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Walla Walla U.S. Army Corp of Engineers Rangers, Blue Mountain Land Trust, and Blue Mountain Pheasants Forever volunteers celebrated National Public Lands Day creating a native plant garden.

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Local volunteers celebrate National Public Lands Day at Bennington Lake

By Eric Hockersmith | THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA — Local volunteers celebrated National Public Lands Day on Saturday, September 26, 2006. This year's theme is "Caring for Our Shared America" in coordination with the nation's 250th anniversary. The event is held each year on the fourth Saturday in September, and is the nation's largest single-day volunteer event for public lands.

This year, the National Park Service expanded the event's volunteer opportunities from September 12 through October 10. The Park Service partners with the National Environmental Education Foundation to run the event to connect government agencies and volunteers. This year, Washington State held over 35 events.

The Walla Walla US Army Corps of Engineers hosted an event at its Mill Creek Flood Control Project at Bennington Lake. US-ACE rangers Seth Langianese and Dillon Benitez led the effort, working with volunteers from Blue Mountain Land Trust's Blues Crew and Blue Mountain Pheasants Forever.

Seventeen Blues Crew volunteers contributed 110 hours to plan the event, perform trail maintenance, and pick up litter. Nine volunteers from Blue Mountain Pheasants Forever contributed 20 hours to plant 80 trees and shrubs in a native plant garden at the trailhead junction parking lot.

National Public Lands Day was established in 1994 to connect communities to public lands through service to inspire environmental stewardship. That first year's event comprised one agency, the Bureau of Land Management, across three sites in California and Nevada, with 700 volunteers. Last year, the 32nd annual NPLD grew to 916 events across all 50 states, with 55,550 volunteers contributing over 328,100 hours of service. Typical services include trash removal, trail maintenance, invasive species removal, accessibility enhancement, infrastructure improvement, and planting native plants. NPLD events are now hosted on national, state, county, and local public lands.

Next year's National Public Lands Day will fall on Saturday, September 25, 2027, with volunteer opportunities and planned events available at www.neefusa.org by early September 2027.



Seth Lagianese from Walla Walla US Army Corps of Engineers and Brad Triebwasser of Blue Mountain Pheasants Forever planting trees.



Andi Bigler from Blue Mountain Pheasants Forever joined the work crew at Bennington Lake.

WAITSBURG BREWFEST THIS SATURDAY

THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — Tapped, the Waitsburg Brewfest is coming to the Waitsburg Fairgrounds on Saturday, October 3. The Waitsburg Commercial Club event will feature great beer, food, and live music. Featured beers on tap include selections from Laht Neppur, Sage Brewing, Wheat Head Brewing, Blue Mountain Cidery, Quirk Brewing, and Bombing Range Brewing.

Live music will be provided by Walla Wal-

la band Feedback. The trio will bring a mix of blues, country, rock, alternative, oldies, and Tex-Mex music to the fairground.

Tickets are available at <https://tinyurl.com/muynvjvh>

- \$50 VIP Admission – includes early entry, souvenir stein, six beer tokens.
- \$40 General Admission – includes entry, souvenir glass, four tokens.
- \$10 Designated Driver – includes entry, five soda tokens.
- \$3 Additional beer tokens.

Use the QR code on the right for tickets and information.



This event is made possible by Waitsburg Commercial Club and through funding by the Port of Walla Walla and Banner Bank.

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DSD receives donations for cheer & K-12 supplies

By Justin Jaech | THE TIMES

DAYTON — The Dayton School Board met in the High School Library at 6:30 p.m. on September 16, 2026. Superintendent Jeremy Wheatley, Board Chair Jeffrey McCowen, and School Directors Ryan Paulson, Pat Davidson, and Aneasha Dieu were present. Grant Griffin did not attend.

To begin the meeting, the Board approved the consent agenda, including last meeting's minutes, accounts payable, and payroll. The personnel report listed Nick Phillips as an Assistant HS Football Coach, Kayla Nathanson as an Assistant MS Volleyball Coach, and Amber Olsen as the Elementary ASB Advisor. Jami Rushing joined as a mentor teacher, and Grant Heinrich as a HS Football volunteer.

The Board approved a \$500 donation to the Cheerleaders Program from Patrick Davidson and an anonymous \$500 donation for

K-12 supply needs.

Lucy Trump, ASB President, gave a synopsis of recent ASB activities, including the Senior Sunrise, where seniors marked the last day of summer vacation with a sleepover on the football field to watch the sunrise on the first morning of their last school year. Trump said Homecoming was scheduled for October 16-17, 2026, and the ASB planned several activities for the week before Homecoming.

Athletic Director Sam Korslund was out of town but provided a written report. His report noted that HS volleyball had 15 participants, HS fall cheer had 10, and HS football had 27.

Middle School games began the week of September 14, with 17 participants in volleyball, and 15 for football.

Amy Cox gave the principal's report. She said they are working on testing, but no results were yet available. She said enrollment was close to the projected number. Two foreign exchange students are in the junior class, bringing enrollment to nine.

Cox said there hadn't been significant problems with the cell phone ban, and the dress code was being strictly enforced, including the ban on pajama bottoms and bedroom slippers.

Dieu asked Cox for more information on the Character Strong

program in the Elementary School. Dieu expressed some concern about school counselors being involved in the training without informing the parents.

Much of the remainder of the meeting focused on Wheatley's upcoming evaluation and the re-vamping of the District's Strategic Plan. The Board agreed to review Wheatley's evaluation incrementally, bullet point by bullet point, before the evaluation is due early next year. This will avoid the Board and Wheatley having to endure one marathon session.

On Friday, September 11, 2026. The new automated system erroneously notified all secondary school parents that their children were absent from one or more periods on Friday, September 11. School was closed that Friday because it was a school holiday in Dayton. The issue was resolved by Tuesday.

Finally, the Board approved Coleman Oil's bid for fuel for the coming year. Valley Wide was the only other bidder, but they withdrew their bid. Coleman Oil provided fuel last year.

Davidson suggested transitioning to propane from oil because it is more economical. He sent Wheatley a contact to discuss the possible transition.

The meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Waitsburg Schools looking for two new Directors

By Lane Gwinn | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — The Waitsburg School District has two vacancies on its five-member Board of Directors. The district is accepting applications for the Director, District 2, and Director, District 4-At Large.

The new board members will join Directors Charlie Barron, District 1, Tyler Abel, District 3, and Julie Karl, District 5-At Large. At-Large Directors represent the entire school district rather than a specific sub-district.

Applicants for District 2, should reside within the following boundaries:

Beginning at the intersection of Main Street and West Third Street, proceeding east on West Third Street to Coppei Avenue; southerly following Coppei Avenue and US Highway 12 to the school district boundary; westerly and northerly following the school district boundary to State Highway 124; easterly on State Highway 124 and West Second Street to West Street; south on West Street to West Third Street; east on West Third Street to the point of beginning.

Community members who are interested in serving on the School Board should submit a letter of interest to Superintendent Monty Sabin. The Board of Directors will select new directors after reviewing applications and interviewing candidates.



Champions of Waitsburg FFA at the Columbia County Fair (l-r) Yaneli Flores, Madyson Potter, Joslin Nodine, Shaunna Hilton, Olivia Duncan, Kayla Mikesell, Makaelyn Mikesell, Katy Allen, Jake Lynch, Sarah Daves, Emerson Underwood, Landen Henry, and Camdyn Vories. Waitsburg FFA also won 2nd and 3rd place in livestock judging.

BIRTHDAYS

- October 1:** Quinton Powers, Jeff Dicus, Peggy Dicus, Christopher Goff, Jerri Ann Newbill.

October 2: Ted Collins, Quinton Petrichord, Harry Peterson, Lane Savage, Travis Larsen, Kellen Gerke, Holly Robinson.

October 3: Coe Richards, George Hodges, Lee Nora Finch, Carolyn Thompson, Heather Jackson, Stacey Vaughn.

October 4: Jeff Nichols, Tom Collins, Sharon Speiss, Amanda Marshall.
- October 5:** Mary Hansen, John White, J.K. Keve, Larry Conover, Cindi Putnam, Rita Lenhart.

October 6: Maye Hofer, Shane Rasmussen, Thelma Katsel Needham, Grace Reece, Howard Carson, and Andy Hermanns.

October 7: Terrie Mason, Tracy Thompson, Rachel Townsend.

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VARSITY
CARDINALS
FOOTBALL BEAT
TOUCHET

On Friday, September 25, the Waitsburg varsity football team beat Touchet 54-14 in a non-conference game.

Coach Gabe Kiefel said the game was a mix of outstanding performances and sophomoric mistakes. The wind also played a significant role, with gusts up to 50 miles per hour that hampered the passing game and what the team could do. Penalties affected the outcome of the game, as the Cardinals had at least three touchdowns called back for various reasons

Waitsburg started slowly, and before they knew it, the game was tied 8-8. JJ Gleason put the Cardinals on the board with an 18-yard touchdown and a 2-point conver-

sion with 1:45 seconds left in the first quarter. The Cardinals quickly added two more touchdowns before the quarter ended: a 10-yard run by Bryer Paul and a 98-yard kickoff return by Uriah York.

The team picked it up in the second quarter, keeping Touchet out of the end zone on defense, and adding a seven-yard punt return touchdown by Landen Henry.

Kiefel said the Cardinals shined in the third quarter. Gleason hit Henry for a seven-yard touchdown followed by a three-yard conversion run by Bryer Paul. Gleason passed to Liam Kiefel in the end zone with a short one-yard pass, followed by a running conversion by Gleason.

In the fourth quarter, Henry intercepted the ball on defense, ran it back for an 85-yard pick-six touchdown, and York found the end zone once again on a 55-yard punt return, sealing the score at 54-14 and speeding up the game with a running clock.

Offensively, Gleason finished with 256 yards rushing and 66 yards passing for 322 yards total, four touchdowns, and two conversions. York added 119 kickoff return yards and 81 punt return yards for 224 yards and two touchdowns.

Defensively, Camdyn Vories tallied four solo tackles, 10 assisted tackles, a quarterback sack, three tackles for loss, and two hurries on Touchet's quarterback. Gleason had six solo tackles, four assisted tackles, caused a fumble, had an interception, and two tackles behind the scrimmage line.

"We have a lot of things to tighten down for our homecoming game against Pomeroy next week. Pomeroy is always tough, and we won't get away with some of the silly mistakes we have allowed to happen on the field. If we can play up to our potential, we will give Pomeroy a run for their money," said Kiefel.

WAITSBURG MIDDLE SCHOOL
VOLLEYBALL TEAM GETS FIRST
WIN

Waitsburg Middle School's volleyball team lost a close match to Dayton on Monday, September 21.

The Cardinals were victorious in their first set, winning 25-20. Olivia Long served four aces in the set.

Waitsburg dropped the last two sets 25-21 and 25-23. Jaylynn Gleason served 11/11 in set three. Adalin Acevedo ended the match with two kills. Shylo Hedges, Emma Langford and Gleason had good passes in the match.

"This was the team's first game of the season; first game ever for a few players and they were a little nervous," said coach Karen Huwe.

"The team is learning a new system, preparing to compete at the high school level and played well overall. We will continue to work on basic skills and we will see improvements from all players as the season progresses," said Huwe.

Sixth-grader Olivia Long was named Player of the Game.

At Rogers on Wednesday, September 23, the young Cardinals earned their first win of the season.

The Cardinals lost the first set 25-19. Jaylynn Gleason started the set serving for five straight points, including two aces to put the team ahead 6-3. Passing errors haunted the team in the loss. Adalin Acevedo had four kills in the first set.

In set two, the Cardinals won 25-22. Down 5-8, Shylo Hedges served for three straight points to tie the game. Other highlights in the set include Arya Hillman serving for five points and Oaklee Adams serving three aces out of four serves. Gleason had five kills in set two and Olivia Long had two kills.

Fifth-grader Dakota Creeley made her volleyball debut in the third set and sparked the Cardinals to a 25-18 win. Down 7-5, Hillman stepped up to serve three points to give the team the lead. Acevedo was focused and served five straight aces to put the team ahead 21-17. Gleason ended the set with three kills.

Creeley was named Player of the Game.

MIDDLE SCHOOL FOOTBALL
TEAMS SHOW HEART

WAITSBURG — Waitsburg Middle School's football team had only eight players when they faced De-sales at home on Thursday, September 24.

"We were pretty depleted going into the game, but I was proud of the way our boys stayed resilient and competed. Despite missing some key players, we came out ready to fight and were only down by twelve points going into halftime," said coach Chris Andrews.

Fatigue caught up with the boys as the game went on, and they lost the game 56-18.

"We have a bye week to get healthy, keep growing, and prepare for Tekoa-Rosalia. We are looking forward to getting back out there," said Andrews.

VOLLEYBALL BATTLE IN FIVE
SETS

The Waitsburg Cardinals' volleyball team lost to Lacrosse in five sets on Kison Court on Thursday, September 22.

The Cardinals won the first set 25-19 before dropping the second set 25-22. They then won the third set, with a chance to win the best-of-five-sets match. The Cardinals lost the fourth set 25-20 and the fifth set 15-9.

Highlights in the match include Shaunna Hilton, who served six aces; Cheri Mathews, seven aces; Joslin Nodine, 12 digs; Ellie Teal, five blocks; Katy Allen, four aces and two blocks; and Olivia Kiefel, three aces and two blocks.

OCTOBER VOLLEYBALL/
FOOTBALL SCHEDULES

Middle School Volleyball

JV 4 p.m., Varsity 5:15 p.m.

Mon. Oct. 5	@ LCWW
Wed. Oct. 7	@ Prescott
Mon. Oct. 12	Dayton
Wed. Oct. 14	Touchet
Mon. Oct. 19	LCR
Wed. Oct. 21	LCWW

High School Volleyball

JV 5 p.m., Varsity 6 p.m.

Oct. 1	@ Colton Varsity only
Oct. 5	Prescott
Oct. 8	@Teko-Rosalia
Oct. 10	Touchet
Oct. 13	Dayton
Oct. 14	Teko-Rosalia
Oct. 15	@ Pomeroy
Oct. 17	@ Lacrosse
Oct. 20	GP
Oct. 22	Oaksdale Varsity Senior Night

High School Football

Varsity games at 7 p.m.

Oct. 2	Pomeroy Home Coming
Oct. 9	Dayton Senior Night
Oct. 16	@ Saint John-Endicott
Oct. 24	@Teko-Rosalia
Oct. 30	Wheat/Grape Crossover

Middle School Football

Thursday, Oct. 8	@GP
Monday, Oct. 12	@DeSales
Thursday, Oct. 15	@Teko-Rosalia

LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
IN AND FOR WALLA WALLA COUNTY
CAUSE NO. 26-4-00170-36
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS
RCW 11.40.030
In re the Estate of: SUSAN ANN CRIPE, 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 the Co-Personal Representatives' 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 Co-Personal Representatives 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.
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Lloyd
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P.O. Box 1757
Walla Walla, WA 99362
Court of Probate Proceedings and Cause Number: Walla Walla County Superior Court
Cause No. 26-4-00170-36
Date of First Publication: October 1, 2026
/s/ John T. Cripe
Co-Personal Representative
/s/ Anne E. Lloyd
Co-Personal Representative
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON
IN AND FOR WALLA WALLA COUNTY
NO. 26-4-00143-36
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS
RCW 11.40.030
In Re the Estate of: WILLIAM MCVAY, Deceased.
The Administrator named below has been appointed as administrator 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 Administrator or the Administrator'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 Administrator served or mailed the notice to the creditor 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.
Administrator: Sharean Oxley
Attorney for the Administrator: Robert R. King, Minnick-Hayner, PS
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Minnick-Hayner, PS
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Walla Walla, WA 99362
Walla Walla County Superior Court, Cause Number: 26-4-00143-36
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA
NO: 26-4-00188-36
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS
RCW 11.40.030
In re the Estate of: LARRY R. BOHLMAN,

Deceased.
The personal representative named below has been appointed as personal representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the personal representative or the personal representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the Court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) thirty days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and RCW 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON
IN AND FOR WALLA WALLA COUNTY
NO. 26-4-00142-36
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS
RCW 11.40.030
In Re the Estate of: SANDRA LYNN SMITH, Deceased.
The Administrator named below has been appointed as administrator 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 Administrator or the Administrator'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 Administrator served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW

11.40.020(1)(c); or
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AAUW CANDIDATES FORUM
THE TIMES

DAYTON — The American Association of University Women will host its Candidates Forum on October 8, 2026, at the Liberty Theater in Dayton, Washington.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the forum will begin at 7 p.m. The AAUW invited all candidates who are running for contested and uncontested office to participate.

A member of the Friends of the Dayton Pool will make a presentation at the forum.

Palouse Outdoors: October's Return

By Brad Trumbo | THE TIMES

We've hit that time of year when crisp fall mornings creep in. The warmth and weight of the covers make it hard to slip out of slumber. The aroma of hot, fresh coffee creeps to the forefront of our dreams, tantalizing our nostrils before we turn on the burner.

Clarity and solace fill the early golden hour as the pink hues of dawn blaze through the clouds like fire. Ochre and auburn tones glow among senesced foliage as it clatters to the ground in the autumn breeze. Mountain tops and the long shadows of the pines beckon, like a thread of gravity tugging at the heartstrings. Elk bugle from distant ridges where ruffed grouse feed like ghosts, floating in and out of view beneath the shrubbery, picking at plump snowberries and tender buds. Breaking the silence on a morning like this feels sacrilegious.

An old setter lopes ahead on a forgotten two-track. Her black spots blend perfectly with the dappled understory. Splotches of white bounce through the shade. A spring seep trickles down the ridge to the left. Wild rose, thick grasses, and the wide, veiny leaves of skunk cabbage are scattered among ocean spray and serviceberry. Somewhere within this tangle, a ruffed grouse sits perfectly camouflaged, prepared to let us pass by, but the setter's nose will not be betrayed.

The grouse takes wing before the setter's point. Primary flight feathers slap loudly against the shrubbery. A scant few wing beats put impressive distance between us. The coal-black neck ruff is visible as the large bird clears the vegetation. Aiming and swinging through the bird prove fruitless. Hollow clicks of the camera shutter capture tree branches and a feathered blur canting through the limbs.

The setter moves on, crossing a downed log, leaving footfalls reverberating through its decayed



A ruffed grouse with a distinctive copper neck ruff feeds in and out of the shadows on a damp, cloudy morning.

center. Spent ocean spray flowers drape over the road like beige tassels. Ninebark glows a rich burgundy. Nuthatches and Oregon juncos chirp and flit among the ponderosas. American red squirrels chatter at the northern flickers pecking around the flaking evergreen bark.

Among the painted shrubs is the evidence of a dry summer. Few berries or rose hips cling to spindly branches. Scarce food means scarce grouse, making every mountaintop encounter a blessing. Scarcity aside, the mountain delivered, with help from a setter casting through the autumnal palette. We've awaited October's return.



(above) A quintessential autumn scene: A Savage Fox Model B side-by-side laid on pine boughs beside a working bird dog.



(above) Burgundy ninebark is one of October's brightest colors, like molten lava bubbling through the evergreen understory.

(left) The rusty red of dry parsnip flower buckwheat flowers signals fall in the Blue Mountains.

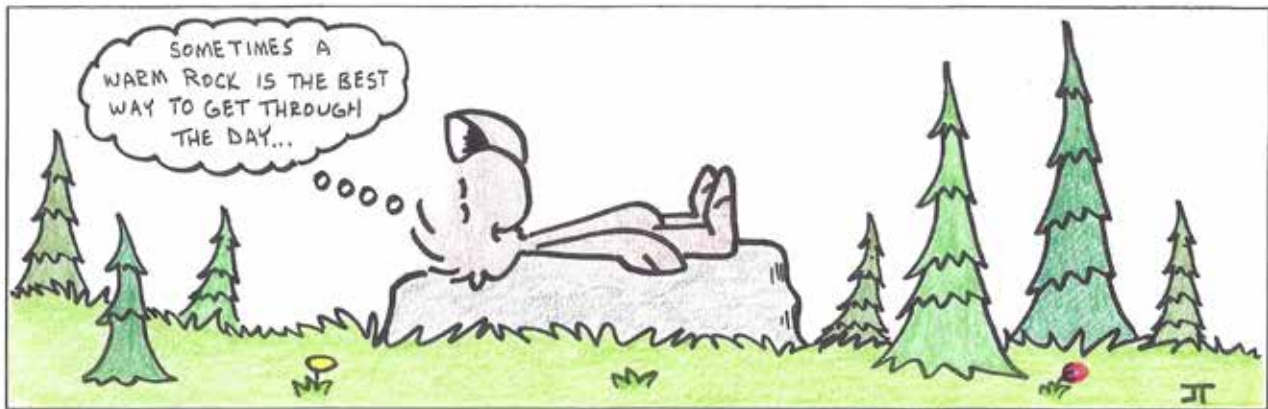


Finn trots through dried sulfur buckwheat flowers on an early-fall grouse hunt.

LEGALS & FUN

The Friendly Forest

By Jimmye L. Turner



Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

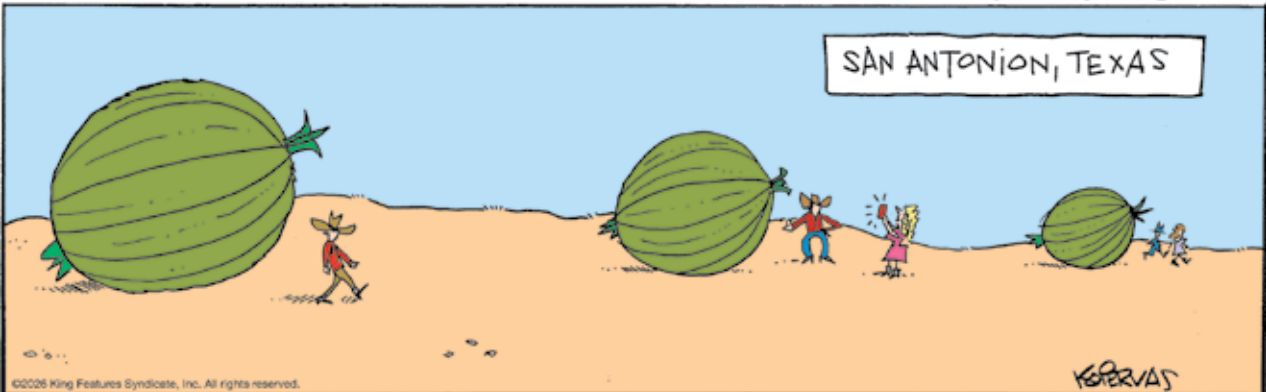


GRIN & BEAR IT



Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



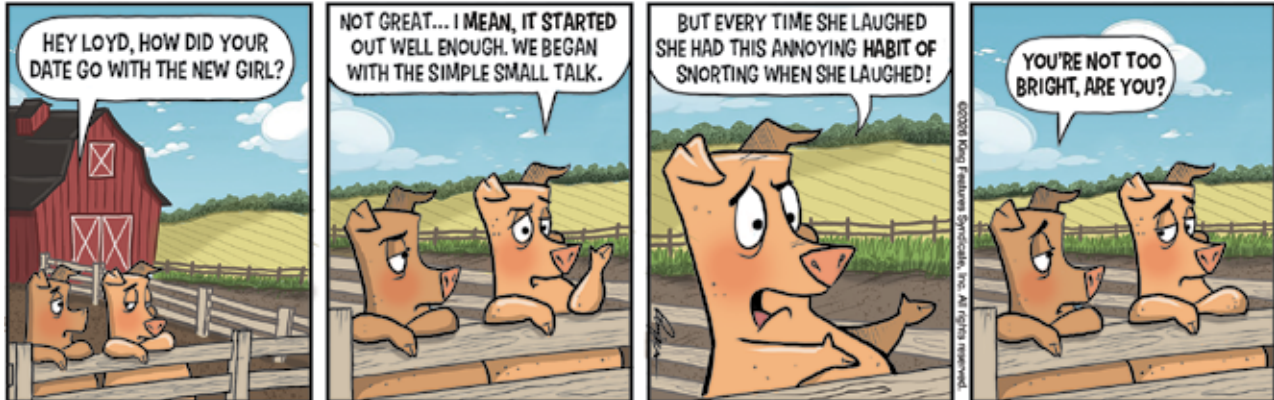
The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



PIONEER PORTRAITS

Fifteen Years Ago October 6, 2011

Dayton had its moment in the sun on Saturday as it displayed the best it has to offer including historic homes, flourishing businesses and plenty of local art for its event Dayton On Tour. Visitors had a chance to pick up a guidebook and walk into historical homes in town that had recently been renovated. Jennie Dickinson, a volunteer for the Dayton Historic Depot, said the home tours are her favorite part of Dayton on Tour, especially the Broughton Mansion this year. "It's like a museum," Dickinson said. The home tours are the original reason for the fall festival in Dayton that has been expanded on over three decades.

Twenty-Five Years Ago October 4, 2001



[Photo Caption] Angela Smith was the Senior Division champion following the 2000-2001 barrel racing season. Smith recently finished a stint as queen of the Walla Walla Fair. She is a 2000 W.H.S. graduate.

Fifty Years Ago September 30, 1976

Quarterback Mark Leid scored late in the first quarter and John Lindsey put through the game-winning extra pint last Friday night as the Cards logged their first win of the season over Burbank 7-6. Columbia took the opening kickoff and advanced to Waitsburg's 10 yard line, where a fourth down field goal attempt was no good. The Cards took possession at their own 20 and with the help of a 13-yard scamper by Leid and a Leid to Mark Lambert pass advanced to the Burbank 26. On a second down play, Mark Lambert took the ball for a 23-yard scamper down to the Columbia 3, and Leid went over from that point on a sneak. Lindsey's PAT was good and the score was 7-0.

Seventy-Five Years Ago October 5, 1951

John Settle won two blue ribbons and a reserve champion on his horse which he entered in the State Fair in Yakima last week. Mr. Settle is a horse fancier and raises them as a hobby since his retirement.

Vaughn Hubbard has been appointed as a deputy prosecuting attorney for Walla Walla County by Prosecutor Murray Taggart, according to an announcement made last Saturday.

Members of the 4-H Livestock club who attended the State Fair in Yakima were George Wood, Harvey Danielson, Sereta Patton and Dan Wood.

One Hundred Years Ago October 8, 1926

Ben Bloor, 5th grade pupil, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Bloor, had his left arm thrown out of place Tuesday morning at recess time while wrestling with another boy. He was taken to S. Mary's hospital by Dr. Mount for X-ray pictures.

The Waitsburg team placed second in the Smith-Hughes stock judging contest at the Columbia County Fair/ Members of the team were Ned Wise, Robert Todd and Hayes McCoy.

The Street and Alley committee of the City Council during the past week installed stop signs at the three busiest intersection streets in the business section of town.

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago October 11, 1901

Mr. and Mrs. James Kenworthy of Huntsville were among the excursionists who went to Portland yesterday.

Mrs. Dr. Hauber, Miss Dolly Neace and Mrs. Hubbard were Dayton visitors Wednesday.

County Clerk J. S. Arnold and family came up from Walla Walla Sunday. Schuyler returned in the evening but Mrs. Arnold and children are spending the week visiting relatives.

Super Crossword

DOING PUBLIC RELATIONS

- ACROSS
- 1 "Eat — eaten" (law of the jungle)
- 5 One prayed to during a drought
- 12 Laboratory substance
- 20 Schnitzel meat
- 21 Redenbacher of popcorn
- 22 Chevron motor oil brand
- 23 Manage to avoid the introductory music?
- 25 Cousin of a musical
- 26 Cousin of a mouse
- 27 Look at
- 28 These fast musical passages, in Spain?
- 30 Customary actions of a World War II coalition?
- 34 Agnus — (Mass prayer)
- 35 Potential picnic pest
- 36 Potential picnic pest
- 37 Politician DeSantis
- 38 Expected
- 40 Revise copy
- 44 Catch by luring
- 47 Advancement made by a ferocious female?
- 53 "Don't panic!"
- 55 Like a 30-pound cat, say
- 56 Impel forcibly
- 57 Former rival of Pan Am
- 58 With life, musically
- 60 Divining deck
- 61 Fill a bishop with joy?
- 66 Blasting stuff
- 68 Film director Gus Van —
- 69 Peru's capital
- 70 "— that the truth!"
- 71 Fishnet stuff
- 72 Previously
- 73 Let off steam
- 74 Father
- 75 Bury Johannes Gutenberg?
- 79 Homer epic
- 81 High schoolers, e.g., slangily
- 83 Long period
- 84 Apartment sharer, e.g.
- 86 — Detoo (sci-fi droid)
- 87 School-related
- 92 Fishing for large shrimps from atop a rooflike shelter?
- 95 2006 Olympics host in Italia
- 96 Hershey's toffee bar
- 97 Mariner's "Mayday!"
- 98 "Of course!"
- 100 Potential picnic pest
- 101 Vardalos of film
- 104 Poem variety
- 106 Give novelist Marcel the boot?
- 109 Goading person who's stranger?
- 115 Tic-tac-toe win
- 116 Pekoe, e.g.
- 117 Marine stuff with a hard, pinkish skeleton
- 118 The process of deciding how much the frosting should cost?
- 122 Many a pre-toast tale
- 123 Band tour follower
- 124 Allay
- 125 Emphasized
- 126 Baskers may acquire them
- 127 Some jeans, familiarly
- DOWN
- 1 Really astonishes
- 2 Drug reducing muscle strain
- 3 "Guardians of the Galaxy" co-star Dave
- 4 Antiquity, archaically
- 5 Cow catcher
- 6 Amount of money owed
- 7 "— had it!"
- 8 Nothing at all
- 9 Epoxies, e.g.
- 10 Car make until '04
- 11 Bug spray ingredient
- 12 Selected
- 13 Less sad
- 14 At all times
- 15 "Encore!"
- 16 Dots in la mer
- 17 Big town, in Italian
- 18 Writer Chekhov
- 19 Minimum
- 24 Psychic skill
- 29 Port south of Kiev
- 31 Nimble
- 32 Motorola tablet introduced in 2011
- 33 Gerund suffix
- 38 Alternative to cash or credit
- 39 "I volunteer to help"
- 41 ER worker
- 42 "— Rhythm"
- 43 Crime of some traitors
- 45 Entr'—
- 46 Cat's "toe bean," e.g.
- 48 Novelist Jaffe
- 49 One stroking a cat, say
- 50 Off-target
- 51 Wall bracket for candles
- 52 "English" or "Irish" dog
- 54 Cow catcher
- 58 — -rock (music genre)
- 59 How many freelancers work
- 61 "Mistress of the Dark" of TV and film
- 62 Hide out, as a criminal
- 63 Membrane enclosing an embryo
- 64 Japanese floor mats
- 65 Make lovable
- 67 Part of ENT
- 71 Spanish for "month"
- 75 Bisected
- 76 Glowing signs
- 77 Sci-fi empath Deanna
- 78 — -Chinese
- 80 Rinky- —
- 82 Wiped away
- 85 Psyche part
- 87 Matures
- 88 Therefore
- 89 Trivial details
- 90 Kind of
- 91 Small, simple houses
- 93 Divide into fair shares
- 94 Sch. in Manhattan
- 99 Visit for a bit
- 101 Dunn and Ephron
- 102 Birth cert., e.g.
- 103 Sum finder
- 105 Meted (out)
- 106 Stellar hunter
- 107 Sweat outlets
- 108 King, in Caen
- 110 Cicero's "Lo!"
- 111 Cones' counterparts
- 112 Cons' counterparts
- 113 Likes, slangily
- 114 Light beige
- 119 Trail mix bit
- 120 H.S. transcript stat
- 121 Toon frame

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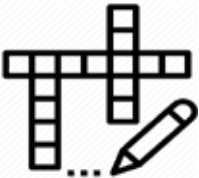
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◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
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MY RECIPES

Luke Chavez

Plum Torte

Each growing season we experiment with different fruits and vegetables in the garden. While some happily flourish, others just seem to fizzle and disappoint. Through it all, the most reliable producer, year after year, has been our purple plum tree. Easy to take care of, and quick growing, the branches of this tree are always heavy with fruit by the start of fall. From pies, cakes, chutneys, and jams, this time of year is always marked by the flavor of sweet, backyard stone fruit. These dark purple plums, small and unassuming, turn a brilliant garnet red when baked. Recently, I came across a recipe for this effortless torte that is a gorgeous way to highlight the flavors of fresh fruit.



Ingredients:

- 1 cup sugar
- ½ cup unsalted butter, softened
- 1 cup all-purpose flour, sifted
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon ground cardamom
- ½ teaspoon ground ginger
- Pinch of salt
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 eggs
- 12 purple plums, pitted and halved
- Sugar and cinnamon for dusting
- Fresh lemon juice
- Fresh whipped cream

Directions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease a 9 or 10-inch springform pan and set aside.

In a mixing bowl, cream the sugar and butter until fluffy. Add the flour, baking powder, cardamom, ginger, salt, eggs, and vanilla. Beat until a thick, smooth batter is formed. Batter will be on the stiff side.

Spoon the batter into the prepared pan and use a rubber spatula to evenly spread smooth. Arrange the plum halves, skin side up, across the top. Lightly sprinkle some sugar and a little lemon juice to the top. Adjust the amount of sugar depending on how sweet the plums are. Then, sprinkle the top with about ½ to 1 teaspoon of ground cinnamon.

Set pan on middle rack of oven and bake for about 1 hour. Check center with a toothpick for doneness. Remove and allow to cool in pan. Serve room temperature or slightly warm with whip cream.

Notes:

This is the kind of elegant yet easy to prepare dessert recipe that is great to keep on hand for memorable entertaining. You can experiment with other fresh stone fruits when they are at peak ripeness; peaches, cherries, or apricots would all be delightful in this recipe. You could also try it with sliced apples or pears, summer berries or even fresh cranberries. The key is to choose seasonal fruits that are perfectly ripe. While the dense lightly spiced batter rises and bakes, the fruit turn tender-sweet.

You can adjust the spices in the batter. Add nutmeg or clove for stronger spice notes. Or to brighten things add some finely grated lemon or orange zest.

This week, we had a delightful visit from a group of friends and family. After a lovely meal centered around Linda's perfect pot roast, I served this torte with some fresh whipped cream. A perfect end to an excellent dinner party. Share this torte at your next gathering. Enjoy.

Weekly SUDOKU

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Community Calendar

WAITSBURG MONTHLY MEETINGS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



DAYTON & COLUMBIA COUNTY MEETINGS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



PRESCOTT MEETINGS
Prescott Joint Park & Rec District (PJPRD) Monthly meetings for 2026 are 2nd Thursday of each month, @ 6:30 p.m.

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

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

Lunches

WAITSBURG SENIOR CENTER

504 Main Street
11 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 6
Pork & Potatoes
Roll
MOW: Vegetables
Rice, Fruit
IN HOUSE: Salad Bar

WAITSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT

Thursday, Oct 1
Breakfast
French Toast & Sausage
Lunch
Teriyaki Chicken
Rice, Broccoli
Fruit Choice
Friday, Oct. 2
Breakfast
Yogurt or Cereal & Eggs

Lunch
Pepperoni Grilled Cheese
House Salad
Fruit Choice
Monday, Oct. 5
Breakfast
Fruit Parfait
Lunch
Popcorn Chicken
Mashed Potatoes, Corn
Fruit Choice
Tuesday, Oct. 6
Breakfast

Biscuits & Gravy
Lunch
Chicken Tacos
Peppers, Cherry Tomatoes
Fruit Choice
Wednesday, Oct. 7
Breakfast
Donut & Eggs
Lunch
Corndog
Jojos, Baked Beans
Fruit Choice



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Mythical/Movable
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Friday, February 27, at 7 p.m.



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382-2311
Father John Kibombo
Waitsburg Presbyterian Church
504 Main
Sunday School 8:45 a.m.
Worship 10 a.m.
337-6589
Pastor Heidi Lum
Waitsburg Christian Church
604 Main St
Worship 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Each Sunday 337-8898
Pastor Cameron Hedges
Waitsburg Chapel
320 W. 2nd
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship 6 p.m.
Bible Study Wednesdays 7:30 p.m.
337-6235
Rev. Jimmie Daves