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Denise Lane

(top) A patient receiving a moxibustion treatment, a heat therapy burning dried leafy material from Chinese Mugwort close to the skin.

(left) In the white lab jacket, Denise Lane provided care to patients at the clinic in Nepal earlier this year.

(below) The interior of the clinic where the Acupuncture Relief Project provides care and supplies funded through charitable donations.

THIS WEEK



BBQ Heaven in Dayton (see page 5)



Girls Basketball (see page 2)



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Local acupuncturist returns to Nepal to work and learn.

Denise Lane continues work with non-profit providing acupuncture care in one of the poorest countries.

By Mike Ferrians | THE TIMES

DAYTON — When Dayton resident Denise Lane took her first trip to Nepal last year, she hoped to learn about effectively delivering medical and therapeutic care to some of the world's poorest people. She's still learning.

Lane is Columbia County's only acupuncturist practitioner. She's been at it for 13 years, the last five at the Therapy and Wellness department at Columbia County Health System's hospital in Dayton. This year, she has expanded her practice by offering services in Waitsburg at Blush Salon and Spa.



Courtesy photo

Denise Lane

more about serving poorer populations. And I think it's good to get out of our country and see how other people live. It's a good reset."

Acupuncture Relief Project concentrates much of its medical mission efforts in the small rural city of Bajrabarahi, which sits 5,500 feet up in the foothills of the Himalayan Mountains, a 90-minute drive from Nepal's capital, Katmandu. People come from adjacent areas around the city to receive medical assistance.

"ARP is the nonprofit started by Andrew Schlaubaugh out of Vancouver Washington," said Lane. She said she learned about the program while she attended the same acupuncture school as the ARP founder.

Lane will spend six weeks offering free acupuncture to residents in the treatment of hypertension, diabetes, stroke rehabilitation, asthma, and other chronic and acute issues. She will

Lane will return to Nepal on February 9 to volunteer at a health clinic through an Acupuncture Relief Project (ARP) program. For six weeks, Columbia County will have to forgo the benefits of its only acupuncturist – but for good reason.

"I appreciate the experience of spending time enveloped in a place where life is simple, and people live pretty contented lives with a lot less," says Lane. "Nepal is one of the poorest countries in the world. Working in a clinic or environment serving many people with minimal resources is a good way to learn



also provide blood pressure, oxygen, and blood sugar screenings.

"Many people there have never had their blood pressure taken," she says. "And they don't know anything about their blood sugar levels."

The medical infrastructure in developed countries is unknown in most of Nepal. Essential services, including clean water, sewers, roads, and electricity, are rudimentary or non-existent. Power outages and fuel shortages are common.

"Farming lives there are so labor-intensive. Everything is done manually, so you see a lot of knee joint pain, for example," Lane says. "They grow cauliflower, spinach, potatoes, and corn on terraced land, but their tools are very simple. And if you want gravel, there's one man whose job is to crush rock by hand with a hammer. That's all he does."

Lane has been raising awareness and funds to support her work in Nepal. A donation page for Lane has been set up through ARP as a Bajrabarahi Clinic program volunteer. The money raised will help ARP provide supplies, lodging, food, water, medical supplies, and interpreters that Lane will need for the project. Volunteering practitioners are responsible for their travel expenses to Nepal, and many, including Lane, forgo the income they typically make at home.

To contribute toward the costs of Lane's acupuncture mission or learn more about the project, visit <http://tinyurl.com/mw97mzb8>. ARP can be found at <https://acupuncturereliefproject.org>.

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NEWS BRIEFS

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AT THE LIBERTY:

"Wish"

THE TIMES

DAYTON—"Wish" is a new musical-comedy by Disney Animation Studios welcoming audiences to the magical kingdom of Rosas, where Asha, a sharp-witted idealist, makes a wish so powerful that it is answered by a cosmic force: a little ball of boundless energy called Star.

The Rotten Tomatoes website audience says "If you're looking for a beautifully animated movie with fun characters and memorable songs, Wish delivers." Critics there rated this movie 49% favorable, but the audiences gave it an 81% favorable rating. This movie is PG (for thematic elements and mild action), and it has a runtime of 95 minutes.


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THE TIMES

DAYTON—The Liberty will offer a special screening of the holiday favorite "Sleepless in Seattle" starring Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan.

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

This was a tradition at Liberty Theater for many years before COVID-19 restrictions. It was started as a New Year's Eve venue for people who wished to celebrate smoke-free, get to bed before midnight, or go to two parties. No matter what the reason, help bring back this happy tradition and join The Liberty in celebrating 2024.

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EAST COAST NEW YEAR'S EVE



WAITSBURG BOYS ROUT TIGERS

By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—The Waitsburg Cardinals varsity boys basketball team won in their first home court game of the season, 59-9, against Prescott on December 15. Ryland Kilts scored eight points, and Blake French added six as the Cardinals took an early 18 - 1 first-quarter lead. Kilts continued the hot hand, scoring fourteen points, including hitting three 3-point shots in the second quarter. Kilts finished the game with 26 points, French 13, Reuben Yutzy 7, Logan Seal 4, Jack Karl 4, Wyaiit Booth 3, and Lucas VanHoose scored 2 points.

The varsity boys lost at Desales on December 16. With the loss, the Cardinals have a 2-3 record heading into winter break. The team's next home game will be Saturday, December 30, against Pomeroy.

The Cardinals girls lost a hard-fought game against Prescott on December 15. It was a game where Waitsburg made as many 3-point shots as 2-point shots, five each. Prescott made more 3-point (10) shots than 2-point shots (7) and won 46-32. Alyssa Hollingsworth scored 20 points and rebounded seven; Abbi Paolino scored 11, rebounded six, and had five steals; and Cheri Mathews scored one point. At Desales on December 16, the girls struggled



Karen Huwe

Paolino shoots a successful free-throw as #22 Mathews gets ready to rebound.

against the Irish defense and lost 50-14. Hollingsworth scored 8 points, and Paolino scored four and had five steals. Mathews scored a point and rebounded four.

The girls will next play on Kison Court on Saturday, December 30.



#10 VanHoose blocks as French and #14 Yutzy defend shot and #21 Booth and #4 Kilts look on.

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City Council approved three-year contract with Snake River Little League

By Mike Ferrians & Lane Gwinn | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — On Wednesday, December 20, the Waitsburg City Council voted to approve a three-year contract for Snake River Little League (SRLI) use of the little league fields at the fairgrounds.

Abby Grende of Waitsburg, acting on behalf of Waitsburg parents, worked with the city to draft the contract in response to a decision by the SRLI Board at its November 30 meeting to disqualify Waitsburg's ball fields from use for the 2024 season.

On December 5, 2023, the SRLI board posted a press release on Facebook announcing its decision.

As stated in the post, "The biggest change this year is SRLI will not be using the Waitsburg Fairground Fields. Due to the condition of the fields and challenges in getting a contract with the city, we won't be using them this year. For kids in the Coach Pitch and Minor Player pitch divisions you will have the option to choose Dayton, Prescott, or an open draft option for registration." T-Ball games are not affected and will continue to be played in Waitsburg at the elementary school field.

"My goal has been to make happen what the League asked for," said Grende, "a multi-year contract, Waitsburg representation on the SRLI Board, funding for the fields, and volunteers to work the fields. Gopher damage needs repair, we need new bases, cleaning of dugouts, permanent benches, weed control, re-working baselines, and reshaping pitcher mounds."

During public comment at the council meeting, Grende stated that she had arranged a meeting with SRLI President Jessica Ruffcorn and Brendan Moore, Little League District Superintendent, for Wednesday, December 27, to hear whether SRLI will accept the new city contract.

"I've already talked with SRLI President Jessica Ruffcorn, and she says they won't reconsider letting us play league games on our fields for the 2024 season," said Grende. "But approval of this new contract will at least allow us to use our fields for practices, giving us more time to raise money to improve our fields for league play in 2025."

Lloyd Knudson, a Waitsburg parent, and Little League coach, served on the SRLI board last season. According to Knudson, the board approved, by majority vote, at its March 2023 meeting, for Waitsburg representatives to work out a one-year contract with the City of Waitsburg. Knudson later left the board due to increased family obligations.

"They didn't notify us ahead of time to say they were going to do this," says Knudson. "But playing games in Dayton or Prescott isn't the issue, it's the practices. If a coach says they're practicing in Dayton five days a week, that makes it almost impossible for Waitsburg families to do that."

"I felt it was a convenient move on the board's part because

there weren't any Waitsburg people to argue it. It's unfortunate because it feels like they're putting their feelings toward the city (of Waitsburg) above the kids."

The three-year contract would be in effect from February 2024 to February 2027. The city and the local Little League have previously approved one-year contracts for the fields' use. The last two years, Ruffcorn asked for a five-year contract, which the city declined. The SRLI board subsequently agreed to a one-year contract to ensure the kids in Waitsburg could continue participating in Little League.

As in the past contracts, the city will not charge SRLI a field use fee and agreed to basic maintenance, including mowing, spraying, and watering the fields; SRLI is responsible for improvements and care to areas used for league activities. The work would be done by Waitsburg parents and volunteers, with funds raised through SRLI.

Facility improvement projects include new surface-mounted benches, bleacher repair, and covered dugouts. These changes will require more funding and must be done in coordination with the city. SRLI provides general liability coverage for activities under its sponsorship.

Grende said that if SRLI rejects the new three-year contract, the Waitsburg community can break from SRLI and form its own Little League program or miss playing in this season. This would require recruiting board members and raising funds to pay for equipment, supplies, and fieldwork, according to Grende.

A Times' request for comment submitted to Jessica Ruffcorn, SRLI Board President, was not answered by press time.

In other city council business, Ordinance 2023-1084 was approved to amend a portion of the 2023 city budget. The amendment accounted for income at year-end, including money from the state Hotel/Motel tax. Hinchliffe thanked Tiina Jaantinen, co-owner of The Royal Block, who was in the audience.

The mayor opened the public hearing for the 2024 Budget. Randy Hinchliffe presented the proposed budget, including plans for a dog park at Waits Mill Park and permanent fencing for the pickleball courts at Preston Park.

He said the most significant projects in the budget were on the street system, including sidewalks, updating the small water system plan, and completing the flood feasibility study with the Army Corp.

After the hearing was closed, the council unanimously passed Resolution 2024-1085 approving the 2024 Budget. The budget is available on the City of Waitsburg website at <http://tinyurl.com/bdebppun>.

The council approved Ordinance 2024-1086, updating cemetery regulations in the municipal code. Hinchliffe said the ordinance would clarify rules concerning the limit of two interments per lot. The first can be a casket or cremated remains; the second interment can only be cremains. Only one headstone is allowed, which can be removed and re-engraved, or a plaque can be added to the stone. An exception is made for military burials, which can have a second headstone.

The ordinance was approved unanimously.

The council also approved service agreements with Hawkins Law, Invoice Cloud, and Basin Disposal. The mayor reminded the public that neither the city nor Basin Disposal picks up leaves, and residents can take loose or bagged leaves to the bins in the city yard.

In her report, Jillian Henze acknowledged outgoing Council Member Court Ruppenthal for his support, brainstorming, and unwavering support at the Parks and Recreation meetings.

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

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

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

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

Wine of the Week



L'Ecole 2022 Old Vines

By Paul Gregutt | THE TIMES

Chenin Blanc

I'm a believer in old vine Chenins, so much so that I gave up several lucrative wine writing gigs in order to make a few hundred cases under my short-lived Waitsburg Cellars label. Some of those grapes came from the same Upland Vineyard vines that L'Ecole has sourced for decades, and to my knowledge, there are no better Chenins in the Northwest than these. Rather than the simple fruit bombs that most Chenins resemble, this old vine bottling is delicate, dusty, and detailed, a subtle wine that rewards your attention with cascading details and surpassing depth. Apple, white peach, zesty orange, and dusty spices come together gracefully. If experience is any indication, this wine should age well for another 10 - 15 years.

180 cases; 13%; \$24 (Snipes Mountain) 93/100
<http://tinyurl.com/39reu6bj>



BIRTHDAYS

December 28: Brendan Donovan, Peggy Baker Mudd, Marie Leonard, Nancy Otterson, Jo Ann Perry, Ellie McWilliams, Scott Huwe, Gail Harshman, Sarah Chromy, Kelly Jo Lyons, Janice Mason Eatherton, Christopher Danforth, Richelle Coleman, Jayce Gleason and Jay Dimak.

December 29: Jared Kibler, Betty Rollins, Linda Anderson, Howard Laughery, Dick Finch, Miles Hubbard, Holly Menino, Kevin Blair, Colby Mayberry.

December 30: Bob Collins, Megan McKinney, Henry Hubbard, Krista Houle.

December 31: Janice Ford, Beth Tiet-

jen, Gail Leid, Eva Leroue, Nancy Engels, Gannon Grende, Barry Hulce.

January 1: Jerry Baker, James Estes, January Pietila, Kyle Perry, Caitlin Bales, Sonia Crawford, Jeana DeWitt, Josh Largent, Bill Bloor, Teeny McMunn.

January 2: Joy Hill.

January 3: Mary Olona, Guy Antonius.



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EVENTS & NEWS

Community Calendar

Events, Film, Performance, Live Music

AMERICAN 35

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

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

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



12/29/23
The Last Mythical Movable Blue Mountain Bluegrass Jam of 2023
 will be at TVAMP
 7 p.m.
 141 Main St, Waitsburg
 The Touchet Valley Acoustic Music Project (TVAMP) is located right across the street from the Waitsburg Grocery Store. Don't be surprised if our new (or past) Bluegrass Kids show up at this jam!2023!
 Kate :)



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LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA
 NO. 23 4 00270 36
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 RCW 11.40.030
 In the Matter of the Estate of Robert P. Lorán Deceased
 The Personal Representative named below has been appointed as Personal Representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the Personal Representative or the Personal Representative attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the Personal Representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(3); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of this notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both decedent's probate and non-probate assets.
DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: December 14, 2023.
 Mary C. Indreland, Personal Representative
 Daniel J. Roach, WSBA #14633
 Roach Law Firm
 Attorney for Personal Representative
 126 E Alder Street
 Walla Walla, WA 99362
 509-522-6800
 The Times
 December 14, 21, 28 2023
 12-14-a

REQUEST FOR LETTERS OF INTEREST

December 2023
 Izaiah Long has resigned from Prescott City Council. This leaves a vacancy of Council Position #2. Anyone who would like to be on the council should send a letter of interest to the city of Prescott, PO Box 27. Applicants must be at least 18, a registered voter of the city and must have been a resident for a period of at least one year.
 The Times
 December 28, 2023, January 4, 2024
 12-28-b

Superior Court of Washington, County of Spokane In re:

No. 20-5-00484-32
 Summons Served by Publication (SMPB)
 Matthew Tangen (fka Lindquist), Petitioner,
 And
 Ashley Klassen (aka Lee, Barela) Respondent,
 Calvin Lee, Respondent,
 Matthew Paul Barela, Respondent.
 Summons Served by Publication
 To: Ashley Klassen (aka Lee, Barela) and Matthew Paul Barela
 I have started a court case by filing a petition. The name of the Petition is: AMENDED Petition to Decide Parentage
 You must respond in writing if you want the court to consider your side.
Deadline! Your Response must be filed and served within 60 days of the date this Summons is published : December 21st, 2023. If you do not file and serve your Response or a Notice of Appearance by the deadline:
 • No one has to notify you about other hearings in this case, and
 • The court may approve the requests in the Petition without hearing your side (called a default judgment).
 Follow these steps:
 1. Read the Petition and any other documents that were filed at court with this Summons. Those documents explain what the other party is asking for.
 2. Fill out a Response on this form
 FL Parentage 302, Response to Petition to Decide Parentage
 You can get the Response form and other forms you may need at:
 • The Washington State Courts' website: www.courts.wa.gov/forms
 • Washington LawHelp: www.washingtonlawhelp.org, or
 • The Superior Court Clerk's office or county law library (for a fee).
 3. Serve (give) a copy of your Response to the person who filed this Summons at the address below, and to any other parties. You may use certified mail with return receipt requested. For more information on how to serve, read Superior Court Civil Rule 5.
 4. File your original Response with the court clerk at this address:
 Superior Court Clerk, Spokane County, 1116 W. Broadway, Rm 300, Spokane, WA 99260
 5. Lawyer not required: It is a good idea to talk to a lawyer, but you may file and serve

your Response without one. Person filing this Summons or his/her lawyer fills out below:
 Signature Date
 DIANE R. BRODERSON, 53521
 Print name and WSBA No., if any I agree to accept legal papers for this case at my lawyer's address (electronic service preferred), listed below:
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 Spokane, WA 99201
 dbroderson@farnsworthbroderson.com
 This Summons is issued according to Rule 4.1 of the Superior Court Civil Rules of the state of Washington.
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 December 21, 28 2023 January 4, 11, 18, 25 2024
 12-21-g

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

Superior Court of Washington, Walla Walla County

No. 23-4-00282-36
 Probate Notice to Creditors (RCW 11.40.030)
 In re the Estate of James Franklin Willis, Deceased.
 The personal representative named below has been appointed as personal representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the personal representative, or the personal representative's attorney at the address stated below, a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) thirty (30) days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to the creditors as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four (4) months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this timeframe, 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 non-probate assets.
 Date of First Publication: December 28, 2023
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 Walla Walla, WA 99362
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ORDINANCE 2023-1084 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING A PORTION OF THE 2023 BUDGET OF THE CITY OF WAITSBURG, AS ADOPTED IN ORDINANCE NO. 2022-1079.

The full text of Ordinance 1084 is available for examination on the City's website www.cityofwaitsburg.com or at the City Clerk's Office, 106 Main St., Waitsburg, WA, during normal business hours.
 Adopted the 20th Day of December 2023
 Marty Dunn, Mayor

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-1085 AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE 2024 BUDGET OF THE CITY OF WAITSBURG

Section 1. The budget for the City of Waitsburg, Washington, for fiscal year 2024 is hereby adopted at the fund level in its final form and content as set forth in the document entitled City of Waitsburg, 2024 Budget, which is on file in the Office of the City Clerk.
 Section 2. Estimated resources, including fund balances or working capital for each separate fund of the City of Waitsburg, and aggregate totals (net of transactions between funds) for all such funds combined for the year 2024 are set forth in summary form below, and are hereby appropriated for expenditure at the fund level during the year 2024 as set forth below:

Fund	Amount
Current Expense Fund (001)	\$ 783,000
Cemetery M&I Fund (002)	\$ 109,000
Library M&I Fund (003)	\$ 277
City Street & Road (102)	\$ 379,216
Promotion (106)	\$ 3,250
Municipal Capital Improvement (107)	\$ 30,000
Water & Sewer Department (401)	\$ 881,100
Total All Funds	\$2,185,843

The full text of Ordinance 1085 is available for examination on the City's website www.cityofwaitsburg.com or at the City Clerk's Office, 106 Main St., Waitsburg, WA, during normal business hours.
 Adopted the 20th Day of December 2023
 Marty Dunn, Mayor
 ORDINANCE 2023-1086
 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WAITSBURG, WASHINGTON, AMENDING SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 2 OF TITLE 5 OF THE WAITSBURG MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE CITY CEMETERY CODE
 The full text of Ordinance 1086 is available for examination on the City's website www.cityofwaitsburg.com or at the City Clerk's Office, 106 Main St., Waitsburg, WA, during normal business hours.
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Mouth-watering barbeque hits Dayton

By Mike Ferrians | THE TIMES

DAYTON — The Touchet Valley has a new source for fresh “low-and-slow” Memphis-style barbeque with a New York twist. R and B BBQ opened its doors at 232 East Main Street in Dayton on December 8 with breakfast, lunch, and dinner menus.

Owner Rex McNicol was on hand during a recent lunch-hour visit to give a tour. McNicol says he began slow cooking 16 years ago and entered competi-

tions four years ago.

“If we won top prize, we’d still make more money off vending than we did the prize itself,” he quips.

McNicol spent some time doing pop-up events in Walla Walla with his mobile slow cooker. But when the opportunity came to open a brick-and-mortar restaurant, he grabbed it. He and his wife Bonnie opened in the space where Noble Hunt and, more recently, Annie’s Attic were located. The couple has turned the spacious storefront into a feast for the nose and palate. I learned that, like a boat or guitar, you must have a name for your oven.

“I call my slow cooker and smoker Big Red,” says McNicol. “This is where I do the chicken, ribs, Tri-Tip, pork roasts. I have a grill for my steaks, and I call her Little Helper.”

McNicol’s take on Texas Twinkies is a unique and mouth-watering treat: “A large jalapeno filled with a slice of Tri-Tip and special filling, then wrapped with honey-cured bacon and smoked to perfection.” This

last summer, according to McNicol, he appeared on Food Network’s “BBQ USA,” where celebrity chef Michael Symon enjoyed one of those Texas Twinkies.

The secret to McNicol’s art could be the six years spent perfecting his secret recipe rub. It guarantees the meat’s tender, moist, and flavorful finish, worthy of enjoying without condiments.

“I get offended when people start pouring sauces on my meat,” McNicol grins.

R and B BBQ is open Wednesday-Sunday, 7 a.m. to 9 p.m., and offers takeout menus.



Mike Ferrians



(top) Pork roasts in the oven

(middle) Texas Twinkies

(left) Rex and “Big Red” – McNicol’s slow-cooker and smoker

Happy 5th Anniversary to Me

By Vicki Sternfeld-Rossi | THE TIMES

As I’ve mentioned, I’m not a reflective person; I have a “man the torpedoes, full steam ahead” mentality. But it’s become a tradition that I take a little stock and look back at my decision to leave sunny Southern California in December 2018 to move to snowy, cold, foggy, damp Waitsburg. So here goes, as I bravely reflect now, rather than in spring when the weather is warm, the garden is green, and the sun is shining.

Since I will soon be retired, I have no excuse, “I’m too busy to do that now,” to justify my procrastination. The list of projects is growing, including those that are necessary but boring:

- Patch and paint every room in the house.
- Touch up the scratches and gashes on the new kitchen cabinets.
- Wash the windows! All of them!
- Organize and cull the useless clothes, linens, and other random items out of the attic (it’s become a convenient dumping ground).

There are a few fun things on the list:

- Buy seeds and restart my annual garden log, with the ongoing, but never reached, goal of keeping it up to date through the entire season. (Goals are good, right?)
- Decide which seeds to sneak into Daniel’s attempt at an organized garden.
- Finally, take some day trips; Bluewood, Starbuck, and Palouse Falls are first on the list, especially without snow tires and with the top down. (Come on, Spring!)

Along with the projects on the “to-do” list, I am also proud of some of my accomplishments:

- I have become cold weather acclimated; I can go out of the house to throw out the trash without putting on my thermal underwear, sweater, boots, scarf, gloves, and hat. I just run out and dump dressed “as is” – usually in a tee shirt and leggings.
- The same acclimation reached for letting Mugsy out first thing in the morning.
- We still eat tomato sauce, potato soup, and pickles from our garden—a never-ending source of surprise and pride for me.

I continue to learn about living in the PNW; some lessons were more difficult



Vicki Rossi-Sternfeld

Sunny Southern California in December has been replaced by the frosty beauty of Orchard Street in Waitsburg.

than others:

- There is no such thing as “one and done” regarding mice. And we certainly know now that we can’t depend on the neighborhood cats. We had another mouse in the pantry and more in the root/wine cellar. They got into a giant block of cheese and turned it into a liquid mess.
- Mice also attacked and damaged the twenty-plus bags of chutney Daniel made from our 33 pounds of green tomatoes. Lesson learned: no plastic bags, use jars.
- I now know about weeping pipes, and I think we will finally conquer the problem this winter. I run the hot and cold taps to avoid frozen pipes before we get single-digit temperatures.
- I appreciate and marvel, yet sometimes lose patience, with the polite drivers in the PNW. It seems I can sit at a four-way stop with no one making a move. Everyone waiting their turn. I know they are saying: “You first,” “No, you go” “No, I think it’s your turn.” I’ve still got a little NY and Calif. left in me, so after I look around, I hit the gas. I do say (silently of course), “thank you.”

Last week, I was back in Los Angeles for client dinners, our office holiday party, and doctor appointments. It was 80 degrees, sunny and clear skies. Am I crazy? You chose!

DAYTON SCHOOL BOARD PREPARE FOR THE NEW YEAR

The board discussed Superintendent search and complaint against district

By Justin Jaech | THE TIMES

DAYTON – The Dayton School Board met in the High School Library at 6:32 p.m. on December 20, 2023. School Board members present were Chair Jeffrey McCowen, Zac Fabian, and Grant Griffin. Aneasha Dieu and Ryan Paulson attended using Zoom. Superintendent Rich Stewart was also present in the library.

For the first order of business, the Board members who stood for re-election in November were administered the oath of office. The composition of the Board remains the same as it was before.

Next, the Board Chair and Vice Chair positions were elected by roll call vote. McCowen was elected to a second term as Chair. Fabian was elected as Vice Chair.

The non-voted positions were assigned as below:

- Facilities Representative – Griffin/Fabian
- Curriculum Representative – Dieu/Paulson
- Budget & Finance Representative – Griffin/Dieu
- Community Outreach/Public Relations Representative – McCowen/Fabian
- Custodial Negotiations Representative – Paulson
- Classified Negotiations Representative – McCowen
- Certified Negotiations Representative – Dieu
- WIAA Representative – Fabian
- Legislative Representative – Dieu (second year of two-year term)

The Board then approved the consent agenda. Of note, among other items, was a grant of \$40,000 to the FFA, which will allow them to purchase a pickup truck and stock trailer.

During the public comment period, a member of the public, parent, and school employee spoke about her concerns that the district lacked transparency and communication and how that affected the hemorrhaging of students and families from the district. She noted the district is rebuilding and that it takes time. She said the teachers were tremendous but did not have support from the top.

Stewart said the superintendent search was underway, and one completed application had been received. The position is scheduled to close for new applicants on January 12, 2024, but could be extended if necessary.

Stewart said he has presented levy information to all the school employee groups and has a busy schedule of presentations to community groups in January.

Stewart said they were working on a complaint filed with the Office of Public Instruction (OSPI) for discrimination against a student. The complaint was filed during the previous administration, and the resolution may likely involve some extra training, he said.

The remainder of the meeting was spent discussing several, mostly minor policy changes.

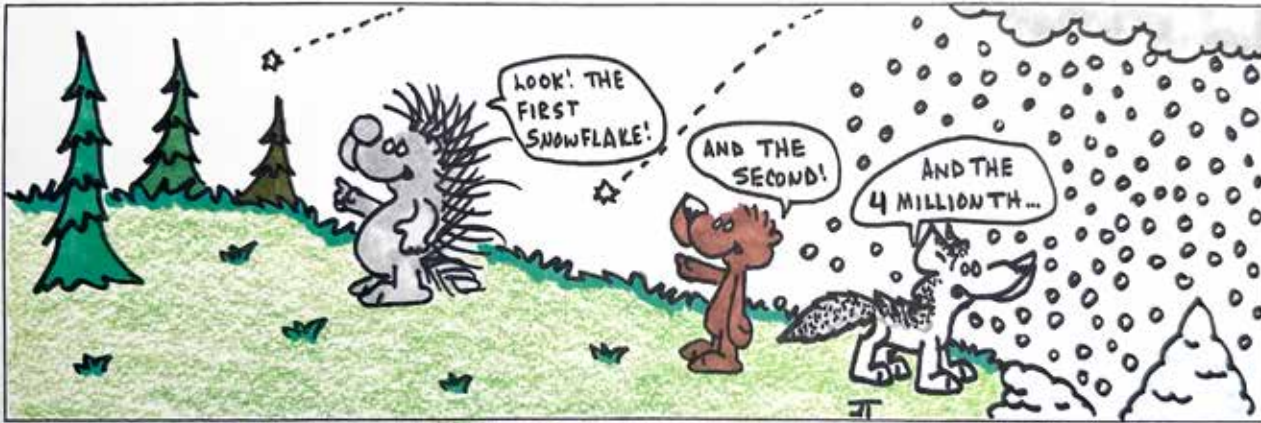
The board approved a new non-representative contract before adjourning the regular meeting to enter an executive session for an unspecified discussion. It remained in the executive session for about 35 minutes.

McCowen adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m. The next School Board meeting is scheduled for January 3, 2024.

FUN & GAMES

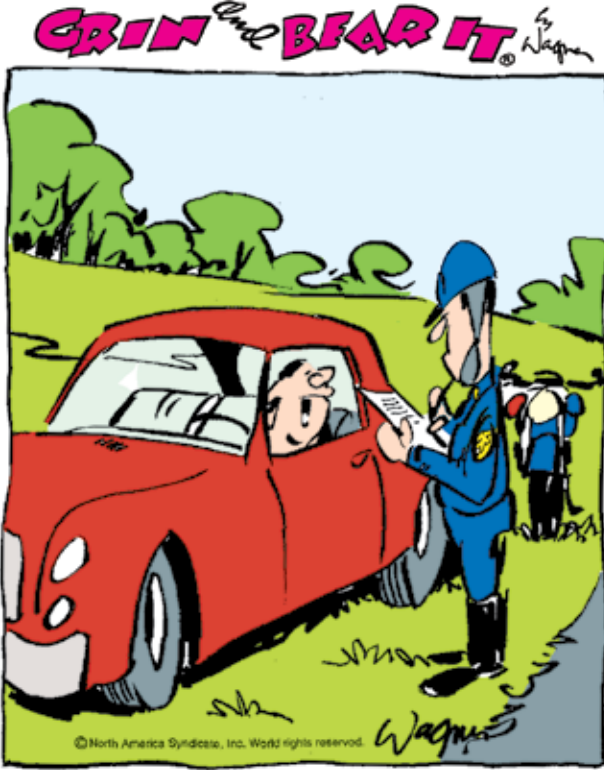
The Friendly Forest

By Jimmye L. Turner



Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



"I was a designated driver New Year's Eve. Don't I get credit for it?"

Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



PIONEER PORTRAITS

Ten Years Ago

December 26, 2013

One of Waitsburg's elementary school teachers got an extra special early Christmas gift this year. In a press release issued by President Barack Obama on December 20, Kindergarten teacher Pamela Nolan-Beasley was named as one of two teachers in Washington State to receive the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. Beasley won the award for science while Nancy Pfaff of Redmond, Wash. won the math award. Winners of the honor receive a \$10,000 award from the National Science Foundation to be used at their discretion, and will visit Washington D.C. for an awards ceremony and several days of celebratory and educational events, including visits with administration members and possibly even the president. The recently named recipients are winners of the 2012 awards.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

December 31, 1998

Sharing the Christmas weekend with the Neil and Carl Henzes were David and Neta McKenzie from Colbert; John, Carrie and Amanda Higgins and Jason Delp from Medical Lake; Bill Callahan from Yakima; David, Lorna, and Meagan Zajac from Chehalis; and Dan, Diane, Sheena and Dane Henze from Aberdeen.

Guests of Tom and Anita Baker Christmas Eve, following Christmas Eve service, were Mike and Peggy and Anthony Henry, Richland; Kathy and Loyal Baker, Matthew and Morgan, Jim and Jan Winters and Tanya Ziks, all of Waitsburg.

Guests of Neil and Kathy Carpenter and family, December 20th thru 31st, were her parents Tom and Beverlie Kersey, Oceanside, California.

Fifty Years Ago

December 27, 1973



[Photo Caption] Mike DeCoria puts a check on Dayton's Mike Wilson in the first game of the Christmas tournament, as Pat Davis (51) waits for a rebound. The Cards topped the Bulldogs in an exciting game, 51-48.

Seventy-Five Years Ago

December 31, 1948

In order to give the customers better service, Bloor's Market is being remodeled and enlarged to provide a self-service type of food market in the community.

New homes in the community either new or remodeled include the Earl Freemans, Wm. Rose, J. H. Gill, Kenneth Gohlman, W. E. LaMay, Morris Ganguet, Fred Harris, Ernest Kisons, J. H. Cresswells, Maurice Witts, Gladys and Ruth Eaton, Gil Bergund, Tom Mart, Ivan White, Albert Hanson, Ernest McCaw and Ben Flathers in Prescott.

One Hundred Years Ago

January 4, 1924

For the third time this year and according to what old timers tell the highway department, the third time in the history of the white man, the Alpowa River went on a rampage Friday night and put the Lewiston-Pomeroy section of the state highway out of commission.

The Preston-Shaffer Milling Co. has been shut down at the Waitsburg flour mill all this week account the cold weather.

Mrs. Mary Denny of Walla Walla, who recently returned from a visit of several weeks to friends in Los Angeles was in town the last of the week visiting her daughter, Mrs. Chas. Sayers, and family.

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago

January 6, 1899

Miss Bertha Grubbe last week received from a friend in the volunteers at Manila, a large assortment of curios from that island.

The Preston-Parton Mill had to close down on account of ice Wednesday morning. The coldest night of this week when the temperature reached at least 10 degrees below zero.

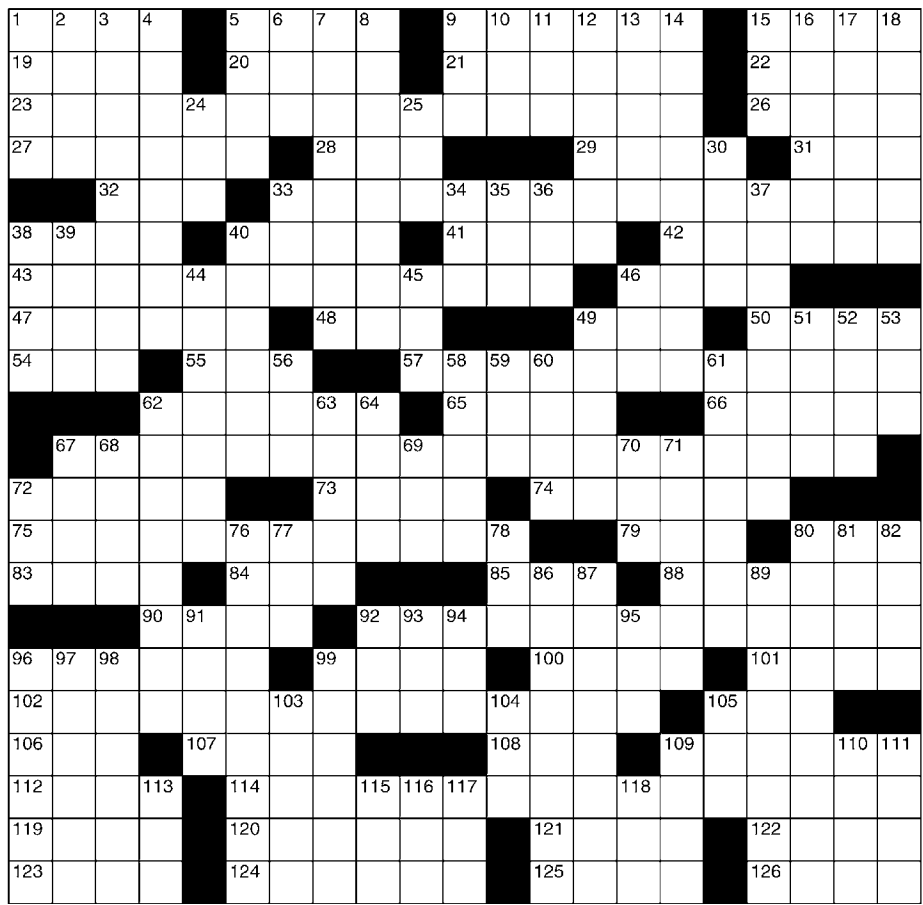
A very pleasant party was given at the country home of G. W. Loundagin last Friday evening. Several sleigh loads attended from this city.

PUZZLES & LIFESTYLES

Super Crossword

FORGET THE WHOLE THING

- ACROSS**
- 1 Warning about a racy web pic
 - 5 "West Side Story" knife
 - 9 Seasoned vet
 - 15 Bro
 - 19 French for "yours"
 - 20 Treat for feet, for short
 - 21 Pope after Marcellus II
 - 22 Scads
 - 23 RFORM
 - 26 Rapper
 - 27 Variety show hosts, e.g.
 - 28 ACLU interests: Abbr.
 - 29 Farming unit
 - 31 Pasty luau food
 - 32 Flight takeoff abbr.
 - 33 NTR
 - 38 "Peek—!"
 - 40 Classic comic
 - 41 Uplifting poems
 - 42 Place full of video games
 - 43 UBL
 - 46 Chicken cordon —
 - 47 British chums
 - 48 Stars and Stripes' nation
 - 49 —wester (certain storm)
 - 50 "Oh, God!" actress Garr
 - 54 Cousins of aves.
 - 55 Name of some newspapers
 - 57 GHTE
 - 62 Actors
 - 65 Very top
 - 66 Flying
 - 67 TRONI
 - 72 Cast out of the country
 - 73 Official helper
 - 74 Pays out
 - 75 EAKI
 - 79 Diner check
 - 80 Start for existing
 - 83 Name of some newspapers
 - 84 Vetoer's vote
 - 85 U.S. tax org.
 - 88 Aromatic aftershave
 - 90 QBs' liquid
 - 92 RKE
 - 96 Person doing a crossword puzzle, e.g.
 - 99 Outer limit
 - 100 Chimney grime
 - 101 Great serves
 - 102 HEER
 - 105 2000-15 CBS series
 - 106 Writer Rand
 - 107 Blood type, in brief
 - 108 Total
 - 109 Wakes up
 - 112 Writer Uris
 - 114 NTEEN
 - 119 Peel, as fruit
 - 120 Excited
 - 121 Cozy corner
 - 122 Pierce player
 - 123 Cast off hair
 - 124 Swan
 - 125 Forest sight
 - 126 Sacklike growth
 - DOWN**
 - 1 Neck back
 - 2 Mushroom feature
 - 3 Some plays on ground
 - 4 Fiancee
 - 5 Colo. — (city S. of Denver)
 - 6 Skirt line
 - 7 "Just go ahead and try!"
 - 8 Wine merchants
 - 9 Unlock, in poems
 - 10 Resting place for a napkin
 - 11 Drinker's hwy. offense
 - 12 Implores
 - 13 Christina of "Bel Ami"
 - 14 Put too high a price on
 - 15 Papa
 - 16 Perfect world
 - 17 Be charitable
 - 18 Gas guzzler
 - 24 Multivolume U.K. lexicon
 - 25 Chicago winter hrs.
 - 30 Blarney
 - 34 King, in Lyon
 - 35 Hubbub
 - 36 Novelist
 - 37 Runs furtively with short, quick steps
 - 38 Heads of fleets: Abbr.
 - 39 Regatta entry
 - 40 Upshot
 - 44 Evan of figure skating
 - 45 Univ. helpers
 - 46 Web automaton
 - 49 Brother of Moe and Curly
 - 51 Deep black, in poems
 - 52 Break in friendship
 - 53 Hairy TV cousin
 - 56 "Science Friday" ailer
 - 58 Person tying shoes
 - 59 Onetime transportation agcy.
 - 60 Foods created by biotech
 - 61 Flood-prevention sack
 - 62 One sharing your blood
 - 63 Songwriter Carmichael
 - 64 Salon noise
 - 67 Large-scale public show
 - 68 Untrue tales
 - 69 Neighbor of Mont.
 - 70 Caress
 - 71 How money may be lost
 - 72 Sci-fi gift
 - 76 Belonging naturally
 - 77 "One Mic" rapper
 - 78 "— ToK" (#1 hit for Kesha)
 - 80 On the nose
 - 81 Viking letter
 - 82 Rescue crew VIPs
 - 86 Occupant
 - 87 Represented
 - 89 Peruvian singer with a wide range
 - 91 Notorious emperor
 - 92 OR workers
 - 93 Rust may be a sign of it
 - 94 DVR remote abbr.
 - 95 Cain, to Eve
 - 96 Hair-raising sites?
 - 97 "Is that so?"
 - 98 Poe's "radiant maiden"
 - 99 Yuletide quaff
 - 103 Destitute
 - 104 Tic — -toe
 - 105 Gear tooth
 - 109 Yard tool
 - 110 Outer limits
 - 111 Sports datum
 - 113 TV neighbor of Homer
 - 115 Pewter, mostly
 - 116 Univ. website suffix
 - 117 Vetoers' votes
 - 118 Rival of Wade



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MY RECIPES Luke Chavez

Stuffed Mushrooms



With New Year's Eve approaching, another whirlwind season of winter holiday entertaining comes to an end. After all the formal sit-down feasts I love to keep things casual on NYE with a spread of fun finger foods. A varied selection of cured meats, imported cheeses, and interesting hors d'oeuvres keep guests fed while encouraging them to mingle. These elegant stuffed mushrooms, with fresh herbs and pine nuts, are always a crowd pleaser. A pinch of parmesan cheese baked on top gives them a delightful crunch.

Ingredients:

- 1 ¼ pounds cremini mushrooms
- 4 tablespoons butter, divided
- Juice of 1 lemon
- Salt and fresh ground black pepper
- 1/3 cup coarsely chopped shallots
- 1 to 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 cup coarsely chopped celery
- 1 tablespoon fresh thyme, chopped
- 1 bay leaf
- ¼ cup coarsely chopped parsley
- 1 egg, lightly beaten
- ¼ cup plain breadcrumbs
- ¼ cup grated gruyere or gouda
- 2 tablespoons pine nuts, coarsely chopped
- 2 tablespoons grated parmesan

Directions:

Preheat the oven to 400 degrees. (See notes).

Gently clean any dirt off the mushrooms with a damp paper towel or a soft brush. Carefully remove the stems, rocking back and forth with your fingers until they pop out of the caps. Coarsely chop the stems and set aside in a bowl.

Heat one tablespoon of the butter in a large skillet over medium-high heat and add the mushroom caps, top side down. You might need to work in two batches. Season with black pepper and a squeeze of the lemon juice. Cook until the bottoms start to lightly brown, and the caps release some moisture, about 3 minutes. Then flip the caps and cook for another minute or two. Work carefully to keep the caps intact. Set caps on a paper towel lined platter to absorb any liquid.

Heat another tablespoon of butter in the skillet over medium heat, then add the shallots and garlic. When the shallots begin to soften add the chopped mushroom stems. Cook, stirring often, as the mushrooms release moisture. Add the celery, thyme, bay leaf and season to taste with salt. Continue to cook until the vegetables are tender, about another 5 to 7 minutes. Remove the bay leaf.

Add the shallot and mushroom mixture to the bowl of a food processor with the parsley. Process until mixture is a fine puree. Return the mixture to the skillet and cook, stirring often, about 5 minutes. If the pan looks a little dry add some olive oil or more butter. Stir in the remaining lemon juice and the breadcrumbs, cooking for another minute. Take pan off the heat and stir in the cheese and pine nuts. Taste for seasoning, adding more salt and pepper as needed. When seasoned to taste, stir in the egg. If the filling seems too loose, add a bit more breadcrumbs.

Use a spoon to stuff the caps with the filling, about 1 to 2 heaping teaspoons per cap. Smooth the filling into mounds and sprinkle the tops with the grated parmesan cheese. Melt the remaining butter in a small saucepan. Sprinkle the tops of each mushroom with some of the melted butter and arrange the caps on a parchment lined baking sheet.

Bake in hot oven until the tops are golden and crispy, and the caps are evenly browned, about 15 to 25 minutes. Allow caps to rest for at least 10 minutes before serving.

Notes:

When shopping for mushrooms, pick fully intact mushrooms that are all about the same size. If you cannot find brown cremini mushrooms, you could use plain white button mushrooms.

The pine nuts are optional and can be substituted with chopped walnuts.

For party planning, you could assemble these stuffed mushrooms up to a day in advance. Fully fill the caps and top with the parmesan and melted butter. Then transfer the unbaked caps to a paper towel lined plastic container in a single layer. Make sure the filling is completely cool before you seal with an airtight lid and chill until ready to use. When ready to bake, pull the caps out of the refrigerator and let them come to temperature on the counter while you preheat the oven.

Enjoy. Wishing my readers a safe and happy New Year.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

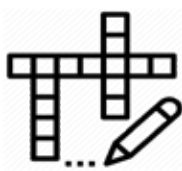
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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆

- ◆ Moderate
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LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

Super Crossword

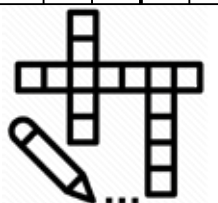
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Weekly SUDOKU

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Community Calendar

WAITSBURG MONTHLY MEETINGS



Waitsburg City Council
Third Wednesday of each month @ 7 p.m. at City Hall.
Planning Commission
Second Friday of the month @ 10 a.m. @ City Hall and on Zoom.
Waitsburg School Board
Third Thursday of every month @ 6 p.m. Zoom info is available by emailing waitsburgcc@icloud.com

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

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

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

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

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

Friends of the Weller Public Library
Fourth Monday of the month @ 7 p.m. Weller Public Library, 212 Main Street, Waitsburg

Waitsburg Commercial Club
Last Thursdays of the month @ Waitsburg Business Center@noon. Last Thursdays of each month, Zoom info is available by emailing waitsburgcc@icloud.com

Waitsburg Resource Center Community Food Bank
106 1/2 Preston Ave
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DAYTON & COLUMBIA COUNTY MEETINGS

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



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

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

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

Dayton Memorial Library Board of Trustees Meeting
September 18 @ 7 p.m. Delany room and Zoom Meeting ID: 852 3836 3787
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85238363787>

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

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



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