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Barb Jaksa



(above) Blues Crew volunteers have been busy improving the recreational experience at the Horseshoe Prairie Nordic Area. There is a new warming hut and expanded routes for skiers and snowshoers.

(left) Tiina Jaatinen and Barb Jaksa joined the celebration on February 8 at the Nordic area. A quick stop at the warming hut before setting off for the

# Horseshoe **Prairie Nordic Area Adventure**

By Barb Jaksa | THE TIMES

WESTERN, OR. — Blue Mountain Land Trust (BMLT) hosted a celebration party on February 8 at the Horseshoe Prairie Nordic Area Trailhead in Oregon. The event marked the opening of the Blues Crew Warming Hut and the addition of new trails, bringing the total mileage to 26 (24 ski/2 snowshoe dedicated) miles. The Blues Crew provided hot soup (the Coconut/Butternut Squash was excellent), hot chocolate, and cookies alongside a toasty fire and informative conversations about BMLT and its mission.

We set off from Waitsburg at 8:00 a.m., fueled by Ten Ton lattes and the promise of a Nordic adventure. The oneand-a-half-hour scenic route included a stop at Tollgate Crossing Store to pick up an Oregon Snow-Park Pass.

We brought our skis and snowshoes, but rentals are available in Walla Walla at Dusty's Ski, Snowboard & Skateboard Shop, and Whitman College Outdoor program. Adventure-Fit in Walla Walla offers guided trips and equipment rentals at the Nordic park.

The snowshoe trails required breaking trail through fresh 6" to 8" of snow, however the Nordic and cross-country ski trails were groomed for track and skating by volunteers from the BMLT

Blues Crew. Overall, the trail signage was good, though overcast and low snowpack impacted trail marker visibility, providing another level of adventure to the day.

The Horseshoe Prairie trail system traverses through rolling hills, forests, and open meadows for a variety of backcountry experiences for novice to expert winter recreational users.

BLMT website has comprehensiven information on trail etiquette, maps, and snow and groomed trail conditions. One should be prepared for winter backcountry recreation with appropriate gear and up-to-date weather information. For this trip, I made sure to pack the following:

- Sunglasses
- Layered clothing
- Hat and gloves
- Water, snacks
- Nordic skis and snowshoes
- Oregon Snow-Park Pass
- Trail maps
- Sense of humor

And don't forget your sense of adven-

Access to the Horseshoe Prairie Nordic area is at the Andies Prairie Snowpark parking lot at milepost (MP) 26 on Oregon Hwy. 204.

For more information on the Horseshoe Prairie Nordic Area, go to <a href="https://">https://</a> bmlt.org/horseshoe-prairie.

For rentals, check out Dusty's Ski Shop at <a href="https://dustys.ski">https://dustys.ski</a> and Whitman College Outdoor Program at http://tinyurl.com/mhf7h3d.

Adventure-Fit guided tours at www. adventure-fit.com/day-trips

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# "Barns of Columbia County" Exhibit at the Dayton Historic Depot

THE TIMES

DAYTON — The Dayton Historical Depot Society is delighted to announce the opening of its much-anticipated public exhib-"Barns of Columbia County," from February through December 2024 at the Dayton Historic Depot.

The exhibit is a journey through the agricultural heritage

of Columbia County, showcasing the architectural styles, historical significance, and personal stories of the region's iconic Museum Director Karina barns. From architectural en-Baker thusiasts to history buffs, visitors will find an exploration of the

role barns have played in shaping Columbia County's identity, with a chance to get up close with fascinating farming imple-

Courtesy photo

ments and displays. Explore the multifaceted functions barns play for family farms, practical storage solutions, and recreational commu-

There are four barns highlighted that were transformed after receiving Washington Heritage Barn Restoration grants, preserving their legacy for future generations.

The exhibition will run through December 2024. Winter hours from February through April are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., and summer hours from May to October are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Dayton Historic Depot is at 222 E Commercial Ave, Dayton, Washington, and admission is free.

Visit daytonhistoricdepot.org or contact Museum Director Karina Baker at (509) 382-2026 or email info@daytonhistoricdepot.org.

The Dayton Historical Depot is the oldest train depot in Washington State, and the museum preserves and promotes Columbia County history. The mission is to maintain and utilize primary artifacts, including the Depot building and the Boldman House, to interpret and educate on local history. The museums serve as cultural hubs, offering exhibits, educational tours, and events, including the Evening at The Depot.



# **ELLEN BRIGHAM NAMED DIRECTOR OF LIBRARY SEVICES**

By Lane Gwinn | THE TIMES

DAYTON — Ellen Brigham has accepted the Director of Library Services position at the Columbia County Library. Brigham served as the interim director following Todd Vandenbark's resignation in July

The new director said in the CCRLD February 11, 2024 newslet-



Ellen Brigham

ter, "Thank you so much to everyone who has supported and used the library over the last year. You're what makes library services so rewarding, and I'm looking forward to many more years with our wonderful community.

# Dayton School Board approve new coaches, hear from counselors

By Justin Jaech | THE TIMES

DAYTON — The Dayton School Board met at 6:30 p.m. on February 7, 2024. School Board Chair Jeffrey McCowen, members Zac Fabian, Aneesha Dieu, Grant Griffin, and Superintendent Rich Stewart were present. Ryan Paulson did not attend.

The board approved the consent agenda, including accepting the resignation of Jim Su'euga as MS Girls Basketball Head Coach and hiring Andee Thurston for that position. The board approved Tamira Culley as the MS Girls' Basketball Assistant coach, and Des Jones was approved as a volunteer coach for the MS Girls Basketball team.

Stewart introduced the K-12 counseling team, Kristie Korslund, Sasha Squires, and Caitlin Patterson, who presented to the board. Each counselor spoke about their background, history in the School District, and interaction methods with the students.

Korslund, whose focus in the district is substance abuse prevention, also works with the Columbia County Youth and Family Coalition and encouraged interested parents to learn more at <a href="https://www.facebook.com/cc.cyf">https://www.facebook.com/cc.cyf</a>.

After the presentation, the superintendent and board members continued discussing with the counselors for about forty-five minutes.

The K-12 Dean of Students, Hannelee Farrell, spoke on school discipline, emphasizing prevention of incidents and methodology for data collection and analysis. The board members and Farrell engaged in an active discussion after her report.

Stewart gave an update on the search for a permanent superintendent and expects a list of finalists to be completed for board review at the February 21, 2024 meeting. The board will go into an executive session to choose candidates from that list to interview.

The last action was to approve the purchase of a used truck and stock trailer for the FFA program using grant funds earmarked for that purpose.

The meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m. The next board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 21, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

# **NEWS BRIEFS**

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## AT THE LIBERTY:

"Mean Girls"

THE TIMES

DAYTON — "Mean Girls" is a new twist on the modern classic from the comedic mind of Tina Fey. "New student Cady Heron (Angourie Rice) is welcomed into the top of the social food chain by the elite group of popular girls called "The Plastics," ruled by the conniving queen



bee Regina George (Reneé Rapp) and her minions Gretchen (Bebe Wood) and Karen (Avantika). However, when Cady makes the major misstep of falling for Regina's ex-boyfriend Aaron Samuels (Christopher Briney), she finds herself prey in Regina's cross-

"As Cady sets to take down the group's apex predator with the help of her outcast friends Janis (Auli'i Cravalho) and Damian (Jaquel Spivey), she must learn how to stay true to herself while navigating the most cutthroat jungle of all: high school," from the Rotten Tomatoes website.

This movie was rated 70% favorable by critics at the Rotten Tomatoes website, and the audience gave it a 62%. The audience summary is "As long as you can avoid comparing it to the original -- and you don't mind musicals -- "Mean Girls" is a fun watch with some strong performances." This movie is rated PG-13 for sexual material, strong language, and teen drinking. The IMDb parent's guide has this movie as moderate for language, but mild or none for all other rated categories. This movie has a runtime of 112 minutes.

#### THE LIBERTY THEATER - DAYTON Thrifty Tuesdays

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MEAN GIRLS





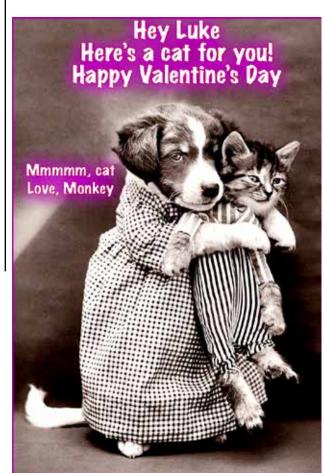
## **WAITSBURG BREWERY TAKES TOP PRIZES AT PALOUSE**

THE TIMES

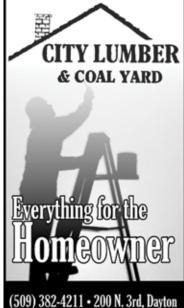
WAITSBURG - Laht Neppur Brewing Company won Best Brewery for Cabin Fever and Best Cure for Cabin Fever (Best Beer) at the 2024 Palouse Cabin Fever Brew Fest on Saturday, Feb. 10. The Waitsburg brewery took the two top awards from a



field of ten breweries and approximately 36 beers. Laht Neppur's winning beer in this fest was the Peaches 'N' Cream Ale – not a surprise if you have tasted it. And if you haven't tasted it, where have you







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#### WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT



2006 Dayton High School graduate, Zachary Kiefer, married Chelsea Wright of Tempe, Arizona on Dec. 28, 2023. The couple live and work in Washington, D.C





Visit libertytheater.org/about-us LIBERTY THEATER PO BOX 233, Dayton WA 99328

# Community Civility Café

**Conversations That Matter** "Books in Libraries"

March 7, 2024 at the Columbia County **Fairgrounds Pavilion** 

An evening of good-natured communication about the challenges of libraries and the books they make available.

The conversation will be facilitated to enhance civil discourse by "engaging people in conversations that matter.



Hosted by The Friends of the Dayton Memorial Library.

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# **NEWS**

#### **OBITUARY**

# Beverly Jean Bales

February 9, 1953 – February 9, 2024

Beverly Jean Bales, daughter of Bobby and Midge Franklin Bales, passed away on her 71st birthday, February 9, 2024. She spent most of her childhood years in Sunrise Beach, Missouri, graduating from Camdenton High School. She was known there for her cooking at Chances 'R' and Dina's Playland. She was a highly talented artist who achieved many awards for her artwork. She left a legacy of her paintings through-

out Lake of the Ozarks, the Columbia County area of Washington state, and Reno, Nevada. She was also an accomplished horsewoman and skilled cook. She spent most of her adult life in Reno, Nevada and Dayton, Washington. While she supported herself with work in both the construction and food industries, these were only a means to support her passion for her horses. She loved teaching western show riding, and won many ribbons for endurance riding, showmanship and other equestrian talents. She is survived by her brother Nathan "Joe" (Yvonne) Bales of rural Tennessee, her cat Shirley, and her beloved mule Sara. She was a funny, crass, lovable old gal who will be sorely missed. At her request, no services will be held.

#### BIRTHDAYS

**February 15:** Ephraimia Reese, Andrew Wertz, Neta Henze McKenzie, Ansehl Hofer, Christina Hofer, Jack Otterson, Stacy Ashcroft and Wanda Witt, Andrew Wertz, and Brianna Wray.

**February 16:** Jason Eaton, Mike R. Mayberry, and Loren Eng.

**February 17:** Loyal Baker, Jack Rodgers, Chris Blair, Mathew Kurth, Betty Sauer, Angela Webb and Larry Lawrence.

**February 18:** Cole Lindsey, Greg Schuler, Lauri McKinley, Michael and Philo Murphy, Nancy Powers, Ann Ahler, and Charles Mead V.

DAYS

February 19: Carrie Abel, Margaret Osterero, Rick Harper, and Mark John-

**February 20:** Harvey Danielson, Jace Grende, and Colter Mohney.

**February 21:** Myles Grende, Dick Brunton, Rich Pierson, Travis Wood, Joshua Wood, Chris Huwe, and Molly and Mandy Hays.



# KIDS AND ART IN WAITSBURG

THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — Weller Public Library is offering "Art at the Library" for kids to make art inspired by picture books. The program offers preschool and primary grade students a guided art experience twice a month through August. On the first and second Saturdays of the month, a themed picture book is presented to

A colorful, clay dinosaur inspired by "Many Shapes of Clay" at "Art at the Library."

inspire the kids to be creative with art supplies provided for each project.

At the first event on Saturday, February 3, Library Aide Jesse Brown read "Many Shapes of Clay" by Kenesha Sneed to the youngsters. The author is a notable ceramicist whose story is about creating and handling loss. Students were then given an array of colorful clay to create whatever they wanted.

On Saturday, February 10, students tackled animal drawings inspired by "Pigasso Meets Mootisse" by Nina Laden. The picture book follows animal versions of famous painters Picasso and Matisse. It shows young readers how friendship friction can end in masterpieces when they work together.

The program runs on the first and second Saturdays of each month at 10 a.m. Anyone unable to attend may pick up art kits at the library. "Art at the Library" is made possible with funding from the Arts Build Communities grant from ArtWalla.



Courtey photo

Kids were invited to decorate Valentine's ornaments at Simply Sawdust.

Young artists had another opportunity to create on Saturday, February 10 at Simply Sawdust on Main Street in Waitsburg. Gloria Wilson invited kids to her workshop to create free Valentine's Day ornaments for the "special people" in their lives. The kids decorated precut wooden hearts provided by Wilson with various hearts, stickers, candy, and other colorful elements.

Thanks to Weller Library and Simply Sawdust for introducing children to the wonderful world of art.







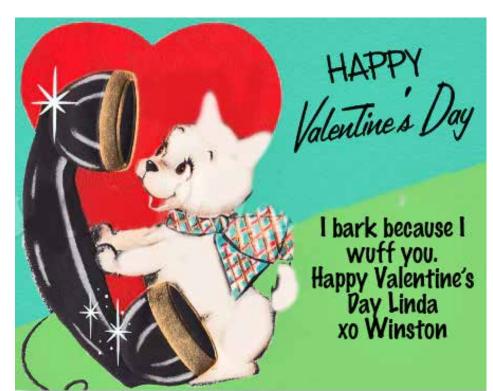












# **SPORTS & LEGALS**

# **WAITSBURG MAT BIRDS 2024 SEASON**

By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — Jake Winona is in his 14th year coaching youth wrestlers in the Mat Bird program in Waitsburg. This season, Winona welcomed 34 wrestlers; 22 of those are returning from last season.

Winona has built a strong program and will be assisted this season by Charlie Barron, Caleb Barron, Rob Parrish, Steve Mertens, and Curtis Winona. Koyen Fortune and Akayden Mikesell have aged out into high school wrestling but are assisting in mentorship roles with the younger wrestlers.

The Mat Birds have seen an increase in girls wrestling and will attend two tournaments this season with girls-only bracketing.

The Mat Birds' first tournament will be on March 2 at the Reactor Rumble at Hanford High School. On March 9, they will travel to Ritzville. March 16, the tournament is in Colfax, followed by Pomeroy on March 23. Wrapping up the season is the Jason Crawford Memorial Tournament, which will be held on March 30 at the Spokane Veterans Memorial Are-



Karen Huwe

## **EXERCISE CLASSES BACK AT TOWN HALL**

By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — Low to moderate-impact exercise classes are back in Waitsburg. The one-hour classes are well attended by mature, 60-year-old and older exercisers. Becky Huwe and Deb Foreman run the classes from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at Waitsburg Town Hall.

Enhanced Fitness classes were introduced to Waitsburg in 2019 by Melissa Lambert, an instructor from P.E.A.K Fitness. No longer a part of that program, the dedicated exercisers regrouped, first at Town Hall and later to a room at the Presbyterian Church before moving back to Town Hall this December.

Group members say it is a great way to start the day. The daily routine consists of walking, aerobics, sit-ups, push-ups, arm and leg exercises, and stretching. You do not have to be over 60 to attend, and most exercises can be adjusted to your specific needs. Participants contribute \$10 a month to cover the Town Hall rental fee.

Join this healthy and social activity, where you also get the chance to hear Jack McCaw sing along with the music. Remember, exercise is medicine.

# **FUTURE CARDINALS**

By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — Eight Waitsburg fifthgrade boys are playing basketball in the YMCA league in Walla Walla. Dane Kiefel coaches the group, and they play on Saturdays at 12:30 pm.

The boys get down the court quickly, drive to the hoop, and rebound well. They have had success in their first few games, winning by a considerable margin.

Take a drive on a Saturday and catch the future Cardinals soaring on the basketball court.



(l-r - back row) Liam Vasquez, Emerson Kiefel, Nicholas Reger, Wiley Gagnon, Wyatt Vasquez, Coach Dane Kiefel (front row l-r) Kacen Hubbard, Ethan Watson, Hudson Lynch

# LEGAL NOTICES

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

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA In the Matter of the Estate of Joyce M. Watts Deceased NO. 24 4 00018 36

PROBATE NOTICE TO **CREDITORS** RCW 11.40.030 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 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 PUBLICA-TION: February 1, 2024. Stephen E. Watts, Personal Representative Trevor V. Hanzeli, WSBA #51290 Roach Law Firm Attorney for Personal Repre-

#### **Prescott Joint Park and Recreation District Board of** Commissioners

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Position # 2 VACANCY: Term Expires 12/31/2025 Position # 4 VACANCY: Term Expires 12/31/2027 Serving on the Board of Commissioners is an active year-round responsibility, overseeing the operation of the various aspects of the District. Commissioners will work on several sub-committees (Budget, Maintenance, Grants) Attend 12 monthly meetings, and between 5-8 specialty meetings

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ation District (PJPRD) PO Box 30 Prescott WA 99348 If you would like more information, please call the office at 509-849-2314, daily 9 to 1 pm. The Times February 15, 22 2024 2-15-d

**Public Notice of Application** 

## to Change a Water Right

Take Notice: That Janice Preso and Ron Page of Walla Walla, WA on August 11, 2023, filed Water Right Application No. CG3-01015(A), to change groundwater certificate G3-01015 (A) with a priority date of August 29, 1966, Superseding Certificated quantities are for year-round use from a well in the amount of 275 gallons per minute (gpm) and 110 acrefeet per year (ac-ft/yr) for the irrigation of 27.5 acres. Add point(s) of withdrawal: The superseding certificated point of withdrawal is located within the NE1/4 of the NW1/4 of the NW1/4 of Section 7, T. 6N, R. 36 E.W.M., withing Walla Walla County, WA. The proposed, additional point of withdrawal is located withing the NW1/4 of the NW1/4 of Section 7, T. 6N., R. 36 E.W.M., within Walla Walla County, WA. To view this application as well as the underlying superseding certificate documentation, visit our Water Right Search application and web map search here: https://appswr.ecology. wa.gov/waterrighttrackingsystem/WaterRights/default.aspx Protests to this application must include a detailed statement of the basis for the objections. Protests must be accompanied with a fifty dollar (\$50.00) non-refundable recording fee. We accept check or money order only. Do not send cash. Send you protest with the \$50.00 fee to the Department of Ecology at the address below withing 30 days from: February 15th, 2024 Department of Ecology Cashiering Office PO Box 47611

Olympia, WA 98504-7611

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

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA NO. 24 4 00030 36 PROBATE NOTICE TO **CREDITORS** RCW 11.40.030 In the Matter of the Estate of Justin C. Mayberry 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 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 PUBLICA-

TION: February 15, 2024. Kathleen M. (Mayberry) Jansen, Personal Representative Daniel J. Roach, WSBA #14633 Roach Law Firm Attorney for Personal Representative 126 E Alder Street Walla Walla, WA 99362

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To fall in love is awfully simple

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

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA NO. 24 4 00031 36 PROBATE NOTICE TO **CREDITORS** RCW 11.40.030 In the Matter of the Estate of Emily K. Parsons

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 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 PUBLICA-TION: February 15, 2024. Karen A. Stalder, Personal Representative Trevor V. Hanzeli, WSBA #51290

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# **Thad Sirmon Const, Thad**

Sirmon, 54 W Rees Ave Walla Walla, WA 99362-1155, is seeking coverage under the Washington State Department of Ecology's Construction Stormwater NPDES and State Waste Discharge General Permit. The proposed project, 942 Spitzenburg Apartments, is located at 942 NE Spitzenburg St. College Place, WA 99324 in Walla Walla County. This project involves 1.5 acres of soil disturbance for Other (multi family) construction activities. All discharges and runoff goes to ground water. Any persons desiring to present their views to the Washington State Department of Ecology regarding this Application, or interested in Ecology's action on this Application, may notify Ecology in writing no later than 30 days of the last date of publication of this notice. Ecology reviews public comments and considers whether discharges from this project would cause a measurable change in receiving water quality, and, if so, whether the project is necessary and in the overriding public interest according to Tier II anti-degradation requirements under WAC 173-201A-320. Comments can be submitted to: ecyrewgianoi@ ecy.wa.gov, or ATTN: Water Quality Program, Construction Stormwater Washington State Department of Ecology P.O. Box 47696 Olympia, WA 98504-7696 The Times February 15, 22 2024 2-15-c

# NOTICE OF PETITION TO

CHANGE NAME OF MINOR **CHILD** State of Georgia, Coweta County Notice is hereby given that Serena Laws has filed a petition in the Superior Court of Coweta County on 1/19/24 for the change of name of her minor child from Lawrence J L Smith to Lawrence J Laws. Objections to this petition must be filed with the court within 30 days of the filing date. This notice will be published in the Waitsburg Times on 1/25/24. Serena Laws 96 Portico Pl. Newnan, GA 30265 Phone: 404-507-2765 The Times January 25th, February 1, 8, 15 2024

#### IN THE SUPERIOR **COURT OF THE STATE OF**

**WASHINGTON** IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA No. 24 4 000 10 36 PROBATE NOTICE TO **CREDITORS** In re the Estate of LAWRENCE EDWARD NORTH, Deceased

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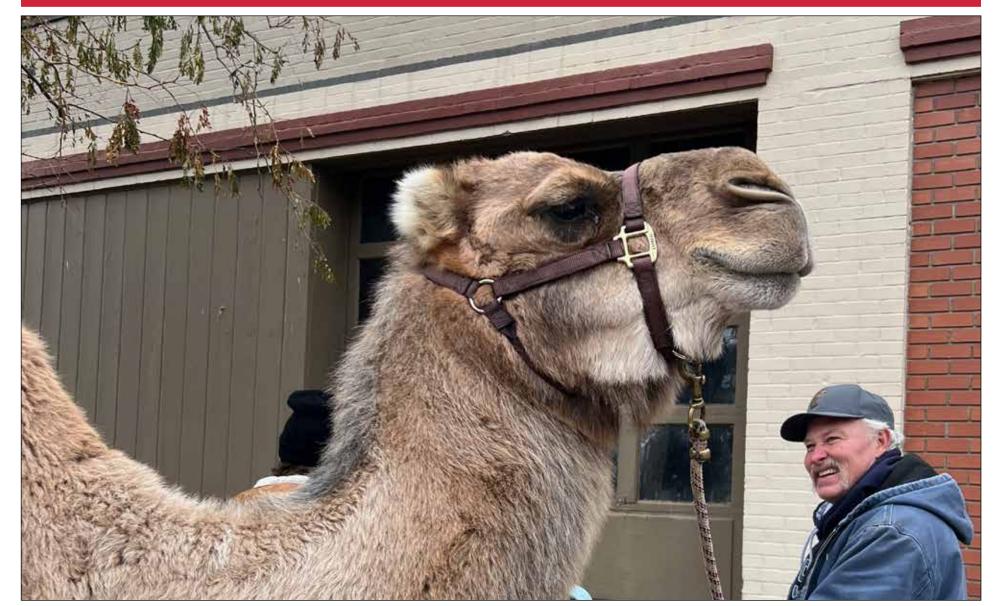
attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with

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 creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) Four (4) 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 the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.

Personal Representative: Andrea Kay Dobson c/o Michael E. de Grasse Counsel for Personal Representative 59 S. Palouse St. P. O. Box 494 Walla Walla, WA 99362 Walla Walla County Superior Court Cause No .: 24 4 000 10 36 /s/: Andrea Kay Dobson Personal Representative The Times February 1, 8, 15 2024 2-1-a

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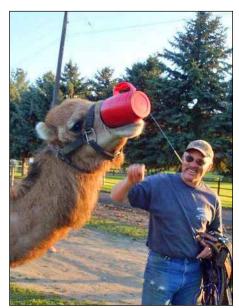


# A valentine for Izzy

PRESCOTT — One of Touchet Valley's most beloved residents passed away on January 24, 2024. Izzy the Camel brought so much love to his owners,

Tawnya and Mickey Richards, and their family. They shared that joy with others, bringing him to events, parties, birthdays, and parades throughout the state. Izzy was a public figure who took his job seriously. He posed for pictures, accepted snacks, and planted many kisses on his adoring fans.













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# Izzy's big break

By Dina Martin | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — Izzy-the-camel owner Mickey Richards says he would love to one day write a book filled with stories about Izzy. If he does, that book will undoubtedly include a chapter on Izzy's most recent adventure as a television star.

Last week, Waitsburg's favorite cuddly camel was doused in fake blood (Karo syrup and food coloring) and transformed into a gruesome member of the Walking Dead to perform in an episode of the SyFy channel series "Z Nation."

The series, which is filming its second season, follows a group of survivors as they travel from New York to California, with a possible cure for the zombie apocalypse. Izzy will make his debut in episode five of the coming season, which premiers this fall.

Mickey said he had to admit that he didn't know what "Z Nation" was when he received a call from the show's production supervisor, Marc Dahlstrom, who was looking for a camel. "The kids knew, though. They went nuts - just freaked out," said Mickey's wife, Tawnya.

Dahlstrom had spotted Izzy two years earlier, before "Z Nation" was even in production. He'd been scouting for filming sites when he noticed Izzy in his pasture off Highway 12. Dahlstrom took a photo of Izzy's trailer, with Mickey's phone number on it, in case he ever needed a camel. When "Z Nation's" producer said he wanted a camel, Dahlstrom knew just whom to call.



Izzy starred in one of the most popular episodes of "Z Nation." Here he is on location with his zombie

Less than two weeks after the initial phone call, Mickey, Tawnya, and children Kyle and Katelynn loaded Izzy and headed to the small town of Fairfield, Wash., just south of Spokane, where the episode was being filmed.

"It was a very opportune time because all the ma-

jor characters were on set that day," Mickey said. The Richards thoroughly enjoyed being part of a television episode in the making. They were invited to stay for lunch at the show's "base camp" where Tawnya said the caterers probably fed 200 crew and support people, for a show with only four or five

Mickey said he was amazed at the number of re-

takes required to get each scene just right. Of course, Izzy added to the count. In one scene, he was to walk a trail through the grass. He practiced it perfectly ten times, but as soon as the halter was off, the lure of a nearby wheat field proved to be too much temp-

"I told the producer, 'As soon as I turn him loose, he's going for the wheat. That's heaven for him,' Mickey said. They finally switched to a different trail and got the footage they needed.

Not surprisingly, charismatic Izzy quickly became a favorite with the show's cast. "The kids were asking to get pictures with the cast members, and the cast kept trying to take selfies with Izzy. Izzy almost out starred the stars," Tawnya said.

A favorite moment occurred when Mickey approached Izzy, who was being led by a "zombie" who had a shard of a flower pot extruding from his head. Mickey pulled Izzy's face to his own and said sternly, "Izzy, stay away from him. He's a pothead." The crew cracked up and the "zombie" was referred to as Pothead for the remainder of the day.

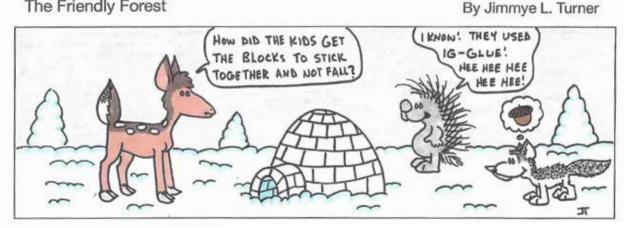
The Richards family said they couldn't have asked for a better experience and that everyone bent over backward to make them feel comfortable. "They shot quite a bit of footage with a green screen, so we're excited to see what they're going to do with that," said Tawnya.

Mickey says he won't let Izzy get big-headed, but that he does plan to add a big, gold star reading 'Starring in 'Z Nation'" to Izzy's trailer.

Back home, Mickey has returned to his role as Izzy's personal trainer. One of the downsides of pasturing along the highway is that so many people feed Izzy and the horses, which have all become extremely overweight, Mickey said. "I've been having him (Izzy) run behind the 4-wheeler. We try and get in four laps a day," he said. A star must maintain his physique, you know.

# **FUN & GAMES**

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Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



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#### **WAITSBURG SCHOOL** DISTRICT

Thursday, Feb. 15 Breakfast

Pancake on a Stick

Lunch

**Tatertot Casserole** Steamed Broccoli Grapes, Warm Roll

Friday, Feb. 16 Breakfast

**Breakfast Sandwiches** 

Lunch Corndogs

Green beans, Apples Something Crunchy

Monday Feb 19

NO SCHOOL PRESIDENTS DAY

#### Tuesday, Feb 20

**Breakfast** 

Biscuits & Gravy Lunch

Beef Nachos Refried beans

Pepperstrips, Oranges

#### Wednesday, Feb 21

Breakfast

Berry muffin & Yogurt Lunch

Hot Ham and Cheese Sandwiches

Tomato soup





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#### PIONEER PORTRAITS

#### 10 Years Ago

#### February 20, 2014

WP sophomore Tristan Newman will make his second appearance at the state wrestling tournament at the Tacoma Dome this weekend, after placing fourth at the regional tournament here Friday. Mat Classic 26 begins Friday. WP wrestlers faced stiff competition in Kittitas. Of the four competing wrestlers, only Newman claimed a win. He won three of his five matches, securing fourth place in the region.

#### 25 Years Ago

#### February 18, 1999

The students of Waitsburg Elementary will be jumping rope and shooting hoops to help fight heart disease and stroke - the nation's No. 1 killer - on Thursday, Feb. 25, the school will hold its Fourth Annual Jump Rope for Heart/Shoot Hoops for Heart event. Students will jump rope or shoot hoops to raise funds for the American Heart Association. These funds help support cardiovascular research and educational programs, such as Heart Power.

#### 50 years Ago February 21, 1974



[Photo Caption] Waitsburg Cardinal Varsity Basketball Team. (Back row, left to right) Coach Al DeCoria, Mike Sharpe, Kirk Huwe, Neil Henze, Scott Peterson, Pat Dvis, Shane Donnelly, Assistant Coach Bob Matthews,. (Front row) Marshal Maib, David Smith, Mike DeCoria, Greg Zuger, Steve Pierson and manager Denver Page.

#### 75 Years Ago February 25.1949

Bill Wardrip who carries the rural mail on the Star Route to Clyde, reports that a large lake has formed in the lowlands there and that people in the far side of the water have rigged up a row boat and when they see the mail car, they row across to meet him.

Mrs. Edith Gibson of Walla Walla and Henry Conover were married in the Presbyterian Manse in Walla Walla on Feb. 9.

Six senior boys including Joe Cobb, Gay Johnson, Lester Callahan, Gerald Gibson, Bill Zuger and Bill Allen played their last game Friday night for Wait High since all are members of the senior class.

#### 100 Years Ago February 29, 1924

Wednesday morning at 8 o'clock, Coach Quackenbush and the basketball squad composed of Carver, J. Kanz, Kenaston, Light McConnell, Roberts and Arnold departed by auto for Cheney. They will compete in a basketball tournament against teams from Vera, Spangle, Colville, Davenport, Hartline, Kellogg, Spirit Lake, Washtucna, Steptoe and Pullman.

Joe E. Free road foreman of District No. 2, started his road outfit out early Monday morning for the spring repair work on the county roads of this district. There are 12 men and 34 head of horse in the outfit at the Hart Bridge near Prescott.

#### 125 Years Ago March 3, 1899

Mrs. Jennie Marvin and Mrs. Anna Harper each received a new "99" Rambler bicycle this week through the agent, Platt Morrow.

Mrs. Marie Stewart entertained last Thursday evening in honor of Miss Helen Squires. A few intimate friends of Miss Squires were present and they report a very pleasant evening.

Mrs. C. B. Preston is spending the week with her parents in Walla Walla. If she knew the sorry appearance Charles makes since her departure she would surely cut her visit short.

# **PUZZLES & LIFESTYLES**

# **Super** Crossword

# FOURTH-ESTATE FANTASY





# Weekly SUDOKU

#### by Linda Thistle

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#### **DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ◆

♦ Moderate ♦ ♦ Challenging ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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## MY RECIPES Luke Chavez

# **Turkey Italian Wedding** Soup

Little bits of green are popping up in our flower beds, and the backyard birds have been very active as of late. The change of season is rapidly approaching. With that, nights have still been a little chilly and I continue to find myself craving soup. This homey Italian American classic, with little meatballs and



greens in a light broth, is satisfying without being too heavy. For my version, I used ground turkey and brightened things up with the addition of fresh lemon.

#### **Ingredients:**

#### For the meatballs:

1 large egg

1 pound ground turkey

½ cup Italian seasoned breadcrumbs

1/3 cup finely grated Parmesan

3 tablespoons fresh parsley, chopped

2 garlic cloves, minced

1 teaspoon dried oregano

1 teaspoon kosher salt (or ½ teaspoon fine sea salt)

½ teaspoon fresh ground black pepper

3 tablespoons olive oil, plus more

#### For the soup:

1 large yellow onion, chopped

3 medium carrots, diced

3 celery ribs, diced

2 to 3 garlic cloves, minced

Salt and fresh ground black pepper

Pinch crushed red pepper flakes

8 cups chicken broth

<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> cup small soup pasta (orzo, ditalini, or acini di pepe)

3 cups packed baby spinach

Zest of one lemon, plus the juice

Grated Parmesan, for serving

Chopped fresh parsley, for serving

First make the meatballs. Crack the egg into a large mixing bowl and lightly beat it with a fork. Add the turkey, breadcrumbs, Parmesan, parsley, garlic, oregano, salt and pepper. Mix just until all ingredients are totally incorporated. Coat your hands with a small amount of olive oil, then form small meatballs using a heaping teaspoon of the mixture per meatball. Transfer the meatballs to a sheet pan as you go. You should have between 50 and 70 small (1-inch) meatballs.

In a large soup pot or Dutch-oven, heat 3 tablespoons of olive oil over medium heat. When the oil is shimmering, fry the meatballs in two batches, turning occasionally, until they are browned on all sides, about 3 to 4 minutes. Transfer to a paper towel lined plate and set aside.

To the same pot, add the onion, carrots, and celery and cook, stirring frequently, until the vegetables are tender-crisp, about 10 minutes. Add a little more oil if the pan feels too dry. Next, add the garlic with 1 teaspoon of kosher salt (½ teaspoon of fine), a crack of black pepper, and the pinch of crushed pepper flakes. Cook until fragrant, about another minute.

Return the meatballs to the pot, add the chicken broth and bring to a simmer over medium-high heat. When bubbling, stir in the pasta, lower the heat to maintain a gentle simmer and continue to cook, stirring occasionally, until pasta is tender, about 10 minutes.

Turn off the heat and stir in the spinach until wilted. Add the lemon juice and zest then taste for seasoning, adding more salt or pepper as needed. Serve in warm bowls, garnishing the tops with grated Parmesan, parsley, and a crack of black pepper. A little drizzle of extra-virgin olive is also lovely on top.

#### **Notes:**

For a more traditional meatball, substitute the ground turkey with a combination of ½ pound ground lean beef and ½ pound ground pork. Instead of regular breadcrumbs you could also try using panko breadcrumbs for a different texture.

Instead of baby spinach you could also try any of your favorite greens, such as lacinato kale, chard, arugula, or baby mustard greens. For heartier greens, like kale, you might need to keep the soup simmering while they wilt and get tender. If you can find it, escarole would be a fantastic, and very Italian option.

The soup will continue to thicken as it sits. When reheating leftovers, you might need to add more broth to thin it out. Leftovers also freeze beautifully.

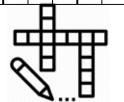
I served this with a crusty loaf of Italian-style bread, a crisp side salad, and plenty of cheese and extra lemon wedges on the table for passing

Enjoy.

# Super Crossword \_\_\_\_\_ Weekly SUDOKU \_\_\_

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# **Community Calendar**

#### **WAITSBURG MONTHLY MEETINGS**



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

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

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

#### **Waitsburg Parks and Recreation Public Meeting**

First Thursday of the month, 6 p.m. @ Ten Ton Coffee Info email: info@waitsburgparks.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

New Meeting Time - Second Tuesday of the month @ 7 p.m.

Weller Public Library, 212 Main Street, Waitsburg

#### **Waitsburg Commercial Club**

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

#### **Waitsburg Resource Center Community Food Bank**

106 1/2 Preston Ave

Thursdays, 2 - 4 p.m.

#### **DAYTON & COLUMBIA COUNTY MEETINGS**

#### **Board of Columbia County Commissioners**

Regular meetings - First and third Monday of the 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 the 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 the month @ 6 p.m. @ Dayton High School auditorium

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

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

#### **Dayton Memorial Library Board of Trustees Meeting**

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

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.

#### PRESCOTT MEETINGS

Prescott Joint Park & Rec District (PJPRD) Monthly meetings for 2024 are 2nd Thursday of each month, @ 6pm



#### STARBUCK MEETINGS

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

# Catholic 405 W. Fifth, Waitsburg Mass Sunday 5 p.m. Fr. Steve Werner Waitsburg Presbyterian Church 504 Main Worship 10:00 a.m. 337-6589 Pastor Stan Hughes Waitsburg Chapel 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 604 Main St Worship 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:00 a.m

Each Sunday 337-8898

Pastor Cameron Hedges

# Events, Film, Performace, Live Music

# **WAITSBURG**



Sunday, Feb. 18 - All day National Drink Wine Day (all wines half price)





## Thursday, Feb. 22

National Margarita Day Enjoy a one margarita and one margherita pizza combo for only \$25



Wed., Feb. 28 @ 6:30 p.m. Trivia Night

#### Mythical / Movable **Blue Mountain Bluegrass** Jam

7 p.m. Friday, February 16 @ **Ten Ton Coffee** 216 Main St, Waitsburg

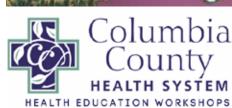
## ROYAL BLOCK



Feb. 17 Friday – Vintage Market & Wallala Dumplings @ 2-6 p.m.

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#### **DAYTON SENIOR CENTER** (COLUMBIA COUNTY SENIOR CENTER)

Free monthly workshops at Dayton Senior Center on the first Tuesday of the month. Call (509) 382-2006 for details.

March 5 - "Introduction to Population Health."

# **WALLA WALLA**





Saturday, February 17 @ 7 p.m. Caesar Sings Nat 'King' Cole @ **GESA Power House Theatre** 



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