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Lane Gwinn

Brooke Mikesell has spent the last six years opening and building her business on Waitsburg's Main Street. An inspiration to businesses opening in a small towns, she makes a hard job look easy.

THIS WEEK



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Blush with success

Local business continues to bring a full spectrum of salon services to Waitsburg.

By Lane Gwinn | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—In February, Blush Salon & Spa owner Brooke Mikesell will celebrate six years in Waitsburg. Renting her first space for two years, she invested in the salon's growth by purchasing a building on Main Street.

Mikesell and her husband Greg transformed the former antique shop into the new Blush Salon. The new space offered room for more products, clients, and events. Mikesell did not stop there. She and the family worked on finishing the basement to add space for more services and a clothing boutique.

The new salon offers all the services Blush was known for before the move in 2019. Styling, color, facials, nails, tanning, professional products, and gifts. The remodeled space includes two tanning rooms, a spray tan area, and rooms for massage, skin, and beauty treatments.

Jen Burnett and Jessica Keifel offer med spa treatments, including neuromodulator injections (botox, jeuveau), and filler infections. Keifel also provides, PRP (platelet rich plasma) injections, and PDO threads.

These non-surgical procedures tighten skin, promote elastin and collagen production, and are part of Mikesell's business plan to create a full-service salon.

In addition to the new spa rooms, downstairs has Waitsburg's only clothing boutique. The collection has women's contemporary northwest and southwest-inspired clothing and accessories.



Lane Gwinn

The CHI ColorMaster brings cutting edge hair color technology to Waitsburg.

Since 2020, Mikesell has been one of seven regional trainers for Farouk Systems, which includes Chi and BioSilk product lines. Mikesell has added the company's digital color system to her salon. The LG CHI ColorMaster can formulate unlimited hair color using only twelve canisters of dye. The system allows the stylist to take a photo of a client and show how a chosen formula will look. It has a simulator that lets the client see how a color will look. The system can match a given color or create a formula to take a client's hair color from one tone to the desired color. Experienced stylists like Mikesell have complete control over developing formulas specific to their clients.

The ColorMaster is the most recent addition to the salon and will not be the last. The success of Blush Salon & Spa is rooted in Mikesell's work ethic and entrepreneurial spirit.

New businesses coming to Walla Walla Town Center

By Lane Gwinn | THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—At least two national chains are opening locations in Walla Walla. As reported in The Union-Bulletin on January 5, Planet Fitness and Burlington opening stores at the Walla Walla Town Center.

Big Lots and Home Goods also leased space at the shopping center once the location of the former Blue Mountain Mall on Rose Street in Walla Wash.

Burlington, formerly Burlington Coat Factory, will lease space in the former Shopko building. According to the company's website, it has over 650 locations in the U.S. and continues to grow. Starting out offering off-price coats, Burlington has since expanded to include a full range department store.



1651 West Rose St.
WALLA WALLA, WA

- Building being subdivided/upgraded to accommodate 3 major national retailers
- Executed leases with Burlington, Home Goods (TX) and Big Lots
- Plan to develop two new pads
- Stabilized value - \$16.0M

A page from Alamo Group Partners' website



la Town Center. The Center is home to Marshall's, Ross, Bed Bath & Beyond, Pet Smart, Ulta Cosmetics, Hobby Lobby, Famous Footwear, and Sportsman's Warehouse.

In addition to the new retail chains, a Planet Fitness will also open at the Town Center. Planet Fitness is a franchisor and operator of fitness centers with over 2,300 locations since opening in 1992.

The new fitness center will lease space in the building that once housed the Gottschalks department store. It will occupy 20,000 square feet which is about two-thirds of the building. Walla Walla Capital Group, LLC will develop the property, which needs remodeling since the building has been empty since Gottschalks closed in 2009.

Alamo Group Partners, of San Francisco, is developing the building at 1651 Rose St. According to the firm's website, it has executed leases with home furnishing and decor retailers Big Lots and Home Goods for space in the same building.

This will add three retail chains to Walla Walla and help revitalize the Walla Walla Town Center.



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NEWS BRIEFS

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AT THE LIBERTY:

Avatar: The Way of Water

THE TIMES

DAYTON—“Avatar: The Way of Water” is set more than a decade after the events of the first film. This latest movie begins to tell the story of the Sully family (Jake, Neytiri, and their kids), the trouble that follows them, the lengths they go to keep each other safe, the battles they fight to stay and the tragedies they endure.

Rotten Tomatoes critics have given this movie a 77% fresh/favorable, and the audience has it at 92% favorable. That website’s audience summary is that “Avatar: The Way of Water” is predictable, but the visual effects are so spectacular that it hardly matters.” Many other critics also tout this movie’s visual effects, but they note that the plot is “thin”.

The movie is very long, with a runtime of 3 hrs and 12 minutes. It is rated PG-13 (for sequences of strong violence and intense action, partial nudity and some strong language). Commonsense media rates this movie 3 out of 5 for violence and language (with 5 being the worst), and agrees that it is suitable for ages over 13. This movie runs for 2 weeks at the Liberty Theater (Jan. 6-17), but see the theater website for specific days and times.



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“CATENDAR” FROM THE ARMY CORPS

THE TIMES

PORTLAND—The Portland Army Corps of Engineers, Portland District, has released a downloadable 2023 calendar featuring cats. Giant, engineering-loving cats. Cats on dams, ships, swatting crane hooks and using a dam’s intake structure as a scratching post.

Designed by public affairs specialist Chris Gaylord from the Portland office, this is a must-have calendar for 2023. The download is available at tinyurl.com/catcal23

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE NOW

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA, COLUMBIA COUNTIES—Now is the time for high school and college students to apply for scholarships. The Walla Walla-Columbia School Retirees Association scholarship (WSSRA) offers a variety of scholarships to support future educators.

The Robert J. Handy and the WSSR Foundation scholarships are available to high school seniors seeking a career in education. That includes a teacher, counselor, speech therapist, occupational therapist, or psychologist. To get more information about the scholarships are available on the WSSRA website at www.WSSR.org.

The Neil D. Prescott/Student Teaching/Internship Scholarships are for college students going to student teach during the 2023-24 school year. Candidates must be graduates of a Washington State high school, enrolled in a college of education program anywhere, and pursuing a career in a field of education.

The Jackie Ormsby Memorial Scholarship is available through the Blue Mountain Community Foundation. The association also offers two Jackie Ormsby Memorial Scholarships for \$2,000 each. Applications are now open and must be submitted by March 1, 2023.

Candidates must be prospective teachers in other school-related fields that will student teach or do an internship experience in an educational setting to meet the requirements for initial certification.

An online application is available on the Blue Mountain Community Foundation website at <https://tinyurl.com/wwscra>.

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BLUE MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY FOUNDATION ACCEPTING SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

THE TIMES

Walla Walla, – Blue Mountain Community Foundation is accepting scholarship applications for the 2023-2024 academic year. The application is available online at www.bluemountainfoundation.org.

The deadline for applications is Monday, March 6, 2023.

While individual scholarship criteria vary, all applicants must be either a current senior or graduate of a high school in Walla Walla, Columbia, Garfield, or Umatilla counties or have been a resident of one of the above counties for at least three years. Scholarships are available for undergraduate and graduate-level study at any accredited college, trade school, or community college within the United States. By completing the 2023 Common Application, applicants are considered for up to 49 scholarships. In 2022, over \$980,000 of scholarships were awarded to students throughout the region.

For questions about the application process or available scholarships, please contact Katina Henderson, Scholarships Manager, at katina@bluemountainfoundation.org or 509-529-4371.



Use the QR code on the right to be directed to the Blue Mountain Community Foundation’s website.



SHERWOOD TRUST ANNOUNCES 2023 GRANT APPLICATION PROCESS

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—Sherwood Trust has released the guidelines and schedules for the 2023 competitive grants, and is available at www.sherwoodtrust.org.

The organization is offering a free virtual webinar on the guidelines on Wednesday, January 18, from 9 to 10 a.m. The event’s discussion will outline 2023 grant details and include time for questions.

Registration is required and is available, along with downloadable grant guidelines, at www.sherwoodtrust.org.

Sherwood Trust is a private foundation serving nonprofits and public agencies in Walla Walla, Columbia counties, and Milton-Freewater with grants and community learning opportunities.

“We expect total grant disbursements to increase this year to \$1.5 million,” said Brian Hunt, Sherwood Trust CEO. “We’re really looking forward to hearing proposals from qualifying nonprofit and public agencies for these competitive grants.”

2023 Core grants begin with a letter of interest due Feb. 1. Sherwood Trust Core Grants represent the bulk of annual grant awards, Hunt said. Core grant proposals should support an organization’s most important priority, can be multi-year commitments, and generally support organizational capacity, community-building, and capital ‘brick and mortar’ projects.

The 2023 Impact grants are scheduled for the fall, with a letter of interest due Sept. 13. Impact grants are limited to \$15,000, and this year applications are limited to qualifying organizations or agencies that have not received Sherwood Trust funding in 5 years.

Applicants are encouraged to discuss their application idea before submitting the letter of intent. For more information, please contact Brian Hunt or Julia Leavitt at Sherwood Trust, brian@sherwoodtrust.org, julia@sherwoodtrust.org, 509-529-2791.

Sherwood Trust is a private, place-based 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.

Sherwood Trust’s guidelines and historic grant activity can be found at www.sherwoodtrust.org.



Use the QR code above to direct you to the Sherwood Trust website.

LEGALS & NEWS

THE WAITSBURG CARDINAL HAS A NAME

THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—The Waitsburg High School and Middle School students were asked to name the school's cardinal mascot. The fierce red bird has his name, it is Reggie. Two students, Marion Duncan and Daylan Marlow, put forth the winning name.

Reggie is energized and ready to inspire Waitsburg's teams to victories.



Submitted photo
Marion Duncan with Reggie.

CLASSIFIEDS HELP WANTED

JOB DESCRIPTION FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT DEPUTY CLERK

The Columbia County Clerk's Office is seeking a full-time Deputy Clerk. This position requires the employee to perform a variety of complex and diverse clerical work including, but not limited to knowledge of office clerical procedures and practices. The primary responsibilities will include scanning court documents, efficient maintenance of court files, data entry, assisting with and answering questions from the public, attorneys, other individuals, being able to compose clear and accurate correspondence as needed and any other duties given by the Clerk. In addition, the employee will receive training and be certified for processing passport applications. Any one position may not include all the duties listed, nor do the examples cover all duties in which may be performed. Other duties performed as an employee in this position will be primarily performed for the Superior Court. This work is confidential in nature and performed under general and infrequent supervision. Some tasks will include maintaining court files of all criminal, civil, domestic, probate, adoption/paternity, juvenile depen-

dency, juvenile offender, and judgments. Education and Experience: High school diploma or equivalent (GED) Prefer prior office experience Computer skills and proficiency of office machines This job will be full-time at 35 hours per week. Pay will be determined upon qualifications. Medical and dental benefits are included. Please find and complete an application online or stop by our office to pick up an application at: Columbia County Courthouse, County Clerk's Office, 341 E. Main Street Suite 2, Dayton, WA 99328. Applications for this position will be accepted until position is filled. Columbia County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEE
The City of Waitsburg, an 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. Compensation/Benefits Gross base pay for the position is \$3,231 per month and includes a cost shared medical, dental, vision and life insurance policy along with State Pension and other State of Washington Benefits. Qualifications Required Minimum of 18 years of age with a valid state issued driver's license High school diploma or equivalent Public Applicator License and/or CDL will be required to be obtained Position closes at 4 pm on Friday, January 27, 2023. Depending on availability, anticipated starting date is Wednesday, February 1, 2023. 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.

MS STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

THE TIMES

Congratulations to Preston Hall Students of the Month. The December theme was RESPECT. Respect of staff and classmates, respect of personal and school property, respect for the campus and playground areas.



(l-r) 7th grader Chloe McCaw, 8th grader Cooper Hansen, and 6th grader Liam Kiefel.

The family of Frank Reser would like to thank all the first responders who took such good care of Frank on January 3rd. We would especially like to thank Jamie, Colter, Brayden, Jake, Ryan, Jestin and Jamie. We also thank Officer Walling from Columbia County, as well as Deputies Allen and Parris from Walla Walla. We appreciate you more than words can adequately express.



LEGAL NOTICES

Superior Court of Washington, Walla Walla County
No. 23-4-00004-36
Probate Notice to Creditors (RCW 11.40.030)
In re the Estate of Lydia Bojanek, Deceased.
The personal representative named below has been appointed as personal representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the personal representative, or the personal representative's attorney at the address stated below, a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) thirty (30) days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to the creditors as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four (4) months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this timeframe, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise

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The Walla Walla County Conservation District (WWCCD) is issuing a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for engineering services on Phase 1 Mill Creek Floodplain Improvements. The Mill Creek reach begins near Wickersham Bridge and ends near Blue Creek located between RM 17 and RM 18.5 upstream of the City of Walla Walla.
Major elements of this project include:
The engineered design will

include a series of engineered log structures and floodplain reconstructions. The request is for a Construction Ready Design based on the Mill Creek Floodplain Improvements - Phase 1 Reassessment Report. Proposals must include the following components and will be ranked accordingly: Qualifications of Key Personnel (90 pts), Relevant Project Experience (90 pts), Experience with Department of Ecology projects (30 pts), Previous Performance (90 pts). The RFQ can be obtained through the WWCCD office. For questions, please contact Alison Crowley (509)956-3762 alison.crowley@wwccd.net or Renee Hadley at (509) 956-3756 renee.hadley@wwccd.net. WWCCD retains the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive minor irregularities in the selection process. Documents must be received at the WWCCD office (via email or in-person delivery) before 2 p.m. Monday, January 16th 2023. Walla Walla County Conservation District 325 North 13th Ave. Walla Walla, WA. 99362
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Blue Mountain Counseling

Blue Mountain Counseling would like to announce the arrival of our new Substance Use Disorder Professional, Greg Hall. Greg's vision is to help those in need and struggling with substance use disorders and abuse. Greg brings 17 years of substance use disorder experience along with experience in counseling for PTSD. He is a graduate of Liberty University in Virginia and holds a Substance Use Disorder Certification in the state of Washington. He spent six years in the Air Force and recently retired from the Veteran's Administration as an addiction therapist. Blue Mountain Counseling will be offering assessments, outpatient, and court appointed treatment and referrals. If you need services, please contact us at 509-382-1164.



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SPORTS & NEWS

DW boys' Basketball Team Continues Win Streak

By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES

DW COMBINE—The DW boys won their basketball games on January 6 against Riverview and January 7 at WWVA.

Monte Pettichord scored 15 points, rebounded seven, and had four steals in the 45-33 win against Riverview on Friday. The Wolfpack took a 6-4 first-quarter lead, then was behind by one going into halftime; 11-10. A big 19-point third quarter put the Wolfpack in the lead for good. Pettichord scored five in the quarter, and Spencer Hansen hit two-3 point shots. Both teams scored 16 points in the fourth quarter. Hansen scored 13 points in the game, Benny Bryan scored seven, Gage Holm scored six points, and Ryland Kilts and Blake French scored two points each. French also contributed five rebounds as the Wolfpack controlled the boards, 28-13.

On Saturday, the Wolfpack outscored and out rebounded WWVA. DW took a 21-8 first-quarter lead with the starting five all scoring and led 46-37 at halftime. Pettichord (11 points) and Holm (6 points) led the Wolfpack in the 3rd quarter. DW outscored WWVA 15-3 in the fourth quarter to win 88-47. The Wolfpack out rebounded their opponent 41-15.

Pettichord led scorers with 23 points and seven rebounds. Holm scored 20 points and eight boards, Hansen 17 points and rebounded 10, Kilts 12 points and six rebounds, Bryan nine points, French four points, and Lucas VanHoose contributed with three points.

DW COMBINE CALENDAR JAN. 11 - 14

Wednesday, Jan 11

HS Wrestling at Kittitas, 5 p.m.

Van Time: Waitsburg 12:45 p.m. (dismiss at 12:30 p.m.)

Friday, Jan 13

HS Basketball vs. Columbia Burbank, 4:30/6:00/7:30 p.m. in Dayton

Bus Time: Waitsburg 3:15 p.m. (dismiss at 3:00 p.m.)

Saturday, Jan 14

HS Basketball vs. Tri-Cities Prep, 4:30/6:00/7:30 p.m. in Dayton

Bus Time: Waitsburg 3:15 p.m.

BIRTHDAYS

January 12: Scott Reese, Alice Davey, Ron Miller, Yvonne Gusse, Nicholas Leid and Molly Payne.

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 Schulte, Jim Davison, and Jon Jensen.

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



DW Girls Lose Two Basketball Games

By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES

DW COMBINE—Peyton Benevides led the Wolfpack girls with seven points in the first quarter against Riverview, giving the team a 9-8 lead. DW only scored two points in the second quarter and seven in the third.

In the fourth quarter, Marissa Tupling scored six straight points for the Wolfpack. DW lost 46-31, with Benevides scoring 11 points in the game. Teammates Tupling scored nine points, Kameryn Tupling scored five, Makenna Barron four, and Teagan Culley scored two points.

Coach Dirk Hansen stated that consistency is the team's biggest opponent. He said once the girls consistently defend and rebound, the offense will take care of itself.

On Saturday, the girls traveled to Walla Walla Valley Academy (WWVA) and lost 48 - 18. Tupling led her team in scoring with 10 points, Benevides scored six, and Culley scored two.



Alyssa Hollingsworth looks to shoot against Riverview

Karen Huwe

Lunches

WAITSBURG SENIOR CENTER

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Tuesday, January 17

Salisbury Steak
Potatoes
Vegetables (chefs choice)
Bread
Fruit
Cookie

DAYTON SENIOR ROUND TABLE MENU

Thursday, January 12

Hearty Chicken Noodle Soup
Roll
Fruit
MOW - Vegetable & Green Salad
In House - Salad Bar

Tuesday, January 17

Salisbury Steak
Potatoes
Vegetables (chefs choice)
Bread
Fruit & Cookie

WAITSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT

Thursday, Jan. 12

Breakfast
Pancake on a Stick
Lunch
Super Beef Nachos
Fruit & Veggie Choice

Friday, Jan. 13

Breakfast
Omelets & Hashbrown
Lunch
Turkey Bacon Ranch
Wrap
Cucumbers
Oranges
Chips & Cookie

Monday, Jan. 16

NO SCHOOL - M.L.K. DAY

Tuesday, Jan. 17

Breakfast
Biscuits & Gravy
Lunch
Chicken Sandwiches
JoJo's
Salad & Fruit

Wednesday, Jan. 18

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Whoa, baby it's cold outside (and I had the frozen pipes to prove it)

By Vicki Sternfeld-Rossi | THE TIMES

To quote the late Yogi Berra: It's like déjà vu all over again. We were diligent this winter, determined not to repeat last winter's frozen kitchen and bathroom pipes. We were aggressive with keeping water moving, heating the house, and keeping cabinet doors open. We did it all.

We didn't wait for the temperature to drop into the teens but started preventative measures at above-freezing. Still, our hot water pipes in the bathroom froze by day three of our recent cold blast. Cold shower anyone?

Thankfully, the "little house" (known as Daniel's man cave) had hot water, so we could still shower.

It was as frustrating this year. We followed everyone's advice on winterizing. Constantly eyeing the dropping temperatures and streaming, not dripping, water from every sink, bathtub, and shower faucet. Yet here we were again, running outside in our robes and towels through the snow to shower.

Single-digit days were tough on Mugsy as well. It was difficult and guilt-inducing to watch his distress. He hates coats, sweaters, or anything that might keep him warm. Taking him for a walk was a chilling affair. His paws stuck to the ice and nearly froze in place as he relieved himself. He was ecstatic after the freeze broke, racing out to the yard without falling into the icy snow.

As I wrote this, I watched the news about all the weather issues plaguing the country and the hardships it's caused so many. People were stranded at airports, their luggage lost, and no answers on how to get where they were going. It made me feel guilty about my whining when my luggage was lost for one day during our trip.

Another embarrassment was my complaints about the few inches of snow we got in town because I didn't feel comfortable driving to play tennis on icy roads. Of course, our few inches of snow were mild compared to the devastat-



ing blizzard on the East Coast. We saw cars piled up and people stranded while bracing for floods as the weather warmed. Difficult to fathom anytime, but heart-wrenching during the holidays.

Even after all the bad news, I am optimistic about my garden for this Spring. I am ready. Today, I received my seed order in the mail. It must have been a cold and dark day when I placed this ambitious order because I now have enough seeds to last a lifetime. I would need another yard to plant them all, though gifting seeds to my friends and neighbors is a more practical solution.

There are ten types of lettuce, colossal asparagus, which requires patience I don't have, lemongrass, radishes, unusual tomatoes, and cabbage for a foolproof start.

I start a new garden journal every year, and I swear I will keep it up. But two weeks later, it's forgotten. With good intentions but not great execution. Somehow, the Waitsburg terroir (dirt) has been forgiving, and we always have home-grown produce.

Around the Valley: With Karen Huwe

Painting Pottery

I have been to the Walla Walla Pottery Studio several times with my sisters to paint items such as a spoon holder, a butter dish, and holiday plates. Learning different techniques has been fun, and painting is relaxing. At the studio, you pick the pottery, you paint it, they fire it, and you pick it up.

This time, the studio has relocated to the Walla Walla Senior Center – Center at the Park, at 720 Sprague in Walla Walla. I decided to support Helpline with its annual fundraiser, SoupPort, by painting and donating a bowl for the event.

On its website, Helpline states that they serve as the front door to help poor and homeless individuals and families in Walla Walla County. Helpline assists with basic needs and provides referrals to local social service agencies. All funds raised stay local.

Helpline and the Pottery Painting Studio are partnering to support the fundraiser SoupPort. At the studio, there is a selection of bowls to paint. I chose to paint a bowl; you can paint or sponsor a bowl for a local artist to paint. Bowls for the event cost \$10.89 to sponsor or paint.

Bowls for the fundraiser can be painted through March and will be on display from April 9 to 15 at the Senior Center. The SoupPort, a soup and bread luncheon, will be held later in April. Attendees will enjoy soup in one of the donated keepsake bowls and have a chance to win prizes in a raffle.

Whether you choose to participate in SoupPort, or just want to choose a piece of pottery for yourself, drop by the Studio during its regular hours on Thursdays and Fridays from 4 - 7 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays 11 to 3 p.m. Make something for yourself, as a gift, or for Helpline.



Karen Huwe

One of four displays at the studio with the pottery to choose from.



Karen Huwe

The writer's bowl will be fired and put on display before the SoupPort fundraiser in April.

FARM FORESTRY CHAPTER INVITE PUBLIC TO MEETING AT TOWN HALL.

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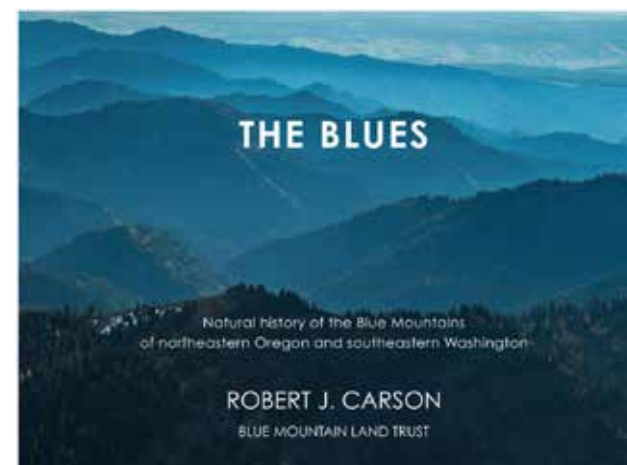
WAITSBURG— The Washington Farm Forestry Association Blue Mountain Chapter invites the public to a meeting at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, January 14, 2023, at the Waitsburg Town Hall.

There will be a potluck luncheon, followed by an educational program "How the Blue Mountains were formed geologically" presented by Robert (Bob) Carson, Phillips Professor of Geology & Environmental Science, Emeritus of Whitman College.

Carson will have copies of his book *The Blues: Natural history of the Blue Mountains of northeastern Oregon and southeastern Washington* available for purchase.

The meeting is free and open to foresters, small forest landowners, and those who love the unique forest ecosystems in southeast Washington State.

The meeting will include the election of chapter officers and new member recruitment.



Wine of the Week

Stoller 2021 Willamette Valley Pinot Noir

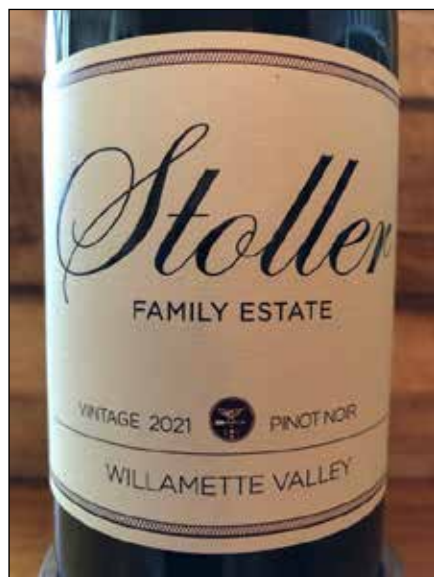
By Paul Gregutt | THE TIMES

The entry-level Pinot from Stoller is as good or better than many of the top Pinots of 25 years ago. That's a measure of state-wide progress as well as a reflection of the many good grape sources available to Stoller. This is full-bodied and forward, offering a generous mix of marionberries, raspberries, and cherries. It's buttressed with ample acids and ripe tannins and finished with a screw-cap, which keeps it fresh longer and makes it easy to grab a glass and reseal it quickly.

Note that this is the Willamette Valley bottle, as clearly indicated on the label. This inexpensive wine should drink quite well for up to a decade.

9160 cases; 13.5%; \$25 (Willamette Valley) 90/100.

tinyurl.com/stollerreview



FUN & GAMES

The Friendly Forest

By Jimmye L. Turner



GRIN and BEAR IT

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



"My code of honor sometimes requires me to

Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



PIONEER PORTRAITS

Ten Years Ago

January 10, 2013

The Waitsburg-Prescott football team fell one game short of a return trip to the state championship game this fall, but a trio of its members still earned best-in-state individual honors. Dalton Estes, Ben Shafer, and Danny Stansell garnered selections to the Associated Press all-state 2B squad. Estes earned the honor at two different positions. Estes, last year's championship game MVP, and this year's all-league all-purpose player of the year won first team honors at both running back and defensive back. "For Dalton to get all-state running back on offense when he only played half the season there was really something," WP head football coach Jeff Bartlow said. "He split the season between there and receiver. He had like 1,700 yards receiving and 1,100 yards rushing. I was very happy for him."

Twenty-Five Years Ago

January 15, 1998

Gerald Gales was installed as Master of Waitsburg Lodge No. 16, F & AM in ceremonies held Monday night in the local hall. Bill Zuger was installed as Senior Warden; Bob Danforth, Junior Warden; Randy Kromm, Senior Deacon; James Done, Junior Deacon; Scott Archer, Secretary; Terry Jacoy, Treasurer; Jack McCaw, Marshal; Ken Roberts, Tyler. Refreshments were served later in the evening by Wanda Gales, Anita Baker and Barbara Danforth.

Fifty Years Ago

January 11, 1973



(photo caption) Silent Majority.

Waitsburg Field Lighting Committee decided to purchase a new set of field bleachers and a scoreboard for the football field in a meeting held last Saturday morning. A final report on the field lighting project was presented by chairman Jack McCaw. Donations and pledges for the fund total \$8,277.45. Cost of the lights, including poles, fixtures and labor, was \$5,459.63. This leaves a balance in the fund of \$2,817.82. Cost of the scoreboard will be approximately \$1,100. The style selected by the committee has a countdown clock scores for home and visitors, and colored lights to indicate the quarter being played.

Seventy-Five Years Ago

January 16, 1948

Ben Flathers of Prescott has gone to California to attend a reserve officer's training school.

Jack Blize and Kenneth Smith returned Tuesday from a four-day trip to Sun Valley, Id.

Members of the Camp Fire executive board met Thursday at the Lewis Patton home for a potluck dinner. The following officers for the year were elected: Hollis Hawks, president; Mrs. Gordon Leid, vice president; Mrs. Leslie Taylor, secretary; Lewis Patton, treasurer.

One Hundred Years Ago

January 19, 1923

Walter Shuham, cashier of the First National Bank of this city, goes to Walla Walla Feb. 1st as cashier of the Baker Boyer National Bank.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh O'Neil are the parents of twin daughters born Saturday, Jan. 13 at Walla Walla hospital. Hugh is editor of the Spectator at Prescott.

The Hayes and Shuford hardware this week received a car load of Oliver chilled gang plows direct from the factory in order to meet the anticipated demands of the spring work in the locality.

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago

January 14, 1898

Perry Abbey will leave on Saturday evening to resume his studies in the Portland Business College, after spending the holidays in this city. Willie Tucker will accompany him and enter the same college to complete his business education.

Hotel Wood, which has been under the management of O. W. Pollard for the past few months, this week changed hands, H. D. Dunlap purchasing the lease.

L. T. Parker spent Saturday in this city. He has grown young in appearance since he left here.

Touchet Valley Weather

Jan. 11, 2023

Waitsburg's Seven Day Forecast

Day	Forecast	High	Low
Wednesday	Mostly Cloudy	44	37
Thursday	Scattered Rain	51	41
Friday	Chance Rain	54	38
Saturday	Mostly Cloudy	51	35
Sunday	Isolated Rain	48	36
Monday	Isolated Rain	47	37
Tuesday	Scattered Rain	45	32

Weather Trivia

What is brontophobia?
 ?
 Answer: It is the fear of thunder.

Weather History

Jan. 11, 1972 - Downslope winds hit the eastern slopes of the Rockies in northern Colorado and southeastern Wyoming. Boulder, Colo. reported wind gusts to 143 mph and 25 million dollars in property damage.

Local Almanac Last Week

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Precipitation
Tuesday	33	28	41/30	0.03"	0.22"
Wednesday	31	28	41/30	0.01"	0.53"
Thursday	38	30	41/30	0.00"	-0.31"
Friday	52	31	41/30	Trace	38.1°
Saturday	53	29	41/30	Trace	35.5°
Sunday	53	38	41/30	0.07"	+2.6°
Monday	53	36	41/30	0.11"	

Data as reported from Walla Walla

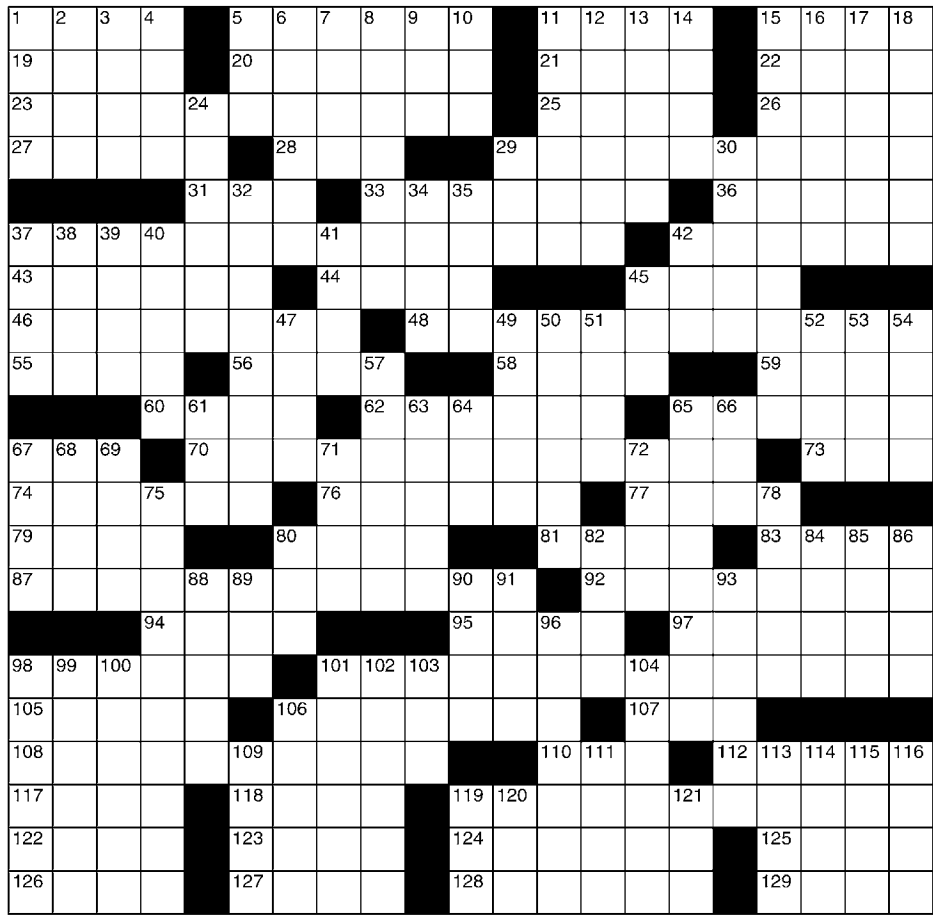
Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Last 1/14	Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset	First 1/28
	Wednesday	7:33 a.m.	4:29 p.m.	9:20 p.m.	10:18 a.m.	
	Thursday	7:32 a.m.	4:30 p.m.	10:26 p.m.	10:35 a.m.	
	Friday	7:32 a.m.	4:31 p.m.	11:33 p.m.	10:51 a.m.	
	Saturday	7:31 a.m.	4:32 p.m.	Prev Day	11:08 a.m.	
	Sunday	7:31 a.m.	4:34 p.m.	12:43 a.m.	11:27 a.m.	
New 1/21	Monday	7:30 a.m.	4:35 p.m.	1:56 a.m.	11:50 a.m.	Full 2/5
	Tuesday	7:30 a.m.	4:36 p.m.	3:14 a.m.	12:19 p.m.	

PUZZLES & LIFESTYLES

Super Crossword HARD-TO-SEE FEE

- ACROSS**
- 1 Suddenly blazing star
 - 5 Put stress on
 - 11 Volcano in Sicily
 - 15 Meadow songbird
 - 19 Supreme Norse deity
 - 20 Net-tending player
 - 21 Donahue of TV
 - 22 Genesis garden
 - 23 Very ornate designs of the 1700s
 - 25 Be mindful of
 - 26 Bill with Lincoln
 - 27 Sports site
 - 28 Apr. and Dec.
 - 29 Longtime metal alloy manufacturer
 - 31 M.Sgt., e.g.
 - 33 Friz Freleng's real first name
 - 36 Mean-spirited sort
 - 37 Fill-up sites with star logos
 - 42 Crows
 - 43 Oscar winner Brody
 - 44 Like a straight line, in brief
 - 45 Work to get
 - 46 Mimicking an angry dog
 - 48 1993 event at Mount Carmel Center
 - 55 Comic actor Danny
 - 56 Spill the info, with "up"
 - 58 Region
 - 59 Raines of old Hollywood
 - 60 Active person
 - 62 Spring forth
 - 65 Thingamajig
 - 67 "Please help!"
 - 70 Venue of the 2002 Humanitarian Bowl
 - 73 Log chopper
 - 74 Brief summary
 - 76 Sprung forth
 - 77 Trail
 - 79 Prefix with dynamic
 - 80 Henna applicator
 - 81 Read hastily
 - 83 Gibbons, e.g.
 - 87 Something Plus White toothpaste claims to remove
 - 92 Water, humorously
 - 94 Sports side
 - 95 Potting stuff
 - 97 TV journalist
 - 98 Mimicked Daffy Duck
 - 101 A cut from the short loin
 - 105 Playwright Fugard
 - 106 Vocalists
 - 107 Smile middle
 - 108 University in northern California
 - 110 McKellen of "X-Men"
 - 112 Mosul native
 - 117 Aquarium
 - 118 One of 18 on a golf course
 - 119 They're in eight answers in this puzzle
 - 122 Slushy drink
 - 123 Superior to
 - 124 Works the rudder
 - 125 Dimple site
 - 126 Play roster
 - 127 Joins in matrimony
 - 128 Cherished "Mother"
 - 129 Held on to
 - DOWN**
 - 1 With 11-Down, "Sleepless in Seattle" director
 - 2 Aroma
 - 3 Destructive habit
 - 4 After a while
 - 5 In days past
 - 6 Carl Sagan book
 - 7 Roman censor
 - 8 Blissful
 - 9 Nothing at all
 - 10 One of 18 on a golf course
 - 11 See 1-Down
 - 12 One's wife
 - 13 Nephew's sister
 - 14 Gucci of fashion
 - 15 Unlike righties
 - 16 Farewells
 - 17 Go back to the way it was
 - 18 Belfry sounds
 - 24 Call off
 - 29 Foofaraw
 - 30 Jeer at
 - 32 Christmas trees, usually
 - 34 Single-pot meal
 - 35 Verdi heroine
 - 37 Job to do
 - 38 Pulitzer winner Ferber
 - 39 Diagnostic pic
 - 40 Ran on TV
 - 41 Clothes, colloquially
 - 42 Ewe's call
 - 45 LGA guess
 - 47 Emperor before Gaiba
 - 49 A la — (menu words)
 - 50 Hammond instruments
 - 51 Potential plant
 - 52 "Three Sisters" sister
 - 53 Tighten up a muscle
 - 54 Destiny
 - 57 Under wraps
 - 61 Kyoto sash
 - 63 Actress Kelly or Shearer
 - 64 Suffix with prophet
 - 65 Andean llamas
 - 66 Quantity: Abbr.
 - 67 Little quarrel
 - 68 Classic cookie
 - 69 Kosovo native
 - 71 "No" votes
 - 72 Apple device
 - 75 Opening in a parka, say
 - 78 Lacks
 - 80 DeLuise of "Hot Stuff"
 - 82 Large city in Colombia
 - 84 Window unit
 - 85 Kazan of film
 - 86 Search for
 - 88 Green with Grammys
 - 89 Ill-bred man
 - 90 "Oh, woe —!"
 - 91 Jordanian queen dowager
 - 93 Tile artwork
 - 96 Like some trading
 - 98 Milk-related
 - 99 Cornell University city
 - 100 Gives off light
 - 101 Used a rotary telephone
 - 102 Puts in
 - 103 Big T-shirt size: Abbr.
 - 104 Some chair craftspeople
 - 106 Hot pot spot
 - 109 Movie or play
 - 111 "Zip- — Doo-Dah"
 - 113 Pebble, e.g.
 - 114 Tennis' Arthur
 - 115 Ear swab
 - 116 "— that special!"
 - 119 1940s pres.
 - 120 Suffix with Israel
 - 121 Hush-hush govt. gp.



MY RECIPES Luke Chavez

Spiced Chickpea & Vegetable Stew



In response to our recent run of soggy and gloomy days, I have been looking for comfort in my soup pot. From meaty pozoles to classic chicken noodle, I have an arsenal of tested soup recipes kept on file to combat the winter blues. This week, I was craving a vegetable soup that was as nourishing as it was flavorful. Here, I have my take on a chickpea stew inspired by the warm-spiced tagines of Morocco. Colorful vegetables mingle with turmeric, ginger, and cumin, for a healthy and cozy weeknight meal.

Ingredients:

- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 large yellow onion, finely chopped
- 4 garlic cloves, minced
- 2 (15-ounce) cans chickpeas, drained and rinsed
- 1 (28-ounce) can chopped tomatoes, with juices
- 1 pound Yukon gold potatoes, peeled and cut into 1-inch pieces
- 1 bunch flat leaf parsley, finely chopped (reserve a little for garnish)
- 1 bunch cilantro, finely chopped (reserve a little for garnish)
- 3 teaspoons fine sea salt
- 2 teaspoons ground cumin
- 1 teaspoon ground coriander
- 1 teaspoon ground turmeric
- 1 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- ¼ teaspoon cayenne, (optional)
- 1 medium sweet potato, peeled, halved lengthwise, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 3 small carrots, peeled and cut into 1-inch pieces
- 1 bunch fresh spinach, well washed and stemmed
- Juice of half a lemon

Directions:

In a large soup pot or Dutch oven, heat the oil over medium-high heat. When the oil is shimmering, add the onions to the pan, sautéing for 5 to 8 minutes, until soft and beginning to brown around edges. Add the garlic and cook for another minute until golden and very fragrant.

Next, add the chickpeas, tomatoes with all their juices, potatoes, parsley, cilantro, salt, and dry spices, stirring to incorporate. To the pan add 3 ½ cups of water, raise the heat and bring to a boil. Cover, then turn the heat down low to maintain a gentle simmer. Cook for 20 minutes.

Stir in the sweet potato and carrots. Raise the heat again to bring to a boil, then cover and reduce heat to return to a steady simmer. Cook for another 20 minutes, then begin to test the vegetables for tenderness. You might have to continue simmering for another 8 to 10 minutes to get the vegetables to the right texture. If the stew is too thick you can thin it out with a little hot water. Next, add the spinach and cook for about 2 minutes until cooked through. Taste the stew for seasoning, adding more salt as needed. When done, take off the heat and stir in the lemon juice. Allow the stew to rest for a few minutes before serving. Garnish tops with a sprinkle of chopped parsley and cilantro.

Notes:

For ease, I used canned chickpeas for this recipe, however you could of course cook your own from dry. For this recipe, cook 1 cup of dried chickpeas using your favorite method, to yield about 3 cups cooked. If you cook your own, reserve 1 cup of the cooking liquid to include as part of the water added to the stew in the second step.

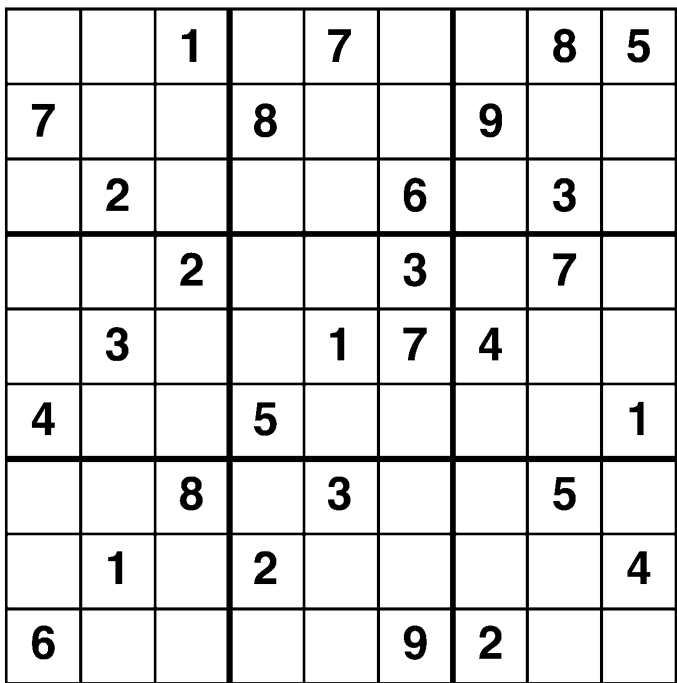
This stew comes to life with the lively mix of north African spices. To elevate the flavor a pinch of saffron would be a gorgeous addition. Alternatively, a pinch of dried sumac over the top would also add a bright unique spice note.

This is a very satisfying vegetarian dish full of vibrant colors and nutrient rich vegetables. For a richer version, you could use chicken stock instead of water. You could also serve with a dollop of strained Greek yogurt on top for a creamy note. Serve with a side of buttered rice, couscous, or grilled flatbread. Enjoy!

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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

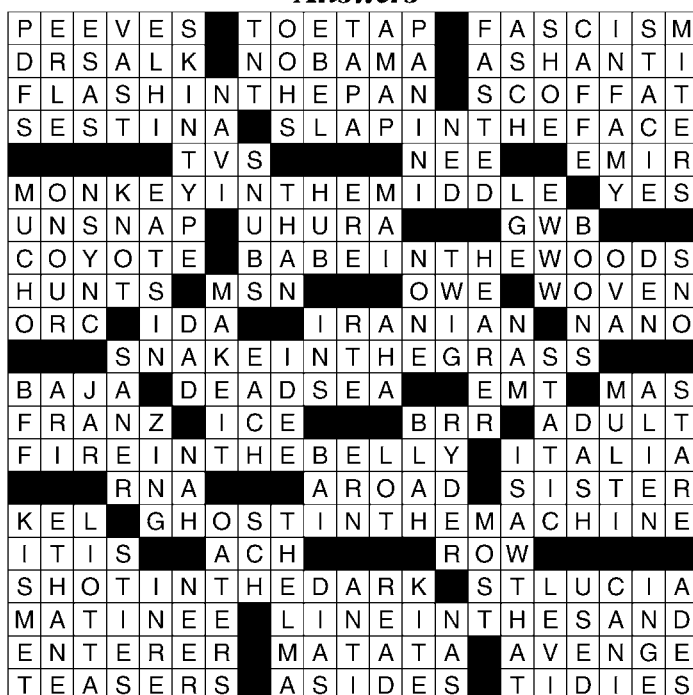
DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

- ♦ Moderate
- ♦♦ Challenging
- ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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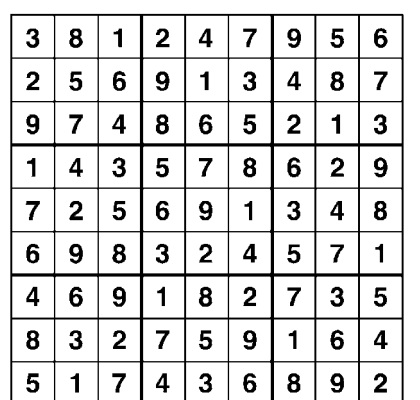
Super Crossword

Answers



Weekly SUDOKU

Answer



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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 Parks and Recreation Public Meeting

First Wednesday of the month, 9 a.m. at

Ten Ton Coffee

For more information email: waitsburgpr@protonmail.com

Friends of the Weller Public Library

Fourth Monday of the month, 7:00 p.m.

Weller Public Library,

212 Main Street, Waitsburg

Waitsburg Commercial Club

Last Thursday of each month,

January 26 @ Ten Ton Coffee @noon.

Zoom info available by emailing waitsburgcc@icloud.com

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 Tuesday 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

TBA

Delaney room and Zoom Meeting ID: 852 3836 3787

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

Dayton Kiwanis Club Meeting

Second and Fourth Thursday at Noon

Hybrid in-person meetings at the Delaney Library Zoom Meeting ID: 559 815 3650

Starbuck City Council

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

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AMERICAN 35 PRESENTS SWING DANCING

Saturday, January 21

7:30-10 pm: Learn East Coast Swing

Dance Center of Walla Walla instructors will be back to teach another introductory lesson. Learn the basics and a couple of flourishes for confidence on the dance floor right off the bat. All ages welcome: \$5 covers your 1-hour lesson and an evening of practice with the instructors on site to help you along.

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PRESCOTT LIONS BREAKFAST JANUARY 21

Prescott Lions breakfast will be held on Saturday, January 21st from 8:00 - 11:00 a.m. All you can eat eggs, bacon, sausage, hash browns, biscuits and gravy, pancakes, juice, coffee for \$10.00. Corner of Hwy 124 & D Street. Hope to see you there!

Dayton Kiwanis Club

Thursday, Jan 12

Abbie Broughton-Marsh from the US District Attorney's Office in Arizona will present "Federal Prosecution of Smuggling at the Southwest Border." Join Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 559 815 3650

Audio-only Dial-In 253 215 8782

(Same) Meeting ID: 559 815 3650

No passcode required - Online 'doors' will open at 11:40.



WALLA WALLA CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL



Portrait of an Artist — Orlando Wells, Violin

Thursday, January 12, 2023

6:00 PM 7:00 PM

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Tasting Music — Mendelssohn

Piano Trio in C minor, Op. 66

Friday, January 13, 2023

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