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6 — 8 p.m.
Saturday, October 12
Royal Block



Martin Vasquez (6) breaking a Timberwolf tackle, gaining a few yards for the Cardinals. See full story on page three.

Aeryelle Gleason

THIS WEEK



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Dayton Pool District to host town hall on proposed excess levy

By Lane Gwinn | THE TIMES

DAYTON — The Columbia County Parks and Recreation Pool District will host a town hall meeting to present and discuss the proposed excess levy on the November 2024 ballot. The public meeting will be held at the Dayton Multipurpose Room at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, October 16, 2024.

The Parks and Rec commissioners encourage community members to come and learn first-hand about the proposed excess levy, ask questions, and have an open conversation about the pool district’s needs, goals, and priorities.

Columbia County voters approved the parks and recreation district, specifically for the pool, and elected five district board commissioners in November 2023. The district was approved unfunded, giving the board time to explore options and create a plan before going to voters for an annual excess levy to move forward.

Over the last nine months, having completed the initial planning, the board must now fund the district through the proposed excess levy, as outlined in the original initiative. Without funding, the efforts of the board commissioners would be minimal, and the project would not be able to move forward.

The board of commissioners has placed the excess levy proposition on the November 2024 ballot asking for voter approval of 20 cent per \$1000 assessed property value. Voter approval of the excess levy would generate funds for the \$200,000 budget proposed by the district commissioners.

The board aims to develop a professional and ADA-compliant construction plan for the much-needed community swimming pool. Within the proposed budget are required expense obligations, including state auditor fees, insurance costs, legal services, and election costs. The levy would fund vital operating costs, including consulting, architectural and engineering services, clerical and payroll expenses, website creation, office supplies, and grant match funds.

Commissioner Diane McKinley said, “Let’s make a big splash in our community. Please be part of fostering a sense of well-being for all residents of Columbia County.”

The commissioners urge the community to attend the Pool District Public Town Hall to learn about the work they have completed and the future of the project.

Help promote physical and emotional fitness in Columbia County by approving the proposed excess levy for the pool.

Dayton School Board study session

By Justin Jaech | THE TIMES

DAYTON—The Dayton School Board met for a study session at the high school library at 6:30 p.m. on October 2, 2024. School Board Chair Jeffrey McCowen, board members Grant Griffin, Zac Fabian, Ryan Paulson, Aneesha Dieu, Superintendent Jeremy Wheatley, and Business Manager Jana Eaton were in attendance. The agenda consisted of two primary items: an introduction to the Policy Governance model and a WSSDA Board Self-Evaluation.

Rick Maloney, a partner at Policy Governance Associates, presented how the Dieu asked Maloney why some districts that instituted Policy Governance have since dropped it. Maloney said some districts have switched to other governance models, including Coherent Governance, which he said was almost identical to Policy Governance. Both rely on board self-discipline and comprehensive monitoring. Maloney suggested that a district might drop Policy Governance because of the comprehensive monitoring schedule used to judge the effects of board strategic policies on student performance.

Maloney said a systematic mindset and approach as a board member is a better way to accomplish what is needed on behalf of the community. He said this approach allows the board to relentlessly seek results that may take a long time to see.

Summing up the Policy Governance approach, Maloney quoted General George S. Patton, “Never tell people how to do things, tell them what to do, and they’ll surprise you with their ingenuity.”

The board decided to do the self-assessment online over the weekend and send it to Superintendent Wheatley.

CATCH THE FLY FISHING FILM TOUR IN WALLA WALLA ON OCT. 19

WALLA WALLA — The Washington Water Trust will host a benefit screening of the Fly Fishing Film Tour at Gesa Power House Theatre in Walla Walla on Saturday, October 19. The event will feature films, a silent auction with items from local businesses, and a raffle for outdoor gear.

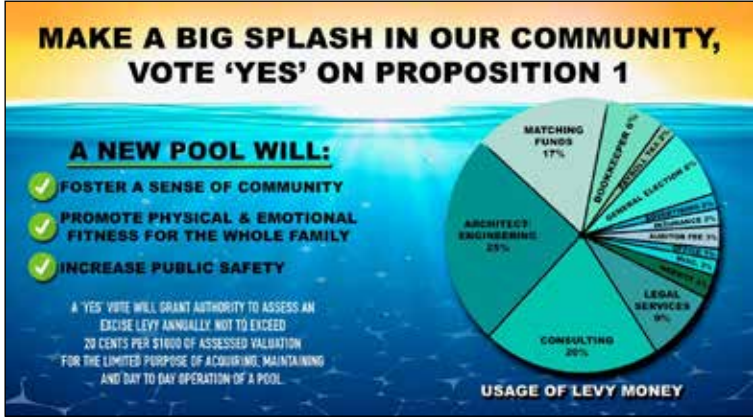
Proceeds from the event will help restore flows to local rivers and streams, including the Walla Walla River, Touchet River, and Mill Creek. Tickets are available online now and at the theatre on Oct. 19 after 5 p.m.

The Fly Fishing Film Tour brings fly fishing content to theaters while building community. This year includes nine films from around the world, including an exploration of the Costa Marlin Project in Mexico, a search for peacock bass in the Amazon, and a journey in Washington’s waters with a local steelhead guide.

The tour aims to connect local fly fishers while educating and supporting WWT conservation efforts. F3T 2024 is sponsored by Costa Sunglasses and technical apparel company Skwala.

Washington Water Trust focuses on the key element that makes a stream a stream: the water. The trust works with farmers, landowners, government agencies, Tribes, nonprofits, businesses, and others to find solutions for low flows in Walla Walla streams and beyond. WWT projects keep more than 5.7 billion gallons of restored water flowing across Washington annually.

Information about the trust and the tour visit www.washingtonwatertrust.org.



CCPRPD Facebook page graphic, posted on Sept. 8, 2024

NEWS BRIEFS

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AT THE LIBERTY: “Transformers One”

THE TIMES

DAYTON — “Transformers One” is the untold origin story of Optimus Prime and Megatron, better known as sworn enemies, but were once friends bonded like brothers who changed the fate of Cybertron forever. In the first-ever fully CG-animated Transformers movie, “Transformers One” features a star-studded voice cast, including Chris Hemsworth, Brian Tyree Henry, Scarlett Johansson, Keegan-Michael Key, Steve Buscemi, Laurence Fishburne, and Jon Hamm.

IMDb rated this movie 7.8 out of 10. Rotten Tomatoes rated this movie as 89% “fresh”, and audiences have rated it 98%. The Rotten Tomatoes critics consensus is “Dramatically satisfying with a dash of good humor, Transformers One suggests that animation might be the optimal medium for this oft-adapted franchise.” This movie is rated PG for sci-fi violence and animated action throughout, and language. Runtime is 100 minutes.

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GUNSHEFSKI A REFRESHING CHOICE

To the editor,

Please join me in voting for Linda Gunshefski for the District 16 Representative Position 1 Seat. Linda, a well-respected eye physician and surgeon, has owned and operated her own practice in Walla Walla for over 25 years. She is a refreshing choice!

Linda’s self-described “formidable nature” will be critical in clearly voicing the needs of Southeastern Washingtonians in the legislature. Her equally “respectful nature” makes her a team builder and dedicated listener. She will deeply connect with other decision-makers, regardless of affiliation, in an environment that can be partisan and politically divisive.

I appreciate Linda’s intelligence. She has a palpable enthusiasm for learning that will serve District 16 residents and all Washingtonians with engaged, effective leadership. Linda is not afraid but excited to confront today’s challenges in housing, education, childcare, and our collective physical and mental health. She is not satisfied with the status quo and has the experience, compassion, and brain power to understand today’s issues as a steward of our quality of life, our advocate, and our change agent when needed.

I look forward to casting my vote for Linda Gunshefski.

Cindy Widmer
College Place, Wash.

ISAACSON HAS HISTORY OF HELPING OTHERS

To the Editor,

Kari Isaacson was the Director of Blue Mountain Community Foundation when I first met her through area projects and Rotary. We became better acquainted in 2015 through political activism. Kari’s whole career focus has been finding the needs in the community and helping to alleviate those needs by raising funds and distributing them. I was so honored when she invited me to help her with her campaign for the 16th LD State Senate. When people ask me to explain the difference between her and the incumbent, it is obvious to state that her focus is others. It takes some research to find the differences between what the incumbent says he supports and his voting record, but it is well worth it. Kari’s life has been spent helping others, not claiming our natural resources for her own benefit, and voting for strong party lines. The future of our area is tied to the national movement of the Republican Party. There is no separation from Donald Trump and the local party. It would be amazing to have Kari working in Olympia to bring attention to our local issues and have resources invested here in the 16th.

Jan Corn,
Chair Committee to Elect Kari Isaacson
Walla Walla, Wash.

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SUPPORT FOR CLAYTON

Letter to the editor

I would like to express my unequivocal support for Bertha Clayton in her candidacy for county commissioner. Running as a no-party preference candidate, Bertha is distinguished by her ability to engage with constituents from both sides of the political spectrum. I have personally witnessed her dedication to listening thoughtfully and communicating with the utmost integrity and honesty.

Her strong work ethic is evident in her interactions, and it is clear that she is committed to serving our community. Coming from an agricultural family—with her mother as a farm worker and her father as a farmer—Bertha has deep roots in the community, particularly in the Hispanic population. Her fluency in Spanish enhances her ability to connect with a diverse range of constituents.

Furthermore, she holds a degree in law and has experience in immigration law, providing a much-needed balance to the current board of commissioners. Bertha Clayton is not only qualified but also genuinely cares about the needs of our county. I urge everyone to consider supporting her candidacy.

Ronald D. Kammer
Walla Walla, Wash.

IN SUPPORT OF MAYBERRY

To the Editor,

We the people need to do our homework when picking a Walla Walla County Commissioner. Checking to see where the money comes from for candidates is very telling. The liberal democratic candidate Bertha Clayton, has reportedly raised over fifty thousand dollars to date. Over \$10,000 (20%) has been contributed by one family. The contributing family is at least a part of the Cottonwood Annexation proposal. This trend might suggest that consideration or influence may be available to the highest bidder.

When I see how much money Candidate Clayton has received from big money donors it concerns me. I’ve also researched the Washington State PDC report for campaign expenditures which shows over \$12,000.00 in political signs were bought and paid for to printers in Tumwater WA. Supporting our own local businesses would be a much better outcome.

I encourage voters to do your own research. It’s our responsibility to elect the candidate who will listen and act on behalf of the people. Not just some, but ALL the people.

Steve Kelty
Walla Walla, Wash.

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CLAYTON IS A HOMETOWN CANDIDATE

To the editor

I read The Times every week & really enjoy it. If I read a Letter To The Editor that I don't agree with, I just chalk it up to we all see things differently. But last week, I read the letter from James Ostrander of Walla Walla. We were sitting around the table saying, "Well, that's not true," Writing in support of current District 1 Walla Walla County Commissioner Mayberry, Mr. Ostrander wrote, "Jenny Mayberry is the hometown candidate." As the rest of his letter proved, Mr. Ostrander either doesn't know what he's talking about, or he's being deceptive. BERTHA CLAYTON is the commissioner we need. And her great-grandparents were among the first homesteaders who settled near the Mormon Grade in Walla Walla County in the foothills of the Blue Mountains in the mid-1800s. Maybe Mr. Ostrander needs to look at the US Federal Census records for the last 150+ years or so. Bertha's as "hometown" as you can get.

Now, our ballots are coming out

CLAYTON IS COLLABORATIVE AND COLLEGIAL

Bertha Clayton will be a great addition to the Walla Walla Board of County Commissioners. Bertha was my associate attorney for several years. I frequently watched her listen to clients, thoroughly research the law and facts of a case until she had a good understanding, and then appear before a Judge with assurance and profession-

BERTHA CLAYTON WILL BE A VERY GOOD COMMISSIONER

I have been privileged to spend many years in service to my neighbors through K-12 education and municipal government. Those experiences taught me that customer-focused leadership and strategic planning are critical assets. I support Bertha Clayton because she demonstrates these attributes. She and I may not agree in all areas and on all courses of action (similar to almost everyone), but Bertha has demonstrated she will listen and will seriously study the issues at hand.

I believe local public service positions should be non-partisan, and actions by County Commissioners

soon. Locally, the race that can have the most impact on us is that for County Commissioner. For us the best candidate is obvious: Bertha Clayton. All one has to do is look at her campaign page, electberthaclayton.com. Look at her campaign committee, people who are willing to stake their names that we need Bertha Clayton. The committee is really an equal mix of political parties. But the names that stand out are two prior long-term Walla Walla County Commissioners, both of whom served as Republicans, Gregg Loney & Pam Ray. These individuals did very good jobs as commissioners & know what the job entails. They know how to treat county employees & the public and how not to treat them. We need to listen to these folks because they know how to do it right. Joining them on the committee are two retired Superior Court judges, John Lohrman and Bob Zagelow. They know what is legal behavior & what is not. We need to listen to these caring people for the sake of every person in Walla Walla County. We must elect Bertha Clayton as County Commissioner!

Respectfully,
Virginia Romine
Waitsburg, Wash.

alism. When the Employment Security Department asked Bertha to lead the Washington State Agricultural Worker program, a program that farmers have relied upon through many federal administrations, she made the transition to assuring that both farmers' and temporary foreign employees' needs are met. Her approach to challenges is collaborative and collegial. These qualities will be equally valuable as Bertha works for and with all members of Walla Walla County.

Wendy Hernandez
Walla Walla, Wash.

are subject to the overall needs of the citizens who elect them. A member of the Board of County Commissioners should put their political party positions and bias aside and concentrate on providing basic services to residents. These basic services should be on behalf of all residents. Notably, citizens are not fundamentally capable of providing streets, highways, public safety, law enforcement, land management/planning, etc. on their own. This is the local government's responsibility.

In essence, the purpose of local government is to provide non-partisan, basic services. Bertha's moderate approach, management skills, work ethic, and sincere and deep commitment to her community will increase the value and quality of these services.

Jerry Cummins
Walla Walla, Wash.

Cardinals win 14-6 against Tekoa-Rosalia

By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — Waitsburg football earned their fourth win of the season in a hard-fought game at Tekoa-Rosalia on Friday, October 4. The Cardinals won 14-6 in the lowest-scoring 8-man football game that Coach Kiefel has participated in.

"Tekoa-Rosalia has improved significantly this year," said Kiefel. "They came to play and gave us a run for our money."

The Cardinals struggled in the first quarter running and connecting passing. The defense let the Timberwolves slip into the end zone in the second quarter to take a 6-0 lead.

The Cardinals regrouped, focused on their game plan after halftime, and held the Timberwolves scoreless for the remainder of the game.

Gaining momentum in the third quarter, Waitsburg scored on a string of short passes to Brenton Segraves and a 47-yard pass to JJ Gleason to tie the game at 6-6. In the fourth quarter, Isa Reyes ran into the end zone on a scramble, got the two-point conversion, and the Cardinals led 14-6. In the game's last play, the Cardinal's defense stopped the Timberwolves at the 10-yard line as the clock ran out.

Defense wins games. The Cardinals had 91 tackles, led by Tucker Hamilton with 22. Jarod Hanks had 16 tackles and two quarterback sacks, Segraves made 14, and Victor Whitmore contributed with 11.

"I am happy with the win, but Tekoa-Rosalia exposed some of our flaws that will be taken advantage of by other teams if we do not fix them," said Kiefel.

The Cardinals have won four in a row and will next take on Garfield-Palouse on Friday, October 11.

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WHO REALLY IS BERTHA CLAYTON?

I attended the forum in Waitsburg on September 25 where our local candidates faced off in a debate. As I listened to

Bertha Clayton, some of my conclusions were that she just seemed to good to be true, a perfect politician, with just the right phrasing and wording, etc just too perfect. I had to ask myself: "Who really is Bertha Clayton? What are her core values? Since she is

an active democrat what ideology will she bring to the table?" And then as I heard Jenny Mayberry speak, I realized that there was no need to wonder on ANY of those. With Jenny, she is who she is and you know what you are getting when you vote for her. She clearly understands the needs of Walla Walla County and has the needed experience and track record to prove it. I left the meeting determined more than ever to cast my vote for Jenny for Commissioner.

Stephen Breithaupt
Walla Walla, Wash.

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CARADINAL HS AND MS VOLLEYBALL TEAM BUILDING

By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — The Waitsburg High School volleyball team lost three home matches this past week. The Cardinals won two out of five sets against Dayton on October 1. The team lost three sets to Garfield-Palouse on October 3 and fell to Colton with scores of 25-7, 25-12, and 25-17 on October 7. On October 2, The middle school varsity team lost two sets, 27-25, 25-20, and won one,15-10, to Desales. Coach Castillo said her team had some great serves and saves and was surprised

they did not walk away with a win. The middle school junior varsity volleyball team beat Desales two out of three sets, 25-10, 25-15, 13-15, on October 2. “The girls did it again! They played well and had some great volleys, tips, and serves,” said Castillo. In Waitsburg on October 7, the middle school alternated from varsity to junior varsity against Liberty Christian of Walla Walla. The varsity team played first and lost 25-20, and the JV team played the second set, winning 25-22. In the third set, the varsity girls lost 28-26. “JV is really getting their footwork down and getting the ball where it needs to be. Varsity struggled a little today with their footwork and communication,” said Coach Castillo.



Karen Huwe

Madison Kaehler passes to setter Kayla Mikesell in a match against Garfield-Palouse on October 3

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
Pursuant to the Revised Code of Washington 61.24, et seq.108 1st Ave South, Suite 450 Seattle, WA 98104 Trustee Sale No.: WA-19-873327-BF Title Order No.: 8791159 Reference Number of Deed of Trust: Instrument No. 2008-03055 Parcel Number(s): 36-07-21-31-0020 Grantor(s) for Recording Purposes under RCW 65.04.015: CHRIS E. OSBORN A MARRIED MAN Current Beneficiary of the Deed of Trust and Grantee (for Recording Purposes under RCW 65.04.015): Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. Current Trustee of the Deed of Trust: QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION Current Loan Mortgage Servicer of the Deed of Trust: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. I. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION, the undersigned Trustee, will on 11/8/2024, at 9:00 AM At the Main Entrance to the Walla Walla County Courthouse, located at 315 West Main, Walla Walla, WA 99362 sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder, payable in the form of credit bid or cash bid in the form of cashier's check or certified checks from federally or State chartered banks, at the time of sale the following described real property, situated in the County of WALLA WALLA, State of Washington, to-wit: Beginning at a point in the North line of Hobson Street which point is 510.00 feet Easterly, measured along said North line of Hobson Street, from the East line of Division Street in the City of Walla Walla, Washington, and running thence Easterly, along said North line of Hobson Street, a distance of 55.00 feet; thence Northerly, parallel to the East line of Division Street, a distance of 71.74 feet to the South line of the concrete retaining wall now constructed along the South bank of Mill Creek; thence Westerly, along the South line of said retaining wall, a distance of 55.87 feet more or less to its intersection with a line drawn Northerly from the point of beginning and parallel to the East line of Division Street; thence Southerly, along said parallel line, a distance of 80.45 feet to the point of beginning. More commonly known as: 995 HOBSON STREET, WALLA WALLA, WA 99362 Subject to that certain Deed of Trust dated 3/26/2008, recorded 3/31/2008, under Instrument No. 2008-03055 and modified as per Modification Agreement recorded 10/23/2018 as Instrument No. 2018-08746 and modified as per Modification Agreement recorded 12/6/2016 as Instrument No. 2016-09980 records of WALLA WALLA County, Washington, from CHRIS E. OSBORN A MARRIED MAN , as grant-or(s), to LAND TITLE OF WALLA WALLA COUNTY, INC. , as original trustee, to secure an obligation in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR MANN MORTGAGE, LLC ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS , as original beneficiary, the beneficial interest in which was subsequently assigned to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., the Beneficiary, under an assignment recorded under Auditors File Number 2012-02229 II. No action commenced by the Beneficiary of the Deed of Trust as

referenced in RCW 61.21.030(4) is now pending to seek satisfaction of the obligation in any Court by reason of the Borrower's or Grantor's default on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust/Mortgage. III. The default(s) for which this foreclosure is made is/are as follows: Failure to pay when due the following amounts which are now in arrears: \$51,080.79. IV. The sum owing on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust is: The principal sum of \$80,992.96, together with interest as provided in the Note from 1/1/2019 on, and such other costs, fees, and charges as are due under the Note, Deed of Trust, or other instrument secured, and as are provided by statute. V. The above-described real property will be sold to satisfy the expense of sale and the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust as provided by statute. Said sale will be made without warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances on 11/8/2024. The defaults referred to in Paragraph III must be cured by 10/28/2024 (11 days before the sale date), or by other date as permitted in the Note or Deed of Trust, to cause a discontinuance of the sale. The sale will be discontinued and terminated if at any time before 10/28/2024 (11 days before the sale), or by other date as permitted in the Note or Deed of Trust, the default as set forth in Paragraph III is cured and the Trustee's fees and costs are paid. Payment must be in cash or with cashiers or certified checks from a State or federally chartered bank. The sale may be terminated any time after the 10/28/2024 (11 days before the sale date) and before the sale, by the Borrower or Grantor or the holder of any recorded junior lien or encumbrance by paying the principal and interest, plus costs, fees and advances, if any, made pursuant to the terms of the obligation and/or Deed of Trust, and curing all other defaults. VI. A written Notice of Default was transmitted by the Beneficiary or Trustee to the Borrower(s) and Grantor(s) by both first class and certified mail, proof of which is in the possession of the Trustee; and the Borrower and Grantor were personally served, if applicable, with said written Notice of Default or the written Notice of Default was posted in a conspicuous place on the real property described in Paragraph I above, and the Trustee has possession of proof of such service or posting. The list of recipients of the Notice of Default is listed within the Notice of Foreclosure provided to the Borrower(s) and Grantor(s). These requirements were completed as of 2/4/2020. VII. The Trustee whose name and address are set forth below will provide in writing to anyone requesting it, a statement of all costs and fees due at any time prior to the sale. VIII. The effect of the sale will be to deprive the Grantor and all those who hold by, through or under the Grantor of all their interest in the above-described property. IX. Anyone having any objections to this sale on any grounds whatsoever will be afforded an opportunity to be heard as to those objections if they bring a lawsuit to restrain the sale pursuant to

RCW 61.24.130. Failure to bring such a lawsuit may result in a waiver of any proper grounds for invalidating the Trustee's sale. X. NOTICE TO OCCUPANTS OR TENANTS – The purchaser at the Trustee's Sale is entitled to possession of the property on the 20th day following the sale, as against the Grantor under the deed of trust (the owner) and anyone having an interest junior to the deed of trust, including occupants who are not tenants. After the 20th day following the sale the purchaser has the right to evict occupants who are not tenants by summary proceedings under Chapter 59.12 RCW. For tenant-occupied property, the purchaser shall provide a tenant with written notice in accordance with RCW 61.24.060. THIS NOTICE IS THE FINAL STEP BEFORE THE FORECLOSURE SALE OF YOUR HOME. You may be eligible for mediation. You have only until 90 calendar days BEFORE the date of sale listed in this Notice of Trustee Sale to be referred to mediation. If this is an amended Notice of Trustee Sale providing a 45-day notice of the sale, mediation must be requested no later than 25 calendar days BEFORE the date of sale listed in this amended Notice of Trustee Sale. DO NOT DELAY. CONTACT A HOUSING COUNSELOR OR AN ATTORNEY LICENSED IN WASHINGTON NOW to assess your situation and refer you to mediation if you are eligible and it may help you save your home. See below for safe sources of help. SEEKING ASSISTANCE Housing counselors and legal assistance may be available at little or no cost to you. If you would like assistance in determining your rights and opportunities to keep your house, you may contact the following: The statewide foreclosure hotline for assistance and referral to housing counselors recommended by the Housing Finance Commission: Toll-free: 1-877-894-HOME (1-877-894-4663) or Web site: http://www.dfi.wa.gov/consumers/homeownership/post_purchase_counselors_foreclosure.htm The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development: Toll-free: 1-800-569-4287 or National Web Site: http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD or for Local counseling agencies in Washington: http://www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/sfh/hcc/fc/index.cfm?webListAction=search&searchstate=WA&filterSvc=dfc The statewide civil legal aid hotline for assistance and referrals to other housing counselors and attorneys: Telephone: 1-800-606-4819 or Web site: http://nwjustice.org/what-clear Additional information provided by the Trustee: If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the noteholders rights against the real property only. The Trustee's Sale Number is WA-19-873327-BF. Dated: 7/1/2024 QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION, as Trustee By: Tianah Schrock, Assistant Secretary Trustee's Address: QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION 108 1 st Ave South, Suite 450, Seattle, WA 98104 For questions call toll-free: (866)

925-0241 Trustee Sale Number: WA-19-873327-BF Sale Line: 800-280-2832 or Login to: http://www.quality-loan.com IDSPub #0203116 10/10/2024 10/31/2024 The Times October 10, 31, 2024 10-10-a

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON
FOR WALLA WALLA COUNTY
No: 2440022336
RCW 11.40.030
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS
In re the Estate of ALEXIS DELATORRE, 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 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 non-probate assets. Date of First Publication: October 10, 2024
Personal Representative: Vanessa DeLaTorre Attorney for the Personal Representative: Peter J. Hess, WSBA # 39721 HESS LAW OFFICE, PLLC, 415 N. 2nd Ave, Walla Walla, WA 99362 Court of Probate Proceedings Walla Walla Superior Court, 315 W. Main, Walla Walla, WA 99362 Cause No. 2440022336 /s/Vanessa DeLaTorre, Personal Representative The Times October 10, 17, 24, 2024 10-10-c

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF COLUMBIA
NO. 24-4-00014-7
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS
RCW 11.40.030
In the Matter of the Estate of FRIEDRICH "FRED" R. ALZNAUER, 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 above, a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the Clerk of the Court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the Personal Representative served or mailed the notice to creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020 (1) (c); or (2) Four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and RCW 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets. Date of first publication: October 3, 2024 /s/: Karen Lee Alznauer, PR Address for mailing or service: Kimberly R. Boggs, Attorney for the Personal Representative BOGGS ORTUNO PLLC PO Box 7 | 338 E. Main Street, Dayton, WA 99328 The Times October 3, 10, 17, 2024 10-3-a

ORDINANCE SUMMARY
Pursuant to RCW 35A.12.160, the Council of the City of Prescott hereby approves for publication the following Ordinance Summary: The Ordinance summarized is Ordinance No. 2024-07, adopted by the Council of the City of Prescott on September 9, 2024. The Ordinance amends Ordinance 2024-01 to clarify vacancy shut-offs for garbage services. The Ordinance is divided into three (3) sections. Section 1 amends Ordinance 2024-01, Section 10, to allow a vacancy shut-off of garbage services during periods of vacancy for a residential or non-residential premises, provided that the City is given written notice of a vacancy lasting 30 days or more. Section 2 states all other sections of Ordinance 2024-01 are re-acknowledged and confirmed as being unchanged, current, and in full force and effect. Section 3 states that the Ordinance shall take effect five days after its publication. A copy of the entire Ordinance will be mailed upon request or may be examined at City Hall. This Ordinance was APPROVED by the Council of the City of Prescott on the 26th day of September, 2024. /s/: Jason Norris, Mayor Pro Tem The Times October 10, 2024 10-10-d

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA
In re the Estate of: SETH ANTHONY MENDEL, Deceased.
NO: 24-4-00228-36
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 representa-

tive's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the Court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) thirty days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and RCW 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets. DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: September 26, 2024. Richard Forrest Mendel Personal Representative Attorney for Personal Representative: Courtney Lawless, WSBA #57415 Basalt Legal PLLC 6½ North Second Ave., Suite 200 Walla Walla, WA 99362 509-529-0630 The Times September 26, October 3,10, 2024 9-26-d

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
IN AND FOR WALLA WALLA COUNTY
In re the Estate of: JULIO ZAPATA JR., Deceased.
CAUSE NO. 24 4 00235 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 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 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 non-probate assets. Personal Representative: Liza Jacobson. Attorney for the Personal Representative: Mona J. Geidl of Minnick-Hayner, PS. Address for Mailing or Service: Minnick-Hayner, P.O. Box 1757, Walla Walla, WA 99362. Court of Probate Proceedings and Cause Number: Walla Walla County Superior Court Cause No. 24 4 00235 36. Date of First Publication: October 10, 2024 Liza Jacobson Personal Representative. Dates of Publication: October 10, 17, 24, 2024 The Times October 10, 17, 24, 2024 10-10-b

Weller Library brings fishy science exhibits to school

By Lane Gwinn | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — The Weller Public Library has received an exhibit box from the Burke Museum at the University of Washington in Seattle. The museum loans Burke Boxes to libraries, classrooms, and families and contains museum-quality items highlighting the natural world and Washington’s cultural heritage.

The Waitsburg library has received the Burke Box on fish from the museum’s life sciences collection. The box contains 15 specimen jars with fish, fish models, skeletons, scales, bones, and other exhibits. The library will have the box on offer until October 15.

The Burke Museum provides books and lesson plans as part of the program. Shipping for the program is covered by grants and support from the Friends of the Weller Library. This school year is the Weller Public Library’s third to include these traveling exhibits in its programming.

The library staff bring the exhibits to Waitsburg Elementary School, Preston Hall Middle School, and Waitsburg High School science classrooms between October 3 and 10.

The younger students will learn the five characteristics that define a fish. There are also some classes learning about the ecosystems and habitats of different types of fish. The district’s oldest students participated in an activity featuring the life cycle of salmon.

The Burke Box includes detailed exhibits, including a partially dissected fish showing its anatomy, a traditional fish trap and net needle, fish fossils, and three sets of 3D printed scales showing how they function. Students and library patrons can gently handle the exhibits.

“We love featuring exhibits that provide a fresh take on science classes and emphasize local natural history. The Burke traveling exhibits allow kids here in Waitsburg to get up close to specimens that they might not normally have a chance to see,” said Library Manager Sarah Roberts.

These exhibits are available for viewing during regular library hours, Wed. and Thurs., between 1 and 6 p.m., and Fri. and Sat. from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

through the following weekend.

“Our Storytime and art event this weekend on Saturday at 10 a.m. will give participants a chance to paint a fish,” said Roberts.

This year, the upcoming exhibits from the Burke Museum will be Fossils in November and Bats in late February through early March

The public library has many events and activities planned this year. A book club for middle school-age readers begins on October 9. The library will introduce TableTop Role Playing Games (TTRPG) on Thursday, October 10, and Book Trivia Battles on October 24. The first battle will have a Harry Potter theme. There will be Storytimes with coloring sheets on Fridays and with art projects on two Saturdays a month.

Keep up to date on all the events by picking up an event calendar at the library and wellerpubliclibrary.com and on the library’s Facebook and Instagram pages.



Sarah Roberts

The exhibit on display in Mr. Kiefel’s high school science classes



7th graders at Preston Hall look at the visiting exhibits, including specimen jars with Alaska pollock, herring, and other fish.

WAITSBURG MIDDLE SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM BEATS LIBERTY CHRISTIAN

By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — Cardinal Coach Wheat said his boys “showed up Thursday, October 3, with their helmets on tight, ready for a fight and boy, we got one.”

Going into the game against Liberty Christian, Wheat felt confident in his team’s passing game; however, the Patriots’ defense was relentless. The Cardinal’s quarterback, Liam Kiefel, worked hard and completed 16 passes. Ten were caught by teammate Uriah York for 75 yards, resulting in two

touchdowns and two extra points.

The Cardinal offense ran the ball for 139 yards, with Jake Lynch carrying the ball for 89 yards and made one touchdown. Alex Watson had a solid day, and the Cardinals won 25-12.

Lynch led the middle school football team’s defense with 14 tackles, and Alex Zuniga blew through Liberty Christian’s offensive line four times for solo tackles and a loss of yards for the Patriots.

“All in all, we are becoming a very well-rounded team. I look forward to making adjustments this week and getting ready to go on the road for the last time this year to Pomeroy,” said Wheat.

The coach thanked everyone for coming out and supporting the Cardinal’s middle school football team.



Karen Huwe

(top) Quarterback Liam Kiefel runs for yardage.

(left) It takes more than one defensive player to take down running back Jake Lynch.



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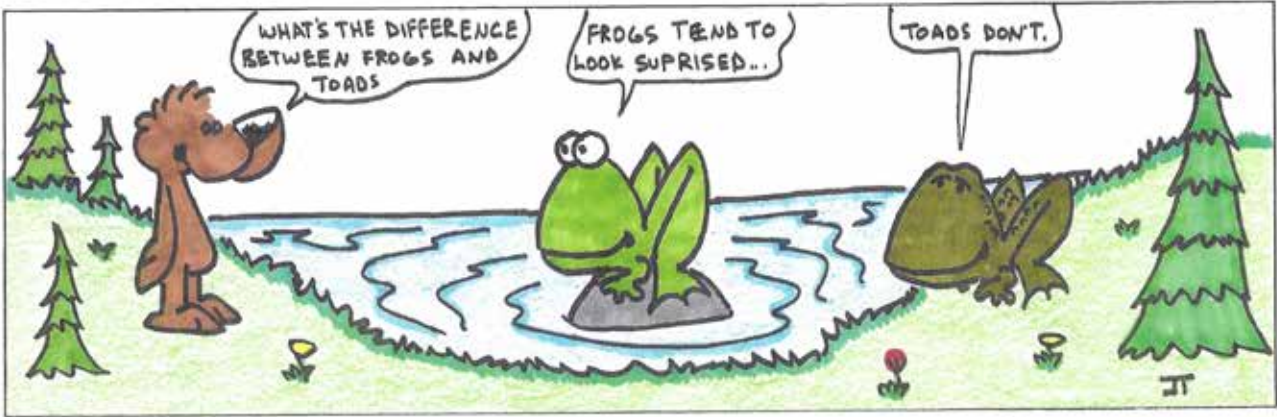
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The Friendly Forest

By Jimmye L. Turner



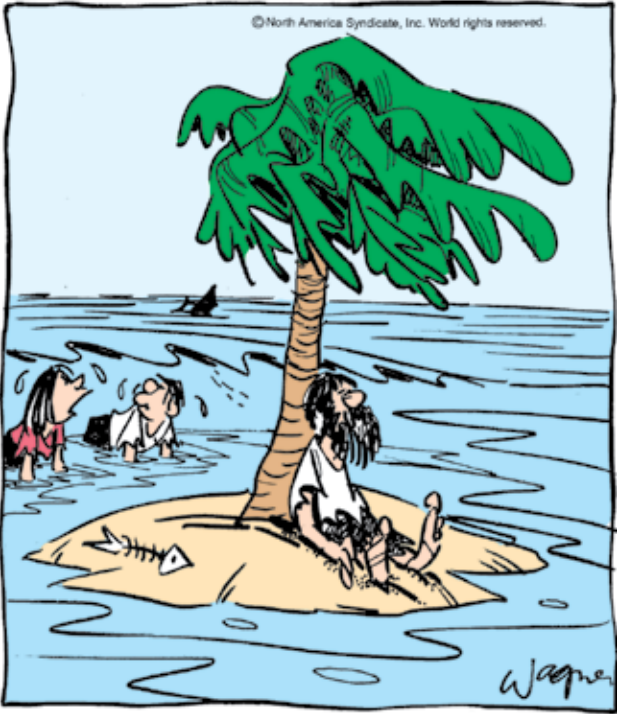
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Just Like Cats & Dogs

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GRIN and BEAR IT



Out on a Limb

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Lunches

WAITSBURG SENIOR CENTER

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

Tuesday, October 15

Lasagna
Garlic Bread
Fruit
Vegetable
Coleslaw

WAITSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT

Thursday, Oct. 10

Breakfast
French Toast & Bacon

Lunch

Chili & Cornbread
Ms. Brynne's House Salad
Applesauce

Friday, Oct. 11

Breakfast
Scrambled Eggs & Hashbrowns

Lunch

Turkey Sub Sandwich
Caesar Salad
Carrots, Apples
Something Crunchy

Monday, Oct. 14

Breakfast
Bagels & Yogurt

Lunch

Hotdogs & Fries
Celery, Carrots, & Apples
America Monday

Tuesday, Oct. 15

Breakfast
Biscuits & Gravy

Lunch

Pancakes, Sausage,
Hashbrowns, Oranges
Pajama Day

Wednesday, Oct. 16

Breakfast
Donut & Eggs

Lunch

Pepperoni or Cheese Pizza
Caesar Salad, Carrots
Pineapple
White-out Wednesday



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PIONEER PORTRAITS

Ten Years Ago

October 9, 2014



[Photo Caption] Ashleigh Hubbard and Devon Harshman will represent Waitsburg as Waitsburg Celebration Days 2015 royalty. Beka Adams will serve as court advisor.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

October 7, 1999

A lot of Walla Walla and Columbia County people and places are featured in a revised edition of the Tour Guide of the SE Washington Heritage Corridor, Richland to Clarkston. In a cover letter with my copy of the new edition is a letter of thanks to some county historians for help in the revision: Walt Gary, Barbara Kubik, Steve Plucker, and Gary Lentz, from project director Willie Smyth. Research and writing was by Jens Lund, and the book (with accompanying cassette tape) is published by Northwest Heritage Resources in Olympia. The book and tape are coordinated so that one may start from Richland and journey easterly, following guide numbers on the map as one listens to the tape tell of points along the way. In addition to pointing out natural sites, the book-tape introduces people of the area and their hobbies and other contributions to the local culture

Fifty Years Ago

October 10, 1974

Waitsburg Lions Club will visit the new Walla Walla Community College campus on Tuesday night, October 22. Club members plan to make the presentation of a new flagpole to Don Parker, WWCC administrator. The Annual light bulb sale, with chairman Gus Lybecker, will be held on Tuesday, November 12. A visit from Touchet Lions Club is set for the same evening. Club guests were the newest members Scott Branson and John Knapp, Green Giant Company. Frank Bramlet spoke to the Club about the gun club projects and requested some assistance on locating the new club house. Frank said that a house, purchased from the State Highway Department, is still on site with beams underneath. Frank has completed his 17th year of firearm safety training in Waitsburg. He has been busy the past two weekends helping hunters to sight in rifles before the season begins. The gun club leader has sighted in 125 rifles during the past two weeks, 36 last Sunday with 13 of them bore-sighted.

Seventy-Five Years Ago

October 14, 1949

Miss Bernadine Smith visited Wednesday with Mrs. Emma Harris and friends in Waitsburg enroute to Berkeley, Cal. Where she plans to attend school. Miss Smith returned home Sept. 20 from a summer bicycle tour of Europe with three graduate students.

Lewis Patton has received Columbia County's quota of 30 bushels of a new type short strawed winter white wheat developed at Washington State College in their anti-smut campaign.

At 56 days, the ten pigs of Janulu Waitsburg Sally, owned by Howard Smith, has a total weight of 333 pounds and all were eligible for registry.

One Hundred Years Ago

October 17, 1924

The Schiltz orchard east of Huntsville, owned by Charles and John Schiltz, has about a full crop of apples this season, the late frost last spring doing but little damage. They started their crew Monday morning. John's new packing house above Huntsville, and Charles at Bolles Junction. They expect about five weeks run.

F. O. Cox now has about the last word in automobiles, having just traded in his Rickenbacker six on one of the 1925 model Rickenbacker eight sedans.

J. D. Taggard this week received a fine blue ribbon Spotted Poland China boar to head his herd. The animal is seven months old, and J. D. says he looks to be the finest hog he has ever owned.

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago

October 13, 1899

James and Lewis Fudge of Huntsville returned from their extended visit to their mining properties in the Buffalo Hamp Country on Wednesday of last week.

Moses Arnold returned from near Oakesdale, where he has been harvesting, on last Sunday morning.

We neglected to mention last week that William Tucker had gone to Walla Walla to accept a position as bookkeeper to John Smith, the implement man.

PUZZLES & LIFESTYLES

Super Crossword

“TENETS, ANYONE?”

- ACROSS
- 1 Fitting name for a herding dog
- 5 Tense, with “up”
- 10 “This Is 40” director Judd
- 16 That guy
- 19 “... I could — horse!”
- 20 Actress Christensen
- 21 Mexican state
- 22 — -Z (totally)
- 23 Start of a riddle
- 26 Cushion
- 27 Composer Antonio
- 28 Severe
- 29 Sap source
- 31 Actors Ken and Lena
- 33 Sparkly decoration
- 37 “By the way” comments
- 38 Riddle, part 2
- 43 Ending for pent- or prop-
- 44 City in central Sicily
- 45 Brand of cough drops
- 46 Like Diet Coke
- 51 Holy Mlle.
- 53 Togetherness
- 56 Riddle, part 3
- 60 Samms and Stone of film
- 61 Luau cocktail
- 62 Lipton drinks
- 63 High peak
- 66 Patriotic org. since 1889
- 67 Symbols
- 68 Scholastic meas.
- 71 Seeded loaf
- 72 Vault
- 74 “Invisible” singer
- 76 Press into folds
- 78 Riddle, part 4
- 84 Eritrean capital
- 85 Spanish bear
- 86 Videotapes, e.g.
- 88 Hi-fi setup
- 90 King of Egypt in the 1950s
- 92 Trellis-climbing plant
- 93 End of the riddle
- 101 Successor of Claudius I
- 102 Tijuana wives
- 103 Poet Sachs
- 104 Throw forcefully
- 106 Subway entry gate
- 108 Like most sandals
- 112 Tiny charged thing
- 113 Riddle’s answer
- 118 Tabloid paper
- 119 Singer
- 120 French capital, in a Cole Porter title
- 121 Word that’s pluralizable
- 122 ‘Zine staffers
- 123 Ferret out
- 124 African antelope
- 125 Onetime JFK jets
- DOWN
- 1 Plies needle and thread
- 2 “Very funny”
- 3 List-ending abbr.
- 4 Terraces
- 5 The “K” of K-Cup
- 6 White weasel
- 7 Sharp bark
- 8 Barely earns, with “out”
- 9 Tranquilizer shooter
- 10 Pippi Longstocking creator
- 11 Travel destination, generically
- 12 Very old: Abbr.
- 13 “TiK —” (Kesha hit)
- 14 Raw rock
- 15 Very friendly
- 16 Greeting on a Sunday holiday
- 17 Slanting type
- 18 Demure
- 24 Composer
- 25 — bill of goods (dupe)
- 30 Cause pain to
- 32 Plies a broom
- 34 Missionary
- 35 Prefix with dermis
- 36 Be cyclical
- 38 Pas’ partners
- 39 Ample, to
- 40 Utah’s lily
- 41 Law school newbie
- 42 Rice-A- —
- 47 Is, pluralized
- 48 Tach readings, informally
- 49 U.S. disaster aid org.
- 50 Threaten like a tiger
- 51 Result of a hit to the eye
- 52 Wee kids
- 54 Skin cream brand
- 55 NASDAQ kin
- 57 Estevez of the Brat Pack
- 58 Place a bet
- 59 River in Iraq
- 63 — Romeo (sporty auto)
- 64 Those born in August, often
- 65 Resort city near Los Angeles
- 67 “— a Lady” (1971 hit)
- 69 They oink
- 70 Lady friend, in Lyon
- 73 Combat unit
- 75 Easy winner
- 76 Wearing, as clothes
- 77 Stew holder
- 79 Hersher of baseball
- 80 “— hell” (Sherman assertion)
- 81 Tesla vehicle, e.g.
- 82 Elec. or gas
- 83 Golfer Ballesteros
- 87 Part of DOS: Abbr.
- 89 Summer, in Savoy
- 90 Swing wildly, as arms
- 91 Rising ground
- 93 In flames
- 94 Put more film in
- 95 Of the universe
- 96 Former NBA star Metta Sandiford- —
- 97 Male tennis players
- 98 Was too syrupy
- 99 “— 3 Lives”
- 100 Auto-racing posts
- 105 Ticked pink
- 107 Appraisal, for short
- 109 “I” problems
- 110 Indecent stuff
- 111 — serif font
- 114 Seville cheer
- 115 Very big tub
- 116 Chicago-to-Toronto dir.
- 117 Noted period

MY RECIPES

Luke Chavez

Pollo en Mole Verde

This past week, Waitsburg has been graced with gorgeous sunny fall days, and crisp cool nights. The kind of weather that nudges me back into the kitchen, inspired by early fall produce, and cravings for slow-cooked comfort food. While researching recipes, I came across this gorgeous green mole made from pulverized pumpkin seeds, fresh cilantro, and green chiles. Much different than the rich, dark black mole most people are familiar with, this is just one of the many colorful varieties of mole that are found across Mexico. Here chicken thighs are slow braised until very tender in a gently simmering pot of this bright green sauce. Tender, crisp green beans are added to make a unique and satisfying meal.



Ingredients:

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 6 to 8 bone-in chicken thighs, skin removed
- 2 ½ cups pumpkin seeds, hulled
- 1 white onion, quartered
- 2 to 3 garlic cloves
- 4 serrano chilies, stemmed and seeded
- 3 to 6 cup chicken broth
- 2 cups cilantro stems and leaves, about 1 bunch
- 1 ½ pounds green beans, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 2 teaspoons sea salt, plus more as needed

Directions:

In a dry skillet, toast the pumpkin seeds over medium to medium-high heat, until just starting to turn a light golden brown. Stir often to make sure they do not burn. Remove from the heat and allow to cool.

In a Dutch oven or other heavy bottomed pot, heat the oil over medium-high heat. When oil is shimmering, sear the chicken in batches, browning on all sides. Chicken will not be cooked all the way through. Transfer the seared chicken to a plate and set aside. Take pot off the heat.

Transfer the toasted pumpkin seeds to the jar of a blender and pulse until ground to a fine texture. Add the onion, garlic, chiles and 3 cups of the chicken stock, then puree until smooth. Next add the cilantro and pulse until fully blended in.

Pour the sauce into the Dutch oven and set over medium-low heat. Cook, stirring often and scraping up the bottom of pot, until the sauce begins to simmer. Return the chicken to the pot including any accumulated juices, covering with sauce, and reduce heat to low. Cover the pot and continue to cook at a gentle simmer until the sauce is thick and the chicken is very tender, about 45 minutes. While cooking, if sauce is getting too thick add a little more chicken stock. When chicken is tender, add the green beans and salt and cook for 10 to 15 minutes until the beans are cooked through. Taste for seasoning and add more salt if needed. Serve immediately.

Notes:

There are versions of this dish throughout Mexico that incorporate different green vegetables cooked with the meat. Instead of green beans you could try zucchini, chard leaves, or kale. In the spring, fresh fava beans would also be delightful. Versions of this dish also sometimes use chunks of pork shoulder instead of the chicken.

Normally, before searing meat to be braised I would generously season the meat with salt. However, with this recipe it is important not to salt the dish too early, to prevent the delicate sauce from breaking. Also, for the same reason it is important to not let the sauce rapidly boil. It should never be above a gentle, low-heat simmer.

The sweet nuttiness of the pumpkin seeds balances out any spiciness from the serrano chiles, resulting in a mild and flavorful mole. If you would like your mole to be a bit spicier you could leave the seeds in the chiles or add more chiles. If you cannot find fresh serrano chiles, fresh jalapenos or mild Anaheim peppers would also work.

This week, I served this comforting dish with rice and fresh homemade tortillas. A garnish of fresh cilantro on top added to the pleasant green presentation. Enjoy!

After visiting Luke in Bellingham last week, it felt right to re-publish one of my favorite Chavez fall recipes. This recipe was first published in the October 6, 2022 issue of “The Times.”

Super Crossword

Weekly SUDOKU

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

Waitsburg Booster Club
First Tuesday of the month, 6:30 p.m. @ High School Home Ec. 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
Second Tuesday of the month, @ 7 p.m.

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 ½ 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 informa-
tion.

Dayton Memorial Library Board of Trustees Meeting
Third Monday of the month @ 7 p.m. Delany room and Zoom Meeting ID: 852
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<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85238363787>

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

Dayton Kiwanis Club Meeting
Second and fourth Thursday @ Noon
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



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