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Michele Smith

During the fall of 2021, the Columbia County Public Works Department began constructing a new irrigation reservoir between holes No. 2 and 3, near the tee blocks on hole No. 3 at the Touchet Valley Golf Course. Using excavated material to backfill the Touchet River levee along hole No. 2, they created a gentle slope to the top of the levee and constructed a new tee block on hole No. 3.

THIS WEEK



Dayton golf course begins multiple water projects (see page 1)



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Fundraising pays off for Touchet Valley Golf Course

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—In 2019, Touchet Valley Golf and Recreation (TVGR), formerly known as the Dayton Country Club, created an aggressive five-year strategic plan for the golf course. The plan includes partnering with multiple organizations to fund and construct an underground irrigation system and potentially expand the existing golf course.

The Underground Sprinkler System Installation project consists of planning and fundraising, irrigation reservoir construction, and underground sprinkler system installation. A multiple property owner issue has been a stumbling block for the project in the past.

TVGR owns half the golf course, and the County owns the other half. So, different sources of money were pursued.

Golf course architect John Steidel was hired in 2019 to recommend modifications to improve the quality and efficiency of the golf course, including reduction of water use and maintenance costs. Steidel recommended the installation of an irrigation reservoir to help mitigate an intermittent water supply issue from the West End Irrigation District. Local water experts agreed with his advice, and Steidel identified a location and a plan for its design.

In 2020, a fiscal sponsorship agreement between TVGR and the Blue Mountain Community Foundation (BMCF) allowed for tax-deductible donations of \$50,000 for the \$113,000 reservoir

project. \$48,000 of that has been spent so far, according to TVGR board Treasurer Sean Thurston.

Thurston estimates another \$50,000 is needed to finish the reservoir's construction and begin the installation of the underground sprinkler system on the section of the course owned by TVGR. Installation of the sprinkler system will use voluntary labor.

The material cost estimate from Dunning Irrigation Supply is \$103,000. TVGR has budgeted \$115,000 and has allocated \$30,000. Although material costs and availability are changing, he said TVGR is prepared to adapt as necessary.

This summer, the plan is to apply for a grant from the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) to cover the cost on the County-owned part of the course, Thurston said. That portion will be more expensive because it will be a prevailing wage project. The board hopes to get a cost estimate this spring.

"By showing community support for the initial phases of the project, TVGR hopes their grant application will be more competitive," Thurston said.

The following is a breakdown of fundraising activity in 2021:

- Warren Community Foundation Grant — \$7,500
- Dayton/Columbia County Fund — \$5,000
- Pacific Power Foundation — \$2,500
- TVGR Fundraiser Golf Tournament — \$18,000
- Valley Giving Guide charitable donations — \$75,000 (approximate, not finalized)

Thurston said the Columbia County Conservation District has committed \$44,000 to be used strictly for the Underground Sprinkler System Installation project in the first phase.

Thurston would like to thank all the parties who have made the project possible. Fundraising efforts will continue. Tax-deductible donations can be sent to the Blue Mountain Community Foundation, PO Box 603, Walla Walla WA 99362. Checks should be made out to the BMCF with "Touchet Valley Golf Course Irrigation Project" in the memo field.

COVID-19 cases rising sharply

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA, COLUMBIA COUNTIES—According to COVID-19 data collected by the *New York Times*, at least one in six Walla Walla County residents has been infected with COVID-19 since the beginning of the pandemic. *The New York Times* COVID tracking uses data from state, local and regional health agencies, and the U.S Department of Health and Human Services.

On Monday, January 10, Walla Walla County reported 253 new cases over the weekend, marking a total of 790 active cases in the area. The county experienced an 85% increase in daily cases compared to the day prior, and the area has been labeled as 'extremely high risk' for unvaccinated individuals.

Columbia County experienced a 50% increase in new daily cases on January 10, and at least one in nine county residents have been infected with the virus. The NYT updated the area's status to "extremely high risk" for unvaccinated individuals. At least one in 399 residents have died from the virus.

As of January 11, Columbia County Public Health announced 33 active cases in the county. There have been ten COVID-19 deaths in the county since the beginning of the pandemic.

Columbia County Health System Chief Operating Officer Stephanie Carpenter said that the health system has seen an increase in emergency room visits recently due to COVID-19, amongst other reasons. There are currently nine beds filled, with referrals pending, according to Carpenter.

"Staffing continues to be a challenge across the board which has been an on-going concern not just here but state and nationwide," Carpenter said. "However, we are seeing more Covid in the community. We also have more staff out because of Covid. Our employee health nurse Kimberly Lake has confirmed the following:

"This week we currently have seven employees who are out on quarantine or isolation either due to being positive for Covid or having been exposed to an immediate family member. None of these have been determined to be employee-to-employee transmission. I have approximately 13 others that are on symptom monitoring and repeat testing but have not been restricted from work."

Carpenter said that the health system is upping the personal protective equipment (PPE) for all patient-facing staff, following the recommendation and guidance received from the University of Washington.

Carpenter said that the hospital has been seeing 30 to 50 community members a day since the beginning of the year for COVID-19 tests. Columbia county Health System is currently working closely with Emergency Management to begin providing KN95 masks to the community.

All COVID-19 testing in Dayton is being conducted at the Columbia Family Clinic. Testing times are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m., and Wednesday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. To schedule a test, please call (509) 382-8994.

The omicron variant, which quickly became the dominant strain in the United States, has caused another surge in hospitalizations, with many of the area's hospitals struggling to keep up with the demands.

- Providence St. Mary Medical Center, in Walla Walla, had one ICU bed available, with six COVID-19 cases hospitalized.
- St. Joseph Regional Medical Center in Lewiston, Ida. has filled 97% of ICU capacity, with only 0.2 beds available.
- Kadlec Medical Center in Richland was at 100% capacity on January 10.
- Harborview Medical Center in Seattle is currently at 94% capacity, with 41 COVID-19 cases.

On December 27, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) discussed their decision to shorten quarantine and isolation times from ten days to just five days.

"The change is motivated by science demonstrating that the majority of SARS-CoV-2 transmission occurs early in the course of illness, generally in the 1-2 days be-



NEWS

NEWS BRIEFS

NEW REPORT TRACKS RISK OF COVID-19 REINFECTION IN WASHINGTON STATE

THE TIMES

OLYMPIA—Washington State Department of Health (DOH) has published a new weekly report that provides an insight into COVID-19 reinfections. This report includes information on hospitalizations and deaths, demographics, trends over time, and vaccination status of people with reinfection, where DOH has information about both infection events.

Reinfection cases are patients who recovered from a COVID-19 infection and became infected again. A person reinfected with COVID-19 could be fully vaccinated, partially vaccinated, or unvaccinated. This report is located on the COVID-19 Data Dashboard Washington State Department of Health and is updated weekly.

"We are still learning about COVID-19 and the duration and strength of immunity following infection with this virus," said Scott Lindquist, MD, MPH, state epidemiologist for infectious diseases. "Based on what we know from similar respiratory viruses, we expect some COVID-19 reinfections to occur."

The first report indicates that from September 1 through December 26, 2021, in Washington state:

- A total of 4,404 people had reinfection out of 264,520 cases.
- 223 (5.1%) people with reported reinfection were hospitalized.
- 22 (0.9%) people with reported reinfection died.
- 2,640 (59.9%) of people with reinfection were unvaccinated.

DOH can only identify reinfections if both the initial infection and second infection were diagnosed by a COVID-19 test and reported to the state. Since many COVID-19 infections are asymptomatic and not confirmed by a test, DOH will not be able to classify those cases as reinfections. The reported number of hospitalizations or deaths from reinfections is likely lower than the actual number.

The risk of reinfection is likely dependent on a variety of factors, including:

- The risk of exposure to other people with COVID-19
- COVID-19 vaccination status
- Patient characteristics including underlying health conditions.

This risk may increase over time as immunity wanes or as new variants emerge. Variants associated with reinfections will be included in SARS-CoV-2 Sequencing and Variants reporting in Washington State.

While reinfection is relatively low, the best protection against getting any COVID-19 infection is getting vaccinated and then getting a booster shot when eligible. Children between the ages of 5 and 11 are now eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine and should start their two-shot series immediately. As of January 6, youth ages 12 to 17 may receive a booster dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine at least five months after completing their primary vaccination series.

To slow transmission of disease, protect people, save lives, and prevent our hospitals from overcrowding, everyone is encouraged to take COVID-19 prevention measures, including consistent and proper mask-wearing.



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NOMINATIONS NEEDED FOR 2020, 2021, AND 2022 COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS

THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—The Waitsburg Commercial Club (WBCC) has historically recognized the exceptional contributions of volunteers at their annual meetings. In 2015, the club included Business of the Year and added Employee of the Year in 2018.

Unfortunately, due to restrictions from the COVID-19 pandemic, the club has not held an annual meeting since 2019. The 2019 recipients were Doris Huffman for Citizen of the Year, Whiskey C Sports Bar for Business, and Vanessa Vail for Employee of the Year.

This year the Waitsburg Commercial Club is asking for nominations for its 2020, 2021, and 2022 Community Service Awards covering service from nominees from 2019 through 2021.

Citizen of the Year: A person who demonstrates exemplary community service with no remuneration or compensation

Business of the Year: A business that demonstrates excellent, innovative entrepreneurial spirit to the benefit of the Waitsburg Community

Employee of the Year: A person who is employed by a Waitsburg Business, helping to positively identify that business and who goes beyond their job description to be helpful to visitors and community members

The annual meeting has tentatively been scheduled for April 12, 2022. This promises to be a fun event with nine awards to be presented. The time and location will be announced soon.

The WBCC asks that you email nominations letters to waitsburgcc@icloud.com or mail them to Waitsburg Commercial Club, PO Box 451, Waitsburg WA 99361. The club considers all previously unawarded nominations each year

WSSRA, WWCSRA ANNOUNCE SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—High school seniors and college students studying education may qualify for a scholarship offered by the Washington State School Retirees Association. The Robert J. Handy and WSSRA Foundation scholarships are now accepting applications from high school seniors who are pursuing a career in the field of education. Professions include teacher, counselors, speech therapist, occupational therapist and psychologist. Information regarding the application process and requirements can be found on www.wssra.org. Applications are due March 1, 2022.

Students must have at least a 3.0 GPA to qualify for the WSSR Foundation and the Robert J. Handy Scholarship. Up to \$2,500 scholarships are available.

The Walla Walla-Columbia School Retirees Association is also accepting applications for the Neil D. Prescott/Student Teaching/Internship Scholarships, available to college students who will be student teaching during the 2022-23 school year. Candidates must be a graduate of a Washington State high school, presently enrolled in a college of education program anywhere, and must be pursuing a career in the education field. Applications are available on the Blue Mountain Community Foundation website, under the scholarship tab. Visit www.bluemountainfoundation.org. Applications are due April 1, 2022.

SHERWOOD TRUST ANNOUNCE 2022 GRANT APPLICATION PROCESS

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—Learn about Sherwood Trust's 2022 grant guidelines in one of two virtual discussions scheduled either Wednesday January 12, from 3-4 pm or Thursday, January 13th from 9-10 am. Discussions will outline 2022 grant details and include time for questions. Sign-up for the free online meeting on the Sherwood Trust website: www.sherwoodtrust.org.

"Through grantmaking this year, we look forward to investing in organizations working to build a sense of belonging in our region," said Brian Hunt, Sherwood Trust CEO. "We invite area nonprofits to submit a letter of interest by February 3."

The first step in the grant application process is submitting a letter of interest due Thursday,

February 3, 2022. Organizations eligible to apply for a Sherwood Trust grant include nonprofits and fiscally sponsored entities located and/or providing services in the region from Milton Freewater, OR to Dayton, WA. To learn more about Sherwood Trust grant guidelines and eligibility or to register for the free live information sessions, go to www.sherwoodtrust.org.

Sherwood Trust is a private foundation that supports capacity-building to ensure that everyone in the Walla Walla Valley has a sense of belonging and contributes to a thriving region.

Founded in 1991 to continue the legacy of Donald and Virginia Sherwood's efforts to make the Walla Walla Valley a better place, it has invested more than \$35 million to strengthen nonprofits and improve communities here. For more information, please visit sherwoodtrust.org

For more information please contact Brian Hunt or Julia Leavitt at Sherwood Trust.

Email at brian@sherwoodtrust.org, julia@sherwoodtrust.org, 509-529-2791

CCSO

January 3

Violation of court order. Main Street
Suspicious activity. Country Village
Theft. Main Street

January 4

Unwanted person. Main Street
Welfare check. Spring Street
Accident, non-injury. 4th Street

January 5

Domestic, physical. Highway 12

January 6

Prisoner transport. Main Street
Disturbance. Cottonwood Street
Animal call. Highway 12

January 7

9-1-1 call. Main Street
Traffic stop. Main Street

January 8

Theft, motor vehicle. 3rd Street
Suspicious activity. Eager Street

January 9

Death investigation. 4th Street
Traffic stop. Touchet Road

WWCSO

January 3

A man was found deceased of apparent natural causes. Myra Road, Walla Walla County

January 7

On 1/3/22, deputies investigated a report of an assault. Marina Drive, Burbank

January 9

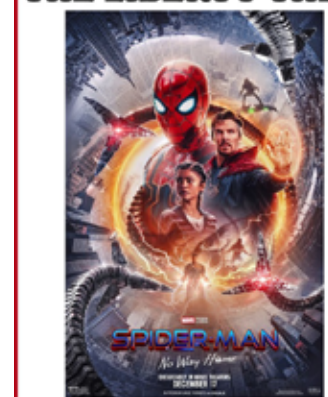
Theft of catalytic converters. Beech Avenue, Walla Walla County

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OBITUARY

Robert (Bob) James Patton

May 24, 1932 – January 7, 2022

The final harvest dinner bell rang for Bob Patton, 89, of Walla Walla on January 7, 2022.

Bob was born in Waitsburg to Lewis and Naomi Patton. Lewis Patton married Naomi Pollard of Huntsville, and took over operations of the ranch (Tilted Acres Ranch) on Weller Canyon Road where Bob and his sister, Sereta (Patton) Robinson grew up. Lewis and Naomi Patton made a living raising wheat, cattle and barley on the ranch. Bob grew up in Waitsburg and lived his entire life in the Walla Walla Valley. He was the first born in the family and is a descendant of Lewis and Elizabeth Neace. His sister, Sereta, was born a few years later. Bob graduated from Waitsburg Highschool then moved on to WSU where he graduated with an Animal Science Degree and a minor in music. Bob then came home after college and began operating the ranch for his parents Lewis and Naomi Patton, where he continued to raise wheat, barley and cattle.

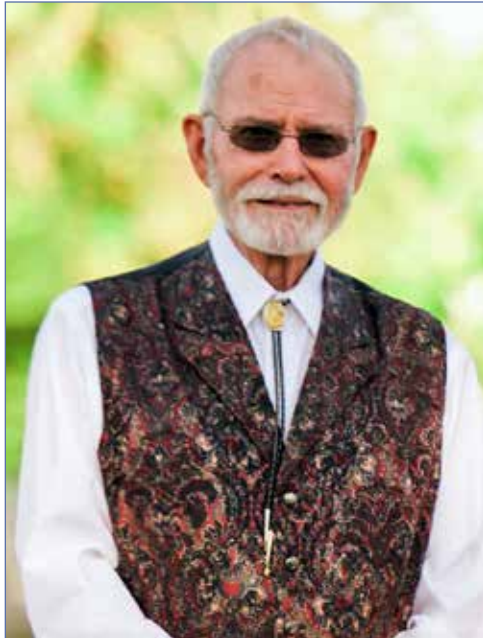
Bob enjoyed many activities and hobbies during his life: singing with the Waitsburg Barbershop Quartet and church choir, donating his time to community events, cooking salmon for the annual salmon feed, acting in plays, like playing the wizard in the Wizard of Oz, at the Liberty Theater in Dayton, skiing in the winter at many of the ski areas around the northwest, playing golf, and doing some boating and fishing as time permitted.

He was active in serving the City of Waitsburg through the Lions Club – served as president in 1973. Became the first president of the newly formed Waitsburg Historical Society to help restore the Bruce House (Bruce Memorial Museum) that is now called the Bruce Mansion Museum Complex. Bob said cleaning and painting the property was quite an undertaking. "There was so much paper and stuff in there, I couldn't believe it. We found where kids had snuck in there so it's a wonder it hadn't caught on fire." He also was a Mason and a Shriner.

Bob is survived by his sister, Sereta (Patton) Robinson; his five children, Kim Iverson (Bill), Brad Patton (Sandi), Lisabeth Huston (Craig), Lynda Edmundson (Tom) and Kristopher Patton (Libby); 3 step children, Tad Brannock (Kitzi), Lee Brannock, Neal Brannock (Keva); 13 grandchildren; 3 great grandchildren and one on the way; and 3 nieces. Bob is preceded in death by his parents, Lewis and Naomi Patton.

Memorial contributions may be made to Waitsburg Presbyterian Church, the Shriners Hospitals for Children, Waitsburg Historical Society, and Waitsburg Lions Club through Mountain View-Colonial DeWitt Funeral Home.

A memorial service will be held at the Waitsburg Presbyterian Church at 11:00 am, April 23, 2022, with a reception immediately following the service at the church. Friends and family may share memories of Bob and sign the online guestbook at www.mountainview-colonialdewitt.com.



ROBERT JAMES PATTON
MAY 24, 1932 - JANUARY 7, 2022

WSBOH CLARIFIES MISINFORMATION REGARDING JANUARY 12 MEETING

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

OLYMPIA—The Washington State Board of Health (SBOH) will host a public, virtual meeting on January 12. The meeting has garnered much attention on social media from parents and caregivers of school-aged children.

Rumors online suggest that the Board will be voting to require a COVID-19 vaccine for all school-aged children; however, that is not the case, according to a release that is available for viewing on www.sboh.wa.gov.

The SBOH will not be voting to require a COVID-19 vaccine for children at the January 12 meeting. The Board will receive a briefing on the progress of the technical advisory group (TAG), which has been tasked with establishing criteria to develop and provide a recommendation.

TAG will present its recommendation to the SBOH at a regular meeting, a date to be determined. The Board, at their discretion, may or may not approve the TAG recommendation. Vaccine exemption allowances currently listed in the state's immunizations law, including religious, philosophical, medical, and personal exemptions, would be available for families and their children who choose not to vaccinate against COVID-19, should the recommendation be accepted.

The SBOH will not be voting to change isolation or quarantine policies at the January 12 meeting. The Board will be continuing a November 2021 rules hearing on the proposed rule changes to chapter 246-100 WAC, Communicable and Certain Other Diseases, as published in WSR 21-20-127 at the meeting. The board proposes updating its rules to reflect current state law to align with Engrossed Substitute House Bill (ESHB) 1551.

All meeting information became available on January 7.

Dayton School Board

Work Session meeting introduced WSSDA to new directors

By Justin Jaech | THE TIMES

DAYTON—The Dayton School Board held its work session meeting at 6 PM on Wednesday, January 5, 2022.

The work session meeting was held in person and on Zoom. All the directors were in attendance, opted to meet in person except for Grant Griffin, who chose the remote option.

In November, the superintendent administered the Oath of Office to Aneasha Dieu, Jeffrey McCowen, Grant Griffen, and Korinda Wallace. The newly elected directors swore to support the Constitution of the United States and the State of Washington and faithfully discharge the duties of director of Dayton School District. Zac Fabian had been appointed and sworn-in in December.

As the first order of business, Grant Griffen nominated Jeff McCowen for Board Chair. Mr. McCowen was subsequently elected 5-0 without discussion. McCowen moved to elect Grant Griffen as Board Vice-Chair, likewise, elected unanimously.

Nine positions do not require a board vote, and board members decided to defer appointments until the issue could be studied thoroughly. The positions are expected to be filled at the January 19, 2022, meeting.

Tim Garchow, the Executive Director of the Washington State School Directors Association (WSSDA), congratulated the newly elected school directors on their elections. He said that there was no better time than right now to be a school director because their decisions have an impact. He introduced himself as a teacher and principal. He served twelve years as a school superintendent, and for the last six years, has been the Executive Director of WSSDA. He stated that WSSDA is a state agency that supports the 1,477 school directors with policy and legal resources, leadership development training, and advocacy with the legislature.

Garchow said that WSSDA is not a regulatory agency and has no power over local school boards but operates only in a support role. All their advocacy positions are developed from the member school districts. WSSDA has a wealth of resources to connect

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Community Calendar

Waitsburg Monthly Meetings

Waitsburg City Council
Third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m.

Waitsburg School Board
Third Thursday of every month at 6 p.m.
Zoom meeting information is available at <https://www.waitsburgsd.org/o/waitsburg-school-district/page/school-board--272>

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

Friends of the Weller Public Library
TBA Weller Public Library, 212 Main St., Waitsburg

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

WAITSBURG SENIOR CENTER

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Tuesday, January 18
Tater tot casserole
Vegetable
Roll
Fruit
Cookie

WAITSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT

Thursday, Jan. 13
B: Breakfast pizza
L: Chicken Cordon Bleu
Garlic bread
Potato salad
Fruit choice

Friday, Jan. 14
B: French toast with bacon
L: Joyce's Choice

Monday, Jan. 17
No School
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Tuesday, Jan. 18
B: Biscuit & gravy
L: Grilled cheese
Chicken noodle soup
Veggie
Fruit choice

Wednesday, Jan. 19
B: Long john
L: Crispito
Spanish rice
Roasted veggies
Fruit choice



Church Directory

Waitsburg Presbyterian Church
504 Main
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m.
337-6589
Pastor Stan Hughes

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

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SPORTS

Golden Days Era Committee selection — Tony Oliva

By Eric Umphrey | THE TIMES

This week, we will look at the career of Tony Oliva, who was just elected to the Hall of Fame by the Golden Days Era Committee. Oliva moved to the United States in 1961 from Pinar del Rio, Cuba. He played in three spring training games for the Minnesota Twins in 1961 and, despite getting seven hits in ten at-bats, was released due to his poor outfield play. Oliva spent most of the next two years playing in the Twins minor league system getting only nineteen plate appearances at the major league level.

Oliva's defense was partly to blame, but the Twins had power-hitting Bob Allison playing right field, and Allison would remain in right field blocking Oliva until 1964 when Oliva's bat moved Allison to first base. He would eventually win a Gold Glove in 1966.

"I took pride in myself when I played the game. But in order to work hard, you need to work smart. I was the worst fielder you've ever seen, but four years later, I won the Gold Glove because I watched Al Kaline play, and I had coaches working

me hard." —Tony Oliva

In 1964, Oliva, then twenty-five years old, would win the rookie of the year award, the batting title, get selected to his first of eight all-star games in a row, and lead the American League in hits, runs, and doubles. Oliva would also finish fourth in MVP voting that year. From 1964 to 1971, Tony Oliva would win three batting titles, lead the American League in hits and doubles five times each and finish in the top ten in the MVP vote five times. Then injuries set in. After 1971 his career quickly declined due to knee, leg, and shoulder injuries. In 1972 Oliva only played in ten games. Without the league adopting the designated hitter rule in 1973, Oliva's career might have been over. He served as the Twins DH through his last season in 1976.

The highest percentage of vote he received from the Baseball Writers Association was 47.3% in 1988. Oliva doesn't have the statistics the writers traditionally looked for when evaluating players. Due to his shortened career, he was over a thousand hits short of 3,000.

The average career WAR for a Hall of Fame right fielder is 71.1 and Oliva only has a 43.0 WAR. The argument for him to be induced has always been based on performance during his peak years from 1964 to 1971.

"If league dominance means anything, there's no question he should be in." — Jim Kaat (Minneapolis Star-Tribune, July 14, 1991)

Tony Oliva on finding out that Jim Kaat was also elected said, "That was so special for me. When I started, [Kaat] was already a big-league ballplayer. He babysitted me. I only spoke a little bit of English, so he would take me out. I was so proud that he finally made it and that we get to go in together."

"I've been waiting for this moment for forty-five years. It's great. It's something special. I never dreamed that something like that would happen to me." — Tony Oliva

DW WOLFPACK BASKETBALL SCHEDULES

All teams' games for the week of January 10. Games are subject to change based on weather conditions and student eligibility. Please visit www.DWSports.org to sign up for schedule updates.

JAN 14 Girls Junior Varsity Basketball vs. Warden High School
GAME LOCATION: Dayton High School Gym
4:30 pm | Dayton High School

JAN 15 Girls Junior Varsity Basketball vs. Tri-Cities Prep
GAME LOCATION: Dayton High School Gym
4:30 pm | Dayton High School

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7:30 pm | Dayton High School

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the districts with similar challenges. He said that he had been talking to the Governor's Office and Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) to address rumors of statewide school closures and mandatory student COVID-19 vaccinations. Both offices have said there is no intention of shutting schools down or a plan to implement a vaccine mandate for students, according to Garchow.

Vaccines for other diseases, including measles, chickenpox, and mumps, are mandatory and implemented according to state law through the State Board of Health using committees of pediatricians and other specialists to review data and make recommendations.

Should the state decide to include COVID-19 vaccinations, the next step would be to allow for public comment. The State Board of Health has begun the process, but it has not reached the point of seeking public comment. A meeting will be held on January 12, where the SBOH will receive a briefing from a Technical Advisory Group (TAG), which may make a recommendation at a later meeting to require vaccination. The SBOH will not receive that recommendation until later this year, and they may go against the recommendation if determined that it is the right path. As of January 11, there is no COVID-19 vaccine requirement for school-aged children. If the SBOH moves to require a vaccine, the process will take considerable time before the provision could be implemented.

The Superintendent Guy Strot asked Garchow what he would recommend to a school board consisting of two new members, one member who has served a month, one for six months, and the senior member with two- or three years' experience. Garchow's advice was to be transparent, ask for data, get public comment, don't surprise one another, and adhere to the open public meetings act. He also recommended new board members attend "Board Boot Camp," a one-day intensive course offered by WSSDA.

He reminded the board members, "The people elected you. They literally put a mark next to your name saying that they trust you with two of the most important things in their lives, their babies and their money, and you take that seriously. So, they're going to come to you, and they're going to want change, and there's going to be some change you can provide them as a group of five and as a board and superintendent team of six, but there's going to be some things you need to advocate for with your legislators. Staying on top of what bills are in play, who chairs what committee that's hearing it, and are they going to executive session it out and move it to a vote of the whole chamber... All of those things are important to stay on top of."

Dieu requested an executive session with Garchow present as she had a few questions she wanted to ask him. Dieu said she wanted the session "regarding questions around a complaint we have against an employee or a board member."

"So that would be to review the performance of a public employee or to receive and review a complaint of an elected official. So those would be the two reasons you could use in that case for an executive session..." said Garchow, who reiterated that no action could be taken in an executive session, not even a straw poll.

Before the executive session, the board voted to continue with hybrid meetings with the in-person and zoom option. The motion passed unanimously.

The board adjourned the meeting after the executive session. The next board meeting is scheduled for January 19, 2022

LOCAL DOCTOR TO BE RECOGNIZED AT JANUARY COUNCIL MEETING

THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—The Waitsburg City Council will move meetings from the Lions Club building hosting an Open House before the regular meeting on January 19 at the new City Hall. Join the council at 106 Main at 6:30 p.m. to check out the new space and stay for the 7 p.m. regular meeting.

City of Waitsburg staff moved to the new space in November 2021, after purchasing the space earlier that year. The new City Hall has dedicated office space, ample storage, and a small, attached shop where small machinery will be stored. Light refreshments will be available during the open house.

In between surplus discussions and other agenda items, the City of Waitsburg and the City Council will recognize Dr. Roger Hevel for his generous donation to the Weller Public Library wheelchair lift project during the council meeting. Hevel, who previously served as the City Health Officer for more than 30 years and worked as a doctor at the Waitsburg Clinic until his retirement, donated \$20,000 towards an ADA-compliant wheelchair lift at the local library. The lift is one of the first steps towards making the Weller Library a more inclusive space for visitors who are differently abled.

Dr. Hevel's support of Waitsburg extends far beyond just the library. He and his late wife, Laura Jean, were active supporters of the Waitsburg Pool, funding free swimming lessons for several years. The Hevels have also provided scholarships to local students, supported the Waitsburg Historical Society, the Commercial Club, and their church.

City Administrator Randy Hinchliffe said recognition by the city council is rare. In 2005, the council recognized long-time resident Ross Hamann for his work on the Streetscape Project. Please be sure to join the council this Wednesday to thank Dr. Hevel for his service to the city.

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fore the onset of symptoms, and 2-3 days after," a CDC press release stated.

Updated isolation guidelines for individuals who test positive for the virus now include a five-day isolation period, followed by five days of wearing a well-fitting mask to reduce the chance of spread.

If quarantine is not feasible, strict mask use is imperative whenever around other people. For all those exposed, best practice would also include a test for SARS-CoV-2 at day five after exposure. If symptoms occur, individuals should immediately quarantine until a negative test con-

firms symptoms are not attributable to COVID-19.

"The Omicron variant is spreading quickly and has the potential to impact all facets of our society. CDC's updated recommendations for isolation and quarantine balance what we know about the spread of the virus and the protection provided by vaccination and booster doses. These updates ensure people can safely continue their daily lives. Prevention is our best option: get vaccinated, get boosted, wear a mask in public indoor settings in areas of substantial and high community transmission, and take a test before you gather," said CDC Director Dr. Rochelle Walensky.

Touchet Valley Weather

Jan. 12, 2022

Waitsburg's Seven Day Forecast

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Cloudy
High: 48 Low: 34	High: 42 Low: 30	High: 41 Low: 29	High: 42 Low: 28	High: 41 Low: 29	High: 44 Low: 33	High: 43 Low: 30

Weather Trivia

What kind of fog is found in the mountains?

Answer: Upslope fog

Local Almanac Last Week

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Precipitation	Normal precipitation	Departure from normal	Average temperature	Average normal temperature	Departure from normal
Tuesday	39	30	41/30	0.09"	0.83"	0.53"	+0.30"	34.3°	35.5°	-1.2°
Wednesday	35	26	41/30	0.18"						
Thursday	46	24	41/30	0.27"						
Friday	49	35	41/30	0.29"						
Saturday	44	31	41/30	0.00"						
Sunday	37	25	41/30	0.00"						
Monday	37	22	41/30	0.00"						

Data as reported from Walla Walla

Weather History

Jan. 12, 1985 - A record snowstorm struck portions of western and south central Texas. The palm trees of San Antonio were blanketed with up to 13 and a half inches of snow, more snow than was ever previously received in an entire winter.

Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Full 1/17	7:32 a.m.	4:30 p.m.	12:38 p.m.	3:01 a.m.
Wednesday	7:32 a.m.	4:31 p.m.	1:06 p.m.	4:06 a.m.
Thursday	7:31 a.m.	4:33 p.m.	1:40 p.m.	5:09 a.m.
Friday	7:31 a.m.	4:34 p.m.	2:23 p.m.	6:09 a.m.
Saturday	7:30 a.m.	4:35 p.m.	3:14 p.m.	7:02 a.m.
Sunday	7:29 a.m.	4:37 p.m.	4:14 p.m.	7:48 a.m.
Monday	7:29 a.m.	4:38 p.m.	5:19 p.m.	8:25 a.m.
Last 1/25				

New 2/1, First 2/8

BIRTHDAYS

January 13: Wes Romine, Janine John, Megan Withers, Kevin House.

January 14: Maxine Cecil, Janice Davis and Greg Smith, Jaylee Dunleavy.

January 15: Kayla Turner, Allene Severtsen, Glenn Baker, Wade Done, Melinda Lambert, Justin Kirk, Jesse Archer and Jack Sherlock.

January 16: Colleen McCoy, Patty White and Rueben Stokes.

January 17: Anna and Anthony Reese, Bret and Bethany Moser, Kimmie Hamann, Zane Johnson, Dan Beckley, John Janovich, Tyler Woodworth, Eric Rich, Sheena Henze, Jeff Schulke, Jim Davison, and Jon Jensen.

January 18: Kelley Fouste, Jason Thomas, Jennifer Low, Rowena Farrens and Arlene Hopkins.

January 19: Bob Deal, Lynda Hogan, Debbie Rubio, David Webber, Reina Bruce and Clint Reser



CLASSIFIEDS HELP WANTED

PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEE
The City of Waitsburg, and equal opportunity employer, is currently taking applications for a full-time public works employee.
Nature of Work
Under the guidance from the Public Works Director, this is a non-skilled, primarily out-of-doors position in the maintenance of City-owned utilities, streets, facilities and vehicles, and mowing grass or doing grounds maintenance if needed. Applicant should be knowledgeable of material and equipment commonly used in construction, maintenance and repair activities as related to assigned areas. Work requires some physical exertion such as long periods of standing; walking over rough, uneven surfaces; recurring bending, crouching, stooping and reaching; and occasional lifting of moderately heavy items. Work requires average physical agility and dexterity.
Qualifications Required:
Minimum of 18 years of age with a valid state issued driver's license
High school diploma or equivalent
Position closes at 4 pm on Friday, January 28, 2022. Depending on availability, anticipated starting date is Tuesday, February 1, 2022. Applications are available M-F 8 am - 4 pm at Waitsburg

City Hall, 147 Main Street, Waitsburg Washington or on the City's website www.cityofwaitsburg.com.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER
The City of Waitsburg, and equal opportunity employer, is currently taking applications for a part-time (10 hours per week) code enforcement officer.
Nature of Work
Under the guidance from the City Administrator, this is a non-skilled position responsible for investigating violations of and pursuing compliance with the various sections of the City of Waitsburg Municipal Code; dealing with zoning requirements, weeds, signs, nuisances and other miscellaneous code violations.
Qualifications Required:
Minimum of 18 years of age with a valid state issued driver's license
High school diploma or equivalent
Ability to deal professionally and effectively with the public, sometimes in challenging circumstances
Ability to type and use a computer, including the use of Microsoft Word
Position is open until filled. Depending on availability, anticipated starting date is Tuesday, February 1, 2022.

Applications are available M-F 8 am - 4 pm at Waitsburg City Hall, 147 Main Street, Waitsburg Washington or on the City's website www.cityofwaitsburg.com.

Help Wanted Program Coordinator
Columbia County Public Health is seeking a full time Program Coordinator. Work schedule is 32 hours week, Monday through Thursday, benefits included. This person will assist in coordination of programs as funded by grant dollars. Duties include assessment activities, identifying community needs, community interaction, reporting as required by grant deliverables, and general office duties. For a complete job description and job application, email Delphine_Bailey@co.columbia.wa.us or pick up at 112 N. 2nd St., Dayton. COLUMBIA COUNTY IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER.

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LEGALS

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA NO: 21-4-00275-36 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

RCW 11.40.030
In re the Estate of:
DONNA J. BENZ,
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.
DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: December 30, 2021.
Shad A. Caldwell,
Personal Representative
Attorney for Personal Representative:
Courtney Lawless, WSBA #57415
Basalt Legal PLLC
6½ N. Second Avenue,
Suite 200
Walla Walla, WA 99362
509-529-0630
The Times
December 30, 2021,
January 6, 13, 2022
12-30-a

Walla Walla County Conservation District 2022 Election and Annual Meeting

It's your chance to VOTE!
Each year, positions open up on the board of supervisors of the Walla Walla County Conservation District. If you are a registered voter living in the boundaries of the district (the unincorporated areas of the county) we need your voice, and it's so easy. **Call (509)956-3577 and ask for a mail-in ballot, or come to our Annual Meeting to vote in person.**
January 27, 2022 8:00 to 1:00
Walla Walla Regional Airport
Community Room
Agenda Highlights:
8:00 WWCCD and Partners Reports
8:50 Soil PH and Liming
9:50 Herbicide Resistance
11:00 The Microbiome of Wheat
12:00 Special Guest
Speaker: Derek Sandison, Director, WSDA
Questions? Call or check out our website at www.wcccd.net
Walla Walla County Conservation District
325 N 13th Ave
Walla Walla, WA 99362
The Times
January 13, 20, 27, 2022
1-13-a

Public Notice CCRLD Board Meeting Change

The January meeting of the Columbia County Rural Library District Board of Trustees has been moved to Monday, January 24, 2022, starting at 7:00 pm. The meeting will be held in the Delany Building and online via Zoom. The public is welcome to attend. Questions can be emailed to trustees@daytonml.org.
The Times
January 13, 2022
1-13-b

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-1075 AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE 2021 BUDGET OF THE CITY OF WAITSBURG

Section 1. The budget for the City of Waitsburg, Washington, for fiscal year 2022 is hereby adopted at the fund level in its final form and content as set forth in the document entitled City of Waitsburg, 2021 Budget, which is on file in the Office of the City Clerk.

Section 2. Estimated resources, including fund balances or working capital for each separate fund of the City of Waitsburg, and aggregate totals (net of transactions between funds) for all such funds combined for the year 2022 are set forth in summary form below, and are hereby appropriated for expenditure at the fund level during the year 2022 as set forth below:

Fund	Amount
Current Expense Fund (001)	\$ 824,200
Cemetery M&I Fund (002)	\$ 107,088
City Street & Road (102)	\$ 340,124
Promotion (106)	\$ 2,750
Municipal Capital Improvement (107)	\$ 40,000
Water & Sewer Department (401)	\$1,198,953
Total All Funds	\$2,513,115

The full text of Ordinance 1075 is available for examination on the City's website www.cityofwaitsburg.com or at the City Clerk's Office, 106 Main St., Waitsburg, WA, during normal business hours.

Adopted the 15th Day of December 2022
Marty Dunn, Mayor
The Times
January 13, 2022
1-13-f

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

That Requests for Proposals for surplus City owned property will be accepted at Waitsburg City Hall, 106 Main Street, P.O. Box 35, Waitsburg, WA 99361, until 2:00 p.m. on Friday, February 11, 2022 for the following property:
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Request for Proposals will be reviewed by the Waitsburg City Council at the February 16, 2022 City Council meeting with the surplus building going to the person(s) that the City Council feels offers the best overall value to the City based on the City's Surplus Property Procedures and corresponding Request for Proposal for the surplus property.
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The Waitsburg City Council reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals submitted and to waive any informalities in the bids.
Bids must be sealed and plainly marked "City Hall RFP".
Randy Hinchliffe
City Administrator
The Times
January 13, 20, 2022
1-13-c

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Bids must be sealed and plainly marked "Vacant Land RFP".
Randy Hinchliffe
City Administrator
The Times
January 13, 20, 2022
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City Administrator
The Times
January 13, 20, 2022
1-13-d

ORDINANCE 2021-1074 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING A PORTION OF THE 2021 BUDGET OF THE CITY OF WAITSBURG, AS ADOPTED IN ORDINANCE NO. 1067.

The full text of Ordinance 1074 is available for examination on the City's website www.cityofwaitsburg.com or at the City Clerk's Office, 106 Main St., Waitsburg, WA, during normal business hours.
Adopted the 17th Day of November 2021
Marty Dunn, Mayor
The Times
January 13, 2022
1-13-e

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Pursuant to the Revised Code of Washington 61.24, et seq. 108 1st Ave South, Suite 202 Seattle, WA 98104 Trustee Sale No.: WA-20-881236-RM Title Order No.: 200091786-WA-MSW Reference Number of Deed of Trust: Instrument No. 2012-10399 Parcel Number(s): 37-09-14-51-0107 Grantor(s) for Recording Purposes under RCW 65.04.015: BRANDON D. MILLER AND ANN S. MILLER, HUSBAND AND WIFE Current Beneficiary of the Deed of Trust and Grantee (for Recording Purposes under RCW 65.04.015): Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC Current Trustee of the Deed of Trust: Quality Loan Service Corporation of Washington Current Loan Mortgage Servicer of the Deed of Trust: LoanCare, LLC I. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Quality Loan Service Corp. of Washington, the undersigned Trustee, will on 2/4/2022, 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: THE SOUTH HALF OF LOT 3 IN BLOCK 1 OF BRUCE'S THIRD ADDITION TO THE CITY OF WAITSBURG, WASHINGTON, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR OF WALLA WALLA COUNTY, EXCEPTING THEREFROM, HOWEVER, THE NORTH 20 FEET OF SAID PREMISES RESERVED FOR STREET AND ALLEY PURPOSES. SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA, STATE OF WASHINGTON. More commonly known as: 303 E 7TH ST, WAITSBURG, WA 99361 Subject to that certain Deed of Trust dated 11/15/2012, recorded 11/21/2012, under Instrument No. 2012-10399 records of WALLA WALLA County, Washington, from BRANDON D. MILLER AND ANN S. MILLER, HUSBAND AND

WIFE, as grantor(s), to FIRST AMERICAN TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY, as original trustee, to secure an obligation in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. SOLELY AS NOMINEE FOR USAA FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, as original beneficiary, the beneficial interest in which was subsequently assigned to Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC, the Beneficiary, under an assignment recorded under Auditors File Number 2017-01363 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: \$33,457.93. IV. The sum owing on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust is: The principal sum of \$189,889.97, together with interest as provided in the Note from 9/1/2019 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 2/4/2022. The defaults referred to in Paragraph III must be cured by 1/24/2022 (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 1/24/2022 (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 1/24/2022 (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 8/18/2021. 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 20 DAYS from the recording date of this notice to pursue mediation. 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-20-881236-RM. Dated: 9/29/2021 Quality Loan Service Corp. of Washington, as Trustee By: Maria Montana, Assistant Secretary Trustee's Address: Quality Loan Service Corp. of Washington 108 1st Ave South, Suite 202, Seattle, WA 98104 For questions call toll-free: (866) 925-0241 Trustee Sale Number: WA-20-881236-RM Sale Line: 800-280-2832 or Login to: <http://wa.qualityloan.com> IDSPub #0175132 1/6/2022 1/27/2022
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STARBUCK SCHOOL DISTRICT #35 COLUMBIA COUNTY, WASHINGTON SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

January 13, 2022, 3:00 PM
NOTICE is hereby given that the Board of Directors (the "Board") of Starbuck School District No. 35, Columbia County, Washington (the "District") will hold a Special Meeting on January 13, 2022, at 3:00 p.m. The meeting is called for the purpose of selecting a Request for Qualifications and Proposal in Preparation for an Energy Savings Contract from those received December 29, 2021.
Members of the Public: to attend the meeting by Zoom, please email Connie Fox Boyer (cfoxboyer@starbuckk12.wa.us) or call the District Office at 509-399-2381 for the login information.
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Prescott School District JOB OPENING

ELEMENTARY PARAPROFESSIONAL - PRESCHOOL

The Prescott School District No.402-37 is now receiving applications for the position of an Elementary Paraprofessional for our Preschool program. For full job description and how to apply, please visit: www.prescottsd.org/employment

Questions? Please contact:
Superintendent/Principal Justin Bradford

Office (509) 849-2217 x105
Cell (509) 280-7663

Email: jbradford@prescott.k12.wa.us

POSITION IS OPEN UNTIL FILLED

A new approach to wine journalism

By Luke Chavez | THE TIMES

While the world of winemaking is often defined by its strict adherence to time-honored techniques and traditions, its survival has always relied on embracing new trends. Perhaps no one knows this better than long-time Waitsburg resident and acclaimed wine writer Paul Gregutt.

Writing about wine since 1985, his career includes time as the wine columnist for the Seattle Times, Contributing Editor and Northwest wine reviewer for Wine Enthusiast magazine, and author of several books. Always at the forefront, he was writing about the blossoming Northwest wine industry at a time when few in American viticulture looked beyond the confines of California wine country.

Having built trusting relationships with winemakers across Oregon, Washington, and Idaho, Gregutt is able to beautifully shine a light on the people and places behind each bottle he reviews. His superb tasting palate, mixed with a deep understanding of geologic and atmospheric differences across the Pacific Northwest, has made him a trusted authority on a dynamic and still growing wine region.

With the new year, Gregutt has announced an exciting next chapter in his esteemed career, taking his reviews and insights to his new website, www.paulgwine.com. Stepping down from his role at Wine Enthusiast, and focusing on a digital-only platform, will widen his scope while giving him the ability to share his tasting notes on wines closer to their release dates. He will also attach links to his reviews so his readers can buy directly from the winemakers, a practice many labels have relied on during the pandemic. Going independent, he has also decided to stop blind tasting and scoring wines in the rigid numerical system, which often leaves smaller makers out of the conversation. "I intend to make this site a place where differing points of view are welcome," he says in his

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NEWS, REVIEWS & OPINION

Make this your source for wine industry news, topical commentary and unscored, uncompromised reviews. I focus on the wines of Oregon, Walla Walla, and essential producers throughout the Pacific Northwest and California.

paulgwine.com

Local wine critic and musician Paul Gregutt launched his new website on January 10, 2022.

mission statement, "where anyone who loves wine may weigh in without fear of getting a bad score or review in return."

Following significant shifts in media and journalism, this move allows Gregutt to have a much more engaging experience with his readers, one his friends and neighbors in Waitsburg are already familiar with. On top of his new website, you can find him on Instagram @paulgwine. Also on the horizon, he has a proposed book on Oregon wine in the works, which his newfound freedom will surely allow more time for. Cheers!

Cabin Fever Hits

By Vicki Sternfeld-Rossi | THE TIMES

I am finally mobile again since the weather has warmed up, enough rain fell, and my car is now out of its "stuck in the ice and snow" mode. It is no longer an ice sculpture but a dirty, mode of transportation, all gassed up and ready to go! I am grateful I didn't have COVID fever, just a mild case of Cabin Fever these past two weeks.

It's probably psychological because there was no place I needed or wanted to go. We had food, water (after the pipes defrosted), and every Netflix, Amazon Prime, and every other necessary app to keep us mindlessly entertained. The restlessness is probably a result of living in Los Angeles for so many years, where everyone spends a significant part of their lives on the road. So, when I am stuck without a car, I begin to feel trapped.

However, I was somewhat of a Los Angeles anomaly because I walked a lot in my L.A. neighborhood. Even though I could walk to restaurants, grocery stores, a gym, a shopping mall, and dry cleaners, I had the security of knowing that anytime I wanted, my car was available, and I could get anywhere I wanted to be. Albeit late because L.A. traffic is always an obstacle to punctuality.

I am also embarrassed to admit that during the recent two-week "snow in," I discovered I have a bit of a sadistic streak. The first day of the heavy snow, I opened the back door for Mugsy and watched him run across the deck and sink into a snowdrift. All I could see were these two dark eyes, as big as golf balls,



along with his cute little button nose sticking out of the snow: my first reaction, laughter.

Guilt got the better of me, and I carried him to the protected area of the yard, where he had a fighting chance of not drowning in a snowdrift while relieving himself. Daniel, being sympathetic, shoveled a path through the yard to the back fence for him, which he gratefully used to do his business.

I also laughed at him trying to negotiate slush (he's a fair-weather dog that doesn't like cold or wet on his paws). Trying to walk on ice is not his strong suit either; he tried gripping the ice, but not very successfully. He would sit at the front door, anxiously awaiting his usual

walk, and then ten steps onto the snow, slush, or ice, and he would turn around because the conditions offended his delicate sensibilities.

This recent snowstorm reminded me of my childhood in New York. My mother would help dress us in our winter jackets, gloves, hats, and scarves. We would play ten minutes in the snow, only to return inside because we were cold, needed the bathroom, or were hungry. Inside, she would help us shed the layers of outdoor clothes, only to redress us to go back outside a few minutes later. This inside-outside/dress-undress routine went on all day. In retrospect, if I were my mother, I would have locked us outside for two hours at a time, just to have some time to herself. She was a much better person than I am.

The snow has melted, my car is accessible, Mugsy is not relegated to his path in the backyard, so, of course, now I want to stay home. Maybe there is some truth to the cliché "the grass is always greener," especially when it's not covered in snow!

STREAMING AND BOOK REVIEW:

Station Eleven

Station Eleven

Book by Emily St. John Mandel

Series Produced by HBO

"Because survival is insufficient," a message from Star Trek that is spray-painted on the lead wagon of a post-apocalyptic traveling Shakespeare troupe. Station Eleven is not about pandemics. It is about family, community, art, and loss.

It is not the typical post-apocalyptic story; there are no zombies or mutants to fight. Just regular people who survived a deadly swine-flu pandemic that wiped out 99% of the world's population.

Set in the Great Lakes region, it follows survivors from just before the outbreak to twenty years after. Novelist St. John Mandel manages to weave the characters' stories at a pace that reveals who they are beneath the crisis and above the loss.

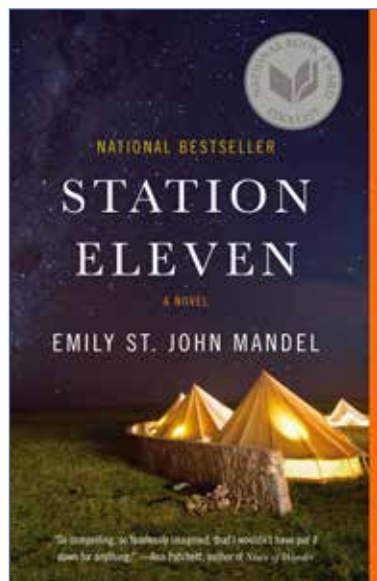
The HBO series proves to be an adept and satisfying adaptation of the book. Taking some of the sharper, more despairing edges off the book, the series brings characters to points where they could go dark or violent but don't. They are just regular people, struggling to find safety, community, and humanity.

When does memory represent loss, and when does it inspire hope? Some survivors want to hold on to the past, memorializing their previous lives. During the fall, one group found themselves in a place with a semi-sustainable infrastructure. It allows them to maintain a pre-pandemic version of society. Their leader lived in the past before the fall, and now hangs on to useless technology and electronics to create the Museum of Civilization.

On the other hand, the Traveling Symphony eschews the idea of a barricaded safe space. The theater troupe brings Shakespeare to settlements on a loop they traverse each year. The plays are not just providing entertainment. They are stories of humanity. It is art and creativity that the Symphony values from the past.

Two characters, Kirsten and Tyler, share a connection through a graphic novel, *Station Eleven*. Each received a copy of the rare manuscript right before the fall. The kids respond differently to the story, one finding strength, the other prophecy. Both treasure the books in the new world.

Review by Lane Gwinn | THE TIMES



HBO

Jeevan (Himesh Patel) and young Kirsten (Matilda Lawler) the young actress who rescue each other.

BOOK REVIEW:

The Wrestler's Daughter

The Wrestler's Daughter by Markeeta Little Wolf

The locally anticipated and internationally renowned memoir by Markeeta Little Wolf is now available on Amazon.

Years ago, decades ago, I found a postcard of a wrestler with clenched fists and a beautiful headdress. The attitude of confidence, with eyes full of humor, made him the perfect talisman for my studio. The card has lived on my easel ever since.

After moving to Waitsburg, I met Markeeta Little Wolf, who has confidence and humor, a fighter's stance, and an enormous heart. Her love for Waitsburg, cooking, entertaining, and most of all, Mr. Hubbard, is legendary. There is no excuse for how long it took me to realize I have been painting under a photo of her dad, Chief Little Wolf since college.

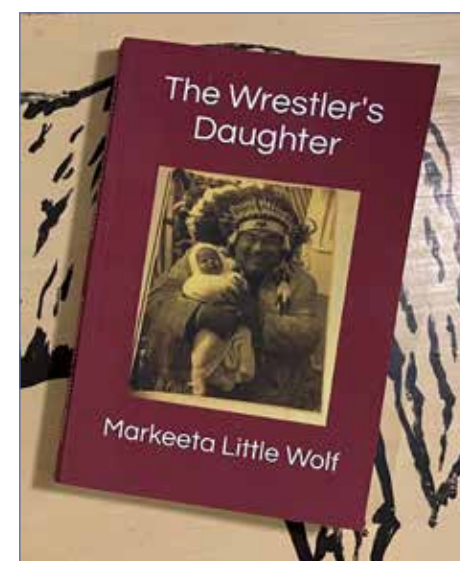
I was one of the first to receive a copy of her book, *The Wrestler's Daughter*. I got my copies before the author! I ordered it the day it was published and bought copies as Christmas gifts. The book is so much fun to read, and the recipes woven into the stories help complete the picture of Little Wolf's life.

Growing up with her father, it is no surprise that Markeeta is a great entertainer. We learn about her father's family and career before moving to Australia. There he met and married Markeeta's mom, Dona.

The book would have been interesting as just a memoir. However, it is so much better with all the witty asides we have come to expect from Markeeta. So many comments.

The recipes in the book illustrate anecdotes, descriptions of family, and adventures. From the first recipe, a Devil's Food Cake she made as a kid, I am inspired to give cooking a try. The recipes are varied, as is her life, and many are spicy, as is her life.

I learned about her days performing, recording music, moving to the United States, and then to Waitsburg,



Washington. She met her match in town, took care of her mother, was elected mayor, and continues to find ways to challenge herself. Like her dad, she is a force to be reckoned with.

Review by Lane Gwinn | THE TIMES

FUN & GAMES

GRIN and BEAR IT



"I've been on time-out ever since the kids left home."

LAFF - A - DAY



"Just once I'd like to have a job that wasn't harder to do when he was a boy."

PIONEER PORTRAITS

Ten Years Ago

January 12, 2012

As clear as day, Craig Funabashi remembers the first time he saw his grandmother's Story & Clark Victorian pump organ. He was six and visiting the Seattle area with his parents from Long Beach. As they would for many years to come, he and his family traveled up to Whidbey Island for his grandmother's Sep. 5 birthday and family reunion. They would meet at the cabin where Vangee Johnston kept the ornate wooden instrument and played many old-time Ragtime favorites for her grandkids – seven in all. Just the way Johnston had when she visited her grandparents, the Bruces, and played the same organ in the parlor of the stately Bruce Mansion. For that is where the tale of the Story & Clark begins and ends. Thanks to the generosity of Funabashi and his sister, who inherited the organ after the passing of their mother, Johnston's daughter Carline, the turn-of-the-century instrument is back in its original place.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

January 16, 1997

With the February 1996 flood fresh on everyone's mind and the New Year's Eve/Day high water even more fresh, discussion by the City Council tuned to consideration of establishing a budget line for flood control. Meeting Jan. 8, the most recent episode of high water was at the forefront of discussion and the possibility raising taxes and budgeting money for flood control was brought up. Following discussion with Jim Vandemark from the EWU Task Force which developed a flood mitigation plan for the city, the need for additional funds for flood purposes was recognized. The plan, which was developed with extensive citizen input, has a number of "action items," which will require time, personnel and money if they are to be effective.

[Photo Caption] Prominent area farmers Jim and Geraine Hansen, observed their golden wedding anniversary at a family dinner party at the Walla Walla Country Club on January 8th. Mary Geraine Fries of Walla Walla and Jim Hansen of Waitsburg were married Jan. 8, 1947, at St. Patrick's Church. They met at a dance at the Marcus Whitman Hotel.

Fifty Years Ago

January 13, 1972



[Photo Caption] The three-day windstorm in the Waitsburg area capped its activities by blowing down this stack atop the boiler room at the Green Giant Company here in town. It is a rather ill wind that blows no good, however, because plant officials said that they had planned to dismantle these particular uprights anyway, and the wind got the job done ahead of schedule.

Seventy-Five Years Ago

January 17, 1947

Howard Carson, Joann Carson and Leo Cobb were the 4-H Club members from Waitsburg who were entertained by Sears, Roebuck Co. as blue ribbon winners in the annual Sears Meal Preparation, Food Preservation, and Garden contest at the Commercial Hotel in Yakima on Jan. 11.

The Waitsburg Junior Chamber of Commerce held its sixth general membership meeting Wednesday night in the Commercial Club rooms during and after a fine dinner prepared by Mrs. Jessie Light and Mrs. Ed Henley.

Miss Mary Geraine Fries and Jim E. Hansen were married at a 10 o'clock nuptial mass Wednesday of last week in St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Walla Walla.

One Hundred Years Ago

January 13, 1922

The City Council has sold Bob and Bill – the big bay team of horses that have become a familiar sight on the streets for several years. Riley Wise is the purchaser. The city expects to purchase another team soon.

Henry Walker has recently purchased a piece of land of the A. C. Dickinson estate just west of the city known as the old campgrounds consisting of 33 acres for a consideration of \$6500.

A delightful time was spent Saturday night by a number of high school students on a sleigh riding party out to the home of Herman Taylor. Mr. Wise drove the sleigh and Miss Marie Anderson chaperoned the party.

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago

January 15, 1897

The Walla Walla Gazette has been sold by Wilbur F. Brock, to John J. Schick of Clarion, Pa., who will immediately take charge. Mr. Schick is a newspaper man of great experience. Mr. Brock will engage in writing stories and sketches for a newspaper syndicate.

Burglars had better keep away from Alex Stewart's place or they are pretty apt to get shot as was proven last Saturday evening. The night was dark and the thief could not be seen but Mr. Stewart took a couple of shots at him anyway which no doubt quickened that gentleman's movements somewhat.

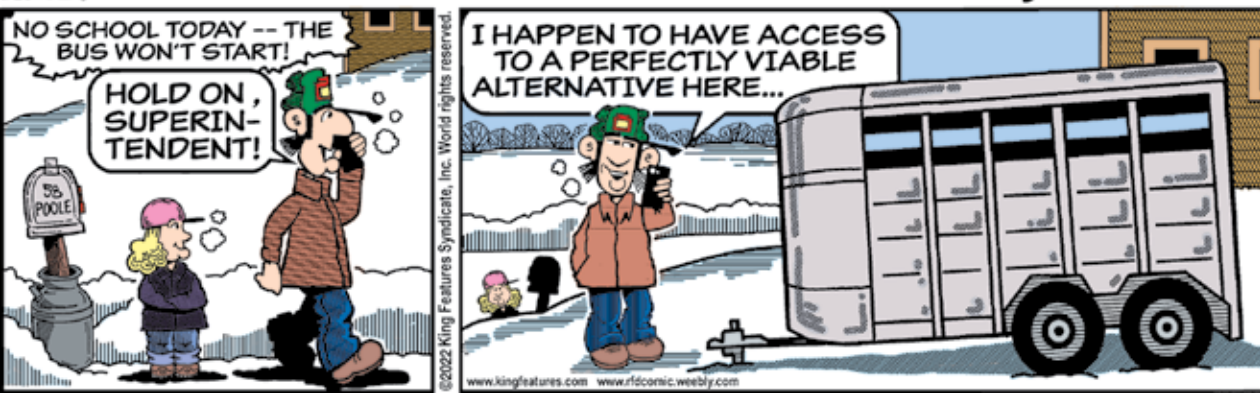
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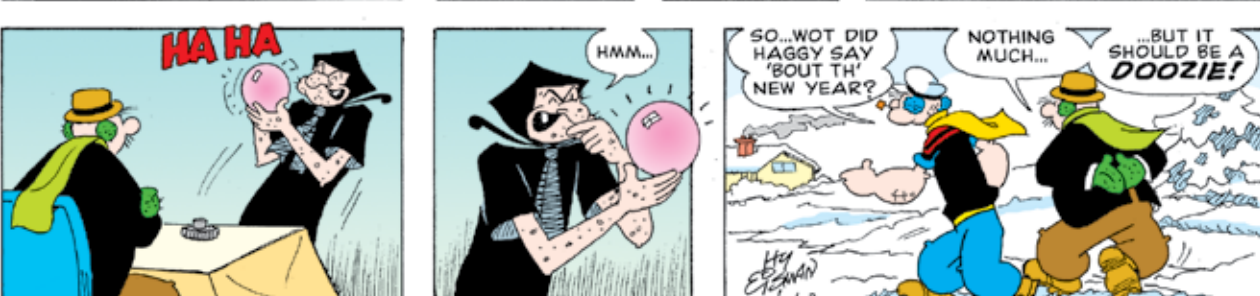
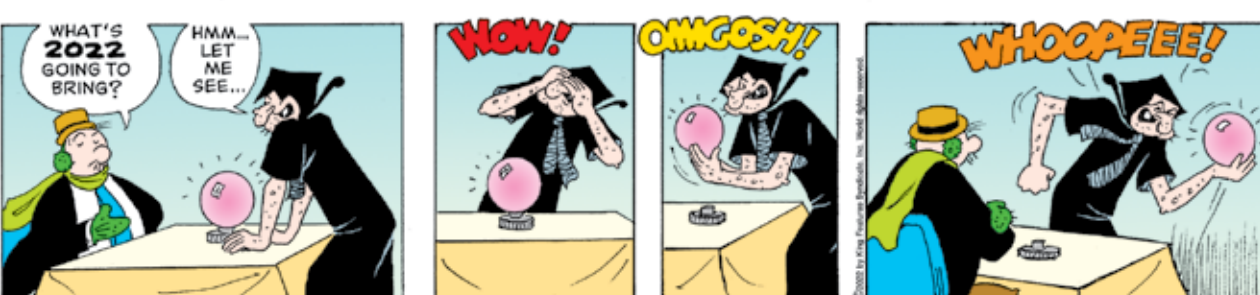
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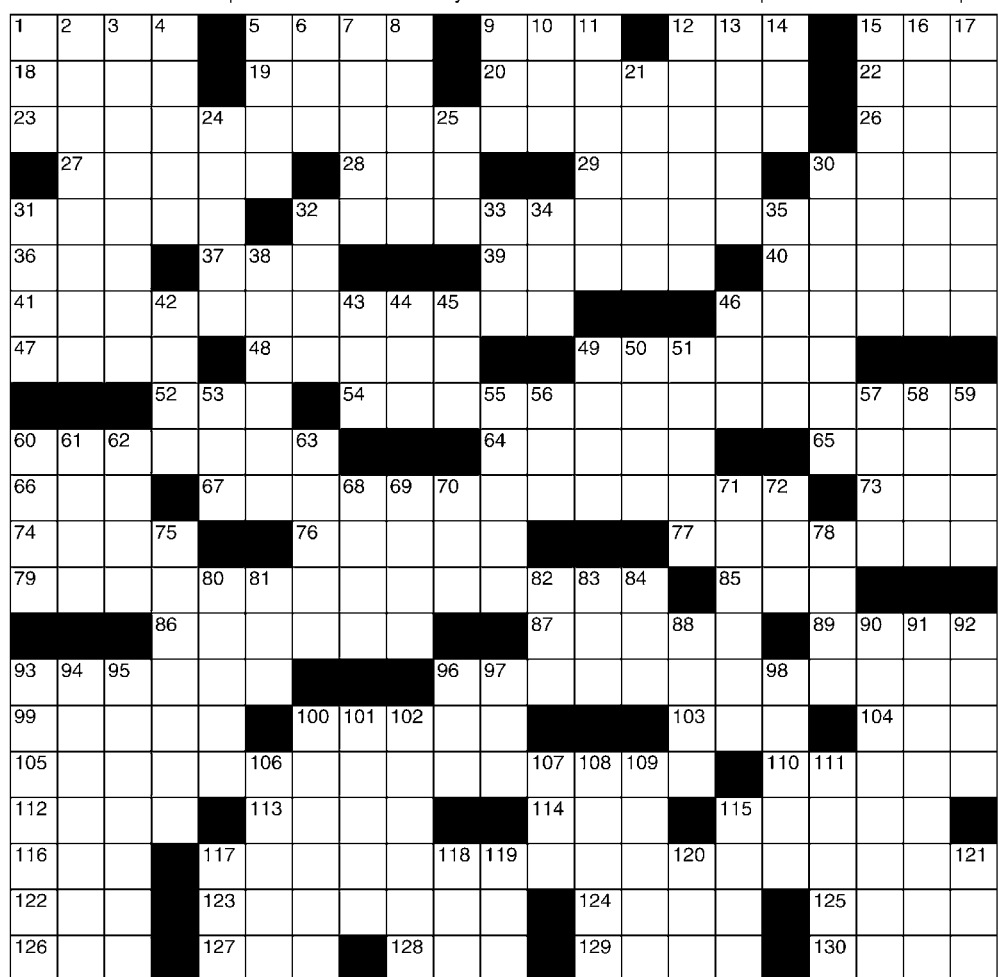


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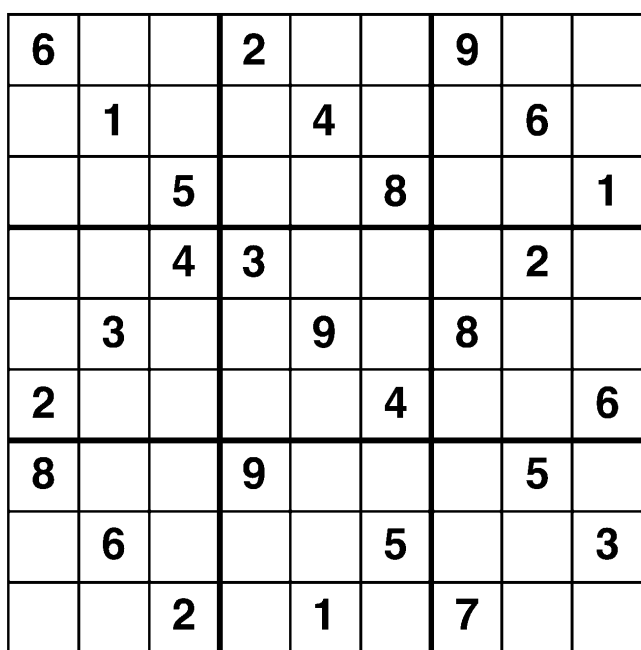
- ACROSS**
- 1 Cries noisily
 - 5 Stuff in steel
 - 9 Horse cousin
 - 12 Often-smoked food
 - 15 U.K. neighbor
 - 18 "As above," in citations
 - 19 Extremely deep sleep
 - 20 Pavarotti of opera
 - 22 U.S. neighbor
 - 23 Make every effort to be obliging
 - 26 Vivacity
 - 27 Mosaic work
 - 28 — -TURN (road sign)
 - 29 — Mason (asset management firm)
 - 30 BLT offerer
 - 31 To any extent
 - 32 Revolution of Triton with respect to Neptune
 - 36 Author Anais
 - 37 Twosome
 - 39 Not tidy
 - 40 Two-pip card
 - 41 Pressing it moves a cursor to the previous character
 - 46 Shorelines
 - 47 Off the shore
 - 48 Justice
 - 49 Program using ".doc" files, for short
 - 52 Mu — pork
 - 54 Horace Greeley's advice for American expansion
 - 60 Huge aid
 - 64 In base eight
 - 65 She's a star aria singer
 - 66 Palme — (Cannes film award)
 - 67 Bus driver's order
 - 73 Ship like Capt. Nemo's
 - 74 To — (exactly)
 - 76 Marisa with an Oscar
 - 77 Cadences
 - 79 Irritate
 - 85 Suffix with hell
 - 86 More pasty
 - 87 Horse opera
 - 89 Arthur of tennis
 - 93 Singers Idol and Ocean
 - 96 Sticker message on a rented VCR tape
 - 99 At full speed, old-style
 - 100 A deadly sin
 - 103 "Patience — virtue"
 - 104 Pro vote
 - 105 Do a 180, say
 - 110 Rapper with the album "Press Play"
 - 112 Old Italian stage actress
 - 113 1953 Leslie Caron film
 - 114 "— always say ..."
 - 115 Jeopardy award
 - 116 "— my fault!"
 - 117 Parent's mind game with a child (or what you have to use to solve this puzzle?)
 - 122 Even score
 - 123 Guys rowing
 - 124 Smartphone downloads
 - 125 Suffix with well
 - 126 States, informally
 - 127 Singular of "Mmes."
 - 128 Beltway VIP
 - 129 Watery castle protector
 - 130 Once, in olden days
- DOWN**
- 1 Bro's kin
 - 2 Strange things
 - 3 Former Fed head Ben
 - 4 Little
 - 5 "Ugh"-worthy
 - 6 Bird of myth
 - 7 Muscat resident
 - 8 Honcho
 - 9 Lager cousin
 - 10 Nissan Rogue, e.g.
 - 11 Bawls out
 - 12 Irritable from being ravenous, slangily
 - 13 Lay — (really fail)
 - 14 Wild crowd
 - 15 Stimulus
 - 16 Vote in for a another term
 - 17 Lapses
 - 21 Notions
 - 24 Ralph — Emerson
 - 25 1921 Karel Capek play
 - 30 Feared a lot
 - 31 Author Seton
 - 32 Bull in a ring
 - 33 Cockney's residence
 - 34 Often-smoked food
 - 35 Stenches
 - 38 Actress
 - 42 Do laundry
 - 43 Jillian of TV
 - 44 Spanish aunt
 - 45 Relatives, informally
 - 46 Light bed
 - 49 Mixed breed
 - 50 Zest or Ivory
 - 51 "Ben-Hur" director William
 - 53 The woman
 - 55 "Understood"
 - 56 S.Sgt., e.g.
 - 57 Yearn (for)
 - 58 Female cell
 - 59 Talks idly
 - 60 Yrly. gift-giving time
 - 61 Greek "I"
 - 62 Heightened
 - 63 — dish (bio lab item)
 - 68 T. — Price
 - 69 The "E" of EMT: Abbr.
 - 70 Snide snicker
 - 71 Sixths doubled
 - 72 Method: Abbr.
 - 75 "Liberté, —, fraternité" (France's motto)
 - 78 Bangkok citizen
 - 80 "Bye Bye Bye" band
 - 81 Exclamations of surprise
 - 82 "Sk8er —" (2002 hit)
 - 83 Assembly line labor org.
 - 84 Tpk., e.g.
 - 88 Actor Idle
 - 90 Parachute user
 - 91 Unmindful
 - 92 Online bidding site
 - 93 Roving robbers
 - 94 "Gotta go"
 - 95 — faire
 - 96 '50s prez
 - 97 Not pos.
 - 98 "Raider" Ralph
 - 100 Previous convictions
 - 101 Little brooks
 - 102 Tough-to-translate phrases
 - 106 Composer Edward
 - 107 Opposite of 104-Across
 - 108 Tea-growing Indian state
 - 109 River giant, for short
 - 111 Dunne of film
 - 115 Covert "Hey!"
 - 117 — Kippur War
 - 118 Half of a bray
 - 119 Wolf Blitzer's channel
 - 120 Clean air gp.
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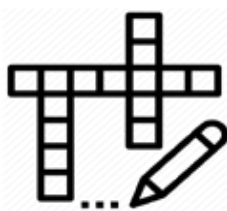


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MY RECIPES Luke Chavez

Eggplant Parmesan



At about this time every winter, I find myself missing the sun-kissed flavor of tomatoes from our late-summer garden. The flurries of snow and cold have given me a serious case of wanderlust, and I've found myself daydreaming of exploring cliffside villages along the Southern Italian coast. To satisfy these sudden (and oddly specific) cravings I turned to an old favorite recipe for comforting eggplant parmesan, a.k.a. melanzane alla parmigiana. The lightly fried eggplant, punctuated with robust cheese and a bright tomato sauce, will fill your home with enticing aromas as it bubbles in the oven.

Ingredients:

- 2 medium eggplants, about 2 ½ pounds
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 large yellow onion, chopped
- 2 ribs celery, chopped
- 2 tablespoons fresh rosemary, minced
- Pinch crushed chili flakes
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 (28-ounce) cans whole peeled tomatoes
- 1 bay leaf
- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 2 cups all-purpose flour, divided
- 1 cup semolina flour, see notes
- 1 teaspoon dried thyme
- 4 eggs (more if needed)
- Vegetable oil for frying
- 2/3 cup grated parmesan
- 1 pound mozzarella, grated or thin sliced
- Salt and black pepper
- Flat leaf parsley, chopped, for garnish
- Fresh basil leaves, torn, for garnish

Directions:

Slice the eggplants crosswise into ¼-rounds. Salt both sides and arrange between layers of paper towels on a sheet pan. Place another sheet pan on top and weigh it down with a couple books. Set aside to drain for 30 minutes to an hour.

Meanwhile, make the sauce. In a heavy bottomed pot, heat olive oil over medium heat. Add onions, celery, rosemary, and a pinch of salt. Sauté for 7-10 minutes, until onions are becoming translucent. Add chili flakes and garlic, then sauté for another 30 seconds until garlic is fragrant. Add tomatoes, with all the juices from cans, and bay leaf. Stir well and bring to a simmer. Reduce heat to maintain a gentle simmer and cover with lid ajar. Simmer for 20 to 30 minutes, stirring occasionally, and using the back of a wooden spoon to crush tomatoes as you go. Remove lid, stir in butter, and season to taste with salt. Turn off heat and allow to cool in pot.

After eggplant has drained, wipe slices clean of excess salt, and gently squeeze each between two paper towels in the palms of your hands. Pour vegetable oil into a high sided skillet, ½-inch deep, and heat over medium-high heat to 385 degrees.

Next set up your dredging station. In one shallow dish mix one cup of the flour with the semolina, thyme, 1 ½ teaspoons of salt, and black pepper to taste. In another dish whisk the eggs with a couple tablespoons of cold water. In a third dish, add the other cup of flour. Working one at a time, dredge eggplant slices first in the plain flour, then in the egg wash, and finally in the seasoned semolina mixture. Shake off excess and set dredged slices aside on a platter. When oil is hot, work in batches to fry eggplant slices until crisp and golden brown, 3 to 5 minutes per side. Allow oil to reheat between batches. Drain fried slices on paper lined plate.

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Then it is time to assemble dish. Cover the bottom of a large 15 x 10 x 2-inch baking dish with about 1/3 of the sauce. Next arrange half of the eggplant slices in a single layer. Over each eggplant slice spoon a dollop of sauce, then cover with mozzarella and parmesan. You should use about half to a third of the cheese in this layer. Then repeat, using up remaining eggplant, sauce, and cheese, placed in the same order. Depending on the size of dish, you will have either two or three layers of the eggplant. Make sure the eggplant is not totally smothered in sauce, leaving some of the crisp browned edges visible. You might not use all the sauce. Place baking dish in oven, middle rack, and bake for 25 to 35 minutes, until bubbly and cheese has lightly browned on top. Pull from oven and allow to rest for 5 minutes before serving. Garnish top with parsley and basil.

Notes:

This makes a hearty vegetarian entrée, or a delightful side dish to roasted or grilled meats. For a meaty twist you could try adding pancetta or Italian sausage to the sauce.

Semolina is a coarse ground durum wheat used most often in some pasta dough recipes. I love the texture and flavor that it adds to the bread-making mixture. If you cannot find semolina you could use coarse ground cornmeal as a substitution. Plain breadcrumbs could also be used.

Serve this with a side of buttered pasta such as spaghetti or rigatoni, and plenty of grated parmesan. Any extra sauce, or "gravy" as Italian Americans call it, will come in handy served on the side. Enjoy!

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Shadow theater in Waitsburg

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Children and adults of Waitsburg can enjoy the magic of shadow play, a type of theatrical entertainment performed with flat handmade puppets, thanks to the Carnegie Picture Lab of Walla Walla. Shadow puppet kits have been provided to the Weller Library at no cost and residents can pick them up during regular library hours. There is a limited number of kits and families are encouraged to come by.

Shadow play originated in central and southeast Asia thousands of years ago and has been a distinguished and popular art form and entertainment in Europe and America for hundreds of years. Flat images can be easily created out of simple materials provided in the kits and can be shown as stories to viewers by children and adults moving them into positions between a bright light and a translucent screen.

The Carnegie Picture Lab, based in Walla Walla is dedicated to growing and maintaining strong partnerships between school districts, educators, parents, artists, volunteers and the community. The board and staff bring leadership to this process with the goals of presenting a robust arts education curriculum in schools, expanding opportunities for after-school and summer programming, and increasing impact through additional community-based art experiences.

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Naomi Long

Laila Long demonstrates how to use the shadow puppet kits available at the Weller Public Library.

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