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Juno Kerr

Wind turbines in the fields off Eckler Mountain Road, east of Dayton. The moonlit blades created stark abstract shapes in the clear winter night.

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Highlights from 2025

By Lane Gwinn | THE TIMES

First girl wrestler for the Cardinals

Feb. 20 – Karissa Potts made Cardinal history by joining the H.S. wrestling team. Coach Lash LaRue described Potts as a pleasure to work with and hoped other girls would join the team the following season.



All photos Times Archives



Former City Hall building sale closes

April 10 – Waitsburg City Council accepted Chet Childers' second offer for Waitsburg's former city hall property. The \$130,000 sale closed on April 7. Childers said he looked forward to learning more about the building and the town as he looks for a project that will honor both.

Dayton's Memorial Day Rodeo saved

May 22 – The future of a Memorial Day rodeo was uncertain as a dispute over control of Dayton Days Inc. remained unresolved. Loyal and Charlotte Baker worked with the Columbia County Board of Commissioners and secured the fairgrounds to host a Memorial Day rodeo. To accommodate a restriction on the use of the name "Dayton Days," the annual city celebration was renamed the Historical Dayton Days Jackpot Rodeo and Parade.

Dayton P.E.O celebrated its 100th Anniversary

June 6 – The Dayton P.E.O Chapter BJ celebrated its 100th Anniversary with an exhibit and reception in June. Cathy Lee-Haight organized the month-long exhibit at the Historical Depot Museum on the history of the local chapter.

Flag dedication and July 4th celebration at the Bruce Museum

July 10 – This year, the Patriot Parade ended at the Bruce House lawn for a flag dedication. The American Legion Auxiliary donated the flag, a new flagpole, and a plaque to the Waitsburg Historical Society. Waitsburg Scout Troop 337 raised the new flag in challenging wind conditions on July 4.



New photographer at The Times

July 31 – Dayton resident Juno Kerr had to drive past Harting Grade Fire emergency responders on July 25. After returning home, she captured photos of the fire from her vantage point safely across the valley. Kerr is now a staff photographer for The Times.



67th Salmon BBQ

September 25 – The Waitsburg Lions Club served 520 happy diners at the Don Thomas building on September 21. New diners come out for the perfectly cooked fish and side dishes; they return for the socializing and the food.



Dayton engineer nationally recognized

September 25 – Dayton resident Ryan Severe was awarded the Green Cross for Safety's Innovation Award for his work on an imaging system to identify problems on a winding turbine without risking a technician's safety on a climb.

Columbia County celebrates Sesquicentennial

October 9 – After a day of celebration, the closing ceremony was held outside the Palus Museum, where the Sesquicentennial Legacy Mural was unveiled. The painting features Chief Bones, the last official chief of the Palus tribe. The committee commissioned and donated the mural to serve as a lasting symbol of Columbia County's history, resilience, and spirit.

Community fights to save Prescott School District

November 13 – After a major financial deficit was identified in the Prescott School District, the state imposed binding conditions to restore the district's economic health within two years. The community stepped up to raise funds through a series of creative fundraisers as the state and school board continue to work to secure the district's future.

Wolfling Coffee shop opens

November 27 – Trevor Corbin and Caitlyn Potts opened Wolfling Coffee on Thanksgiving Day. The couple took on a big project after buying and renovating a building on Waitsburg's Main Street. Their investment and hard work created an inviting community space with great coffee and baked goods. Their hours are Thursday through Monday, 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.



Waitsburg has an ice (not ice) rink

December 11 – The 40th Annual Hometown Christmas celebration introduced the city's newest park facility, a summer skate park and winter ice rink. After the city's pool was filled and capped, City Administrator Randy Hinchliffe secured funding and a suitable imitation ice product for creative use of the city's property. The rink is a hit, used by skaters of all ages and abilities.



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NEWS BRIEFS

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AT THE LIBERTY:

"Zootopia 2"

Jan. 2-6

THE TIMES

DAYTON — In Walt Disney Animation Studios' "Zootopia 2," detectives Judy Hopps (voiced by Ginnifer Goodwin) and Nick Wilde (voiced by Jason Bateman) find themselves on the twisting trail of a mysterious reptile who arrives in Zootopia and turns the animal metropolis upside down. To crack the case, Judy and Nick must go undercover, where their growing partnership is tested like never before. Rated PG for action/violence and rude humor and has a runtime of 108 minutes.

Rotten Tomatoes critics and audiences agreed that "Zootopia 2" is a thoughtful movie the whole family can enjoy. The critics gave the film a 91% rating, noting that it cleverly layers a thoughtful message onto a crackerjack caper and solidifies Judy Hopps and Nick Wilde as one of the most endearing buddy pairings.

An audience member thought that "in every way where it matters, 'Zootopia 2' delivers a boldly heartfelt statement with stunning animation to fill every scene with something to marvel at."


The theater will be hosting the United States Air Force Band of the Golden West - Clarinet Quartet on Saturday, January 17, at 3 p.m. This is a free concert brought to The Liberty as part of the Walla Walla Chamber Music Festival.

Tickets are free but must be reserved at <https://bandofthegoldenwestclarinetquartet.eventbrite.com>. The quartet will perform songs including "America" from the musical "West Side Story," "United States Anthem," and an Armed Services Medley.

The 2026 Variety Show, "Hello. My name is..." will feature songs and skits on the theme of "names." It will include songs "Hey Jude," "Billie Jean," and "Cecilia," to name a few. Information night is January 7 at 6 p.m., with auditions on January 8 and 10. Rehearsals begin February 2. Performances this year are on April 17-19 and April 24-26.

Upcoming movies are "Zootopia 2" on Jan. 2 to 6 and "Nuremberg" on Jan. 9 to 13.

THE LIBERTY THEATER - DAYTON



THRIFTY \$6 TUESDAYS

Friday 7:00 pm
Saturday 7:00 pm
Sunday 3:00 pm
Tuesday 6:30 pm

JANUARY 2-6

RATED: PG for action/violence and rude humor
RUNTIME: 108 minutes

ZOOTOPA 2

YOGA IS FOR ALL BODIES

By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — Susan Wildey became first interested in yoga in her youth. About five years ago, she got back into yoga to find peace and inner calm.

Wildey met the requirement of two hundred class hours and obtained her yoga teaching certificate through a studio in Montana. This past summer, she started her business, Stone and Sky Yoga.

"Yoga is less about fitness and more about an inward journey," said Wildey.

Wildey works in the Business Office for the Prescott School District and teaches yoga classes in the evenings.

In January, Wildey will offer classes including Hatha, Vinyasa/Yin, and restorative yoga at Skyrocket Church in Prescott and Waitsburg Town Hall in Waitsburg. Yoga mats and props are included, but attendees are welcome to bring their own mats.

Participants at a recent class included Waitsburg residents who were thankful to have a local option for yoga.

One yoga participant said, "It is great to have a local spot to get healthy. It is good to take an hour for my physical and mental health. I feel better physically with more energy."

With a selection of classes, Wildey offers a mindful yoga practice focused on balancing groundedness (stone) with expansive awareness (sky), emphasizing breath, presence, and natural connection for all levels.

Check the class schedule at stoneandskyyoga.com to find your inner calm.



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CLASSIFIEDS HELP WANTED

Weller Public Library is accepting applications for a **Library Board of Trustees Member**. The Board meets monthly on the 2nd Tuesday of the month and oversees the Library. Applications for this position are available at Waitsburg City Hall. Applicants should attach a letter of interest.

Weller Public Library is accepting applications for **on-call library support staff**. Qualifications: experience working with young children, IT skills, ability to lift 20 lbs., pass a background check. Starting at \$20.00 per hour. Position averages 10 hours/month. Applications are available at Waitsburg City Hall.

DOUGLAS VENN RETIRES FROM PRESCOTT JOINT PARKS & RECREATION BOARD

THE TIMES

PRESCOTT — Douglas Venn is retiring from the Prescott Joint Parks & Recreation board effective on December 31, 2025. For 15 years, he has served as commissioner, championing Prescott's pool and Fairview Parks.

Venn held various positions on the board, including Vice-chairman and Chairman. He has worked effectively with the board, staff, and community to ensure public access to safe and fun recreational facilities.

Judy Kettering was elected as Commissioner for Position #2, formerly held by Chuck Carruthers. With Doug Venn's retirement, the board is recruiting a replacement for his position.

NEW GROUP HOSTS TO-GO BREAKFAST FOR WAITSBURG FFA TRAVEL

THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — An alumni and supporters' group has formed to support the Waitsburg FFA. The group is hosting a New Year's Day breakfast to help raise funds for two FFA members to attend the National FFA Washington Leadership Conference (WLC) in Washington, D.C. each summer.

The group is serving a breakfast of pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage links or patties, and coffee or juice for only \$12. The meals are to-go and can be picked up from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Waitsburg Lions' Club cook shack at the fairgrounds.



RISE AND SHINE
Breakfast Awaits

WAITSBURG FFA ALUMNI & SUPPORTERS
Invite you to join us for a TO-GO breakfast on New Year's Day!

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January 1: James Estes, Aaron Jones, and Ted Seaton.

January 6: Kurtis Reser and Maddie Callahan.

January 7: Erma Gilbertson, Jim Hofer, Alice Webber, and Kristyn Scott.

January 2: Joy Hill.

January 3: Mary Olona, Guy Antonius.

January 4: Meagan Zajac, Loegan Harshman, Andrea Payne, Ben Kiefel, and Carol Clarke.

January 5: Fred Rankin, Barb Colby, Willard Cameron, Terry John,



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Its not the holidays without an elementary school concert

By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — Waitsburg's preschool through sixth-grade students performed at their annual Christmas program in the High School's auditorium on Tuesday, December 16.

The program, directed by Elizabeth Jagelski and Eleanora Montgomery, opened with the morning preschool students singing in their first Christmas program. They delighted the audience with their performance of "The Penguin Dance," followed by the afternoon preschool class singing "Jingle Bells."

The kindergarten class sang six songs, including "I Have a Little Dreidel," "Jolly Old Saint Nicholas," "Five Little Snowmen," "Albuquerque Turkey," "Santa Claus Is Coming to Town," and "Must Be Santa."

The first graders sang "Up on a Housetop," "On This Night," and "Jingle Bell Stomp." Second-grade songs were "Pat-a-Pan," "O Christmas Tree," and "Jingle Bell Rock."

The third grade entertained the crowd with "The Chanukah Song," "Do You Hear What I Hear?" and "Here We Go a Caroling."

Fourth graders sang "My Favorite Things," "Shepherd Boy," and "Frosty, The Snowman."

"Angels We Have Heard on High," "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree," and "Children Go Where I Send Thee" were performed by the fifth-grade class.

The sixth-grade students closed the concert in their last elementary school Christmas program by singing "Hallelujah," "Twelve Days of Christmas," and "We Wish You a Merry Christmas."

Music teacher Elizabeth Jagelski did an excellent job preparing the students for this delightful program, wishing the community a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Karen Huwe

(above) Elenora Montgomery directs her morning preschool class in their first Christmas concert.

(below) The afternoon preschool class jingled bells and sang "Jingle Bells."



Sixth-grade students performed three songs for their last Christmas program performance.

CARDINAL SPORTS with Karen Huwe

CARDINAL HS BOYS BASKETBALL WON TWO OUT OF THREE

WAITSBURG — Waitsburg's varsity boys' basketball team lost 61-47 to Mac-Hi on December 17 in Milton-Freewater.

The Cardinals took a 16-13 lead after one quarter. Mac-Hi took the lead at halftime, 33-24, and kept it throughout the second half. Blake Benevides led the team in scoring with 25 points.

"Mac-Hi is a bigger school, and it was fun to watch as we played well, but it just has to be for a full thirty-two minutes," said Coach Wallace.

The JV team lost 56-12. Jake Lynch scored nine points for the Cardinals.

"The JV boys competed in the first quarter. They were confident in their plays and played tough defense; it's just about sticking it out when times get tough that they really need to focus on," said Wallace.

On December 19 at Rosalia, the varsity boys beat the Timberwolves 62-51.

JJ Gleason scored 21 points, Benevides scored 18, Landen Henry had 12, and Paco Kenney scored seven to lead the Cardinals on offense.

"Good but ugly win for us. Our defense was a little slow at times, and TR played really tough and physical,

which challenged us at times, but we did play our style of basketball enough throughout the whole game to keep them at bay," said Wallace.

The JV team won 55-25.

"JV had a really good game. Jake Lynch scored 22 points, and Carter Barren had 19 points. Carysn Pennington and Victor Whitmore rebounded well. They held Rosalia scoreless in the fourth quarter and ended the game happy and successful," stated Wallace.

On December 20, the Cardinals played their last game before the winter break. The varsity boys beat St. John-Endicott (SJE) 77-26.

"Really good effort tonight. The boys scared me early, but played well together, and everyone got to score tonight. Balanced scoring, good takes to the basket, and kick-outs. It was the best shooting night I have seen from our boys. But I am proud of our defense. SJE probably has the best player in our league, and we held him to nine points and the team to twenty-six. Can not be mad about that," said Wallace.

All ten guys scored: Benevides 21, Henry 17, Gleason 13, Alex Zuniga 9, Rollin Carpenter and Logan Seal four each, Liam Kiefel and Carter Barron three each, Whitmore two, and Kenney one.

The Cardinal boys' basketball team's next game is on January 5 at Moses Lake Christian Academy.



Karen Huwe

Alex Zuniga shoots for two. (l-r): Alex Zuniga, Rollin Carpenter, Blake Benevides, Liam Kiefel

CARDINAL WRESTLING GOING STRONG

Jarod Hankins won two wrestling matches and lost one at Colfax on December 17. Teammates, Graycen Teal and Dylan Gutierrez, lost two matches each, and Flynn Richardson lost his match.

Coach Lash LaRue said the matches have been good for the kids, and they love community support.

Next matches are on Saturday, January 3 at Burbank, and Saturday, January 10 at NW Christian Schools in Colbert, Wash.



BOYS MS BASKETBALL WIN LAST HOME GAME

Waitsburg Middle School boys' basketball team played its last home game of the season against Dayton on December 17.

The Cardinal's B team played first and lost to the Bulldogs 24-12. Carson Scott scored six points; Alex Weis had four points, and Able Creeley scored two.

Waitsburg's A team beat Dayton 32-29. Arrow Groom scored 14 points to lead the Cardinals. Nolan King and Lencio Flores each scored six, Ollivyr Dahlby scored five, and Hudson Lynch scored one point.

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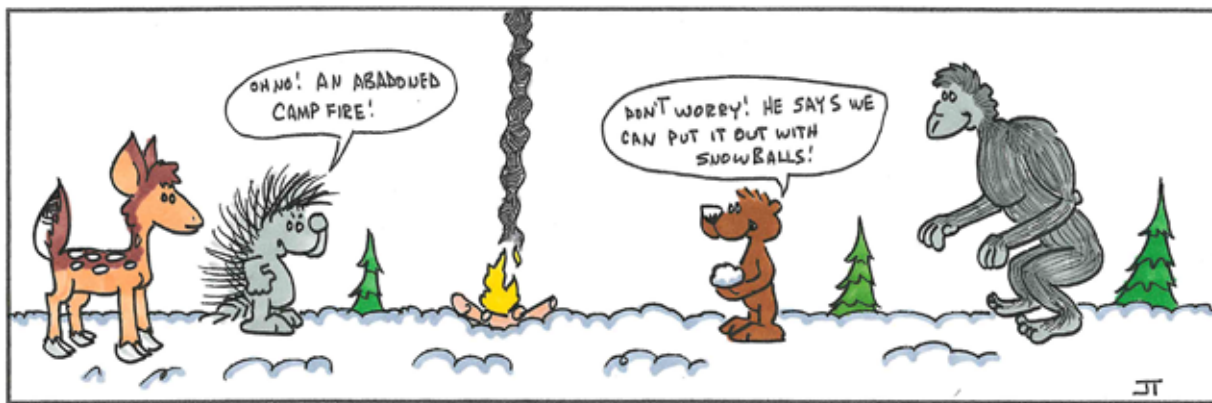
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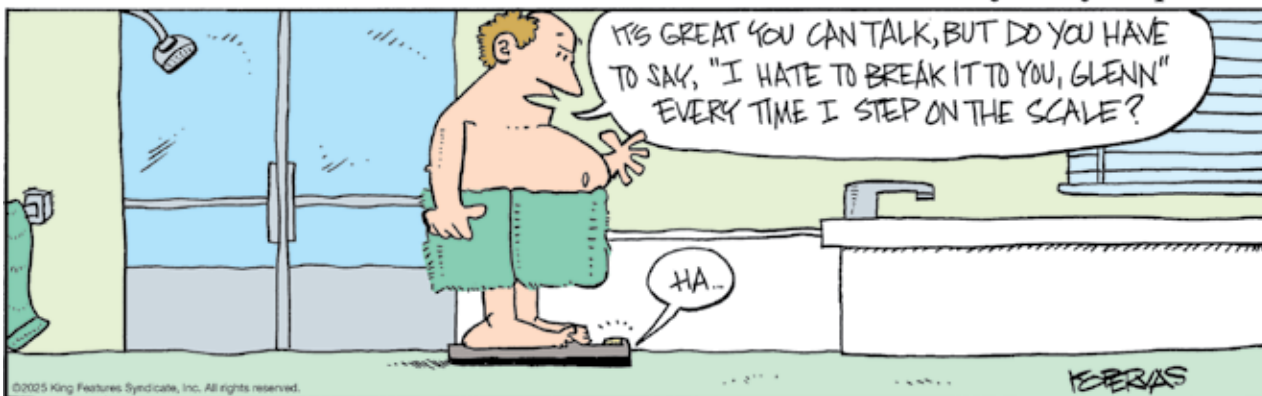
GRIN and BEAR IT



"He has the hangover virus."

Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



PIONEER PORTRAITS

Fifteen Years Ago December 30, 2010

Employees of The McGregor Company in both Waitsburg and Dayton this month donated \$500 to Dayton's Project Timothy Christian Services for a total donation of \$1,000. The donations will be used to help disadvantaged residents in Dayton, Waitsburg, Prescott, and Starbuck, according to Arty Harber, Associate Account Manager with McGregor. Project Timothy, which operates a thrift store on Main Street in Dayton, opened its doors in November 1991. Through financial contributions, Project Timothy distributes emergency assistance to residents of Columbia and north Walla Walla counties. The McGregor Company is a fertilizer and agricultural chemical industries business located throughout Inland Washington and surrounding areas.

Twenty-Five Years Ago January 4, 2001



[photo caption] Cinnabar Fox, a six-year-old Thoroughbred, won a six-furlong race at Playfair, posting the fastest time of the night with 1:13.3.

Fifty Years Ago January 12, 1976

New temporary postal rates will go into effect at 12:01 A.M. local time, Wednesday, December 31. This follows action by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, which granted a postal service motion to stay a lower court's order prohibiting the service from raising rates. The new temporary rates, which had been previously announced for December 28, will be 13 cents for a first-class letter, and nine cents for postal cards. Rate increases for other classes of domestic mail are also affected on this date.

Seventy-Five Years Ago December 29, 1950

The rural residence of Cal Dice on the Prescott Road burned to the ground Tuesday morning while Mr. Dice was away from home.

Wedding vows were exchanged on Dec. 27 by Miss Erma Lee Kessler and Mr. Kenneth G. Smith in the Methodist Church.

Miss Iris White, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan White became the bride of Mr. Robert Estes, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Estes, Dec. 23rd at the Methodist Church.

One Hundred Years Ago January 1, 1926

The Progressive Club will hold its annual New Year's reception this year at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. Zuger Jr. Friday, Jan. 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Beckley of Benge, Wash. are visiting with Huntsville and Waitsburg friends.

The Sam Wills home out Preston Avenue was released from quarantine Tuesday after the family had been shut up for several weeks. Sam says that including himself, nine members of the family "enjoyed" light attacks of scarlet fever.

A local pig club was formed some time ago in the Animal Husbandry department at the High School. Albert Lloyd is the president and Charles Vollmer, secretary. So far six boys have hogs and are showing considerable interest in the club.

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago January 4, 1901

An enjoyable Mask was given by the Dancing Club on New Year's Eve. Quite a number of invited guests were present and assisted in dancing the old year out.

Mrs. Jennie Riggs arrived in this city from Portland on a visit of two or three weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Loundagin and to attend the wedding of her sister, Miss Lyrtle Loundagin.

Miss Mattie Grubbe returned home from a week's visit to friends at Garfield on Monday afternoon.

C. P. Clark met with a very painful accident one day this week. He was going into the country riding in a cart and while going downhill the horse slipped and fell throwing Mr. Clark out of the cart with result to fracture the right arm besides otherwise bruising him up.

Lunches

WAITSBURG SENIOR CENTER

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Tuesday, Jan. 6

Chicken Fried Beef Steak
Bread
Cookie
MOW: Vegetable, Fruit, Potato
IN HOUSE: Salad Bar



WAITSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT

Monday, Jan. 5

Breakfast
Fruit Parfait
Lunch
Cheeseburger
French Fries
Fruit & Vegetable

Tuesday, Jan. 6

Breakfast
Biscuits & Gravy

Lunch
Spaghetti w/ choice of meat sauce
Fruit & Vegetable

Wednesday, Jan. 7

Breakfast
Muffin
Lunch
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Fruit & Vegetable



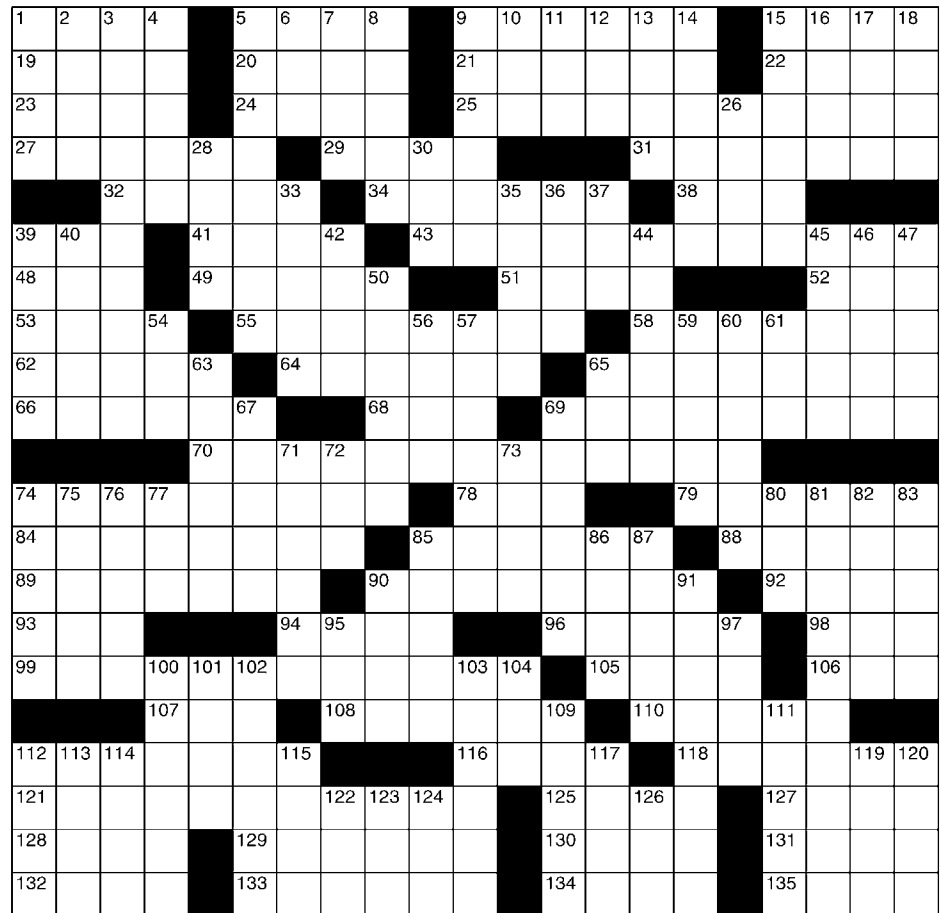
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 - 9 Negate
 - 15 "Kapow!"
 - 19 "— Ben Adhem" (Leigh Hunt poem)
 - 20 Whole bunch
 - 21 Opposed (to)
 - 22 Nevada city on I-80
 - 23 Mild-flavored lettuce
 - 24 Dawn's direction
 - 25 Common corsage flower
 - 27 2019 buddy-cop action-comedy film
 - 29 Leaning Tower city
 - 31 Co-avenger with Electra
 - 32 Wooden shoe
 - 34 Bestow
 - 38 Feedbag grain
 - 39 Jaguar, e.g.
 - 41 "It's not — deal"
 - 43 Guy who helps people get out of jail
 - 48 Attila the —
 - 49 "I pass," in cards
 - 51 Bic — Stic
 - 52 Add up to
 - 53 March 15, e.g.
 - 55 Emperor before Caligula
 - 58 In the direction of
 - 62 Unsafe
 - 64 Convent VIP
 - 65 Quilt, e.g.
 - 66 Small bouquets
 - 68 Monkey in "Aladdin"
 - 69 Die-hard devotees
 - 70 What this puzzle's solver does when filling in the upper-left to lower-right diagonal?
 - 74 8-11 p.m., TV-wise
 - 78 Exec's deg.
 - 79 Tattle
 - 84 Old Russian revolutionary
 - 85 German for the verb "love"
 - 88 Sheer fabric
 - 89 States of oneness
 - 90 Filename display area
 - 92 Not far at all
 - 93 GQ or Us
 - 94 Send forth
 - 96 Some pinchers, for short
 - 98 Completed
 - 99 Male sibling by birth
 - 105 Asian fusion restaurant chain
 - 106 Taxing org.
 - 107 French body of water
 - 108 Like an ode
 - 110 Marjanovic of the Rockets
 - 112 Memory loss
 - 116 Like eyesores
 - 118 Citigroup alternative
 - 121 Item for surfing on one's stomach
 - 125 Work for TV-wise
 - 127 Impose — on (forbid)
 - 128 Arm bone
 - 129 Princess Beatrice's mom
 - 130 Ran away
 - 131 1967 Peter Sellers film, with "The"
 - 132 Casual tops
 - 133 Brines, e.g.
 - 134 Lays (down)
 - 135 Spin — (do like Spider-Man)
 - 40 Video's counterpart
 - 42 Last name of the Bee Gees
 - 44 Eight-armed creatures
 - 45 The second Mrs. Trump
 - 46 Actress Eve
 - 47 Bird homes
 - 50 Cheapen
 - 54 Enjoy a slope
 - 56 McEntire of country
 - 57 Lead-in to a proposal
 - 59 Bake-off needs
 - 60 "As if that — enough ..."
 - 61 Pooch sound
 - 63 Aden citizen
 - 65 — -de-sac
 - 67 Composer Erik
 - 69 Ocean floor
 - 71 Mouth or face, slangily
 - 72 Rescue squad VIP
 - 73 Upscale Swiss watch brand
 - 74 — tucked out
 - 75 Of kidneys
 - 76 "The Princess Bride" character Montoya
 - 77 The Engineers' sch.
 - 80 It's charged
 - 81 Knotted like shoelaces
 - 82 Huxtable mom on TV
 - 83 Goat groups
 - 85 Limber
 - 86 Black, in verse
 - 87 Honcho
 - 90 Mambo king
 - 91 Ricochets
 - 95 Janitorial tool
 - 97 Deli heroes
 - 100 Last Greek letters
 - 101 Actor Amaz
 - 102 Court filings
 - 103 Pianists' exercises
 - 104 Road semi
 - 109 Staff symbols
 - 111 Addis —, Ethiopia
 - 112 Be up against
 - 113 Yard pest
 - 114 Not any
 - 115 Aid in crime
 - 117 New Haven university
 - 119 Local theater, informally
 - 120 Door handle
 - 122 Iron —
 - 123 Iron —
 - 124 Tear
 - 126 No longer in the mil., e.g.



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- ◆◆ Challenging
- ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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MY RECIPES

Luke Chavez

Dill-Lightful Deviled Eggs

Of all the holiday parties, one of my favorites to host has always been New Year's Eve. Combining the effervescent excitement of counting down to midnight with my love for fancy finger foods and sparkling wine makes for memorable entertaining. To counter those extra pours of tiny bubbles, it is important to offer your guests a varied selection of satisfying nibbles that are easy to eat with one hand while mingling. Cured meats, cheese boards, olives, shrimp cocktail, oysters, and gougères, will all delight and impress. An old favorite that always goes quickly are my deviled eggs, which have an unexpected kick from capers and fresh dill.



Ingredients:

- 6 large eggs
- 3 tablespoons mayonnaise
- 1 teaspoon dijon or spicy brown mustard
- 1/2 teaspoon red wine vinegar
- 1 tablespoon fresh dill, minced
- 1 tablespoon capers, chopped
- Pinch of cayenne pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon fresh ground black pepper
- Salt to taste
- Paprika for garnish
- Dill for garnish

Directions:

Place eggs in a small saucepan big enough to hold them in a single layer. Cover with cold water and set over medium high heat. Bring to a rolling boil, then turn off the heat and cover tightly with a lid. Let eggs sit for 10 to 12 minutes. Drain and run under cold water until cool enough to handle then crack and peel shells. Set peeled eggs on plate and cool in refrigerator for at least 20 minutes.

When fully chilled, slice eggs in half lengthwise, and carefully remove yolks with a small spoon. Set egg white halves back in fridge while making the filling.

In small mixing bowl, combine yolks, mayonnaise, mustard, and vinegar. Use a fork to mash the yolks and mix together ingredients. Keep mashing and whisking with the fork until the mixture is uniformly smooth. Next, add the dill, capers, cayenne, and black pepper. Taste, then season with salt. Recipe can be done ahead up to this point. Keep the egg white halves, and the filling covered and chilled in the refrigerator, then assemble the deviled eggs right before serving.

Using two small spoons or a pastry bag with a decorative tip, fill each egg white half with about 1-1/2 teaspoons of the filling. Use up all the filling evenly between all the halves. Take care to keep the whites clean and the filling visually appealing. Sprinkle each half with paprika, and garnish the top with a little dill frond. Arrange on platter and keep chilled until ready to serve.

Notes:

Classic recipes for deviled eggs generally call for mayonnaise, mustard, and chives with a dash of tabasco sauce. Using that as a starting off point, there are endless ways to experiment and make your own versions. Soft herbs such as tarragon, chives, basil, and dill pair beautifully with eggs. Alternatively, you could also try mixing in a tablespoon or two of pesto for a flavorful and beautifully green deviled egg. Scallions or minced shallot can add a welcomed bit of zing, while smoked paprika or chilies in adobo can give a unique spicy twist. I have also tried fantastic deviled eggs made with horseradish or wasabi.

It is said that the first bite is taken with the eyes, so have fun when garnishing or presenting bite-sized hors d'oeuvres. Fresh herbs, slivers of bright red peppers, or crispy fried shallots make lovely toppers. For an elegant dazzler, top deviled eggs with a little dollop of sturgeon caviar or salmon roe.

Wishing my readers a happy and delicious New Year. Enjoy.

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LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

Super Crossword

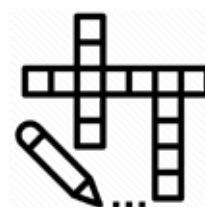
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CALENDAR AND LEGALS

Community Calendar

WAITSBURG MONTHLY MEETINGS

Waitsburg City Council

Third Wednesday each month, 7 p.m. at City Hall.

Planning Commission

Second Friday of the month, 10 a.m., at City Hall and on Zoom.

Waitsburg School Board

Third Thursday each month, 6 p.m. at the Waitsburg Elementary School Library and Zoom.

Waitsburg Home and School Association

First Wednesday each month, 6:30 p.m. at the Waitsburg Elementary School Library. Parents, staff, and community members are welcome.

Waitsburg Historical Society

Third Thursday each 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., City Hall
Info email: info@waitsburgparks.org.

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.

Waitsburg Commercial Club

Last Thursday each month, (next mtg Jan.) Ten Ten 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

DAYTON & COLUMBIA COUNTY MEETINGS

Board of Columbia County Commissioners

Regular meetings - First and third Monday of the month, 9 a.m.

Work sessions - 2nd and 4th Mon. each month, 9 a.m. Call-in info at www.columbiaco.com/114/Coun-ty-Commissioners

Dayton City Council

Second Tuesday of the month @ 6 p.m.

Call-in info at 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.

The Coalition for Youth and Families

Second Tuesday of the month, noon at the Port of Co-

lumbia conference room. 1 Port Way, Dayton, Wash.

Columbia County Public Hospital Dist. Board of Commissioners

Fourth Wednesday each month @ 9 a.m. Call (509) 382-2531 for info.

Dayton Memorial Library Board of Trustees Meeting

Third Monday each month, 7 p.m. Delany room and Zoom Meeting ID: 852 3836 3787
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85238363787>

Columbia County Parks & Recreation Pool District

Regular Board Meetings 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 Room at the Dayton Library and Zoom.

PRESCOTT MEETINGS

Prescott Joint Park & Rec District (PJPRD) Monthly meetings for 2024 are 2nd Thursday of each month, @ 6 p.m.

Prescott School District Board of Directors Meeting

4th Thursday of each month, @ 6 p.m. @ Prescott School Multi-Purpose, room 401, and Zoom, Meeting ID: 846 7687 9995

STARBUCK MEETINGS

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

LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA
NO: 25-4-00282-36
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS
RCW 11.40.030
In Re the Estate of: Eulah Irene Davis, Deceased.
The Co-Personal Representatives named below have been appointed as Co-Personal Representatives 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 Co-Personal Representatives or their 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 date of first publication of the notice, 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: December 18, 2025
Personal Representative/Administrator: Christopher Cliff
Attorney for Personal Representative/Administrator: Jared N. Hawkins, WSBA #35426
Address for Mailing or Service: HAWKINS LAW, PLLC
2225 Isaacs Ave, Suite A
Walla Walla, WA 99362
(509) 529-5175
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representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020 (1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.
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Personal Representative/Administrator: Christopher Cliff
Attorney for Personal Representative/Administrator: Jared N. Hawkins, WSBA #35426
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA IN PROBATE
NO: 25-4-00262-36
NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS
In the Matter of the Estate of: MARLENE ELIZABETH WILLIAMS, Deceased.
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative.
All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the undersigned personal representative at c/o Christine M. Wallace, 801 South Main, Milton-Freewater, OR 97862, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred.
All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the personal representative, or the attorney for the personal representative, Christine M. Wallace.
DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: January 1, 2026
Personal Representative: /s/ Becky Jo Lindsey
Attorney for Personal Representative: Christine M. Wallace
801 South Main
Milton-Freewater, OR 97862
Phone: (541) 938-3379
Fax: (541) 938-8740
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA
NO: 25-4-00274-36
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS
RCW 11.40.030
In the matter of the Estate of: JULIANNE A. MICHAELS, Deceased.
The Personal Representative/Administrator 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

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IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA
NO: 25-4-00276-36
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS
RCW 11.40.030
In re the Estate of: LESLIE V. JASPER, 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 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 non-probate assets.
DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: December 18, 2025
Co-Personal Representatives: /s/ Ralph Moore
/s/ Barbara Moore
Attorney for the Personal Representative: Mona J. Geidl of Minnick-Hayner, PS
Minnick-Hayner
P.O. Box 1757
Walla Walla, WA 99362
(509) 527-3500
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA
NO: 25-4-00288-36
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS
RCW 11.40.030
In re the Estate of: RAY D. MINGS, 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 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 non-probate assets.
DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: January 1, 2026
Personal Representative: /s/ Teresa Matson
Attorney for the Personal Representative: Mona J. Geidl of Minnick-Hayner, PS
Address for Mailing or Service: Minnick-Hayner
PO Box 1757
Walla Walla, WA 99362
(509) 527-3500
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Invitation to Join MRSC Rosters

On behalf of its Participating Agencies <https://www.mrscrosters.org/participating-agencies> Municipal Research and Services Center of Washington (MRSC) invites interested businesses to join the MRSC Rosters—a convenient way to increase your visibility with public agencies seeking bidders across Washington State.
How to Apply: Visit www.mrscrosters.org to register, applications can be submitted throughout the year.

CITY OF WAITSBURG- LIST OF ADOPTED ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-1097
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR OF THE CITY OF WAITSBURG TO WAIVE CAPITAL FACILITY CHARGES AND TAKING OTHER ACTION CONNECTED THEREWITH. The full text of Ordinance 1097 is available for examination on the City's website www.cityofwaitsburg.com or at the City Clerk's Office, 106 Main St., Waitsburg, WA, during normal business hours. Adopted the 12th Day of August 2025.
Marty Dunn, Mayor

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-1098
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WAITSBURG, WASHINGTON, ADDING SUBSECTION D TO SECTION 070 OF CHAPTER 1 OF TITLE 9 OF THE WAITSBURG MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE USE OF WELLS WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS. The full text of Ordinance 1098 is available for examination on the City's website www.cityofwaitsburg.com or at the City Clerk's Office, 106 Main St., Waitsburg, WA, during normal business hours. Adopted the 24th Day of September 2025.
Marty Dunn, Mayor

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-1100
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING A PORTION OF THE 2025 BUDGET OF THE CITY OF WAITSBURG, AS ADOPTED IN ORDINANCE NO. 2024-1093. The full text of Ordinance 1100 is available for examination on the City's website www.cityofwaitsburg.com or at the City Clerk's Office, 106 Main St., Waitsburg, WA, during normal business hours. Adopted the 19th Day of November 2025.
Marty Dunn, Mayor

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-1101
AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE 2026 BUD-

Rosters Include: Statewide Small Works Roster: Construction, building, renovation, remodeling, and repair (RCW 39.04.151-152). Consultant Roster: Architectural, engineering, surveying (Ch. 39.80 RCW), and other professional services. Vendor Roster: Supplies, materials, equipment, and maintenance services (RCW 39.04.190).
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA
NO: 25-4-00285-36
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS
RCW 11.40.030
In re the Estate of: NELLIE M. SAMS, 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 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 non-probate assets.
DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: December 25, 2025
Mary N. Guerra, Personal Representative
Attorney for Personal Representative: Lenard L. Wittlake, PLLC, WSBA #15451
P.O. Box 1233
Walla Walla, WA 99362
(509) 529-1529
Court of Probate Proceedings: Walla Walla Superior Court
315 W. Main
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COLUMBIA COUNTY PUBLIC HOSPITAL DISTRICT NO.1

BOARD MEETING – NOTICE OF ADJOURNMENT
Notice is hereby given that the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Columbia County Public Hospital District No. 1 scheduled to occur on December 31, 2025, at 9:00am is adjourned and will be held on January 7, 2026, at 9:00am at the Columbia County Public Hospital District No. 1 Touchet River Conference Room. Dated this 17th day of December 2025.
/s/ Fred Crowe
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GET OF THE CITY OF WAITSBURG.
Section 1. The budget for the City of Waitsburg, Washington, for fiscal year 2026 is hereby adopted at the fund level in its final form and content as set forth in the document entitled City of Waitsburg, 2026 Budget, which is on file in the Office of the City Clerk.
Section 2. Estimated resources, including fund balances or working capital for each separate fund of the City of Waitsburg, and aggregate totals (net of transactions between funds) for all such funds combined for the year 2026 are set forth in summary form below, and are hereby appropriated for expenditure at the fund level during the year 2026 as set forth below:

FUND	AMOUNT
Current Expenses Fund (001)	\$ 732,176
Cemetery M&I Fund (002)	\$ 105,500
Library M&I Fund (003)	\$ 277
City Street & Road (102)	\$ 202,500
Promotion (106)	\$ 4,250
Municipal Capital Improvement (107)	\$ 30,000
Water & Sewer Dept. (401)	\$ 1,424,930
Total all funds	\$ 2,832,525

The full text of Ordinance 1101 is available for examination on the City's website www.cityofwaitsburg.com or at the City Clerk's Office, 106 Main St., Waitsburg, WA, during normal business hours. Adopted the 17th Day of December 2025.
Marty Dunn, Mayor
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