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Karen Huwe

Over seventy trick-or-treaters were at the Bruce House Halloween event on Friday, October 31. The Historical Society set up a fun Halloween event with face painting, ring toss, canvas treat bags the kids got to paint, and ice cream. Trunk or Treat took place in front of the museum. Kids and adults also enjoyed free hot dogs at the Presbyterian Church from 4-6 p.m.

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General election results as of Nov. 4

By Lane Gwinn | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—Voting in the November 4, 2025 general election closed on Tuesday, 8 p.m. The following are the initial results for the five competitive races in Dayton and Waitsburg after .

WAITSBURG	CANDIDATE	VOTE	VOTE %
Mayor	Marty Dunn* Brad Sandua	198 42	82.50% 17.50%
City Council P1	Kevin House* Cindy Daves	220 21	91.29% 8.71%
City Council P2	Jim Romine* Write-in	196 3	98.49% 1.51%
City Council P3	Bart Baxter Brian Richards	60 176	25.42% 74.58%
Waitsburg Parks & Rec Pool Levy	Yes No	122 179	40.53% 59.47%
DAYTON	CANDIDATE	VOTE	VOTE %
City Council #1	Laura Aukerman* Dave Harvey	282 465	37.75% 62.12%
School Board #2	Patrick Davidson Carly Benavides	690 377	64.31% 35.14%
Columbia County P&R Pool Levy	Yes No	740 481	60.61% 39.39%

Final voting results for all races on the ballot will be posted when completed at results.vote.wa.gov on the Secretary of State website.

Cardinal Secondary School Students of the Month



Courtesy photo

Congratulations to Martin Vasquez, Emerson Underwood, Rozalynn Harvey, and Gavin Mikesell who were named Waitsburg Secondary Students of the Month for their hard-work, perseverance, and positive impact on their school.

LEAF BIN OPEN IN WAITSBURG

THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — The City of Waitsburg has made a leaf bin available to residents for bagged or unbagged leaves. The bin was delivered to the city shop area, accessible from the alley behind the Sin-



clair gas station on the corner of Preston and Coppei. It will be open Monday through Friday, from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., and on Saturdays between 7 a.m. and noon.

Washington residents face increased health insurance premiums

By Lane Gwinn | THE TIMES

OLYMPIA – The health insurance marketplace opened for the 2026 coverage year on November 1, 2025, and will remain open until January 15, 2026. To have coverage begin on January 1, 2026, you must enroll by the December 15, 2025 deadline.

According to the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network, more than 270,000 Washingtonians, including cancer patients and survivors, may face significant premium increases should the enhanced premium tax credits not be extended by the U.S Congress.

The American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN) has long advocated for the extension of tax credits, which would help make comprehensive health insurance more affordable for the 24 million people who purchase coverage through the Marketplaces nationwide, including 272,000 Washington residents who obtain their coverage through healthcare.gov. Should Congress allow the enhanced tax credits to expire, the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office has projected that 4.2 million people will become uninsured nationwide.

Audrey Miller Garcia, Washington government relations director for ACS CAN, released the following statement:

“Nearly everyone with Marketplace health insurance will face a significant increase in their costs for next year, but the spikes for those who rely on the enhanced premium tax credits will be massive. These increases will put quality, affordable coverage out of reach for many Washington residents. For cancer patients in active treatment, a loss of coverage would be life-threatening.

“Research clearly shows that having health insurance is one of the most significant factors in surviving a cancer diagnosis. Without access to the care needed to get well and stay well, people will live sicker and die sooner.

“Congress still has a chance to make this right and find a pathway to extend the tax credits before it’s too late. Our congressional delegation needs to know that lives depend on it.”

More information about the American Cancer Society, Cancer Action Network is at www.fightcancer.org.

FIND HELP WITH OPEN HEALTH INSURANCE ENROLLMENT

THE TIMES

OLYMPIA — Every year from October 15 to December 7, Medicare allows recipients to switch plans. And we all know that Medicare can be a confusing topic.

Plans can change every year, so it’s essential to review yours to ensure it still works for you.

Choose reputable sources for information. Talk with your employer’s HR representatives. Utilize official government websites, including Healthcare.gov, Medicare.gov, Medicaid.gov, and wahealthplanfinder.org.

Familiarize yourself with medical and insurance terminology to understand deductibles, co-payments, and Medicare Advantage versus Medicare gap plans. A comprehensive medical glossary is available at www.healthcare.gov/glossary/.

Local insurance agents or brokers can also provide information on plans that best align with healthcare providers in your area.

NEWS BRIEFS

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OBITUARY

AT THE LIBERTY:
"A Christmas Carol"

DAYTON — Tickets are on sale now for the Liberty Theater 2025 Fall Production, "A Christmas Carol." There will be 14 performances between November 13 and December 6.

Rehearsals are in the final stages for "A Christmas Carol," which combines the classic of the same title by Charles Dickens published in 1843, and the short story, "The Gift of the Magi," published by O. Henry in 1905. Woven together, these two stories become one tale, in which the hard-hearted Ebenezer Scrooge is confronted with the choice between a self-imposed hell and a redeeming, selfless love. The strength of charity, mercy, forbearance, and benevolence is the focus of this reimaged stage play, written by Mike Ferrians and Brenda Henderson, who have also collaborated on the creation of new music and lyrics to help bring the story to life. Touchet Valley Arts Council Productions presents the production. Directed by Mike Ferrians and Brenda Henderson.

You can purchase your tickets online on our website, libertytheater.org, or at the box office on Tuesdays. & Fri. between 2 and 5 p.m. or call (509) 382-1380.

For Christmas Kickoff, The Liberty Theater will host a free showing of "ELF" on Friday, November 28, at 3 p.m. In a city where no one remembers the true meaning of Christmas, Buddy (Will Ferrell), a human raised in the North Pole by Santa's elves, brings joy, silliness, and magic. Rated PG for some mild rude humor and language, and has a runtime of 97 minutes.

There will be no movies from Nov 4 to 11 during rehearsals. The live production of "A Christmas Carol" will show from Nov. 13 to Dec.6.

"ELF" on Nov. 28 at 3 p.m. Free for Christmas Kickoff.

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William O. Samson II
December 5, 1958 – October 7, 2025

William O. Samson II (Billy) passed away on October 7, 2025, after a long illness in Soldotna, Alaska. He is preceded in death by his father, William Samson, and his mother, Merrilee Samson of Waitsburg, Washington. Bill was born in Dayton, Washington, on December 5, 1958.

He is survived by his long-time partner, Robin Hilton, of the home in Soldotna, Alaska. He is also sur-

vived by his children; Michael (Amber) McIntosh of Walla Walla, Wash., Mary (Mike) Armijo of Walla Walla, Wash., William (Kristen) Samson of Moses Lake, Wash., Garrick Samson of Walla Walla, Wash., and George (Alayna) Hilton of Big Sky, Montana; his siblings, Andrew (Leesa) Samson of Haysville, Kansas., Alan Samson of College Place, Wash., Mike (Dawn) Samson of Irrigon, Oregon, Cindi (TJ) John of Peterson, Iowa, Cynthia Smith and Guy Snere of Kasilof, Alaska, Christine (Todd) Cloin of Waitsburg, Wash, and his 12 grandchildren.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date in May of 2026. The date is yet to be determined. A graveside service will follow at that time at the Dayton Cemetery. Corbeill Funeral Homes of Dayton will be in charge.



William (Billy) Samson II
December 5, 1958 – October 7, 2025

SPORTS

CARDINALS LOSE CROSSOVER GAME TO KNIGHTS

By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES

WEDNESDAY — It was a Halloween night high school football game, and everything that could have gone wrong did.

From not recovering an onside kick from Sunnyside Christian on the opening kickoff to a fumble on the one-yard line, the Waitsburg Cardinals struggled in the crossover game and lost 64-20.

The highlights were Tucker Hamilton, who recov-

ered a Knight's fumble, followed by the Cardinals scoring two quick touchdowns.

"But then we hit a brick wall. We could not get momentum going," said coach Gabe Kiefel. "We were finally able to string some plays together in the second half, but by then it was too little too late," he said.

On offense, JJ Gleason scored five touchdowns. He rushed for 303 yards on 24 carries, and he passed for 190 yards. Isa Reyes, Uriah York, and Martin Vasquez caught three passes each. Reyes caught one pass from Liam Kiefel for a touchdown.

Vasquez played tough defense and ended the game with 25 tackles. Koyen Fortune had 17 tackles, Jarod Hankins 16, Tucker Hamilton 15, Victor Whitmore 12, and Gleason had 10 tackles. Gleason, Fortune, and Landen Henry each recorded a quarter-back sack.

The loss earned the Cardinals the number six seed from the SE1B district. Next week, the Cards will take on the reigning NE1B state champs, Wilbur-Creston-Keller, on their home field on Friday, November 7.

Waitsburg will go on to State if they win or their season ends with a loss.



Karen Huwe

Cheerleaders Sarah Daves, Hope Adkins, Matti Carter, Ava Childers, Madison Strickland, and Chloe McCaw keep the spirit going at football games.

WAITSBURG MS BOYS BASKETBALL STARTS SEASON

By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — The Waitsburg Middle School boys basketball team started practice on October 27 in preparation for its November 12 game against DeSales in Walla Walla



Karen Huwe

(l-r) back row: Lencio Flores, Olyver Dahlby, Arrow Groom, Carson Scott, Abel Creeley, Nolan King; front row (l-r): Myles Frasco, Joshua Dodd, Ryden Huxoll, Damien Brown, Hudson Lynch, Alex Weis, Tucker Brown. (not pictured: Emerson Kiefel and Hayden Gascon)



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Palouse Outdoors: The Gift of Venison

By Brad Trumbo | THE TIMES

“There. On the crest of the ridge. Do you see her?” Matt asked as he pointed toward the protruding ears of a bedded mule deer doe.

“Yup, and at least one more,” I answered. “But there’s no shot from this side – no backstop. Let’s make the loop and see if we can come up from behind them for a different angle.”

The evening sun was warm upon our backs as we moved east to flank the bedded deer. My mind wandered in alpenglow-induced revelry. There’s nothing quite like autumn’s atmosphere, with protracted mornings and evenings bathed in the sun’s peachy hue, and the cool of the settling evening air.

Wild turkeys fed all around us, scuffling and bobbing, their black backs shining. Valley quail called to the covey, and rooster pheasant cackled from the distant riparian. Powder-soft soil puffed from beneath our boots as we walked and conversed in hushed voices.

Songbirds flitted in the crackling, tawny weed skeletons along the creek bottom precipice. Quail tracks littered bare ground, and black barred turkey feathers were scattered about, likely falling from molting birds roosting high in the nearby black locusts.

The sun was blinding on the opposite side of the ridge and lit up Matt and me like beacons as we strained to peer through the shadows of the tree cover.

“Hup,” Matt said with a huff and a balled-up fist - a universal sign to halt.

Three deer were bedded approximately 50 yards up the rise and still without a suitable backdrop for shooting. We knelt and glassed the deer, taking note of which were fawns and which were mature. All three had beautiful, thick, charcoal-gray winter coats.

A single fawn was bedded in the open while another and the doe were behind a few trees. While repositioning wouldn’t help with a shot, I did it anyway to get a better look at the doe. Her age was apparent with heavy white margins on her face and around her ears. She had two distinct, stark-white neck patches and was more than twice the size of the fawns. She was clearly smarter, for she stood and put trees between us the moment I shifted into an opening.

Matt and I watched intently, sizing and aging the deer for fun, as the trio moved across the ridge, wisely keeping vegetation between us. Most interesting to me were the other deer that appeared as they filed away, including a mature doe, smaller than the older doe, and bigger than the fawns. Her ears were still large compared to her muzzle length, but more equally proportioned with long legs and a thick barrel. I recognized her instantly as the deer I wanted – the perfect age, size, venison quality, and likely a year-and-a-half-old doe with no fawns.

“They’ve gone to the south side. I bet we can swing around and bump into them again,” Matt said.

“Yes, let’s loop around to the west. We’ve got plenty of time,” I said.



Brad Trumbo

Mule deer is a superior source of protein. This sous vide roast, seasoned only with salt and pepper, and served with roasted potatoes, exemplifies what drives Trumbo to continue hunting big game.

The sun was settling closer to the horizon as we moved west, then turned south. A small buck spooked from a secluded patch atop the ridge as we crossed over the hilltop. Although young, he took no chances with us.

Matt and I dropped to the bottom of the ridge, then turned east with the sun at our backs, our shadows stretching out nearly 30 feet before us. We were more vigilant than before, as the deer could’ve been anywhere, either the group we pursued or a new group entirely. And, while hunting is a game of stealth made easier with experience, the elements of randomness, coincidence, and Divine Intervention are both mercilessly and mercifully ever-present in the predator-prey relationship.

As we moved east, we stepped up to the edge of a swale and spotted the small herd feeding at the bottom. The sun, still behind us, cast black silhouettes on the horizon. The deer glanced up, then continued feeding, completely unalarmed. I can only assume that we looked enough like turkeys.

My right hand clutched Dad’s old Remington Model 700 .243 as I readied the shooting sticks with my left. The rifle was a gift from his brother in the 1960s. Dad hunted whitetails for sustenance during my early childhood, and the heirloom rifle has filled our freezers for nearly 70 years now. As I glanced through the scope, sizing up the does and fawns, I was pleased to see that the middle-aged doe I wanted was positioned perfectly for a safe, clean shot, approximately 80 yards below me. A gentle tug on the trigger sent the doe loping out of sight into the trees. Matt and I looked after the older doe, allowing some time to pass, as she eased off in the opposite direction with her fawns in tow.

“Found her!” I yelled to Matt, concluding a short search and the gut-wrenching second-guessing that

follows the shot. No matter how confident I am, I cannot shake the twinge of doubt. Why? Because of the ever-present randomness, coincidence, and Divine Intervention that can change an outcome in an instant. Which was it that allowed my perfect approach and put the doe exactly where I needed her to be?

Her coat was an utter masterpiece - immaculate, sleek, heavy, and striking. A smooth, tawny ring encircled her eyes, and a dark, nearly black band of bristly fur stretched the length of her brisket and chest. Her underside was a light buckskin with a stark-white rump and stubby, coal-tipped tail. Two to three inches of fat covered her brisket – fatter than any deer I’ve hunted. She would feed us well over the next year. Standing in the fading light of the coral band glowing on the horizon, I gave silent thanks, as I had done so many times, for the life that this beautiful creature gave for my nourishment.

Matt and I rolled up our sleeves and carefully split the hide along her belly centerline. We removed the heart and liver, placing them in a game bag, then left the remaining entrails for the coyotes. I prefer to break down game in the field and leave the carcass, but her coat was too beautiful to destroy. We gently dragged her to where we could load her up whole, allowing for meticulous processing on the gambrels at home.

I’ve been hunting for nearly 40 years now, and I’m well past the days when possession of the animal defined success. If not for the irreplaceable table fare, I’d only shoot big game with a camera. Emotions aside, the hunt connects us to our ecosystem, fostering an awareness of our place within it. There’s a deep, primal satisfaction borne of hunting and gathering one’s own food. Venison, good friends, and sunset hunts like this are truly a gift.

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RCW 11.40.030
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JANET DEBORAH STACK, Deceased.
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Summons: Notice about a Marriage or Domestic Partnership

Superior Court of Washington, County of Walla Walla
No. 2530019736
In re the marriage / domestic partnership of:
Petitioner (person who started this case): LeAnne Janae Fackler
And Respondent (other spouse/partner): Jeremy John Bye
Summons: Notice about a Marriage or Domestic Partnership
To the Respondent: Your spouse/domestic partner (the Petitioner) started a case asking the court to end your marriage.
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Walla Walla, WA 99362-0259
You must respond in writing for the court to consider your side. Deadline! Your Response must be served on Petitioner within 20 days of the date you were served this Summons (60 days if you were served outside of Washington State). If the case has been filed in court, you must also file your Response by the same deadline. If you do not file and serve your Response or a Notice of Appearance by the deadline: No one has to notify you about other hearings in this case, and the court may approve the Petitioner's requests without hearing your side. (This is called a default judgment.) Lawyer not required. It is a good idea to talk to a lawyer, but you may file and serve your Response without one. Follow these steps:
1) Read the Petition and any other documents you receive with this Summons. These documents explain what Petitioner is asking for.
2) Fill out the Response on one of these forms: Response to Petition about a Marriage (FL Divorce 211) if you are married, or Response to Petition about a

Registered Domestic Partnership (FL Divorce 212) if you are a domestic partner. You can get the response and other forms at: The Washington State Courts' website: www.courts.wa.gov/forms
Washington Law Help: www.washingtonlawhelp.org, or The Superior Court Clerk's office or county law library (for a fee).
3) Serve (give) a copy of your Response to Petitioner at the petitioner's address for service listed above.
4) File your original Response with the clerk of the court at the court's address for filing listed above.
/s/ LeAnne Janae Fackler, Petitioner
Signed: October 16, 2025
This summons is issued pursuant to RCW 4.28.180 and Superior Court Civil Rule 4.1 of the State of Washington.
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA
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PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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In re the Estate of:
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ORDINANCE SUMMARY

Pursuant to RCW 35A.12.160, the Council of the City of Prescott hereby approves for publication the following Ordinance Summary:
1. The name of the City is the City of Prescott, Washington.
2. The Ordinance summarized is Ordinance No. 2025-04, adopted by the Council of the City of Prescott on October 27, 2025.
3. The Ordinance repeals Ordinance No. 318, in part, adopted on November 8, 1993, and replaces the current water rate schedule as set forth in more recent resolutions.
4. The Ordinance is summarized as follows:
a. The Ordinance is divided into three (3) sections.
b. Section 1 repeals Section 5 of Ordinance No. 318 and replaces the water rate schedule stated there and updated via resolutions adopted subsequent to Ordinance No. 318. The changes reduce the number of water categories (and tiers within each category).
c. Section 2 states that the per unit water rates established in Section 1 may

be amended in the future by resolution of the Council and further states that changes to the base rate or tier structure shall be via ordinance.
d. Section 3 states that all rates, charges and conditions in the Ordinance shall become effective December 1, 2025.
5. A copy of the entire Ordinance will be mailed upon request or may be examined at City Hall.
APPROVED by the Council of the City of Prescott on the 27th day of October, 2025.
Jay Potts
Mayor
The Times
November 6, 13, 2025
11-6-b

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA
NO: 25-4-00238-36
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS
RCW 11.40.030
In re the Estate of:
Gayle Michelle Weatherson, Deceased.
The Personal Representative named below has been appointed as Personal Representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the Personal Representative or the Personal Representative's attorney stated below a copy of the claim and filing of 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 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.
DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: October 23, 2025
Personal Representative: /s/ William O. Gatchel
Attorney for Personal Representative:
Robert R. King
Minnick-Hayner, P.S.
P.O. Box 1757
249 West Alder
Walla Walla, WA 99362
(509) 527-3500
The Times
October 23, 30, November 6, 2025
10-23-d

Columbia County Public Hospital District No. 1

Notice of Special Meeting and Public Hearings
Notice is herby given that the Board of Commissioners OF Columbia County Public Hospital District No. 1 will hold a Special Meeting on Thursday, November 13, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in the Administration Conference Room, Columbia County Public Hospital District Campus, Dayton, Washington. The purpose of the meeting is to conduct the following public hearings and take possible action: (1.) Consideration of allowable 1% levy tax increase – Public Hearing and Discussion/Approval., (2.) Adoption of the 2026 District Budget – Public Hearing and Discussion/Approval., (3.) Advance Levy Certification document. No final disposition will be taken on any other matter at this meeting.
The Times
November 6, 2025
11-6-a

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Mayor of the City of Waitsburg filed the 2026 Preliminary Budget with the City Council and City Clerk of the City of Waitsburg on October 1, 2025, setting forth a proposed complete financial program for fiscal year 2026, specifically showing the expenditures associated with each program and sources of revenues for which each program is proposed to be financed.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that on Wednesday, November 19, 2025, at 7:00 pm., or soon thereafter, a budget hearing for fiscal year 2026 for the City of Waitsburg will be held at the Waitsburg City Hall, 106 Main St. Waitsburg, to discuss the proposed complete financial program for fiscal year 2026 for the City of Waitsburg.
NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that on Wednesday, November 19, 2025, at 7:00 pm., or soon thereafter, a hearing shall be held at the Waitsburg City Hall, 106 Main St. Waitsburg for the consideration of a proposed increase of property tax revenues for the fiscal year 2026. The proposed increase is one percent (1%) of tax revenues collected in 2025 plus any and all available banked taxing capacity, excluding increases resulting from additional new construction, state utility value increase/decrease and any applicable refund levy. Copies of the 2026 preliminary budget will be available to the public on November 14, 2025, and may be obtained by contacting the City of Waitsburg at P.O. Box 35, 106 Main Street, Waitsburg, WA, 99361 or (509) 337-6371. The preliminary budget can also be viewed on the City's website (www.cityof-waitsburg.com) on November 14, 2025.
All interest citizens are invited to attend the hearing and presenting evidence in favor or opposition of the proposals. The City of Waitsburg is required by the State of Washington to hold such a public hearing; any City Council action on the proposed 2026 budget, including a proposed tax increase, will not include a final approval of the proposed above-mentioned budget until after all hearings have taken place and all testimony is given. Dated this 4th day of November 2025.
City Council, City of Waitsburg
- By Randy Hinchliffe, City Clerk
The Times
November 6, 13, 2025
11-6-f

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given by the Touchet Lowden Mosquito Control District that a public hearing will be held from 6:00 pm on Wednesday, November 12th, 2025, at the Touchet Fire Station, Touchet, WA, to consider setting the annual budget for the 2026 operating year. Written testimony, which will be read into the record, may be sent to: Touchet-Lowden Mosquito Control District, P.O. Box 173, Touchet, WA 99360. Dated this 27th day of October, 2025.
Board of the Touchet-Lowden Mosquito Control District.
By: Alisha Scholz, Secretary
The Times
October 30, November 6, 2025
10-30-a

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA
NO: 25-4-00234-36
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS
RCW 11.40.070
In re the Estate of: DEAN EDWARD MORRISON, VERDIE

ANN MORRISON, AKA VERDIE BEITO MORRISON, Deceased.
The personal representative named below has been appointed as personal representative of these estates. Any person having a claim against the decedents must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided by RCW 11.40.070 by serving or mailing to 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 creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) Four (4) months after the date of first publication of this notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051, and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedents' probate and nonprobate assets.
DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: October 23, 2025
By: /s/ Sean E. Morrison
Personal Representative.
Attorney for Personal Representative:
Michael E. De Grasse
PO Box 494
Walla Walla, WA 99362
(509) 522-2004
The Times
October 23, 30, November 6, 2025
10-23-e

NOTICE OF PLANNED FINAL ACTION

CITY OF WAITSBURG EMINENT DOMAIN PROCEEDING
(RCW 8.25.290)
Subject Property: 782 Preston Avenue
Waitsburg, WA 99361
Walla Walla County Parcel No. 37-09-11-43-0009
Record Property Owner: Estate of Genevieve Kenworthy
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Waitsburg, condemner, will consider taking final action by approval and passage of a condemnation ordinance that will authorize the City Attorney to commence eminent domain (condemnation) proceedings against the above-described subject property. Note: The City is seeking to condemn a limited access and maintenance easement to protect the City and its residents from flooding and is not seeking to condemn the entire property. The date, time, and location fixed for council consideration of this proposed condemnation ordinance is 2025-1099, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. or so there after in the Waitsburg City Hall at 106 Main Street, Waitsburg, Washington, 99361.
/s/ Randy Hinchliffe, City Clerk
The Times
November 6, 13, 2025
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given by the Walla Walla Fire Protection Districts No 1, 3, 7 and Walla Walla North County Fire District will have their 2026 budget hearings that are open to the public on Wednesday November 12th, 2025, at 8:00 AM held at the Prescott Lions Hall, Prescott, WA. Call or email with any questions or comments to wwnofd@pocket-inet.com or (509)629-2353
The Times
November 6, 2025
11-6-g

Out on a Limb



by Gary Kopervas

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 School Board
Third Thursday of every month @ 6 p.m. at the Waitsburg Elementary School Library. Zoom info is available at 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 parents, school district staff, and community members are 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

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

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

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

Waitsburg Commercial Club
Last Thursdays of the month @ Ten Ton Art @noon. Zoom info is available by emailing waitsburgcc@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, upstairs

DAYTON & COLUMBIA COUNTY MEETINGS

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

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

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

DHS Alumni Meeting
Every Third Thursday @ 6:30 p.m.
Dayton Eagles on Main St. Dayton.

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. at the Columbia County Fire District Conference Room

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

PRESCOTT MEETINGS
Prescott Joint Park & Rec District (PJPRD) Monthly meetings for 2024 are 2nd Thursday of each month, @ 6pm

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

Church Directory

St. Mark Catholic Church

405 W. Fifth, Waitsburg Mass

Friday, 4:30 p.m.
Sunday, 5 p.m.
382-2311
Father O'Leary

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
Rev. Matthew Wyatt

Events, Film, Performance, Live Music

WAITSBURG

Waitsburg students to honor Veterans through music, dance, speech, and movement.

Veteran's Day Assembly
Waitsburg School District
Monday November 10
10::30 a.m. at the High School Gym
Music and presentations to honor local veterans
The public is warmly invited.



Oyster and Wine Release
Royal Block
Saturday, November 8
3 to 6 p.m.
Oysters on the half shell and oyster stew paired with new wines from the Walla Walla Valley



Table Top Role Playing Game TTRPG
Dungeons and Dragons Scenario
Thursday, November 6 and November 20 @ 4 p.m

Storytime & Coloring
Friday, November 7, 14, 21 @ 10 a.m.

Shrinky Dink Creations
Friday, November 14 @ 1 p.m.

Craft! Make Your Own Crinoids
Saturday, November 8 and 22 @ 10 a.m.

Crafternoon
Wednesday, November 12 @ 3 to 5 p.m.

BIRTHDAYS

November 6: Josh Wilson, Greg Zuger, Albert Meyer, Pauline Tedrow, Sharon Bode, Jacob Mulhair, and Heath Pierson.

November 7: Stan Mock, Desiree Zuger, Maybelle Leinbach, Elizabeth Xaudaro, and Kelsey Tarp.

November 8: Bruce Gentry, Melvin Keiser, Jennifer Harwood, Kristen Baker, and Dana Weir.

November 9: Frances Scott, Robert Hawks, Jodee Liebermann, Alan Jackson Jr., Corrie Cozier, and Lillian Carpenter.

November 10: Kaitlin Vaughn, Ruby Potter, Stephanie Zuger, and Nathan Stroobants.

November 11: Linda Avery, Joe Patrick, Wes Moors, Judy Annabel, Dick Beck, Freda Kay Price, Nadine Branson, Sherill Roberts, Kathy Carpenter, and Herb Bessey.

November 12: Randy Halley, Blaine Pasley.



DAYTON

Dayton School District students will honor all who served at a **Veteran's Day Assembly**
The public is welcomed
Tuesday, November 11 at 2:15 p.m.
Dayton High School Auditorium.
Lift assistance available

Mythical / Movable
Blue Mountain Bluegrass Jam
Friday, November 7 @ 7 p.m.
Hotel Hardware in the back room
235 E. Main St, Dayton



Columbia County Library Events

Family Story time (Reading and Dinner)
Thurs. Nov. 6th @5:30 p.m.

"Cleaning Up Hanford" - Lecture by the Department of Ecology
Friday Nov. 7th @2-4 p.m.

Toddler Story Time (reading and games/crafts)
Wednesday Nov. 12th @10 a.m.

"Dances with Fire" - Local Author meet & greet with Kate Hamburger
Thurs. Nov 13th @ 6:30 p.m.

Movie Night and Craft: "Howl's Moving Castle"
Friday Nov 14th @ 3 p.m.

"Cleaning Up Hanford" - Lecture by the Department of Ecology (This wasn't a mistake, they are coming twice!)
Sat. Nov 15th @ 11a.m.-1p.m.

Lunches

WAITSBURG SENIOR CENTER

504 Main Street
11 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Tuesday, November 11
Closed for Veteran's Day



WAITSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT

Thursday, Nov. 6
Breakfast
French Toast & Sausage
Lunch
Chicken Nuggets (PreK-12th)
Mac & Cheese
Fruit & Vegetable

Friday, Nov. 7
Breakfast
NEW! Breakfast Burrito
Lunch
Terriyaki Chicken Rice
Fruit & Vegetable

Monday, Nov. 10
Breakfast
Ultimate Breakfast Round
Lunch
Hamburgers
French Fries,
Fruit & Vegetable

Tuesday, Nov. 11
No School for Veteran's Day

Wednesday, Nov. 12
Breakfast
Breakfast Sandwich
Lunch
Chicken Caesar Wrap
Something Crunchy
Fruit & Vegetable

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