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Tom Bennett

American 35 is busting through the walls, literally! Tom and Judy Bennett are letting the light in as they prepare for the restaurant's opening day coming soon!

## THIS WEEK



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## EMS service falls through gaps in Waitsburg

*Volunteers needed for emergency medical calls*

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—A lack of volunteers at the Columbia-Walla Walla Fire District 2 has had an ongoing impact on the community it serves, primarily Waitsburg.

Fire Commissioner Ashley Strickland cannot stress enough that emergency medical volunteers are in dire need in the area, especially those who can respond to daytime calls. Still, it's not just Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) that are being sought. If being at the forefront of saving lives or battling flames is not your thing, the department needs volunteers at the station itself that you can likely fill.

"If you want to go to EMT school, we (the district) will pay for it," Strickland shared. "If you want to go to firefighting school, we will pay for it. You don't have to go to either. We need people who don't have those certifications; wildland fires- people who will bring refreshments or snacks to people on wildland calls. We just need people who will respond."

The lack of responding volunteers has been an ongoing issue with the small joint-district station located on Main Street in Waitsburg. Recently, a lack of response may have had a devastating impact, Strickland shared, after a 911 call came in around 1:00 a.m. requesting emergency response for an elderly woman in respiratory distress. No one from CWWFD2 responded, and by the time an ambulance arrived from Walla Walla, it was too late.

Unfortunately, it is not the first call that has gone unanswered leaving Strickland, and community members, frustrated. Just two years ago, a call came through dispatch that a four-year-old child had choked on an object, and was turning blue, slipping in and out of consciousness. Strickland recalled that a Columbia County Deputy, who was sitting in Strickland's Dayton office, made it to the area home before any of the Waitsburg-based medical personnel. Only after calls to volunteers' personal cell phones did a CWWFD2 volunteer respond.

Not necessarily a lack of drive, Strickland conjectured, but more of a lack of a sufficient volunteer base. He estimated that there were nine to ten volunteers that regularly responded to calls from the Waitsburg station, however, only four members are trained EMT's.

"I want to acknowledge the fact that we (the district) are well aware of the fact that we are missing calls, but we only have so many volunteers," Strickland shared. "There are less than 10 people covering this town, 98 percent of the time."

Matt Spring, an officer within CWWFD2, added that all of the ten active volunteers have jobs, kids, and families.

Lack of field experience and training opportunities are likely contributing to volunteers' hesitation to respond to medical calls.

"The volume of calls that they get here... you aren't going to get comfortable as an EMT," he said. Before moving to the Touchet Valley, Strickland worked as a paramedic for more than 20 years. He said that ridealong days with larger departments, such as those in the Tri Cities, could be arranged if an EMT wanted to get more field experience. It is just one step that Strickland is willing to take to bring a stronger medical response to the community.

In an important note to residents, Strickland wanted to clarify that the Columbia-Walla Walla Fire District 2 does

## Childcare facility stalled by ideology

THE TIMES

DAYTON – The Port of Columbia held its regular meeting at 5 p.m., March 9, 2022. Chair Genie Crowe, Commissioners Johnny Watts and Seth Bryan, and Port Director Jennie Dickinson, were present. There were members of the public attending in person and over fifty joining on Zoom.

Board Chair Crowe opened the meeting with public comment.

Dickinson began by reading two from many letters submitted to the board. County Commissioner, Charles Amerein, wrote of his fear that leasing port property to the Hospital District to build a childcare facility run by the private, nonprofit YWCA was nothing more than a plot to indoctrinate children into "soul-less" communism.

After quoting Karl Marx and Vladimir Lenin, he wrote, "As an American, I reject their goals and methods. While I empathize with those parents who find themselves in the difficult position of being unable to find childcare in our community, I would suggest instead of seeking more state control over their lives; they become active in seeking solutions to their problem through other means." Amerein concluded his letter with, "I oppose this attempt at state control over the formative years of our children's lives and the use of public funds to do so. I am sure that with the millions of dollars that leftist oligarchs donate each year to "worthy" causes, they can find a little to send to their puppets in rural Washington to create youth indoctrination centers. Leave my tax dollars out of it."

Most opponents to the proposed lease expressed similar fears about the facility being either state-sponsored or state-run while also afraid of the local YWCA as the operator. They do not want taxpayer money going into a childcare facility that receives any state or federal funding. The YWCA and the Columbia County Health System (CCHS) are private nonprofits and not state entities. However, U.S. taxpayers have historically voted and supported subsidies to protect necessary industries, including agriculture, childcare, education, aviation, and health care.

Dickinson read the second letter from J.L. Goldsmith, who wrote in favor of leasing land for the childcare center, emphasizing the economic need for the economy of Columbia County. The writer thought the proposal was a 'sweet solution,' and felt the stakeholder committee had done the legwork to show need, complete the design and drawings, and find funding.

"With just an approval to lease land at the BMS location, the port commissioners can fulfill the port's mission statement to maximize public resources and private investment to create jobs, provide infrastructure, and maintain and improve the economic vitality of Columbia County and its communities."

Goldsmith ended citing an article in the Harvard Review dated April 29, 2021, which describes childcare as a business, not a family issue; it is up to businesses to come up with creative solutions on how to provide childcare.

Both letters are printed in full and available as part of this article online at [waitsburgtimes.com](http://waitsburgtimes.com).

The first speaker, Seth Murdock, began his statement saying he objected to the proposed childcare facility on funding grounds but was more concerned that the YWCA had been chosen to run the center. He objected to the nonprofit group after looking at the national website.

"I really didn't know anything about them. And I looked at their national website, and the motto for the YWCA is eliminating racism and empowering women, which may be noble ideas, but they also infer those are the two





# NEWS BRIEFS

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## LETTERS

### AT THE LIBERTY:

#### Cyrano

##### THE TIMES

Too self-conscious to woo Roxanne himself, word-smith Cyrano de Bergerac (Peter Dinklage) helps young Christian (Kelvin Harrison, Jr.) nab her heart through love letters.

Sound familiar? This is the most recent of a long line of film adaptations of the 1897 play *Cyrano de Bergerac* by Edmond Rostand. The Cyranos in past films include Jose Ferrar, Steve Martin, and Tashiro Mifune. All played the part with prosthetic noses, as this was the shame Cyrano faces in the original play. Traditionally Cyrano is a French nobleman serving as a soldier. He is a talented soldier and swordsman and an eloquent poet, wit, and musician. He is always in love with Roxanne, who is in love with another soldier. And to insure her happiness, Cyrano becomes his rival's ghost writer.

In the 1989, *Roxanne*, Steve Martin plays Cyrano as a current day American fire chief. Mifune played the character as a samurai in the 1959 movie, *Samurai Saga*. Like the earlier films, the warrior poet's nose is his weakness, (here it is widened, not lengthened). The Japanese film is one of the most unique adaptations to the classic story. The traditional story of honor and love is perfect for a samurai movie.

In *Cyrano*, director Joe Wright offers an adaptation that replaces the prosthetic nose and adds song. This is not the first musical version of the story, and though Dinklage is not known for his voice, his Cyrano is one of the best.

Rotten Tomatoes critics gave this an 85% favorable, and the audience scores were 86% positive. The audience summary was "Well acted and beautifully filmed, this version of the classic story is an unusual but enjoyable musical -- and Peter Dinklage is a Cyrano for the ages."

It is rated PG-13 for some strong violence, thematic and suggestive material, and brief language. Runtime is 123 minutes, and it will show March 18-20, and on March 22.

Showtimes at the Liberty Theater are:

March 18, Friday	7:30 p.m.
March 19, Saturday	7:30 p.m.
March 20, Sunday	3:00 p.m.
March 22, Tuesday	6:30 p.m.

Use of masks continues to be required of guests, and seating is distanced between groups.

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### SPRING BREAK AT THE CLUB

##### THE TIMES

DAYTON—The Club Executive Director Jim Pearson announced a week-long Spring Break program for youth in grades K-5 this year.

"I had hoped to be able to offer all-day programs," Pearson said in the March 9 announcement. "Unfortunately, limited staff availability has made that all but impossible. Nevertheless, we have a fun and engaging program planned!"

There will be multiple onsite and offsite activities, including field trips to local attractions such as the Dayton Historic Depot, Dayton Memorial Library, and the Boldman House Museum.

The Spring Break Program only has 35 open spots for local youngsters and will cost \$50 per child, though Pearson noted that financial assistance is available. Lunch and snacks will be provided at no additional cost. The program will run April 4-8, starting at noon daily. The program ends at 6:00 p.m. each day, and children must be picked up or have arrangements to go home.

If you have a student or students to enroll, please visit [www.theclubdayton.org/applications](http://www.theclubdayton.org/applications). Additionally, you can stop by The Club, 528 W Cameron Street, on school days between 3:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. if you prefer to sign up using a paper application. Please contact Pearson at [director@theclubdayton.org](mailto:director@theclubdayton.org) for more information.

### AN UPDATE FROM OLHA IN UKRAINE

##### THE TIMES

Kyiv, Ukraine—Over the past week, reports of Russian attacks throughout Ukraine have flooded the international media.

Olha Oltarzhavska, the young Ukrainian woman who reached out to *The Times* to share her story, reported that the last week had been quiet in Kyiv. She and her family have been living in the basement of their home for more than two weeks now. Neighbors gave the family access to their homes for extra food and supplies before leaving the area. This means her family and neighbors taking shelter in their makeshift shelter are still well-stocked for canned and preserved goods.

Pet supplies, such as hay, pet food, litter, fresh produce, and dairy products, are getting very hard to come by.

Olha wrote that she has heard that Russian forces are encircling the city and cutting off resources.

She worries about one of her favorite places, the local zoo in Kyiv. The zoo is home to nearly 500 animals and has been cut off from aid after roads were bombed.

"The road there has been destroyed," Olha shared. "I like animals a lot, and if I could just send money, that would be nice. But they specifically need food to be brought there, and this is now impossible."

She said that she has heard that within the next few weeks, the situation in Ukraine will be decided, and she hopes for the best outcome.

### JOB FAIR COMING TO DOWNTOWN WALLA WALLA ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6

##### THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—A Spring Job Fair will be held on Wednesday, April 6, in Downtown Walla Walla from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event will take place at the plaza at First Ave. and Main St. The fair will feature booths from 25 local employers representing government agencies, healthcare, agricultural, banking, and other industries. Lunch will be provided to job seekers.

WorkSource Walla Walla offers no-cost pre-event workshops on April 4 and April 5 to help applicants prepare for the job fair. For more details, call 509-527-4393 or visit [WorkSourceWA.com](http://WorkSourceWA.com).

The event is co-hosted by WorkSource Walla Walla, the Walla Walla Valley Chamber of Commerce, and the Downtown Walla Walla Foundation. To register your business to attend the event, please contact WorkSource Walla Walla at [wallyajobs@ESD.WA.GOV](mailto:wallyajobs@ESD.WA.GOV) or 509-527-4393.

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### THE NEED FOR DAYCARE IS NOT MORAL FAILING

##### Letter to the Editor:

Per the question of whether a daycare facility might be sited at Port of Columbia land, Commissioners Watts and Bryan resisted the idea that such a facility is suitable for a site more appropriately reserved for more traditional business development. That is a reasonable discussion, although there are many of us who see a daycare facility as providing not only jobs at the facility, but more importantly allowing single parents and working couples to stay in the local work force.

However, it was clear from his public comments that Bryan doesn't think any daycare facility should be created anywhere because he believes it is the moral obligation of a parent to stay home with his/her child, irrespective of economic needs. Seems to me that Commissioner Bryan is out of touch with many of his constituents desperate for daycare.

Both Watts and Bryan publicly stated they could not support any daycare facility that was subject to governmental oversight. County Commissioner Charles Amerin has stated the same in a letter to the Port Commission and the Dayton Chronicle. This would pretty much eliminate any daycare from being developed anywhere in this modern era. The political concerns of these locally-elected officials are outside of the scope of our overwhelming local need for such a facility and should be addressed at the State and Federal level. They have nothing to do with whether a daycare facility should be developed locally.

These elected officials should not hold the preschool children and families in Dayton/Columbia County hostage to either political or moral concerns. Neither are their elected positions bully pulpits to lecture us about such issues.

Fred Crowe  
Dayton Wash.

### LOCAL PASTORS OFFER FOCUS FOR UKRAINE GIVING

##### Dear Waitsburg,

We are all grieving for the people of Ukraine. What can we do? Individually? As a community? Along with so many of you, we in the Christian Church and the Presbyterian Church have been asking ourselves this.

Our churches have determined a particular focus to our giving. This is being guided by our connection to the Monfort family. Phil and Jeanetta's daughter and son in law, Sarah and Alister Torrens, along with their children, Saphira and Thaddaeus, have for years been in ministry in Kyiv. (They are now out of the country.)

MTW, the mission organization they are a part of has a benevolence arm that is directing its resources to the needs of those fleeing the conflict.

There are many trustworthy organizations through which donations can be sent. This is the one through which we will be encouraging our people to give.

<https://www.mtw.org/the-compassion-fund#cmprsn-give-now>

More about MTW at <https://mtw.org/about>

We are certain of this, our gifts, however modest, can make a real difference.

All grace.

Yours,

Stan Hughes and Cameron Hedges

Waitsburg, Wash.

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## Nancy Ray Daves

April 24, 1944 – March 5, 2022

Everyone's story is filled with moments we savor and or regret, complete with celebrations and milestones, you know that dash between your dates on your tombstone.

That dash, for Mom, Nancy Ray Daves, was 1944 - 2022 has provided a life of being an inspiration. Married for 58 years, raising six kids, having ten grandkids and three great grandchildren; she would do whatever she could for anyone of them.

Born in a one-bedroom house April 24, 1944 in Welch, OK literally on the state line (bedroom in one state, living room in another) to May Fern & Eugene Pease, she joined three older siblings to complete a family of six.

As a child she was in the fields alongside her family as they helped bring in a variety of crops including cotton and various fruits. As the demand shifted, in 1948 the entire family (May's parents and siblings) moved to the Pacific Northwest, living in both the Prosser and Wapato areas. Living in a tent, proved to be a challenge sometimes as one year the snow was deeper than their tent was tall.

In 1958, the family settled in Maple Valley where they opened and operated their own lumberyard, Save More Lumber. Already knowing how to drive, Nancy helped around where she could including working as one of the yard crew, driving truck.

Throughout her life, she had a love of music, history, and law; learning to play violin and piano alongside Little Jimmy Dickens. Sadly, a school bus driver ran over a line of instruments including her Stradivarius Violin which ended her violin career. Graduating from Tahoma High School in 1962, she was accepted into WSU where she wanted to become a lawyer. Due to family financial challenges, she was not able to follow her dream and aspiration. Instead, she taught kindergarten for a year at Maple Valley Christian School.

Attending a Harvest Party November 1, 1963, one of the activities for the night was spin the bottle. When it came to her spin, the paper came out saying propose to Jim. Trying to do a set up for another sibling, little did their friends Roberta Backman and Barbara Schmidt know this would lead to a life for Jim and Nancy. On March 14, 1964 they married at Tahoma Assembly of God, the church she belonged to where she was a Sunday School Teacher.

In 1965, they began their family having Sharon, with Jimmie and Beth soon following while living in the Seattle area. Jim being a Boeing employee, they joined the Boeing Employees Bowling league, creating the Swingsters Team with both Jim and Nancy earning high 10 and high 30 awards.

Both having a passion for Christ, they went into the ministry in 1968. She stood beside and supported Jimmie, no matter where they went to minister. She was the pianist and would also sing alongside him, with one of their favorites, Follow Me. Wherever they went, no matter how hard things were, her faithfulness never wavered.

When Boeing had their big layoff in 1971, they headed to California for the prospects of a job, with Jim landing a job working the canneries as an electrician. They were associate pastors at San Andres, pioneered a church in Elk Grove, and took over as pastors in Madison. During this time, they had 3 more children; Debra, Cindy and Sandra.

In 1981, they relocated back up to Washington and served as intern pastor in Enumclaw and Ellensburg before settling in Waitsburg, December 4, 1983 becoming the pastor of Waitsburg Chapel, Pentecostal Church of God.

As the family didn't always have great riches, Nancy instilled the value of gardening and food preservation / canning, as both a wholesome food source as well as a way of having produce year around. Every summer, you would see the kitchen filled with items that needed processed, including this last summer of 22 quarts of cherries, green beans, corn, tomatoes, carrots, peaches, nectarines and meat; all of which will continue for future generations to learn and enjoy.

To help support the family, Nancy held various jobs including selling Avon and was an in-home health care provider. Her love of Avon provided her an avenue to get to know her customers, on a personal level, plus fill their own home with various goods.

She had a passion for many things. She loved the outdoors; camping, hiking, going on mountain drives or escapes and picnics to the river. She also loved crocheting, knitting, needle point, and sewing, instilling these passions and skills to her own children. The last several years, she loved to complete puzzles whether picture or word. Her collection of Guidepost novels and cookbooks highlighted her love of reading.

She witnessed and celebrated her children's accomplishment's including all of them graduating from various colleges or universities, something she was proud of as this was a first for the family. She loved seeing each grandchild doing their best, that is all that was ever asked. After life challenges, they welcomed Timothy, William and Sarah into their home raising them the best they could.

No matter what came at the family; flood, fire, or famine, she stayed committed and faithful. When times were hard, you would find her at the piano, playing and in prayer.

January 28th, 2022, Nancy was diagnosed with Brain Cancer. She began treatment of radiation but succumbed to complications from the side effects at home, March 5, 2022.

She was proceeded in death by her parents May & Eugene Pease, brother Arthur Pease, Son in Law Ricky Brooks and Granddaughter Michelle Clayton.

She is survived by her husband of 58 years Jimmie, children Sharon Brooks, Jimmie Daves, Beth Daves, Debra (Baldwin) Hong, Cindy Daves, Sandra (Joseph) Morrison; Grandchildren: Steven (Michelle) Brooks, Christopher Brooks, Carolyn (Lee) Deschaine, Megan Morrison, Theodore Morrison, Tyler Brooks, Timothy Daves, William Daves, Sarah Daves; 3 Great Grandchildren: Lexus Brooks, Connor Wheeler and Ashlyn Brooks; her sisters Margaret Kroust, Agnes (Robert) Newlin as well as numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and extended family.

A celebration of her life will be held at 11:00 AM, March 21, 2022 at the Waitsburg Christian Church with internment following at Waitsburg City Cemetery. Refreshments / lunch served after.



Nancy Ray Daves

## Judi K. Geisen

October 24, 1946 – March 3, 2022

Judi K. Geisen, long time area resident, passed away suddenly on March 3, 2022 at her Waitsburg home. She was 75. A Memorial Service for Judi will be held Saturday, April 2nd, at 11:00 AM in the chapel of the Corbeill Funeral Home in Dayton. Graveside services will follow in the Dayton Cemetery followed by a reception at the First Christian Church adjacent to the funeral home. Judi was born October 24, 1946 in McMinnville, Oregon to Dorsey and Mary Garsja Hutchens. She grew up in Dayton and graduated from Dayton High School. Judi worked several jobs in the area, in many restaurants as a waitress and for the last fifteen years of her career she worked in food service at the Dayton General Hospital. Judi found love at different times during her life but more recently she was very happy to be enjoying her time spent with her "life partner" Ronnie Mings along with his children and grandchildren. She liked playing Yahtzee, working puzzles, reading, gardening, boating, fishing and camping. She has lived in Waitsburg for about the last five years but prior to that Dayton was her home for most of her life. Judi is survived by her daughter; Angela and Stephen Gregg of Dayton; 4 grandchildren; Nick Thayer, Jason Thayer and Jonathan Hardy and Sasha Black; her 5 great-grandchildren; and by nieces Michelle Scanlon and Kitt Kotsko and her nephew Jamie Newby who were very special to her; she also leaves behind her brother, Jerry Hutchens of Modesto, CA. The family suggests memorial gifts in her memory be made to a charity of donor's choice. On-line guest book is at [www.corbeillfuneralhomes.com](http://www.corbeillfuneralhomes.com)



Judi K. Geisen

Corbeill Funeral Home of Dayton is in charge of the arrangements.

## Study finds Waitsburg pool is significantly damaged

Study finds repairs to pool could cost the same as a new facility

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG,—Summer is around the corner, and Waitsburg residents may be asking if the city's pool will open this year?

The short answer is that, no, the pool will not be open this year. Not for lack of operating funds or employee shortages, but because of extensive damage. An architectural assessment found that the pool's structure, plumbing, and outbuildings have "far exceeded" their anticipated life expectancy and should be replaced.

On February 18, architects from Cortner Architectural Company, Spokane, visited the pool, located at the northern end of Waitsburg, across the street from Preston Park. The pool was built in 1925, with significant renovations in the 1970s and mid-1990s, including lowering the deep end to install a diving board, elevating the pool deck to match the pool rim elevation, installation of a linear multiple pool drain, and modifications to the pool skimmer.

The pool has been closed to the public since 2020 due primarily to COVID-19 restrictions. Other obstacles to operating the pool were discussed at City Council meetings over the past two years, including staffing and maintenance.

In a letter to City Administrator Randy Hinchliffe, architect James Cortner said the pool has a significant leak issue. In late 2021, American Leak Detection did a dive inspection and leak detection survey. It found the main intake line for the pool was broken, and original piping and fittings were well-beyond their intended life expectancy and most likely leak sources.

The letter also described visible cracking in the concrete pool indicating areas of separation between the floor and the walls. Evidence of spalling concrete, sections that have flaked or peeled away, indicate significant damage just below the surface.

Cortner estimated the cost of repairing leaks and other structural problems might exceed the cost of a new facility due to the extent and inaccessibility of the damaged areas. He noted that a new facility would also allow improvements to accommodate those with disabilities.

The estimated cost for a new pool facility is between \$850,000 and \$1 million. Cortner estimated a new pool would cost between \$350,000-\$450,000. A public entrance, shower and restroom facilities, and parking could add up to \$450,000. For the pool to be built at the same location, an estimate of \$75,000 would be needed for demolition and removal of the current pool. If the new pool were to be constructed at the existing site, an additional \$75,000 would be needed for demolition and removal.

Hinchliffe said that the pool is not on the agenda and will not be discussed at the March 23 council meeting since the full council will not be in attendance. The issue is anticipated to come up at future meetings.

### WAITSBURG SENIOR CENTER

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**Tuesday, March 22**  
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Fruit  
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L: Shepherd's pie  
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**Friday, March 18**  
B: Yogurt parfait  
L: Pizza  
Pasta salad  
Veggie  
Fruit  
Cookie

**Monday, March 21**  
B: Scrambled eggs & sausage  
L: Chicken alfredo  
Garlic bread  
Veggie  
Fruit

**Tuesday, March 22**  
B: Biscuit & Gravy  
L: Macaroni & cheese  
Chips  
Veggie  
Fruit

**Wednesday, March 23**  
B: Muffins & yogurt  
L: Grilled cheese  
Tomato soup  
Veggie  
Fruit



*Church Directory*

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

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

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## Mariners pick up new outfielder and third baseman

By Eric Umphrey | THE TIMES

The lockout is over, and the season starts on April 7. Teams are busy signing free agents and making trades. Yesterday, the Mariners traded with the Cincinnati Reds for outfielder Jesse Winker and third baseman Eugenio Suarez. They gave up pitcher Justin Dunn, outfielder Jake Fraley, pitching prospect Brandon Williamson and a player to be named later.

If Winker can stay healthy, he should be one of the Mariners' best hitters this year. Last season, Winker hit .305/.394/.556 with twenty-four home runs in one hundred and ten games. Over his five-year career, he has a .288/.385/.504 slash line. Last season he missed almost two months due to a strained intercostal muscle. Initially, it was thought the injury would cause him to miss up to ten games. In the end, he missed a month, reinjuring it in his first game back. Hopefully, he is fully healed and won't miss any more time.

Eugenio Suarez comes to the Mariners as part reclamation project, part sal-

ary dump. Suarez had surgery on his right shoulder after a swimming pool accident in 2020. Since then, he hasn't been the same hitter the Reds signed to a big contract. In 2019, before the accident, Suarez hit .271/.358/.572 with a career-high forty-nine home runs and one hundred and three RBIs. Last year he hit .198/.286/.428 with thirty-one home runs to go with one hundred and seventy-one strikeouts. He has \$35 million owed to him over the next three years. With Kyle Seager gone, Suarez will be the Mariners starting third baseman.

Justin Dunn was the nineteenth pick in the 2016 draft for the New York Mets. He came over to Seattle in the Robinson Cano trade. After a productive 2020 season with the Mariners where he went 4-1 with a 4.34 ERA, he missed most of last season with a shoulder strain developed in mid-June. He came back to pitch in September but was shut down for the rest of the season after facing only one batter.

Jake Fraley played in seventy-eight games for the Mariners last year. He's best known for his beard and ability to draw walks which he did at a rate of 17.4% of his at-bats last year. With all the Mariners' depth in the outfield, it makes sense to move on from Fraley, who hit just .210/.352/.369. In today's game, it is more acceptable to have a low batting average, but you need to hit for power to justify it. Fraley didn't hit for power, so he was expendable.

Brandon Williamson is the player in this deal that the Mariners may regret trading. The six-foot-six lefty is not likely to make the Reds starting rotation this year but instead spend the year at the Reds triple-A team. After the trade, he slots in as the Reds' fourth-best prospect.

Overall, this is a good trade for the Mariners as they added a good hitter in Winker to the team without giving up any of their top one hundred prospects.

## First meet for the DW

By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES

DAYTON/WAITSBURG—DW high school track team participated in their first meet of the season on Saturday, March 12, at Klicker Field in Walla Walla. It was a jamboree competition where athletes participated in only two events, unlike four in regular meets.

Six Wolfpack athletes competed against Desales, College Place, Kennewick, and Wa-Hi. Coach Dan Nechodom said that the expectations for the athletes were to take care of themselves and have fun.

Chasity Paddock competed in the 100 and 200-meter sprints. Marion Duncan ran in the 200- and 800-meter events. Cedar Stegall and Tristan Rennaker ran in the 800 meter race and threw the discus. Hudson Reser participated in the long jump and the 100 meter sprint. Alex Dahlby ran in the 800 meters and threw the javelin.

"Each of the athletes put in a great effort, and many learned great lessons about preparation by watching more experienced athletes," stated Coach Nechodom.

He also mentioned that in participating at this event, the mid-distance runners learned lessons no coach can teach.

DW next competes in Wahluke on March 18.



Marion Duncan (left) runs in the 200 meter

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## CHILDCARE - FROM PAGE 1

biggest problems that this country has. That we are inherently racist and misogynist as a society. I don't think that accurately reflects what this society is all about, and I don't think that an institution that is going to put that in the minds of children basically an attitude of victimization from day one that there's always somebody out there to get you that there's some reason you are being held back."

He ended his comments by saying, "I don't think that's a good fit, and it's definitely not a good fit for a state-sponsored institution. Obviously, they can do whatever they want on their own time, but I don't want my tax dollars going to it."

A copy of Murdock's letter in opposition to the lease is also printed in full and included with this article online at [waitsburgtimes.com](http://waitsburgtimes.com).

Winemaker David Harvey leases three units from the port for his business. He voiced concern regarding public statements and how some could hurt his business internationally.

He ships to Germany and the UK and hopes to partner with these businesses to expand, maybe building a new building on port property. He worries negative statements will have an impact on their decisions to work with him.

"I want to give my wholehearted support to this project. It's a great use of the port property," he said.

Harvey said the proposed facility would accentuate port property, make everyone's property more valuable, and create construction and ongoing maintenance jobs.

"This goes beyond political ideology; we are investing in the future of our children. And that's probably the most noble cause I can think of," said Harvey.

Columbia County Prosecutor Dale Slack spoke in favor of the project, saying the impact from the lack of childcare stretches across all socio-economic backgrounds. He shared his experience as a parent and an employer to stress the importance of this proposal. The complete lack of childcare available to his employees affects productivity at his office. He said he or his wife have missed work when his child's daycare needed to close for the day.

Slack responded to public comments that parents should have planned childcare before having children. He said there were two daycare centers when he and his wife had their child and reminded the commissioners that those businesses closed after the operators retired, not due to state regulations.

Concerning the YWCA's role, Slack said that opponents of the YWCA's role should talk to the local organization instead of judging them on the national website. He said the YWCA has worked in the community and is known in the area. He characterized Anne-Marie Zell Schwerin, who was at the meeting, and his cousin Tabitha Haney as trustworthy, very moral, and very noble people who anyone concerned should get to know.

Vicki Zoller said she had a public request to see the emails sent to the commissioners, which overwhelmingly supported the land lease.

Zoller agreed that there are a lot of regulations on childcare businesses but reminded the commissioners that those regulations protect children and are there for a reason.

Amy Rosenberg said her story was illustrative of others who had to leave their jobs in Dayton after losing local childcare. She left her job at The Boldman House Museum to take one in Walla Walla to be near her child's daycare.

"I'm making a little bit more money, but that money is not coming back to this community. I don't spend as much as I would like to spend in Dayton. I spend most of my time in Walla Walla." She continued, "The other thing I wanted to say that maybe hasn't been addressed is that people have to work outside of the community; they lose their motivation to volunteer."

Nick DePaulo said, "Parents need to get together and go fight the state to lessen regulations so that we can have private business here. We're not going to get it in one night, I mean, we all understand that, but we can get it. The private business will create a tax base. It will be local people we know; we'll have more opportunity to pick who and where we want our kids to go instead of one facility. Anybody who thinks the state will not have some sort of hand in it later, to try to warp it just a little bit, that daycare, we're all naive about it then. The state, anytime they've said, 'Oh, we'll just leave it alone.' eventually, they start to change it."

Hannah Hulse, who works as a nurse, asked how the proposed center's operating hours would be able to cover all shifts. She said the facility shouldn't be on leased land. She ended by saying she was against government involvement.

Later in the meeting, Shane McGuire addressed the hours of operation for the facility. He said those

decisions will be made after they start working with the client base. It is a consideration working with the provider, as most of the hospital's nurses have 12 hour shifts.

After initial public comments, the meeting moved to administrative items, including the budget report, leases, election expenses, and emails.

Dickinson presented an email from the county auditor explaining the increased cost to the port for the last election. The cost to the port for the previous year's election was \$15,000, as opposed to past elections, which ranged between \$2,000 and \$5,000.

The auditor's emailed response stated the cost difference resulted from several issues, including labor cost increases, legislation changes and mandates, extended hours needed to keep up with the new voter registration system.

"We are now mandated by law to develop a voter's pamphlet for every election. Approximately \$2,175 for printing and mailing for each election, plus staff time to create the pamphlets. This used to be paid for and published by the state, not anymore," the auditor wrote.

The auditor went on to list issues with printing, supplies, and pre-paid postage.

"Your commissioners could look at the changes in election laws over the last couple of years, and it will tell the story."

The commissioner decided to post their email addresses on the Port website for greater accessibility.

Dickinson reviewed the Democratic Rule of Order proposed by Bryan as a replacement for Robert's Rules of Order currently used in Port meetings. The Democratic Rules of Order are more informal and more straightforward, and Dickinson recommended they include them the next time they do a policy update.

Dickinson then returned to the proposed lease to the hospital district for the childcare facility. She reiterated the lease specifies the hospital will build the building without aid from the port. The first term of the lease would be for twenty years, followed by six five-year extensions, totaling fifty years.

Bette Lou Crothers spoke on behalf of the Dayton Chamber of Commerce about the childcare proposal, asking, "Why not on port property? The chamber believes this topic to be a city, county, port, chamber, and community issue. We want to help bring to light the positive impact the childcare facility would make on economic development to businesses and community members alike."

"There are many obvious reasons for the Chamber of Commerce's support of this childcare facility in our community. One, the obvious, we are in desperate need of childcare."

"Childcare was voted as one of the top three lead projects for economic development during our economic development steering committee meetings in 2022. As you may remember from the presentation, there are over three-hundred forty kids under the age of eight in our little community. Rather than drive these children to Walla Walla every day or not go to work that day, we can make it happen in Dayton, and we need to. With the childcare facility in our community, it creates a positive economic impact by creating a new business in our community that brings new jobs, taxes, and services."

"It provides our businesses with a reliable workforce. When employees can plan for daycare, they are less likely to miss work and create a burden on the business and its other employees. A childcare facility also gives our kids a safe environment and a consistent schedule, as well as a place for social and educational services."

She finished by saying the facility supports the port's mission and asked again, "Why not on port property? Is this not part of the port's mission?"

Crowe said other commissioners may have expected a workshop on this issue, but it never happened. She and the other commissioners received a letter from Shane McGuire, the CEO of CCHS, saying he was tentatively planning a community workshop for April.

McGuire, attending on Zoom, said he had reached out to the chamber and another group about hosting the workshop but had not heard back. The public workshop would consist of a panel of stakeholders, those knowledgeable, to answer questions from the community.

He responded to earlier comments about the government running the childcare facility. He did not know where that was coming from. The hospital wants to build a building for childcare. It does not want to indoctrinate children. He didn't understand the concerns and had no idea where they were coming from.

Addressing concerns about who would run the program, McGuire said the hospital was willing to

make a Request for Proposals (RFP) to find operators. However, there was already a connection with the YWCA in the community. In addition, they would be hiring locals, 10-15 new jobs so that it would be people known in the community.

McGuire asked if the board was willing to entertain the possibility of leasing to the hospital.

Watts answered that the question was if the port would even entertain the idea of leasing land. He complained that after first hearing about the proposal, he felt the timeline for funding was forcing them to respond quickly.

Listing concerns, he disputed the reassurances that the facility would not be run by the government and expressed concern about traffic safety. He complained the presentation contained too much information, but there wasn't enough about things like snow removal plans.

Watts repeatedly revisited ECEAP and Head Start programs, fearing that even if the facility did not offer to host those programs now, they would certainly come later.

More information on both programs may be found at <https://tinyurl.com/yynvd42a>

Watts said he appreciated the local YWCA program but criticized the YWCA for its national legislative agenda. He also criticized the YWCA for no longer calling themselves "Christian." In his opinion, they changed their name because they didn't want Christian in their name since the government gives more money to non-Christian entities.

In 1985, the YWCA changed its name from Young Women's Christian Association of the United States of America, Inc. to YWCA USA, Inc. The YMCA, not connected to YWCA, changed its name in 2010 to the shortened "Y". Both changes are consistent with other businesses, including KFC, LG, and WW, that have shortened their names to align with popular use.

Bryan said he sees the value of a community forum but does not support using port resources for a childcare facility.

He read the port's mission statement, "To maximize public resources and private investment create jobs, provide infrastructure, and maintain and improve the economic vitality of Columbia County and its communities." He then read the definition of "maximize." He said the facility would not offer a living wage to its employees.

Bryan said, "If you say that daycare is infrastructure because people need to have daycare in order to get to their jobs, while roads are infrastructure because people need to get to their jobs on roads, how can you make that parallel between those two? It just doesn't add up. So, I don't really see it aligning with building infrastructure."

Continuing, "Our community isn't going to shrivel up and die just because it doesn't have a daycare. People aren't going to move away and never come back for lack of childcare. A resilient community will see a problem, and they are going to work together and find solutions for that problem. The most efficient and best way to raise children has always been in a home/family environment. I do not believe a government-sponsored or a government-run daycare is a solution to that."

He did not offer any alternative solutions. Though he said he supports a community forum on the proposal, and that a childcare facility would be built, he said it would be in a different area.

Crowe felt she could rebut every issue raised by Watt and Bryan, saying, "I'm in favor of this because new families may not come here, because we don't have the infrastructure. I think it's an infrastructure. I believe that without these types of service businesses, you're not going to get people to come here. You have less people coming here and less tax revenue coming into the community. We are not going to be able to maintain so many of the things we already have available like water, sewer, roads, without families coming in."

Crowe said she submitted her name to be considered for commissioner because she wanted to see her community succeed. She does not see it without a daycare, and at this moment, this is the only option.

She said she believes it is important to have childcare and that the Blue Mountain Station is the best location for the facility. Crowe said she wants economic vibrancy, which she pointed out had been part of Byron and Watts campaign platforms.

Because of the opposition of Watt and Bryan, the port took no action on the land lease proposal from the hospital.

There was to be a presentation on housing, but it was postponed due to lack of time.

No action was required on any other items on the evening's agenda.

The commissioner's meeting adjourned at about 7 p.m.

## EMERGENCY - FROM PAGE 1

may see a vehicle that looks like an ambulance at the station, it is an aid car, meant only to provide basic care until an ambulance arrives from Dayton or Walla Walla. The CWWFD2 first responders can do basic care including basic first-aid, CPR, and gathering patient information. The aid car cannot transport patients to a medical facility.

Waitsburg formed the Waitsburg Ambulance Service which provided transport service from 1971 to the end of 2015. In the first year, Waitsburg Ambulance Service made a total of 33 runs and by 2015, it was making nearly 250 runs per year. The ambulance service and city fire department were disbanded December 31, 2015 and both services were handed over to CWWFD2. Eventually, Waitsburg contracted with Columbia Fire District 3 for transport as funding, training and number of volunteers dropped significantly. At the time, there were only fourteen volunteers in Waitsburg.

While a transport ambulance is something that many, including Strickland, would like to see return to the district, they first need to rebuild the volunteer base.

"Today, I just want someone who will grab a truck, hold a clipboard, and comfort someone while they wait for transport," Strickland said, understanding that to bring service back, the district must build from the bottom up.

"You don't have to be a firefighter or EMT to volunteer," said Strickland.

not have a full-service ambulance. While residents



Waitsburg Ambulance Service board members posed in front of the new ambulance purchased in 1973. On arrival, the ambulance was paraded proudly up and down Main Street.

The needs and requirements for Columbia-Walla Walla Fire District 2 vary from position to position, and minimum involvement can be flexible depending on how you volunteer. Strickland said there are plenty of jobs for those who do not want to fight fire or become an EMT. These jobs include, truck maintenance, bookkeeping, and support for emergency responders.

If you would like to inquire for further information, or if you would like to get a jump start on training, stop by the Columbia-Walla Walla Fire District 2 station, 234 Main Street or visit the website, [www.cwwfd2.com](http://www.cwwfd2.com).



## GIFT HELPS LAUNCH RURAL HEALTH INITIATIVE AT WSU

THE TIMES

A \$2.2 million gift to Washington State University's College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences (CPPS) will increase opportunities for PharmD students to focus on the health care needs of residents in rural Washington.

This extraordinary anonymous gift has helped launch CPPS' Rural Health Initiative (RHI) to improve access to health care in the rural communities of Washington. Starting in the fall of 2021, RHI is an ambitious 10-year plan to create opportunities for student pharmacists and post-graduate pharmacists to specialize in delivering rural health care. Access to health care providers in rural Washington continues to be a challenge for the nearly 800,000 residents living in these areas. It's estimated that Washington needs 600 new providers to eliminate this gap in access to care. The Rural Health Initiative aims to alleviate this problem.

"As someone who grew up in rural Washington, this initiative is personal for me and a labor of love,"

said WSU College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences Dean Mark Leid. "Our Rural Health Initiative will serve the underserved citizens across rural Washington, create pathways so that our students and graduates specialize in delivery of rural health care, and catalyze economic development in these underserved areas.

"Our efforts will initially focus on rural areas in the central and eastern regions of the state, but my hope is that the solutions and programs that we develop together will be scalable to include all rural areas of the state and beyond. My sincerest thanks to our donor for this transformational gift that, to my knowledge, is the largest single gift the college has ever received."

WSU President Kirk Schulz praised the program for the difference it will make for rural communities who often find themselves many miles from adequate health care and guidance.

"This innovative initiative will help deliver access to health care to hundreds of thousands of people where they are, while also creating opportunities for WSU students to benefit from valuable real-world experiences," Schulz said. "The impact of this program and the philanthropic investments made in it will change lives and make a tangible difference for the people and communities WSU serves, regardless of where they are located."

## POMEROY RANGER DISTRICT OFFERS SUMMER JOBS FOR LOCAL YOUTH

THE TIMES

PENDLETON, Ore.—The Pomeroy Ranger District is recruiting four to six students between the ages of 15 and 18 for summer employment in the Youth Conservation Corps (YCC). Work can include noxious weed removal, fence removal and construction, recreation and trail maintenance, fuel monitoring, and vegetation surveys on the Pomeroy Ranger District.

The program will last six to eight weeks, beginning June 21, 2022. Youth are paid \$15 per hour. No housing or transportation is provided. Applicants must live locally; non-local applicants who have a parent or legal guardian in the local commuting area, including 18-year-old participants, can apply. No previous experience is required.

To apply, all interested candidates must complete and submit a signed application. Hardcopy applications can be picked up at the Pomeroy Ranger District office and Pomeroy High School, located in Pomeroy, Washington. Additionally, the application is available online at [YCC-Application-Fillable-USDA-Update.docx](http://YCC-Application-Fillable-USDA-Update.docx) (live.com). Applications will be accepted until 4:30 p.m. on April 1, 2022.

Completed applications can be emailed to [tara.mackleit@usda.gov](mailto:tara.mackleit@usda.gov) or delivered in person to the Pomeroy Ranger District at 71 West Main, Pomeroy, WA, Monday thru Friday between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Applicants must:

- Be at least 15 years old and will not reach the age of 19 during the term of employment in the program
- Have a social security number, or have made application to obtain one
- Obtain parental or legal guardian consent to enroll in the program.
- All applicants will be notified by email or phone of their selection status no later than April 20, 2022.

For more information about the YCC program, please contact the Pomeroy Ranger District at 509-843-1891.

Additional information about the Umatilla National Forest is available at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/umatilla>.

## BLUEWOOD OPENS SEASON TICKETS SALES

DAYTON—Starting March 15, skiers and boarders can save money buying their 2022 Season Pass online at <https://bluewood.com/2022-season-pass-release>.

Pass types are Adult, Family, Student, College, Military, Senior, and Super Senior. Prices range from \$449 for an Adult to only \$49 for Super Seniors over 70.

Don't miss out on the savings; you will be happy you have an excuse to get on the mountain.

These deals don't last forever.



The annual Bluewood Bash is March 26, with Family Day on March 27. The theme for the costume contest this year is Super Heros. Be sure to sign up for the pond skim. Not a skier? Come up and enjoy the festivities.



## LEGAL NOTICES

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA NO: 22-4-00045-36 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS RCW 11.40.030**

**In re the Estate of: JAMES W. IRWIN, 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 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.

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Gerald Bryan Irwin, Personal Representative Attorney for Personal Representative: Jeremy Hyndman, WSBA #44320

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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA No. 22 2 00080 36 SUMMONS VIRGIL REED, Plaintiff, vs. SHERWOOD & ROBERTS-WASHINGTON, INC., a Washington for-profit corporation and assigns, Defendants.**

A lawsuit has been started against you in the above-entitled court by the Plaintiff named above. The Plaintiff's claims are stated in the written Complaint, a copy of which is served upon you with this Summons.

In order to defend against this lawsuit, you must respond to the Complaint by stating your defense, in writing, and serving a copy upon the undersigned attorney for the Plaintiff within twenty (20) days after the service of this Summons, excluding the day of service (or within sixty (60) days if this Summons was served upon you outside the State of Washington), or a default judgment may be entered against you without notice. A default judgment is one where Plaintiff is entitled to what he asks for because you have not responded. If you serve a Notice of Appearance on the undersigned attorney, you are entitled to notice before a default judgment may be entered.

The originals of this Summons and Complaint have been filed with the clerk of the above-entitled court.

If you wish to seek the advice of an attorney in this matter, you should do so promptly so that your written response, if any, may be served in time.

This Summons is issued pursuant to Rule 4 of the Superior Court Civil Rules of the State of Washington.

DATED this 9th day of February, 2022.  
MINNICK-HAYNER, P.S.  
By: /s/ Mona J. Geidl, WSBA #42455, Of Attorneys for Plaintiff P.O. Box 1757 Walla Walla, WA 99362 (509) 527-3500 The Times February 17, 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 2022 2-17-b

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA No. 22 4 00047 36 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS RCW 11.40.030**

**In re the Estate of: TRACY SETTLE, Deceased.**

The administrator named below has been appointed as administrator 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 administrator, or the administrator'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 administrator 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.

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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA No. 21 4 00277 36 PROBATE NOTICE OF CREDITORS**

**In Re the Estate of MARTIN J. HUIE, 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 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.

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Personal Representative: SUSAN L. HUIE Date of First Publication: March 17, 2022 /s/ SUSAN L. HUIE, Personal Representative of the Estate of MARTIN J. HUIE Attorney for the Personal Representative and address for mailing and service: Steven C. Frol Minnick-Hayner, P.S. P.O. Box 1757 249 West Alder Walla Walla, WA 99362 Publish: The Times March 17, 24, 31, 2022 3-17-a

## BIRTHDAYS

**March 17:** Sarge Frohreich, Joan Ruble, John Butler, Winton Lytle, Brian Doering and Kristi Unholz.

**March 18:** Sherrie Larsen, Ben Daniel and Marisa Hoops.

**March 19:** Verna Allen, Elaine Reese, Norma Johnson, Terry Jacoy, Josh Mayberry and E. Neil Stephens, and Beka Compton

**March 20:** Arlene Winnett, Andrew Wright, Kristopher Patton, Stacey Grende, Sophie Henry and Paul John.

**March 21:** Brad Huffman, Doris Williams, Linda Stonecipher, Margie Huwe, Lane Huffman, Rebecca Stokes, and Ken Lenhart.

**March 22:** Garrett Buffington, Kenneth Lewis, Mary Hamblen, Gia Fluharty, Amy Morrow and Cole Janovich.

**March 23:** Jayce Bayer, Sally Baker, Mary Hunziker, Beryl Witt, Ron Bishop, Seth Straayer, Jennifer Pierson, and Sandy Baker.

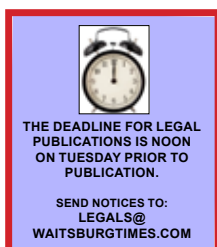


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# Waitsburg Friday Market gearing up

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—Spring is in the air, and there is opportunity at the upcoming Waitsburg Friday Market.

Formerly the Waitsburg Farmers Market, the small outdoor market opened last year with a handful of local vendors, including Whoop'em Up Hollow Farms, Bread Head, and Dusty Britches Farm. This year, organizers are making changes as it prepares for opening day.

Nancy's Dream Garden owners, Doug Biolo and Janet Lawrence, are the market's managers, and owner of Dusty Britches Farm, Noelle Olson, is the market organizer.

In an interview with *The Times*, Biolo and Olson shared that the 2021 season went exceptionally well. They are already looking forward to this season, which kicks off on June 3 and runs through Labor Day Weekend. Moving away from the farmers market model will open new opportunities for vendors, Olson said.

Though there were repeat customers at the Saturday market last year, there were also many shoppers and vendors who passed up the little market at Nancy's Dream Garden Center in favor of the more established Walla Walla Farmers Mar-



Courtesy photo

2021 Farmers Market

noelleco12@gmail.com. Biolo and Lawrence can be contacted through Nancy's Dream Garden Center at (509) 301-3858 or nancysdream2018@gmail.com. The Waitsburg Friday Market is on Facebook, as well!

"I hope people enjoy it! We hope this brings a great service to the community," Biolo said.

ket. Both were held at the same time which led the Waitsburg market to move to Fridays this year.

"Moving to Friday means that we won't be competing against other local farmers markets," Olson said. "College Place has a market on Thursday, and Walla Walla has theirs on Saturday. Everyone can be more successful this way."

This year, there are five new vendors already signed up, but the Waitsburg Friday Market is looking to expand its list. Olson said they are looking for antiques vendors, a woodsmith, and other specialty vendors.

The market returns to Nancy's Dream Garden Center, 124 Warren Street, in Waitsburg. Biolo said there is plenty of room for vendors to spread out.

If you are interested in becoming a vendor at the Waitsburg Friday Market, contact organizer Noelle Olson at (509) 205-4344, or

# Gardening, a good diversion

By Vicki Sternfeld-Rossi | THE TIMES

I am still grief-stricken about the war Putin has declared on the people of Ukraine. I did go to the World Central Kitchen website to see if there was anything I could do. Even though I am not a trained chef, I am not a bad cook. I have a passport, suitcases, and am happy to help and work to feed refugees or soldiers on the front lines. Unfortunately, I don't have proficiency in the Polish language, which is one of their requirements. My few words of Yiddish just won't meet the proficiency standards needed.

It seems the only way I can contribute is financial, which I will do as much as I can afford. Meanwhile, to vent my frustration, I will start planning the garden. I am sure spring is really on the way now

It was time to do a spring cleaning in the garden. I did more weeding and tossed junk that landed in my yard into the trash. Now, for the rest of the work. I will call the window washers as I'm embarrassed to even look out of my own windows. Next, the deck needs to be refinished, and no matter what Daniel says: there will be many coats of polyurethane for protection. Many.

I've scoured various websites for patio furniture to replace the couch, chairs, and tables that disintegrated this winter. I've even eyed some outdoor rugs to add some color. I bought a stack of lightweight, handmade, wild patterned blankets from a woman's cooperative in India, so we can keep warm while hanging outside.



I'm envisioning some late-night Scrabble games this spring and summer.

This winter was a harsh one, and as a result, I have two large, dead rosemary plants that need to be replaced. Losing them is somewhat sentimental and sad to me. Both were planted the first spring I was here. I went to Nancy's Dream Garden when it opened, and they were my first two purchases. Shortly after that, I purchased sage, thyme, chives, and parsley, which lasted for the past three years. While most got through the pipe-freezing nights this winter, I may have to give in and replace some of them. I hope those winter nights also froze the squash bugs that devastated some of the varieties we planted.

I am happy to say that Daniel has hung screen doors on the front and back doors. Leaving those two doors open helps me believe spring is indeed around the corner. Time to take off the snow tires, uncover the hose bibs, organize seeds, get out the journal (which I quickly abandon). It is also time to think about lighter wines. Here comes the rosé.

I religiously chopped the top of my iris' only to hear Bill tell me he could come over with his buzz saw and just top them off in one big wipe. Oh well, as usual, too late. I have meticulously been pulling goat head and mallow weeds, hoping to find their roots and never see them again. I've been doing that for the past three years, and they always return, so I'm not optimistic.

I was told by those who know that it was time to plant radishes and onions. I will do that this week and hope to see something sprouting soon. As I said last week, with the current state of affairs, hope is a good thing, even if it's just for radishes.

# KIRKMAN HOUSE MUSEUM REOPENS

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—The Kirkman House Museum opens to the public beginning Saturday, March 19, after a two-year COVID-related closure. Springtime hours are Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The museum is located at 214 North Colville Street in Walla Walla, Washington.

Kirkman House was built in 1880 by William and Isabelle Kirkman, where they and their four children lived for most of the remainder of the 19th century.

When built, the Kirkman's home was one of the grandest residences in Walla Walla and reflected the tastes of the day and the wealth generated by the family's ranching business. This Victorian Italianate house remains the second oldest brick building in Walla Walla and is still one of the grandest.

The Kirkman House is an authentic example of the economic boom of the 1880s. It was a period of extensive growth for Walla Walla in downtown business buildings and fine homes.

The house has a rich history over its 140-plus year life. In addition to being a home for the Kirkmans, it also served as a boys' dormitory for Whitman College from 1920-1924. During this time, Walter Brattain, the 1956 Nobel Prize winner for the co-invention of the transistor, studied in the home.

Later, the house was operated as an apartment house for more than 50 years. The house was placed on the National Historic Register in December 1974 and has been a house museum open to the public since 1981.

Between March and June, Kirkman House will display dresses worn by Isabella Kirkman and her daughter Fanny Ann. Dating from the 1880s, these beautiful but fragile dresses are rarely displayed. Other exhibits include a unique memorabilia collection from Adam West, a Walla Walla native beloved for his role as television's original Batman.

Admission is \$10 per person for adults, \$5 for children aged 7 to 17, and free to Kirkman House Museum members, children aged six and under, and US military veterans. For more information, please see [kirkmanhousemuseum.org](http://kirkmanhousemuseum.org), call (509) 529-4373, or email [khm@kirkmanhousemuseum.org](mailto:khm@kirkmanhousemuseum.org).

# Community Calendar

## Waitsburg Monthly Meetings

### Waitsburg City Council

Third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m.

### Waitsburg School Board

Third Thursday of every month at 6 p.m.

Zoom meeting information is available at <https://www.waitsburgsd.org/o/waitsburg-school-district/page/school-board--272>

### Waitsburg Commercial Club

Last Thursday of each month

March 31, 12:00 p.m.

Ten Ton Coffee, 216 Main Street, Waitsburg

Zoom info available by emailing [waitsburgcc@icloud.com](mailto:waitsburgcc@icloud.com)

### Waitsburg Gun Club

TBA-General Membership / Board Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.

### Walla Walla County Commissioners

Every Monday and Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m.

Call-in information is available at [https://www.co.walla-walla.wa.us/government/commissioners/2020\\_agendas.php](https://www.co.walla-walla.wa.us/government/commissioners/2020_agendas.php)

### Friends of the Weller Public Library

4th Monday of each month at 7 p.m.

Weller Public Library, 212 Main Street, Waitsburg

### Waitsburg Parks and Recreation Meeting

First and third Thursdays, 6:30 p.m.

Lions Club, Waitsburg Fairgrounds

For more information email: [waitsburgpr@proton-mail.com](mailto:waitsburgpr@proton-mail.com)

### Weller Library Book Club

Third Tuesday of each month, 7:00 p.m.

at Weller Public Library

### Waitsburg Celebration Days Meeting

TBA

Location to be announced

### Dayton & Columbia County Meetings

#### Board of Columbia County Commissioners

First and second Monday of each month at 9 a.m.

**Board of Columbia County Commissioners work session meetings** Second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 9 a.m.

Call-in information available at <https://www.columbiaco.com/114/County-Commissioners>

#### Dayton City Council

Second Wednesday of every month at 6 p.m.

Call-in information available at <https://www.daytonwa.com/54-inside-city-hall/city-council>

#### Dayton School Board

Third Wednesday of every month at 6 p.m. at the Dayton High School auditorium

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

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

#### Dayton Memorial Library Board of Trustees Meeting

Every month on the Third Monday at 7:00 PM

Zoom Meeting ID: 852 3836 3787

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85238363787>

#### Dayton Kiwanis Club Meeting - Online

Second and Fourth Thursday at Noon

Zoom Meeting ID: 559 815 3650

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5598153650>

#### Starbuck City Council


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

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# FUN & GAMES

## The Friendly Forest

By Jimmye L. Turner



## The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



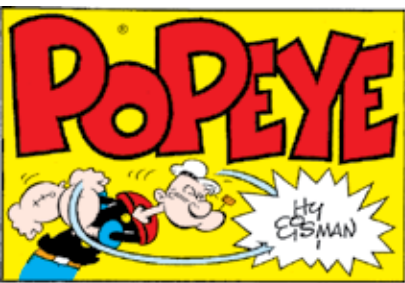
## Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



## R.F.D.

by Mike Marland



## Touchet Valley Weather

March 16, 2022

### Waitsburg's Seven Day Forecast

<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>
Partly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Isolated Rain	Scattered Rain	Isolated Rain	Isolated Rain	Cloudy
High: 54 Low: 36	High: 59 Low: 41	High: 61 Low: 42	High: 57 Low: 35	High: 52 Low: 36	High: 54 Low: 39	High: 53 Low: 36

### Weather Trivia

What meteorological instrument is used to measure wind speed?  
**ANSWER:** In 1450, the anemometer was invented to measure wind speed.

### Weather History

**March 16, 1989** - A winter storm brought heavy snow and high winds to the southwestern United States. Winds gusted to 60 mph at Lovelock, Nev., Salt Lake City and Fort Carson, Colo. Snow fell at a rate of three inches per hour in the Lake Tahoe area of Nevada.

### Local Almanac Last Week

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Precipitation
Tuesday	44	32	54/36	0.13"	0.42"
Wednesday	40	25	54/37	Trace	0.46"
Thursday	44	21R	54/37	0.00"	-0.04"
Friday	58	34	55/37	Trace	42.7°
Saturday	69	40	55/37	Trace	45.9°
Sunday	51	40	55/37	Trace	-3.2°
Monday	59	41	56/38	0.29"	

*Data as reported from Walla Walla*

### Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Wednesday	7:03 a.m.	7:00 p.m.	5:19 p.m.	6:51 a.m.
Thursday	7:01 a.m.	7:01 p.m.	6:32 p.m.	7:13 a.m.
Friday	6:59 a.m.	7:03 p.m.	7:45 p.m.	7:33 a.m.
Saturday	6:57 a.m.	7:04 p.m.	9:00 p.m.	7:52 a.m.
Sunday	6:55 a.m.	7:05 p.m.	10:17 p.m.	8:13 a.m.
Monday	6:53 a.m.	7:07 p.m.	11:37 p.m.	8:37 a.m.
Tuesday	6:52 a.m.	7:08 p.m.	Prev Day	9:05 a.m.

## PIONEER PORTRAITS

### Ten Years Ago

March 15, 2012

The Times is welcoming a new office administrator, Tawnya Richards, who will be in charge of accounting and paperwork to keep our operation running smoothly. Richards, 39, has resided in Waitsburg for the past 5 years. She has a background in office manager and supervisor positions in small businesses and hospitals and is the perfect person for the job.

Waitsburg's Jim German was honored by Wine Enthusiast Magazine as Mixologist of the Month. The magazine highlighted his Main Street business, jingermanbar, and touted the atmosphere in "One-of-a-Kind" Waitsburg.

### Twenty-Five Years Ago

March 20, 1997

Long-time Waitsburg attorney Vaughn Hubbard was recognized for his many years of community service with the Citizen of the Year Award, presented annually by the Waitsburg Commercial Club. Hubbard, now retired from active practice, was presented the honor at the club's annual banquet, Tuesday, March 18, at Ye Towne Hall. "This has really surprised me," Hubbard commented, "despite the fact that everyone in town knows everything." Hubbard has been an involved citizen of Waitsburg for over 45 years. He started practicing law in 1951, according to the letter nominating Hubbard. In addition, he served as City Attorney from 1954 to 1991 and served as a Walla Walla County deputy prosecuting attorney in 1954-1955. He served four terms in the State House of Representatives, from 1965 to 1973.

### Fifty Years Ago

March 16, 1972



[Photo Caption] Honored at the Green Giant banquet in Dayton upon his completion of 25 years with the company, is retiree Rol Baker, who, with his wife Theresa, proudly displays the plaque, the silverware and the table decorations presented to them.

### Seventy-Five Years Ago

March 21, 1947

St. Patrick's Day was bright and sunny, with about 150 people taking long and admiring looks at the six-month old Zuger triplets who slept and awakened peacefully in a downtown shop window, for nearly an hour during the afternoon. The little girls, Margaret and Marie, wore white dresses, with matching pink bonnets and sweaters, and were presented with tiny green carnation corsages. Charles wore tiny green corduroys and T-shirt and had a green carnation boutonniere. Their mother also wore a lovely corsage of green carnations.

Co-hostesses for a stork shower given for Mrs. Lee Mantz Jr. at the country home of Mrs. Forrest Conover, Monday, March 17, were Mrs. C. A. Keiser, Mrs. Denney Neace, Mrs. Robert E. Bichsel, Mrs. E. Gene Ray and Mrs. Forrest Conover. Upon their arrival, each guest was given slips of paper and a pencil by Virginia Neace, and a guessing game of a "Baby's Needs" proceeded. Prizes went to Mrs. Roy Leid and Mrs. Mettelle.

### One Hundred Years Ago

March 17, 1922

C. A. Hales of this city, president of the Hales Sheep Co. reports that the company has 7,000 ewes at the Pasco stock yards with about 4,000 new lambs. Mr. Hales says that the season is proving a very successful one for lambs as the lamb crop is running about 120 percent.

Judge H. V. Grubbe has purchased the Mrs. D. L. Cox residence on Second street and as soon as the final papers are cleared up, expects to move there from his present home on East Sixth Street.

James Archer and son, Arden, spent a few days in Spokane this week. They also stopped at Pullman where they visited Mr. Archer's son, Hesper who is attending school there.

### One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago

March 19, 1897

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Caldwell entertained the Rathbone Sister's whist club at their residence on Coppei Avenue last Friday evening. There were about fifty whist players present and progressive whist was played until a late hour. Mrs. H. C. Wade was honored with ladies first prize and Mrs. J. B. Caldwell received the booby. Mr. Dave Cole received gentlemen's first prize and Geo. Lloyd the booby.

One J. C. Hartman organized a good-sized writing class in this city on Monday evening of this week. The class meets Tuesday, Thursday and Friday evenings in the brown schoolhouse. Mr. Hartman is said to be a very fine penman.

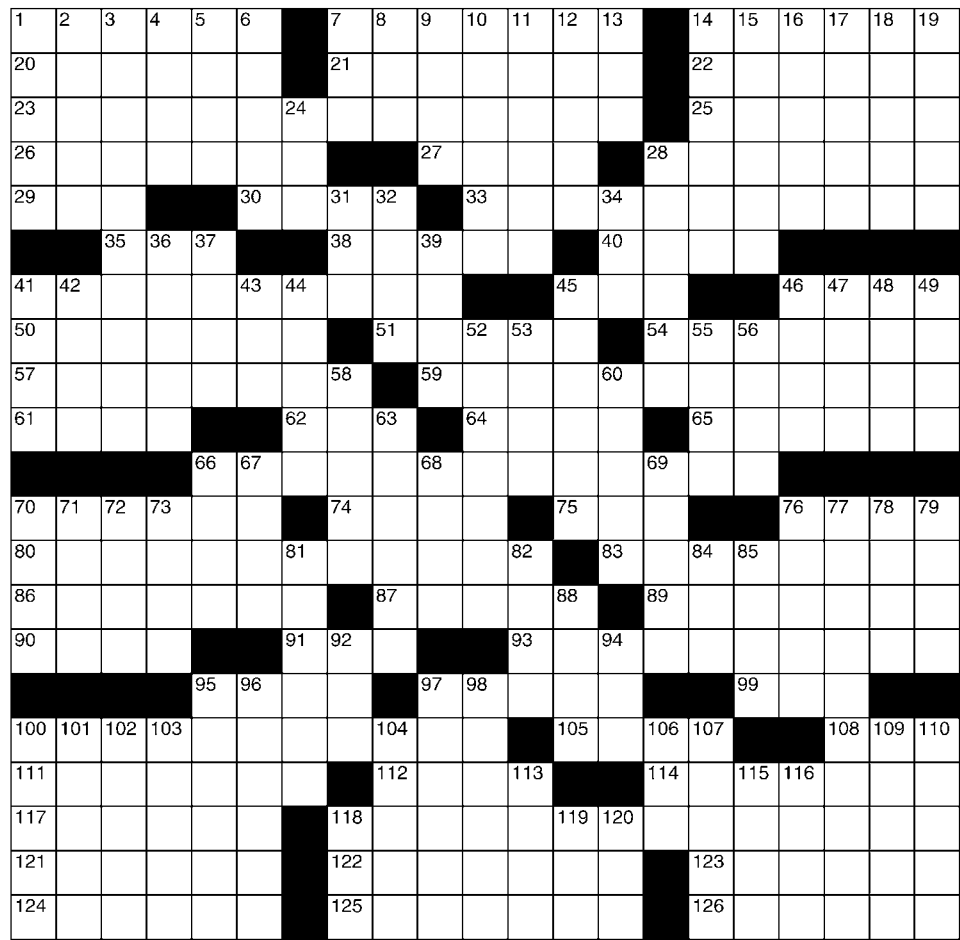


# PUZZLES & LIFESTYLES

## Super Crossword

HER LEADING FATHER

- ACROSS**
- 1 Passengers
  - 7 It's used for simmering
  - 14 Good for farming
  - 20 Texas wildcat
  - 21 Huffington of HuffPost
  - 22 Hooded snakes
  - 23 Noted WikiLeaks whistleblower [#42]
  - 25 Potato, yam and rutabaga
  - 26 Impressionist painter Mary
  - 27 Toaster waffle brand
  - 28 Ancestry
  - 29 Not needing an Rx
  - 30 Unkempt sort
  - 33 Swimmer who won six Olympic gold medals [#39]
  - 35 It has triceps
  - 38 Radical type
  - 40 Work units
  - 41 Author of the Edgar-winning novel "New Orleans Mourning" [#37]
  - 45 "TRL Top 10" channel
  - 46 Wig makeup
  - 50 Not similar
  - 51 2014 Olympics host city
  - 54 Pooh and Roo's creator
  - 57 Erudite class
  - 59 Actress called "The Queen of Technicolor" [#40]
  - 61 The "Y" of YSL
  - 62 UFO pilots, presumably
  - 64 Surveyor's map
  - 65 Caught in a lasso
  - 66 Whom each of this puzzle's featured women have as a namesake
  - 70 Like hot stuff
  - 74 State of mind
  - 75 Always, to Keats
  - 76 Dismounted
  - 80 "Sabrina the Teenage Witch" actress [#35]
  - 83 Black or red candy
  - 86 Grow to accept
  - 87 High-stick billiards shot
  - 89 Make sizzling sounds
  - 90 Stag, e.g.
  - 91 Nondairy milk source
  - 93 2006 U.S. figure skating champion [#44]
  - 95 — Pet (1980s fad)
  - 97 Petrol unit
  - 99 Astros, on sports tickers
  - 100 She played Dharma on "Dharma & Greg" [#43]
  - 105 Deep drink
  - 108 Have life
  - 111 How Earth rotates
  - 112 Born under — sign
  - 114 Nondairy milk source
  - 117 Person "from around here"
  - 118 "The Last O.G." actress [#45]
  - 121 Close to a dozen
  - 122 Many an allergy sufferer
  - 123 Make happy
  - 124 Tension
  - 125 Runtly ones
  - 126 Michael who once headed Disney
  - DOWN**
  - 1 "The Famous Teddy Z" actor Alex
  - 2 Old Apple instant-messaging app
  - 3 Reduce in intensity
  - 4 Pipe bends
  - 5 Civil rights figure Parks
  - 6 Leaves in, to an editor
  - 7 On the — (fleeing)
  - 8 "... boy — girl?"
  - 9 Claret, e.g.
  - 10 Plane houser
  - 11 Mystery
  - 12 Irk
  - 13 Dog's jingler
  - 14 Role-playing
  - 15 Boxers' units
  - 16 Nuns' place
  - 17 Period of rest
  - 18 Jumbo-sized
  - 19 Ruhr city
  - 24 Fla.'s ocean
  - 28 Future flies
  - 31 Yes, to Pierre
  - 32 Deli classics, for short
  - 34 Critters' doc
  - 36 Irks
  - 37 Israel's Golda
  - 39 — McAn (shoe brand)
  - 41 7, monthwise
  - 42 Part of UCLA: Abbr.
  - 43 Reggae grew from it
  - 44 Taxi ticker
  - 45 Saharan illusion
  - 46 Longtime Ritz rival
  - 47 "How sad!"
  - 48 As to
  - 49 Enjoy a book
  - 52 Ice — (longtime skating show)
  - 53 Netflix alternative
  - 55 Crooner Murray
  - 56 Heathland
  - 58 "You know who I am"
  - 60 Merman of old musicals
  - 63 Full of tumult
  - 66 Fedora fabric
  - 67 Still having a shot to win
  - 68 Qatar's capital
  - 69 Van Devere of "The Changeling"
  - 70 Hoodwink
  - 71 "There, I did it!"
  - 72 Said aloud
  - 73 Bound along
  - 76 — Detoo ("Star Wars" droid)
  - 77 Neighbor of a Pole
  - 78 Frozen drink brand
  - 79 Beach bird
  - 81 In a prying way
  - 82 Admin. aide
  - 84 W-2 pro
  - 85 "Yeow!"
  - 88 Hearing pair
  - 92 Clumsy ox
  - 94 Suture
  - 95 Baby whales
  - 96 Mount St. —
  - 97 Add-on cost for a science course
  - 98 Shortly, informally
  - 100 Fonda and Austen
  - 101 Really praise
  - 102 Gunpowder component
  - 103 Dewy-eyed
  - 104 The Pine Tree State
  - 106 "— bin ein Berliner"
  - 107 Totally lose it
  - 109 Charlotte — (rich dessert)
  - 110 Anesthetic of old
  - 113 Flabbergast
  - 115 451, to Nero
  - 116 Keats poems
  - 118 Dosage amt.
  - 119 By birth
  - 120 100 in a cen.



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## MY RECIPES

Luke Chavez

# Potato Varenyky – Ukrainian Dumplings



For weeks now, my thoughts have been with the people of Ukraine, as they have bravely faced unimaginable horrors. It has been difficult to just sit back while watching a war unfold over five thousand miles away. This week, to learn more about the Ukrainian people and what they are fighting to protect, I have spent time in the kitchen researching the cuisine of this culturally rich country. Varenyky, boiled stuffed dumplings, similar to Polish pierogi, are a beloved dish passed down through the generations. A comfort food to share during these difficult times.

### Ingredients:

#### For the dough:

- 1/3 cup whole milk
- 1 egg
- 1/2 teaspoon fine sea salt
- 2 3/4 cups all-purpose flour, plus more for dusting

#### For the filling:

- 2 pounds Russet potatoes, about 4 medium or 6 small
- 3 tablespoons unsalted butter, divided
- 1 tablespoon olive oil, plus more
- 2 medium yellow onions, diced
- Salt and fresh ground black pepper
- Sour cream for serving

### Directions:

Start by making the dough. With a fork, lightly whisk together the milk, egg and salt in a large mixing bowl. Gradually add the flour and stir to combine into a shaggy dough. Turn dough out on a floured surface and knead with the palms of your hands for 5 minutes, until a smooth elastic dough forms. If dough is too sticky add a little more flour, a tablespoon at a time, as you knead. Form dough into a smooth round and return to the bowl, cover with a kitchen towel and rest at room temperature for 30 to 60 minutes.

While the dough is resting, begin making your filling. Peel potatoes and cut into 1/2-inch pieces. Place potatoes in a large pot with a teaspoon of salt and enough water to cover by 2 inches. Bring to a boil, then reduce heat to medium low and cover with a lid ajar. Simmer until potatoes are fork tender, about 15 minutes.

Meanwhile, melt 2 tablespoons of the butter with the olive oil in a heavy skillet set over medium heat. Add the onions and cook, stirring frequently, until onions are nicely browned, about 15 to 20 minutes. The onions will begin to get crispy around the edges, but not burnt. Season to taste with salt and set aside.

When potatoes are tender, drain and transfer to a mixing bowl. Mash the potatoes until smooth, then mix in the remaining tablespoon of butter along with about a third of the cooked onion mixture. Season, to taste with salt and pepper. Set aside and allow to cool at room temperature.

Divide the dough out into 3 balls. Working in batches, roll a ball of dough out to 1/16-inch thickness, then using a 3-inch round cookie or biscuit cutter, cut out circles. A glass or wide mouth jar can work if you don't have a cookie cutter. Next, place a heaping teaspoon of potato filling in the center of each dough circle. Brush a little water around the edge of half, then fold in half-moon shape. Crimp the edges with your fingers or a fork, pushing filling to center, and pressing out excess air. Make sure you have a tight seal to prevent filling from coming out during cooking. Transfer prepared varenyky to a floured platter in a single layer. Continue with remaining dough and filling. You might not use all the filling.

Prepare a large pot of well salted water and bring to a boil. Cook the varenyky in batches, about 6 at a time, for about 4 to 6 minutes each batch. They will float to the top and the water will return to a simmer when they are done. Remove with a slotted spoon or a small mesh strainer to drain, then transfer to a warmed serving dish. Drizzle a little olive oil over the cooked dumplings to prevent them from sticking together. Continue to cook remaining varenyky, adding more oil as they come out of water. Meanwhile, return the pan of remaining onions to medium heat, adding more butter if needed. When all the varenyky are cooked and lightly oiled, toss in the warmed onions and season the top with salt and pepper. Serve with sour cream on the side.

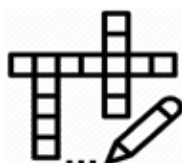
### Notes:

Once mastered, you can experiment with different traditional fillings. To the potatoes you can add farmers cheese or cream cheese. Other versions use mushrooms, arugula, or sauerkraut. This versatile dish can be served as an appetizer, a hearty side dish or vegetarian entrée. When serving, don't be shy with the sour cream. Смачного (smachnoho)! Enjoy.

Please, consider donating to World Central Kitchen, an amazing organization founded by chef José Andrés, which provides food to people affected by disasters and war. They are currently on the ground in Ukraine, as well as neighboring countries, providing hot meals to the flood of displaced people. <https://wck.org>

## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

### DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

- ◆ Moderate
- ◆◆ Challenging
- ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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## Super Crossword

### Answers

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## Weekly SUDOKU

### Answer

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## Around the Valley: with Karen Huwe

WAITSBURG—The Waitsburg Town Hall held its annual St. Pat's dinner and silent auction on Saturday, March 12. About 100 people enjoyed corn beef with the trimmings at the annual fundraiser. Head chef Jim Romine was assisted in the kitchen with board members Allen Huwe, Jim Davison, Ron Standing and Louie and Marie Gagnon. As Town Hall board members' wives, Pat Davison and I, greeted guests at the door and assisted with the silent auction. Board member Ron Griffen was in charge of the 50/50 event.

The silent auction was a huge success with competitive bidding going on between friends and relatives. Thanks to all who donated to make this fundraiser a success which helps to keep Town Hall rental rates affordable for all.



St Pat's dinner crowd

Photos by Karen Huwe



At the fun table with Jack McCaw, Lori Davis, and Anita Baker.



Jim Romine in his pristine apron (how does he do it) serving his famous corned beef.



Robert & Jami Wipf and Victor & Amy Paolino out-bid family and friends for some big items at the silent auction

## 2nd Harvest's second Mobile Market in Dayton



Photos by Beka Compton

William Coombs loading up a handful of rice bags and oranges in the bed of a pickup. The Mobile Market is a drive-through style market, and, in the spirit of safety, is contactless. Volunteers load up the groceries wherever the drivers prefer.



Fresh fruit, rice, pet food, milk, and mirepoix veggies were just a few of the items that were given away during the second Mobile Market in Dayton last week. The Market will be in Dayton again on April 6, May 4, and June 1.



Check Reeves, of Dayton, asks if a visitor would like their groceries in their backseat or in the trunk of their car.



Gary Schroeder, left, and Joe Heuther, right, both members of the Dayton Kiwanis Club, were in great spirits on the chilly March morning.

### Waitsburg School District Positions Available Now



#### PARA EDUCATOR (7 hrs./day)

The Waitsburg School District is accepting applications for Para Educator position primarily for secondary age students for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year. Position may resume with the 2022-23 school year depending on evaluation of performance and budget consideration. Must hold an AA degree or equivalent.

#### MIDDLE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT (8 hrs./day)

The Waitsburg School District is accepting applications for Administrative Assistant in the Middle School for the 2022-2023 school year. Preferred: Experience working in a school setting. Experience with customer service. Accounting experience. Experience with school data system-Skyward/Qmlativ. Willingness to be trained as duties require.

#### MIDDLE SCHOOL LEVEL TEACHER

Certificated Middle School Teacher – The Waitsburg School District is accepting applications for middle level teacher for the 2022-2023 school year; applicant must hold an 'Elementary Education' endorsement or 'Middle Level – Primary' endorsement. The teacher will be expected to teach primarily middle school level core subjects such as ELA, Reading, Social Studies, and Math as well as possible middle level elective course(s) during the 2022-2023 school year with the understanding that schedule changes may occur as the needs of our students evolve.

Please direct middle school position questions and inquiries to Stephanie Wooderchak, Secondary Principal at 509-337-6351 or email: [swooderchak@waitsburgsd.org](mailto:swooderchak@waitsburgsd.org)

#### PK-12 SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER

The Waitsburg School District is accepting applications for PK-12 Special Education Teacher for the 2022-2023 school year. Applicants must possess and maintain required teaching certificate with appropriate endorsements. Please direct questions and inquiries to Mark Pickel, Superintendent at 509-337-6301 or email: [mpickel@waitsburgsd.org](mailto:mpickel@waitsburgsd.org)

#### SUBSTITUTES

Waitsburg School District has immediate openings for substitute teachers, substitute office staff, substitute classroom para-educators, substitute custodians, substitute school bus drivers and substitute food service assistants.

Application materials are available online at [www.waitsburgsd.org](http://www.waitsburgsd.org) or by calling the District Office at (509) 337-6301.

Positions are open until filled.  
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