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The Royal Block hosted its second Block Party on Friday, Sept. 18, in the alley behind the Royal Block, Ten Ton Art, and the Weller Public Library. Above, the Michael Kelly Band made use of the outdoor stage in the beer and wine garden. This was a collective effort by Waitsburg businesses, including Atelier Waitsburg, Plaza Theater, Red Bird Blooms, Duke and Remington, The Siren, The PressRoom, Bar Bacetto, Wolfing Coffee, TVAMP, Waitsburg Garden Center, Dona Stella Wines, Laht Neppur, and Simply Sawdust. More photos at the bottom of this page.

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Cars, burgers, music at Waitsburg's Annual Fall Festival

By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — The Waitsburg Historical Society enjoyed a beautiful, sunny day as it held its annual Fall Festival on Sunday, September 20. The grass at the Bruce Museum was green, and the windless sky was bright blue. The event included a morning church service, a presentation of the Pioneer Family of the Year, museum tours, live music, antique cars, vendors, a style show, a pie contest, and grilled burgers enjoyed by community members and visitors.

Ron and Marilyn Groom were honored as the 2026 Pioneers of the Year. The couple was joined by family members on stage as they accepted the honor.

The annual Laurette McCaw pie contest was a hit, as always. A silent auction featured the pies, and a live auction awarded the top pies, according to the three pie judges.

Jaimie Hathway, daughter of Lisa Winnett and the late Lee Winnett, won first place for her roasted pineapple with blueberries pie.

Gabe Monda, son of Chase and Michelle Monda from Walla Walla won first place in the youth division. Monda's apple pie tied in scoring with Hathway's pie.

In a second-place tie was Kendal Brown's maple candied bacon Dutch apple pear pie and Vicky Faughtenberry's berry pie.



Karen Huwe

Vera Ahler and Delilah Nodine were in the Fall Festival style show on Sunday.



Pioneers of the Year Ron and Marilyn Groom with family.



Gloria Wilson

Glenn Morrison, Carrie Hendrix, and Kate Hockersmith provided music, as a trio and as mentors for several of the bands that played Sunday.

SECOND ANNUAL ROYAL BLOCK PARTY ROCKED



Photos by Lane Gwinn



(left) A crowd of over 400 enjoyed a beer-and-wine garden, family-fun games, live music, a DJ, Japanese street food, and Wolfing burritos. (center) Chef Kenny Rudolph was assisted by his wife Pam (left) and Carrie Alexander (right) in preparing tender chicken and tofu teriyaki. (right) Even surrounded by partygoers, Neil Carpenter found his "moment of Zen" under Royal Block sunflowers.

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LETTERS

AT THE LIBERTY:

“The Manhattan Short Film Festival”
September 25-29

THE TIMES

DAYTON — Film lovers worldwide, in over 500 locations, will view and vote on the ten finalist films in the 29th Annual Manhattan Short Film Festival between September 24 and October 4.

The Liberty has hosted the unique event for over ten years, and will show the Manhattan Short Festival from September 25 to 29, at regular movie times and regular movie prices. Wine will be available for purchase Friday and Saturday night.

The theater has often been only one of two venues in Washington, this year they are one of four. And the only one in Eastern Washington.

The ten short films selected as finalists are eligible for Academy Award nominations after screening at the festival. Festival audience members, including those at the Liberty Theater, will vote to determine the Best Film and Best Actor awards.

This unique film experience gives Liberty Theater moviegoers a voice. As attendees enter the theater, they will receive a ballot and the official program with information about each of the ten films. Come out, watch the films, and vote for the film and actor you feel should win. Votes are tallied by the host venue, then emailed to the Manhattan Short NYC headquarters.

The ten films are from ten countries, including films from the United States, Ireland, Australia, South Africa, the United Kingdom, Moldova, Russia, Cuba, Georgia, and Mexico.

“Since 9/11, my vision for this Festival has been to create a filmic Olympiad. An event consisting of ten quality shorts from ten separate countries that joins the world, and finally in 2026 we’ve managed to do that. I’m very excited for the reaction it receives from our worldwide audiences”, says Nicholas Mason, founding director of Manhattan Short Film Festival.

Manhattan Short 2026 Finalists: “Small Talk” (USA), “Mary is Missing” (Ireland), “Candy Bar” (Australia), “Vultures” (South Africa), “Life Goes On” (United Kingdom), “Hai Davai” (Moldova), “Pickup” (Russia), “Norheimsund” (Cuba), “When the Sea was Calm” (Georgia), “Never Give Up” (Mexico).

Still not convinced? Watch the Festival’s Official Trailer at <https://youtu.be/iOdETuNe6E0>.

Coming up on October 2 through 6 is the 2025 documentary “You Had to Be There: How the Toronto Godspell Ignited the Comedy Revolution, Spread Love & Overalls, and Created a Community That Changed the World (In a Canadian Kind of Way)”. It centers on the 1972 stage production of musical “Godspell” in Toronto, Ontario.

Many of the cast members, including Martin Short, Eugene Levy, Gilda Radner, Victor Garber, and Paul Shaffer, got their start to careers as comedy icons. Featuring interviews with the surviving cast members, Lin-Manuel Miranda, Mike Myers, and more, the film recounts a pivotal moment in comedy history in hilarious, moving, and inspiring detail.

Upcoming movies: “You Had to be There” on Oct. 2-6, a Western, “Angel and the Badman” on Oct. 9-13, and “Sense & Sensibility,” TBA. Schedule is always subject to change.

To the editor,

Walla Walla County has been my home for my whole life except for the 6 years I spent in the US Navy. I love this place & the people who live here. I care what happens to them. For that reason I wholeheartedly support Richard Schram for Sheriff. He is the much superior candidate by education, experience, & temperament. I retired from the Walla Walla Sheriff’s Office after 37 years of service. I was the first K-9 handler for the WWSO, working dogs for 15 years. I was jail commander for 12 years & did thousands of hours of patrol. While I was jail commander 23 years ago I hired a young man named Richard Schram to work the jail. We immediately realized he was smart, capable, & had a bright

future. Soon he was promoted to patrol & has never stopped learning & serving. Richard has worked for three very different sheriffs (Mike Humphreys, John Turner, & Mark Crider) & been promoted & honored by each of them. Whether patrol deputy, patrol sergeant, field training officer, SWAT team member & then commander, or chief criminal deputy, he gives his all to the job. Richard is thoughtful, intelligent, educated, calm, honorable, & completely fair. His degree in criminal justice & his graduation from the FBI National Academy give him the background to always be looking ahead. He never accepts the status quo & is prepared to lead us into the better policing culture of the future. Richard has the endorsements of the WW Com-

missioned Deputies Association, the WW Professional Firefighters, La Voz Hispanic Newspapers, & many current & former law enforcement officers, as well as local citizens. They endorse him because he’s real & honest. He doesn’t whine or sling mud. Richard listens & cares. In my humble opinion Richard Schram may well prove to be the best sheriff this county has ever had! He is the one to lead the WWSO officers into the future. Please join me in electing this outstanding law enforcement officer. Anyone who wishes any more information from me is always welcome to contact me.

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BIRTHDAYS

September 24: Virginia Gumm, Chris Lambert, Ethan Carpenter, Ryan Lambert, Amelia Solis.

September 25: Kenneth Jones, Cricket Harris, Tambra Manley, Sheena Strand, Amanda McKinley Morton, Gabriel Abel, Luke Chavez.

September 26: Karl Newell, Shirley Dunn, Betty Myers, Christi Baim, Faye King, Mike Hubbard, Heidi Kinart, Ellis Erikson, Keith Brodhead.

September 27: Jean Everly, Randy Culley, Gloria Simonis, Ryan Ahler.

September 28: Timber Frohreich, Alana Fox.

September 29: Margaret Fischer, Marie Feryn, Charles Zuger, Mary Yancey, Christopher Conrath.

September 30: Charles Parker.



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OBITUARY

Judith Ann Jackson

January 20, 1940 – September 12, 2026

Judith Ann (Lee) Jackson passed peacefully, surrounded by her family, on September 12, 2026, and was welcomed home by her Lord. She was 86 years old.

Judy was born in Seattle on January 20, 1940, to Edward “E.B.” and Elsie (Roe) Lee. The family moved to Waitsburg, Washington, in 1952. Judy’s mother owned and operated Elsie’s Café, where Judy worked after school and on weekends. Her father owned and operated Lee’s Barbershop.

Judy met the love of her life, Don Jackson of Starbuck, Washington, at the 1957 New Year’s Eve Dance at the Waitsburg Town Hall. She graduated from Waitsburg High School in 1958. Judy and Don were married on July 19, 1958, at the Waitsburg Christian Church. The couple settled in Starbuck, where she relished being Don’s partner as they shared a life of farming and ranching. Together, they raised their seven children and fostered more than 40 children over the years.

Judy pointed to 1962 as the pivotal year in which she became a Christian. Her abiding faith was the foundation of everything she did. Judy was a member of Starbuck Community Church for 64 years. She lived out her faith in many ways, including teaching Sunday school, leading youth groups, serving as a Christian camp counselor and Vacation Bible School



Submitted photo

Judith Ann Jackson

teacher, leading child evangelism groups and Bible studies, serving on the church board, playing the piano during church services, and providing counseling. More than 60 years ago, Judy was instrumental in establishing the local Christian Women’s Connection through Stonecroft Ministries and later served as its

Area Representative. She worked tirelessly to invite women to participate in the monthly luncheons and share the message of Jesus.

Judy also served on the local fire department and as an EMT. She thoroughly enjoyed creating a beautiful yard where she hosted numerous events. She worked as a fish counter at Lower Monumental Dam and Little Goose Dam for 10 years. Judy loved hunting alongside Don, their family, and friends. Don was especially proud of Judy’s six-point elk and often noted that she never used a scope, relying only on the open sights on her trusted .243-caliber rifle.

Judy was preceded in death by her parents, Edward Bryan and Elsie Lee; her sister, Gwendolyn Cook; and her brothers, Edward Bryan Lee II and Daniel L. Huntley.

She is survived by her husband of 68 years, Don Jackson; their children, Vicki Jackson, Cindy Jackson, Richard Jackson (Debby), Don Jackson (Jennifer), Scott Jackson, Matthew Jackson, and Mark Jackson; her brother, Richard Lee (Yvonne); her sister-in-law, Kay Hickey (Jerolee); 17 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Starbuck Elementary School on October 3, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. Judy loved children and was deeply committed to the mission of Operation Christmas Child. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that donations be made to Starbuck Community Church, P.O. Box 277, Starbuck, WA 99359, with “Operation Christmas Child” written in the memo line. The family also wishes to thank Walla Walla Community Hospice for its compassionate care of Judy and her family.

Corbeill Funeral Home in Dayton is caring for the family. www.corbeillfuneralhomes.com.

CARDINAL SPORTS with Karen Huwe

CARDINAL FB LOST TOUGH MATCHUP WITH LIBERTY CHRISTIAN

Waitsburg suffered a defeat against Liberty Christian on Friday, September 18; 52-0.

“This was a very tough match against a team that finished 2nd in the state last year. Liberty Christian is a big school playing 8-man football. If the count were done right now, they would be a 2B school. They have 17 seniors and 50 players on the team. It is hard to compete with that. Nonetheless, our boys showed up and didn’t quit. They fought for every inch and every down,” said coach Gabe Kiefel.

Offensively, the Cardinals struggled to keep LC out of their backfield. In the second half, Liam Kiefel stepped in as quarterback, and JJ Gleason moved to slotback, a hybrid position for a player who lines up in the “slot”—the area between the offensive tackle and the wide receiver —behind the line of scrimmage. Jake Lynch moved from halfback to right tackle. Although this change did not put any points on the board, the

Cardinals moved the ball a little better.

Kiefel completed seven of thirteen passes for 82 yards, including a big pass late in the game to Gleason that looked like a touchdown until he was caught on the goal line. Gleason led the team in receiving yards, catching the ball three times for 55 yards. Uriah York was close behind with four catches totaling 42 yards.

Defensively, Waitsburg fought the whole game. The team missed Alex Zuniga due to injury, and it showed. Landen Henry made three solo tackles and six assisted tackles, two of which were sacks in the backfield.

“We’re still working on getting low on the tackles. We’re on the lighter and quicker side, and players have been able to find success tackling unconventionally. Now, we really need to get the pad level,” said Kiefel.

Kiefel said missing a game last week, when Yakama Tribal forfeited, hurt his team’s urgency to execute.

Waitsburg is traveling to Touchet to play a daytime game on Friday, September 25, at 3 p.m. This will be Touchet’s return to varsity after playing a JV schedule last year. Like Waitsburg, the Touchet team is young, and the game should be a good match-up.



Karen Huwe

Uriah York, #5, made a great one-handed catch in the game against Liberty Christian, supported by Arrow Groom, #75, and Jake Lynch, #14.

YOUTH FOOTBALL PLAYED JAMBOREE AT ATHENA

Waitsburg’s youth football team had three scrimmages at a jamboree in Athena on Saturday, September 19. The team won one and lost two.

In the first game, two players sustained injuries, leaving only eight boys for the remaining two scrimmages. Waitsburg’s Julian Gillentine, Gavin Watkins, and Isaac Knudson scored touchdowns.

“The team played with a lot of pride,” said coach Daniel Watkins.

“A couple of players had to change to unfamiliar positions, but they performed well. Our defense struggled in some areas, but overall, the tackling has improved. The team is making huge strides every week. The coaches are proud of how the team rallied together,” said Watkins.

MIDDLE SCHOOL FOOTBALL AGAINST DAYTON

In Waitsburg Middle School’s football home game against Dayton on Thursday, September 17, the Cardinals lost 50-44 in a heartbreaking defeat.

The young Cardinals trailed 30-16 at halftime against a much bigger Dayton team but rallied to tie it 36–36 at the end of the third quarter.

“I was really proud of how the boys stepped up and battled through adversity. We had some important players dealing with injuries, but everyone continued to compete, stayed together, and fought hard until the end,” said coach Chris Andrews.

The middle school team hosts DeSales on the Waitsburg field on Thursday, September 24. Kickoff will be at 4:30 p.m.



Karen Huwe

Roman Pellerin, #2, and Hudson Lynch (black helmet) team up to make the tackle against Dayton.

VARSITY AND JUNIOR VOLLEYBALL

Waitsburg High School’s volleyball team played four matches in four straight days last week. The first match was varsity only at Oakesdale on Monday, September 14. The Cardinals lost 25-8, 25-5, 25-7.

Teammates Cheri Mathews, Ellie Teal, Kenzie Castillo, and Katy Allen served with no errors during the first match. However, the team did not get any blocks or kills.

At Dayton on September 15, the ladies dropped the match in three sets: 25-10, 25-15, 25-14.

“The team served 28/39, had some great tips and hustle, but could not pull it together for a win,” said coach Jamie Smit.

“Communication and intensity were much better, so that was a positive,” she added.

The Cardinals’ junior varsity team beat Dayton in two sets: 25-23 and 25-14.

Audrey Kiefel served 13/14, Lillian Carpenter 6/7 and Kaitlyn Paul 9/10. Harlee Coulston had two blocks in the match.

The Cardinals played against Pomeroy on Kison Court on Wednesday, September 16, losing 25-7, 25-3, and 25-12.

Highlights included the great hustle and digs by Joslin Nodine and Allen serving 7/8; she also had some great tips in the match.

“Pomeroy is a hard team with a deep bench,” said Smit.

Waitsburg’s JV team lost 25-19 and 25-17. Laila Long served 12 for 12.

In the last match of the week, the Cardinals traveled to Touchet on Thursday, September 17, losing 25-23, 25-14, 25-14.

“We struggled with serves tonight. It was game four for the week, and over half the team was sick. It made it a rough one. Teal and Allen led in serving, and Nodine once again came up with some great digs. Olivia Kiefel and Teal both got some blocks,” said Smit.



Karen Huwe

Joslin Nodine, #7, digs a ball against Pomeroy’s varsity team. Cheri Mathew, #15, and Jemma Anderson look to help.

LEGALS & FUN

The Friendly Forest

By Jimmye L. Turner



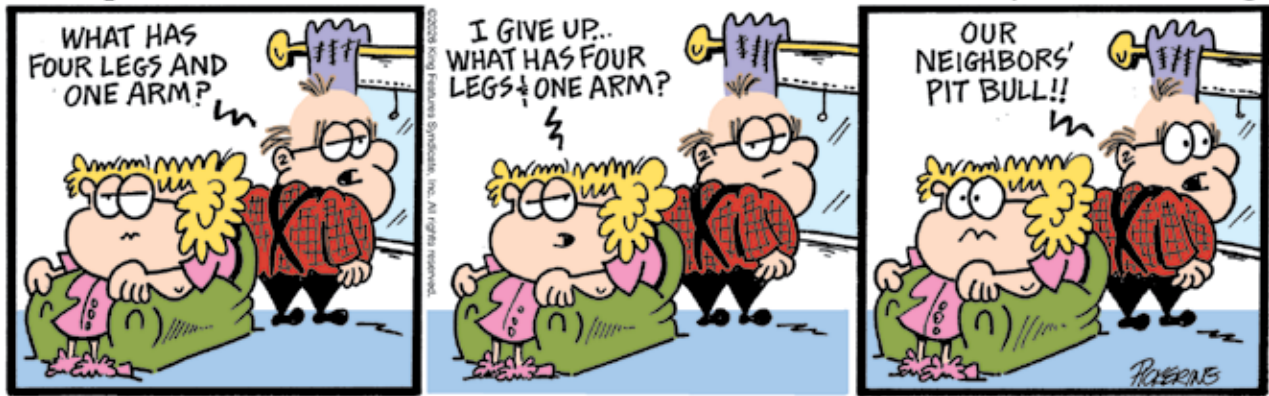
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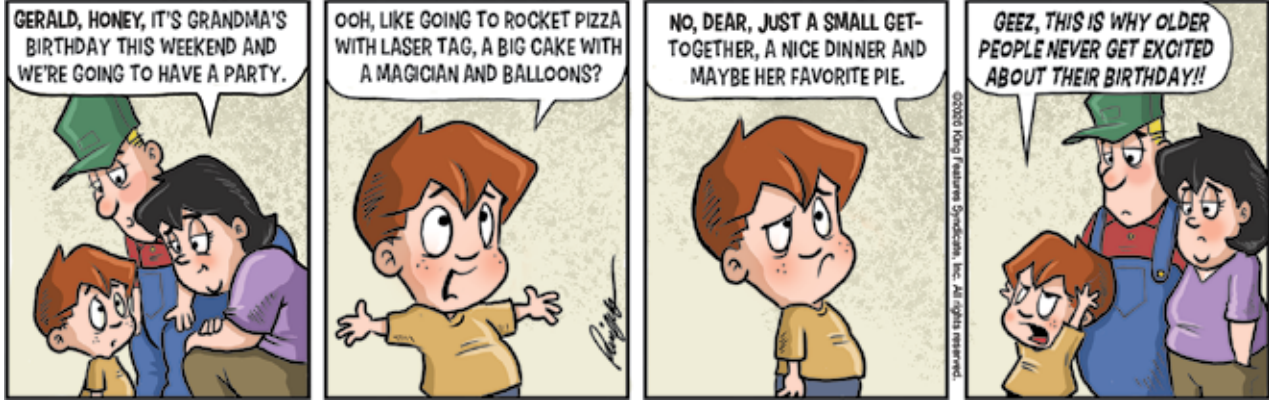
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PIONEER PORTRAITS

Fifteen Years Ago
September 29, 2011

The WP "Boys of Fall" were dressed to kill in their new black home jerseys last Friday night as they robbed the Riverside Pirates blind of their loot, taking no prisoners and winning the game, 49-14. The Pirates started things off with possession, but after three plays, including a Danny Stansell quarterback sack, the Pirates were forced to punt. Beginning their opening drive on their own 49-yard line, the Cardinals wasted no time lighting up the board. Dalton Estes took the first Zach Bartlow handoff, but was stopped in his tracks by the Pirates defense. Estes then answered that with a 33-yard reception from Barlow and a Cardinals first down.

Twenty-Five Years Ago
September 27, 2001

At a special meeting of the Waitsburg City Council, Touchet Valley Communications, the locally owned Internet service provider, was given approval to install a wireless broadband broadcast antenna on an antenna pole atop prominent Buttercup Hill. In exchange for the pole lease, TVC will provide Internet service to the City of Waitsburg at no cost. TVC's Dan Cole, a partner in the ISP with his wife Trina, who is City Clerk, and parents Ken and Carrie Cole, expressed relief after the Council's decision. "I've got five or six customers waiting to get service once we get the equipment installed and transmitting," Cole said Monday evening.

Fifty Years Ago
September 23, 1976



[Photo Caption] The Neighbors Four were in their usual fine voice, and entertained a good crowd Sunday at the Festival. Left to right, Lee Mantz, Jr., Jack McCaw, Bob Patton and Alan Jackson.

Seventy-Five Years Ago
September 28, 1951

A number of local farmers are experimenting this fall with dry fertilizers and ammonia gas to improve their wheat yields. Jack Atkinson left by plane from San Francisco for Saudia Arabia where he will work for the American Oil Company. A Rainbow supper in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Roberts who are moving to Walla Walla, was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. King Witt Sunday evening.

One Hundred Years Ago
October 1, 1926

The Old Oregon Trail Memorial half dollars are now on sale at the First National Bank. Judge H. V. Grubbe has the honor of having purchased the first one here. Lloyd Smith of Bolles, left last Monday for Spokane where he will attend college in that city.

W. A. Duncan, representing the Maytag Aluminum Washer, has rented a room in the K of P block, Preston Avenue, for the display and storage of Maytag washing machines.

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago
October 4, 1901

Another downward slide marked the local wheat market this week. It now stands at 42 ½ cents for blue stem and 41 ½ cents for club. Our school (Spring Valley) goes on nicely, the attendance having increased to seven. In 1872 the attendance was 40. Land grabbing and moving to town have caused the change. Miss Florence Stratton gave a soap bubble party to her friends one evening last week in honor of Misses Adelle Morgan and Alberta Gerking. Those present were: Misses Adelle Morgan, Alberta Gerking, Emma McKinney, Clara Morrow, Florence Stratton, Messrs. Wm Nixon, C. R. Mason, Wesley Bowman, Virgil McKinney, Walter Shuham, and Waite Preston.

PUZZLES & LIFESTYLES

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20 Disney's "Little Mermaid"
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64 Stars and Stripes' home
68 Coin tosses, e.g.
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76 Striped jungle cats, in French
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29 Navy bigwig
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52 Pound on, as a door
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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

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This weekend in
Waitsburg and Dayton



SATURDAY
SEPT. 26TH
2026

SALMON BBQ

GATES
OPEN
5:00 PM

WAITSBURG, WASHINGTON - FAIRGROUNDS

FRESH SALMON GRILLED OVER WOOD FIRE, FAMOUS SAUCE, BAKED POTATO,
BAKED BEANS, FRENCH BREAD, COLE SLAW, with BEER, WINE, SOFT DRINKS AVAILABLE

TICKETS AVAILABLE: Waitsburg Grocery, Banner Bank in Waitsburg
Northwest Grain Growers & Wheatland Bank in Dayton
Pearson Dental & Walla Walla Electric in Walla Walla

ONLINE: at EVENTBRITE.COM

Adults 21 & Over - Tickets \$40

Oktoberfest '26

BLUE MOUNTAIN STATION

FALL FAMILY FESTIVAL

SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 26
11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Free admission

FOOD, DRINK & MUSIC

Oktoberfest food at the Co-op
My Dad's Place Pizza
Beer garden
Moments Remembered DJ

FUN ACTIVITIES

Inflatable obstacle course
Cake walk
Pumpkin & gourd painting
Bead stringing
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LAST WEEKS ANSWERS

Super Crossword

Answers

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Weekly SUDOKU

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Community Calendar

WAITSBURG MONTHLY MEETINGS

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

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

Waitsburg Parks and Recreation Public Meeting
First Thursday of the month, 6:30 p.m. @ Waitsburg City Hall
Info email: info@waitsburgparks.org

 **Waitsburg School Board**
Third Thursday of every month @ 6 p.m. at the Waitsburg Elementary School Library. Zoom info is available at [Waiatburgsd.org](https://waitsburgsd.org) by emailing waitsburgcc@icloud.com

Waitsburg Home and School Association
First Wednesday of each month, 6:30 p.m. at the Waitsburg Elementary School Library. All welcome.

Waitsburg Historical Society
Third Thursday of the month @ 6 p.m. @ Weller Public Library

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

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

Friends of the Weller Public Library
Second Tuesday of the month, @ 7:15 p.m. Weller Public Library, 212 Main St.

Waitsburg Commercial Club
Quarterly meetings, second Tuesday of January, April, July, and October. At noon. Zoom info is available by emailing waitsburg-cc@icloud.com.

Waitsburg Resource Center Community Food Bank
Thursdays, 2 – 4 p.m. Food Donations @ 106 ½ Preston Ave

Waitsburg Christian Church
Drop-off and pick-up Clothing Donation Center upstairs at 604 Main Street.



DAYTON & COLUMBIA COUNTY MEETINGS

Board of Columbia County Commissioners
Regular meetings - First and third Monday of the month @ 9 a.m. Work sessions - Second and fourth Monday of each month @ 9 a.m. Call-in info at www.columbiaco.com/114/County-Commissioners

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

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

DHS Alumni Meeting
Every Third Thursday @ 6:30 p.m. @ Dayton High School Library

The Coalition for Youth and Families
Second Tuesday of the month @ noon @ The Port of Columbia - 1 Port Way, Dayton, Wash.

Columbia County Public Hospital Dist. Board of Commissioners
Fourth Wednesday of the month @ 9 a.m. Call (509) 382-2531 for information.

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

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

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



PRESCOTT MEETINGS
Prescott Joint Park & Rec District (PJPRD) Monthly meetings for 2026 are 2nd Thursday of each month, @ 6:30 p.m.
Prescott School District Board of Directors Meeting 4th Thursday of each month, @ 6 p.m. @ Prescott School Multi-Purpose, room 401, and on Zoom, Meeting ID: 846 7687 9995

STARBUCK MEETINGS
Starbuck City Council
2nd Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. at Starbuck City Hall.

Lunches

WAITSBURG SENIOR CENTER

504 Main Street
11 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Tuesday, September 28
Apple Ham
Cookie
MOW: Vegetables
Scalloped Potatoes
Roll
IN HOUSE: Salad Bar

WAITSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT

Thursday, Sept. 24
Breakfast
Pancake on a Stick
Lunch
Spaghetti
House Salad
Cherry Tomatoes
Fruit Choice
Friday, Sept. 25
Breakfast
Biscuit & Eggs

Lunch
Turkey Sandwich
Chips
Cucumbers
Fruit Choice
Monday, Sept. 28
Breakfast
Breakfast Sandwich
Lunch
Chili
Cornbread
Corn
Fruit Choice

Tuesday, Sept. 29
Breakfast
Biscuits & Gravy
Lunch
Chicken Wrap
Breadstick
Cucumbers
Fruit Choice
Wednesday, Sept. 30
Breakfast
Muffin & Eggs
Lunch
Cheeseburger & French Fries
House Salad
Fruit Choice



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Mass Tuesday, 4:30 p.m.
Sunday, 4 p.m.
382-2311
Father John Kibombo
Waitsburg Presbyterian Church
504 Main
Sunday School 8:45 a.m.
Worship 10 a.m.
337-6589
Pastor Heidi Lum
Waitsburg Christian Church
604 Main St
Worship 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Each Sunday 337-8898
Pastor Cameron Hedges
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
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