This is a small museum. We couldn't afford his mother."



"We need to have them over to get even with them."

## Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



## Touchet Valley Weather

Aug. 10, 2022

### Waitsburg's Seven Day Forecast

|                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
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| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>Friday</b>    | <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>Monday</b>    | <b>Tuesday</b>   |
| Mostly Cloudy    | Sunny            | Mostly Sunny     | Sunny            | Sunny            | Sunny            | Sunny            |
| High: 98 Low: 63 | High: 95 Low: 64 | High: 96 Low: 62 | High: 93 Low: 59 | High: 92 Low: 58 | High: 94 Low: 61 | High: 98 Low: 63 |

### Weather Trivia

Are thunderstorms the only source of lightning? **?**  
 Answer: Lightning is also produced by steam clouds from volcanoes.

### Weather History

**Aug. 10, 1980** - Hurricane Allen came ashore above Brownsville, Texas, dropping 15 inches of rain near San Antonio and up to 20 inches in the lower Rio Grande Valley. Tidal flooding occurred along the south Texas coast. Hurricane Allen packed winds to 150 mph.

### Local Almanac Last Week

| Day       | High | Low | Normals | Precip | Precipitation |
|-----------|------|-----|---------|--------|---------------|
| Tuesday   | 95   | 72  | 92/64   | 0.00"  | 0.00"         |
| Wednesday | 96   | 68  | 92/64   | 0.00"  | 0.08"         |
| Thursday  | 84   | 61  | 92/64   | 0.00"  | -0.08"        |
| Friday    | 84   | 54  | 92/64   | 0.00"  | 77.3°         |
| Saturday  | 89   | 55  | 91/64   | 0.00"  | 77.8°         |
| Sunday    | 96   | 58  | 91/64   | 0.00"  | -0.5°         |
| Monday    | 104  | 66  | 91/64   | 0.00"  |               |

Data as reported from Walla Walla

### Sun/Moon Chart This Week

| Day              | Sunrise             | Sunset    | Moonrise   | Moonset    |
|------------------|---------------------|-----------|------------|------------|
| <b>Full 8/11</b> | Wednesday 5:46 a.m. | 8:09 p.m. | 7:59 p.m.  | 3:26 a.m.  |
|                  | Thursday 5:47 a.m.  | 8:08 p.m. | 8:36 p.m.  | 4:49 a.m.  |
|                  | Friday 5:48 a.m.    | 8:06 p.m. | 9:04 p.m.  | 6:15 a.m.  |
|                  | Saturday 5:50 a.m.  | 8:04 p.m. | 9:27 p.m.  | 7:37 a.m.  |
| <b>Last 8/19</b> | Sunday 5:51 a.m.    | 8:03 p.m. | 9:47 p.m.  | 8:56 a.m.  |
|                  | Monday 5:52 a.m.    | 8:01 p.m. | 10:06 p.m. | 10:11 a.m. |
|                  | Tuesday 5:53 a.m.   | 7:59 p.m. | 10:25 p.m. | 11:24 a.m. |

## PIONEER PORTRAITS

### Ten Years Ago August 9, 2012

The 1889 "Vollmer House" has finally come to be known as the "Davis House" after about 50 years of the family inhabiting it. Joyce Davis, who moved into the home on Highway 12 right outside of Waitsburg in the early 1970's, said everyone around town had always called it the Vollmer House because the Vollmer Family had built it in 1889 and owned it until it was sold to Bill and Joyce Davis. Joyce said she recently was about town and asked someone - "Do you call the house the Vollmer House of the Davis house?" She said she was pleased to hear the person say: "The Davis House." Joyce smiles at the memory of that moment.

### Twenty-Five Years Ago August 14, 1997

Another Waitsburg High School graduate will be joining the Waitsburg School District Board of Directors. During the recently completed filing period, Randolph C. Pearson, a 1969 graduate of W. H. S., and incumbent Bill Bloor, who graduated in 1968, filed as candidates for school director positions in School District 401-100. Dr. Pearson will join Bloor and Greg Zuger, a 1976 graduate, on the board with Terry Jacoy and Terry McCoy. Pearson and Bloor will run unopposed, Pearson for Position No. 4, held by Laurie Richardson and one of the two newly designated at large positions, and Bloor for geographical district No. 3, previously designated Director District No. 2.

### Fifty Years Ago August 10, 1972



[Photo Caption] Future Citizens: Loren 7, Dee Anne 5, and James 3, children of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Odgen. Edward, Jr. 7, Bruce 4, and Bryan 2, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Farmer.

### Seventy-Five Years Ago August 15, 1947

Dick Archer was honored at a surprise birthday party Tuesday evening when ten young people gathered at his parents' home for a chicken dinner, dancing and games. Guests included Bob Collins, David Dilts, Neal Alexander, Paul Hermanns, Sue Collins, Erma Kessler, Delores Egli, and Shirley and Dick Archer.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Reed and children, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Reimers and Kay Hermanns left Thursday morning for a week's camping trip on the Locks River in Idaho near Missoula, Mont.

### One Hundred Years Ago August 18, 1922

Rain that broke the 62-day dry spell fell over the valley Monday night, and Saturday and Sunday, making a material cut in the deficiency.

Hard luck seems to be with the Freeman Brothers, whose machine turned over the first of last week. Friday night a cloudburst occurred in the vicinity laying the remainder of the grain flat. It was necessary to secure binders to cut it.

Mrs. Lillie Wardrip spent the weekend visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Freeburn in Dayton.

### One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago August 13, 1897

A number of horses working on headers and header wagons were over-come by the extreme heat last week while some had died from the effects.

Miss Kate Harper, who has been visiting Wm. Bruce and family in this city and her cousin Dick Harper and family of Dayton for the past three weeks, left on Wednesday evening for her home in Butler, Mo.

Ed Owen had the misfortune to get his hand caught in the gearing of a threshing machine, while oiling this week. His fingers were badly crushed.

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# PUZZLES & LIFESTYLES

## Super Crossword

### NEIGHBORS' NAMESAKES

- ACROSS**
- 1 Singer Reddy
  - 6 "Preach it!"
  - 10 Italian Riviera city
  - 15 At the home of, French-style
  - 19 Muscat citizen
  - 20 Display model
  - 21 In the midst of
  - 22 Plastic brick brand
  - 23 Certain bolt
  - 24 Spanish for "bears"
  - 25 Ravi Shankar played it
  - 26 As a result
  - 27 2008 Lucasfilm sci-fi flick [TV personality]
  - 31 — Mae (government lender)
  - 32 Mai —
  - 33 Part of ENT
  - 34 Hiker's carrying bag
  - 37 College academics overseer [actor]
  - 44 Very busy
  - 45 Screw up
  - 47 Blvd., e.g.
  - 48 Legal deg.
  - 49 Funeral pile
  - 50 Tangent, e.g.
  - 52 Actor Omar of "House"
  - 54 Singer Cole or Abdul
  - 56 Actress Long
  - 57 Ranch food provider [animator]
  - 60 Teen girl, in old lingo [golfer]
  - 62 Flavorful
  - 63 Sch. in Manhattan
  - 64 Harsh
  - 65 Magic spell
  - 69 Creditor's time of forgiveness [singer]
  - 74 Bacon sizzle sound
  - 75 Cost — and a leg
  - 77 Part of ETA
  - 78 "— bleu!" (French "Egad!")
  - 80 "Monterey" food [singer]
  - 84 Male gobblers [singer]
  - 89 Western Amerind
  - 90 Jumped
  - 91 Illegalizes
  - 92 "I want that now!"
  - 93 Leaf veins
  - 95 Pro
  - 96 Animator's sheet
  - 97 Tolkien fiend
  - 100 They may bedevil dogs
  - 101 Lace a party drink [bandleader]
  - 108 Oval portion
  - 105 Fourth-place finisher, say
  - 107 Envoy's bldg.
  - 108 Oval portion
  - 109 Very dense element
  - 111 What you do when you solve this puzzle?
  - 119 Tiny fly
  - 120 Tiger sounds
  - 121 Went by bike, e.g.
  - 122 Unmoving
  - 123 Part of ENT
  - 124 Binge
  - 125 At the drop of —
  - 126 Strange competitor
  - 128 Baby's bear
  - 129 Downsides
  - 130 Tire pattern
  - 131 — d'oeuvres
  - 132 Send off
  - 3 Volcano stuff
  - 4 Full of pep
  - 5 Dummy
  - 6 Ornament hanger, e.g.
  - 7 Barcelona soccer great
  - 8 Lionel
  - 8 Overplayed the part
  - 9 Have a snack
  - 10 Fuel holders
  - 11 Estevez of film
  - 12 "Just say — drugs"
  - 13 — even keel
  - 14 In a pleasant way
  - 15 Get resolved
  - 16 Mr., in Munich
  - 17 Custard components
  - 18 Noted Bronx attraction
  - 28 Stud money
  - 29 States, to Macron
  - 30 Female WWII enlistee
  - 34 Playwright Connelly
  - 35 Bryce Canyon locale
  - 36 In — (as found)
  - 38 X Games ailer
  - 39 "Spare tire" fat
  - 40 Screw up
  - 41 Forest cats
  - 42 Ones making an effort
  - 43 Aches (for)
  - 46 Aqua — (highly corrosive liquid)
  - 51 Approves of
  - 53 Show that you can download
  - 54 Gives out in abundance, as flatlery
  - 55 Stubborn equine
  - 58 Witty sort
  - 59 Car financing abbr.
  - 60 "So long!"
  - 61 NBA nail-biters, in brief
  - 63 It aired "Car Talk"
  - 65 College focuses
  - 66 How police may get info
  - 67 Actor Derek
  - 68 Mork's planet
  - 70 Lead-in to "now"
  - 71 "You are not!" reply
  - 72 Lead-in to Nov.
  - 73 Joanne of "My Pal Gus"
  - 76 Roman 1,150
  - 79 Work unit
  - 81 Sudden temperature increase
  - 82 Apiece
  - 83 Fencing sword
  - 84 After-bath application
  - 85 .6214 mile
  - 86 Kuwaiti chief
  - 87 Community rec center
  - 88 Not veiled
  - 91 Piano seat
  - 94 Pesky insect, informally
  - 96 Bow of respect
  - 98 Some aircraft engines
  - 99 Ad award
  - 102 Realm: Abbr.
  - 103 In groups of two
  - 104 Santa's laugh
  - 106 Sight at dusk
  - 110 Roomy car
  - 111 Radio dial
  - 112 Relieve
  - 113 Vatican head
  - 114 Fend (off)
  - 115 — II (Gillette brand)
  - 116 Colt's father
  - 117 Director Kazan
  - 118 Arctic vehicle
  - 119 African antelope

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by Linda Thistle

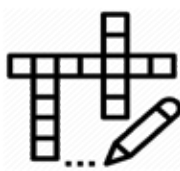
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## MY RECIPES Luke Chavez

# Curried Chicken Skewers & Cucumber-Yogurt Sauce



During the summer months, we tend to eat most of our evening meals out on the backyard deck. Enjoying the golden light of summer dusk, while watching little swallows zip across the yard, everything seems to taste better al fresco. This week, while entertaining family visiting from the other side of the mountains and inspired by some recent additions to my spice rack, I created a variation on an old favorite grilling recipe: buttermilk marinated chicken skewers. Adding golden curry powder and exotic red sumac, these tender skewers were a flavorful centerpiece to a memorable feast.

### Ingredients:

#### For skewers:

- 6 to 8 boneless, skinless chicken thighs
- 2 cups buttermilk
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 2 tablespoons fresh mint, chopped
- 1 tablespoon fresh oregano, chopped
- 2 tablespoons curry powder
- 1 teaspoon ground coriander
- ½ teaspoon paprika
- ½ teaspoon ground sumac
- Juice and zest of one lemon
- Salt and coarse ground black pepper
- 2 sweet peppers
- 1 sweet onion

#### For cucumber-yogurt sauce:

- 1 English cucumber
- 1 ½ cups whole milk Greek-style yogurt
- 2 tablespoons fresh dill, minced
- 1 tablespoon fresh mint, minced
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- Juice and zest of one lemon
- ½ teaspoon ground sumac

### Directions:

For the chicken marinade, combine the buttermilk, garlic, mint, oregano, curry powder, coriander, paprika, sumac, lemon juice and zest, and 1 teaspoon of salt. Rinse and dry the chicken thighs, then cut into 2-inch pieces. Add chicken to the marinade and mix in a pinch of black pepper. Cover and marinate for at least one hour, or up to overnight in the refrigerator.

While the chicken is marinating, make the yogurt dipping sauce. Grate the cucumber and place in a strainer over the sink with a pinch of salt. Let cucumber drain for a few minutes. In a small mixing bowl, combine yogurt, dill, mint, garlic, sumac, olive oil with the lemon juice and zest. Gently squeeze out excess moisture from cucumbers then add to the yogurt mixture. Taste, then adjust seasoning, adding salt and black pepper to taste. Cover and chill in the fridge. This dip can be made up to a day in advance. Serve with a garnish of sumac sprinkled on top.

Place bamboo skewers in a shallow dish, cover with warm water and allow to soak for 30 minutes. Cut sweet peppers into 2-inch pieces. Cut onion in half crosswise, then cut halves into quarter wedges. When skewers are ready, remove chicken from marinade and build skewers, alternating chicken with pieces of sweet peppers and onion segments. Discard marinade. Place prepared skewers on a tray and leave on the counter to bring to room temperature while you prepare the grill.

Heat grill to medium-high heat. Oil grill and cook skewers on grill for 5 to 7 minutes per side, or until fully cooked. Allowing chicken to get a little char on the outside will enhance the flavor. Place cooked skewers on a clean serving platter and cover loosely with foil tent. Allow chicken to rest for 5 to 10 minutes. To serve, squeeze fresh lemon juice over the top, then season with a finishing flourish of sea salt and sumac. Serve with cucumber-yogurt sauce and more lemon segments on the side.

### Notes:

For this recipe, I used the yellow curry powder that can be found in most grocery store spice aisles. These spice blends vary by brand, but usually include plenty of cumin and turmeric, which is the source of its golden color. You could also try mixing your own curry spice blend. Sumac spice is the ground red berries of the edible red sumac plant, which is related to the poisonous white sumac. With its bright citrusy flavor, sumac is used in Middle Eastern and North African cuisine. You can find sumac in large grocery stores, often in bulk spice sections.

These skewers are an easy and flavorful choice for casual backyard entertaining. Serve as part of a large Mediterranean style mezze spread with lots of flat breads, grilled vegetables, colorful salads, olives, and dips. This cucumber yogurt sauce is a versatile condiment for various grilled meats, fish, and even vegetables. Try it with falafels, as a garnish for lentils, or as a dressing for a chopped salad. Enjoy!

## Super Crossword

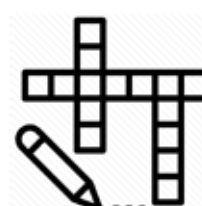
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## Community Calendar

### 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/qaitsburg-school-district/page/school-board--272>

**Waitsburg Commercial Club**  
Last Thursday of each month  
August 25, noon, location TBA  
216 Main Street, Waitsburg  
Zoom info available by emailing [qaitsburgcc@icloud.com](mailto:qaitsburgcc@icloud.com)

**Waitsburg Parks and Recreation Public Meeting**  
First and third Thursdays, 6:30 p.m.  
Ten Ton Coffee, 216 Main St Waitsburg  
For more information email: [qaitsburgpr@protonmail.com](mailto:qaitsburgpr@protonmail.com)

**Community Health & Protection Committee**  
TBA  
Waitsburg City Hall and on Zoom

**Friends of the Weller Public Library**  
4th Monday of each month at 7 p.m.  
Weller Public Library,  
212 Main Street, Waitsburg

**Weller Library Book Club**  
Third Tuesday of each month, 7:00 p.m.  
at Weller Public Library

**Weller Library Board of Trustees Meeting**  
2nd Tuesday of each month



### 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 Tuesday 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**  
TBA  
Delaney room and Zoom Meeting ID: 852 3836 3787  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85238363787>

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

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

### Church Directory

**Waitsburg Presbyterian Church**  
504 Main  
Worship 10:00 a.m.  
337-6589  
Pastor Stan Hughes

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

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

## Events, Film, Performance, Live Music

**Weller Public Library Children's August Reading Program at Weller Public Library**  
Saturdays in August, 9am to 5 pm

**August 13 Swim the Snake**  
Lyons Ferry Marina  
9:30 a.m.

**August 22 Community Safety Forum**  
at Waitsburg Elementary

**Mythical / Movable Blue Mountain Bluegrass Jam**  
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