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Lane Gwinn



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Sue Tarver enjoying axe throwing at American 35



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(above) Loads of fun at the Gaudy Gals Spooktacular Sales Event.

(left) Which Witch best hat winner, Sandra Neal



David Gignac

(right) A pair of Alfred Hitchcocks greeted trick or treaters on Waitsburg's Main Street.



HALLOWEEN, SPIRIT WEEK AT WAITSBURG SCHOOLS

By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — Pre-school through fifth grades had fun dressing up for spirit week. From October 24 through 28, students and teachers participated in Animal Print, Tie-dye, Crazy Sock, and Disney Day, ending Friday with Cardinal Spirit Days.

On Monday, October 31, the high school held its Halloween assembly. The students played various minute to win it games and competed in a costume contest. Erik Araya as Jesus and Mr. Kiefel as Beetlejuice won best costumes. In the minute to win it competitions, seniors Hendrix

Groom and Sarabeth McGowen won the toilet paper mummy event. Junior Jayce Gleason won at cup stacking and senior Monte Pettichord blew his spider across the gym floor with a straw in record time. Junior Blake Benevides was a winner after he dropped an Oreo from his forehead into his mouth ahead of his competitors.

Due to rain, the middle school student walk-a-thon, scheduled for Halloween afternoon, was moved from the football field to the high school gym. Students, many dressed in Halloween costumes, fulfilled pledges for the number of laps they walked. The money raised

will benefit the middle school ASB activities.

Elementary students dressed in costumes walked through the high school classrooms and received treats.



Students trick or treated downtown afterschool



Photos Karen Huwe

(left) Jesus and Beetlejuice were the winning costumes.

(above) Middle School students walk the walk to raise money for ASB activities.

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Statewide hospital challenges addressed

CCHS CEO talks about operational health of hospitals statewide

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—When the Hospital District commissioners met last week, they heard from Columbia County Health System CEO Shane McGuire about substantial operational losses for Washington State hospitals in 2022, as well as other issues impacting hospitals. He shared some statistics:

A 2022 survey of 97% of hospital beds across the state by the Washington State Hospital Association (WSHA) revealed a total loss of \$1.75 billion in the first six months of 2022, of which \$1.2 billion was in operations.

The report said twenty-four of thirty-two independent and rural hospitals had negative operating margins through the second quarter of the year.

The report went on to say Washington state hospitals posted a net income margin of negative 11 percent for the second quarter of 2022 and negative 12 percent for the first six months of the year.

McGuire said the report included Dayton General Hospital, which had a negative 11 percent operating margin through October. That number has dropped to negative 8.9 percent due to the funds from local taxation and grants.

McGuire said one contributing factor to the reduction in operating margins has been that urban hospitals have not received a Medicaid rate increase in more than 20 years, and the Washington state rate is among the lowest in the country.

As an example, he shared a story of one state hospital that was reimbursed by Medicaid \$12,000 on a \$160,000 bill for pediatric care.

McGuire said, “You cannot do it. You cannot deliver care like that and have it be high-quality care.”

Underpayment undercuts health care outcomes, he said. Commissioner Jim Kime asked what steps WSHA is taking to remedy the situation, and McGuire said a “really strong run” is anticipated to get state legislators to act. He urged the commissioners to reach out to state Rep. Joe Schmick and Sen. Patty Murray because of their committee work on health issues.

“It’s helpful to continue to push for reimbursement for not only health care in general but rural health care specifically,” McGuire said.

McGuire spoke about a large number of patients in hospitals throughout the state who “linger” in costly acute care settings when they should be discharged to



Courtesy photo
CCHS CEO Shane McGuire

Preliminary budget, broadband grant, and comment at Port special meeting

By Justin Jaech | THE TIMES

DAYTON – The Columbia Port Commissioners held a special meeting on October 26, 2022, to complete three agenda items postponed from the regular meeting on October 12.

Commissioners Genie Crowe, Seth Bryan, Johnny Watts, and Executive Director Jennie Dickinson were in attendance. Members of the public attended using Zoom and in person.

The meeting opened with a public comment period. Resident Jerry Kaiser objected to the suggestion by Bryan and Watts not to include a Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) increase for the Port employees in this year’s budget.

Kaiser also objected to their proposal to back away from funding the workforce development contract with the Club and contractual obligations for the trail design. He said, “A man’s only as good as his word. If you give your word, you follow through with the contract.”

Maura Trainor read an email she sent the Port Commissioners after the last meeting. Her email expressed concern that Port employees may not receive a COLA increase. She was concerned about worker retention should the Port not meet basic increases.

“In a time when the entire country is struggling to hire skilled workers, do we want to risk losing our Port employees to other institutions?” asked Trainor in her email.

Dave Harvey of Red Band Cellars commented, “There have been a couple of allusions or off-the-cuff remarks about changing things at Blue Mountain Station. I hold a lease there. As all the leaseholders there, we deserve to know what you intend to do there. Uncertainty kills businesses.”

Dickinson began the budget discussion by removing the annual one-percent tax increase. The Board must agree on a preliminary budget and hold a public hearing before the final budget can be adopted.

In the last meeting, Bryan and Watts did not support the Port taking the available annual one-percent levy increase. The small increase is not automatic and must be approved by the Board each year. The unused one-percent increase may be “banked” to be used in combination with a future increase, within certain limitations.

Board Chair Crowe asked Bryan and Watts at the October 12, 2022 meeting if they would forego their salaries to compensate for lost revenue by not taking the one-percent annual increase. The two commissioners said they would if necessary. However, at this meeting, they did not feel



NEWS BRIEFS

CORRECTION

Last week, in the article “Confusion over Metropolitan Park District Tax Levies,” The Times incorrectly identified Tammy Ketterman as Columbia County Assessor. Ketterman is the Chief Deputy Appraiser in the Columbia County Assessor’s Office. The Times contacted the Assessor’s office to confirm that the county had reached the \$5.90 limit on regular levies. Chief Deputy Ketterman promptly responded on behalf of the office, not as the Assessor.

In the article, the writer incorrectly attributed the \$.31/1,000 excess levy requested for the Prescott Joint Park District’s Proposition 1, as part of the preceding Proposition 1 on the ballot, related to the formation of the Columbia County Joint Park District.

As described in the article, regular levies for a JMPD are determined through an annual certified budget submitted by the elected board. Those levies must be under \$.75/1,000.

NEWS BRIEFS

PRECAUTIONS SUGGESTED TO RESIDENTS DURING SEWER RELINING PROJECT

THE TIMES

The City of Waitsburg has been working with Michel’s Trenchless, Inc to do mainline sewer inspections, relining, and maintenance cover installation. The contractor will begin relining portions of the mainline over approximately two weeks starting November 7.

The City sent letters to residents whose properties are serviced by the lines to be relined. In the letter, residents are recommended to tape down toilet lids, tub or shower drains and cover toilets with large garbage bags to avoid any issues caused by pressure buildup in the line.

The contractor and city staff will do their best to inform residents of any slowdowns in service.

The letter and the accompanying map of the affected properties are available online at waitsburgtimes.com.

THE LEAVES ARE FALLING

THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—The City of Waitsburg has opened a leaf bin at the Waitsburg City Shop for residents to dispose of bagged or unbagged leaves. Hours are 7 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Monday through Thursday and 7:00 a.m. to Noon on Friday.

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LETTERS

SUPPORT FOR JARED HAWKINS

Jared Hawkins is the clear choice for Walla Walla County Part Time District Court Judge. Not only does he have the necessary relevant experience and personal character, he has also dedicated countless volunteer hours over the past decade to serve and improve all corners of Walla Walla County. He leads by example and genuinely cares about our community.

Jared can be trusted to take the time to listen, analyze, and provide sound and impartial judgment, free from external influence. He will be a judge who balances compassion with accountability and will treat everyone with patience, fairness and respect.

As voters, we have the opportunity to elect a judge we can trust who understands the weight of these important and sometimes life-altering decisions. Our community deserves someone who is a shining example of the legal profession and whose integrity is reflected through their actions.

A vote for Jared is a vote for the best of the best: experience, integrity, and unmatched personal character. Please join me in voting Jared Hawkins for part time District Court judge.

Kjirsten Hedine
Walla Walla, WA

A VOTE FOR JAN CORN

To the Editor,

Residents of Washington’s 16th legislative district would be better served by Jan Corn as their representative in Olympia. Jan was a business owner in Walla Walla for over 25 years and knows the challenges facing entrepreneurs in our community. She has demonstrated her leadership skills by serving on the boards of local organizations including Rotary where she was president. She appreciates differing points of view and can work across the political aisle.

Our current representative portrays himself as a moderate but he blames the majority party for his ineffectual performance in Olympia. He has voted with the extremists in his party against renewable energy and public education. And despite working in Olympia, where he benefits from open-minded attitudes, he panders to a noisy local activist group who are loudly anti-LGBTQ and demand censorship in public schools.

Jan is authentic about who she is and what she stands for. She will fight for affordable health care, housing and education. She will unequivocally protect a woman’s right to determine her own health care. Jan will unflinchingly represent our region selflessly and with integrity. Please cast your vote for Jan Corn in this upcoming general election.

Linda Gunshefski, MD
Walla Walla, WA

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there was a sufficient need.

The Commissioners unanimously decided to support the three-percent COLA increase proposed by Crowe for Port staff at the previous meeting.

Crowe made a final argument in support of keeping the one-percent property tax increase. She said the increase would be one-percent on last year’s levy rate and not a one-percent increase to property owners’ tax rates. The increase did not get the support of Bryan and Watts and was not included in the budget.

The required public hearing for the budget was scheduled by the Board for November 9, 2022, at 5:45 p.m.

The Board approved the contract between the Port and the Public Works Board, which will provide a grant to construct the Touchet Valley Broadband (TVB) project. This project will connect to the fiber network being installed for the Dayton Broadband Project funded by CERB. The TVB project will bring broadband internet service to homes and businesses along the Highway 12 corridor, a cell tower, and the state park. It will stop just before Huntsville, which has service from Charter. The Public Works Board grant is for \$1,165,000, with no local match required.

The public portion of the meeting ended, and the Commissioners went into an executive session to discuss the performance of a public employee. No action was to be taken after the executive session.

HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY!

THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—B.A. Keve, looking fabulous and loving life, celebrated her 90th birthday with family and friends at the Dayton Fairgrounds on Sunday, October 30. She sang a few songs with her great-grandchildren and had a smile for all who attended.

B.A. was born on October 31, and shared that Halloween is her favorite day of the year.

In 1932, the year of B.A.’s birth, Herbert Hoover was President, and gas was eighteen cents a gallon. Live a long life, and you too can have a fabulous party, stated B.A.



Karen Huwe
B.A., looking great at 90th birthday party

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skilled nursing facilities. The number of nursing beds in the state has been greatly reduced over the last few years.

Washington State’s only Level I Trauma facility, Harborview Medical Center in Seattle, is licensed for 413 beds. Recently, 500 patients were admitted to that facility. Of those, 152 didn’t need to be treated at a Level I Trauma Center but were admitted because skilled nursing beds couldn’t be found elsewhere.

With Washington’s only Level 1 Trauma facility often over capacity, Dayton General Hospital patients who needed a higher level of care were sent to Oregon’s Level I Trauma Center OHSU, in Portland.

“It is incredibly challenging now,” McGuire said. Every day, patients are “boarded” in hospital emergency rooms when in-patient rooms can’t be found. Patients who are waiting for available beds in the hospital often stay longer than needed in the ER. This has the unfortunate effect of turning ER staff into Intensive Care staff, said McGuire.

Having to “board” patients in the Dayton General Hospital (DGH) ER is of particular concern to the Chief of Staff, Dr. Lewis Neace.

McGuire said shortages in staffing and higher labor costs also contribute to operational woes.

“What is happening in the state is also happening here,” McGuire said. “When Providence increases its wages for RNs by twenty or thirty percent, we have to remain competitive.”

These issues are being addressed at DGH, as well as can be expected. Adequate staffing needs are being met, even though that requires hiring more expensive agency staff, including nurses and doctors. Bed capacity is being increased. And medical claims are being processed promptly, and that will help increase the number of Days Cash on Hand, keeping the hospital doors open.

Childcare Center

Alyson McLean and John McLean, Principal Architects of Blue Room Architecture; Tami Sirmon of Walla Walla Public Schools “Center for Children and Families”; Chad Hickox Ph.D., President of Walla Walla Community College; Katie Knighton of Waitsburg; Paul Ihle representing CCHS; and Desirae Jones, of Dayton are members of the newly formed committee tasked with scoring agencies applying to operate the new childcare center. The final award notification is on Nov. 10, 2022.

The childcare center will be constructed in Hall 1 at the Booker Rest Home. If everything goes well, McGuire thinks that the wing of the rest home can be remodeled to serve 42 infants, toddlers, and preschool-age children, up to age 6. The remodel will take place in the first quarter of 2023, and the facility should open in the second quarter of 2023.

Rivers Walk Assisted Living

McGuire said Ron Asmus REA LLC, the builder/owner of Rivers Walk Assisted Living, is giving the health district time to work through the licensing process for the facility and to get the residents moved into the facility before asking for the first full payment. McGuire thinks the residents can be moved before the end of the year.

Resolution 05-2022: Meeting location change

The commissioners approved a resolution changing their meeting location, in January, to the conference room at Fire District 3, located at 111 Patit Rd., Dayton. In May and September, meetings will take place at the Waitsburg Town Hall at 121 Main Street, Waitsburg. All regular meetings are at 1:30 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of each month.

SPORTS



DW Football Senior Night

By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES

DW COMBINE—Five Wolfpack seniors played in their last game Friday, October 28; four seniors watched from the sidelines due to season-ending injuries. Before kickoff, nine seniors and their families were recognized. DW lost to the league champs Riverview 35-0 and ended their season with a 6-3 record.

Head Coach Troy Larsen had a solid group of seniors who led with actions on and off the field. Being in the playoff hunt made for a fun season.

Fourth-year starters were Monte Pettichord and Hudson Reser, both great role models. Preston Hansen was an emotional leader in his first year at DW; he missed the last three games due to an injury. Daylan Marlow had a never-back-down attitude, and Garrett Palmer and Kason Fortune showed improvement after joining the team last year. Though sidelined, Gage Holm and Isaac Conover

Seniors and their families were recognized before kickoff (players l-r) Levi Boudrieau, Daylan Marlow, Garrett Palmer, Monte Pettichord, Damien Reyes, Hudson Reser, Gage Holm, Preston Hansen, Kason Fortune

would have brought leadership down the stretch. Unfortunately, Senior Damien Reyes underwent shoulder surgery. Levi Boudrieau showed toughness and a nose for the football this season. These seniors helped get the football program back on track this year and will be missed next season.

In support of senior night, the Home and School Association encouraged the Waitsburg and Dayton Alumni to wear their letterman jackets to the game. Fifteen alumni wore jackets, and impressively, they still fit! At halftime, a prize was given to the alum wearing the oldest jacket. The award went to Frank Reser from the WHS class of 1969. His prize was a stadium seat and a water bottle

Highlights of the game were Hudson Reser rushing for 119 yards and Monte Pettichord firing the football to Daylan Marlow and Spencer Hansen for multiple catches. Pettichord had 17 solo tackles, Kaylub Prather had 12 solo tackles and recovered a fumble, and Blake French sacked the quarterback to lead the defensive charge.



Karen Huwe photos

WHS class of 1969 Frank Reser with cheerleader Alyssa Hollingsworth

MIDDLE SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL ENDS SEASON PLAYING WOLF AGAINST PACK

By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES

DW COMBINE—The middle school volleyball team played their last match of the season in Waitsburg on

Wednesday, October 26. This season, the girls were split into two teams, the Wolf and the Pack. Each team consisted of two squads

At their last game, the Wolf and the Pack played in front of a huge crowd Wednesday night. Twelve eighth graders ended their middle school season looking forward to playing in high school.

Overall, the middle school volleyball program had a strong season.



Karen Huwe

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Palouse Outdoors: A Timely Hunt for Valley Quail

By Brad Trumbo | THE TIMES

One of the things I appreciate the most about valley quail is its laid-back personality. The older I get, the less likely I am to crawl out of bed in the dark to go hunting. I am still motivated, but my best sleep comes from about 4:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m., making hunts earlier than 8:00 a.m. less desirable. Coincidentally, valley quail tend to agree with me. They often loaf in the thick stuff on cold mornings before heading out to feed around 8:00 a.m.

Eight o'clock is when I asked Dale to meet me in one of my favorite public quail covers. Dale is a southerner who had not hunted birds out west. We met after he moved to Washington to take a job.



Brad Trumbo

A beautiful scene of the lower Snake River corridor at sunrise.

Dale's punctuality is a virtue. It was no surprise to see him standing behind his rig, vested up, and clutching his new pump gun as I rolled into the parking lot ten minutes early. He offered an approving nod at my timely arrival.

The morning bloomed beautifully, with the sun breaking across the basalt bands that formed a bluff over the Snake River. Alder and cottonwood leaves were fading to gold while the thickets of sumac and rose burned crimson against the tawny hues of intermixed shrub-steppe. Sagebrush stood healthy and sharply aromatic. Rabbitbrush wore a crown of canary flowers atop its soft green sprigs. Songbirds and waterfowl were stirring—an utterly perfect welcome to the day.

Dale and I glanced over the map of our hunt before my little tri-colored setter, Yuba, sped off at 8:00 a.m. sharp. We would work a line of brush to the right toward the river, then circle back and push down the shoreline. Yuba aimed for the blackberry-enshrouded, seafoam-green Russian olive thickets. Hawthorn poked from the thickets boasting candy apple-red berries, which contrasted with the black fruits of the neighboring choke cherries. The abundance of cover and mast could sustain a thousand quail. We were certain to encounter at least a couple of coveys.

As we moved along the berries and thorns, the faint calls of a covey drifted on the breeze. They were emerging from the blackberries one hundred yards distant. Yuba worked into the breeze as Dale, and I followed.

"What does she do when she finds birds," Dale asked, having never hunted with a dog.

"When she catches the scent, her head drops, her tail goes up, and she stands on point. Just like that", I explained while thrusting an arm at Yuba.

The covey continued to call the tell-tale "chi-ca-go" sound as we approached, and as Yuba rounded the end of the blackberry patch, she locked onto a textbook point.

"Get ready and walk right in behind her," I coached. When hunting grasslands for birds like pheasant and partridge, I like to circle the dog and come in head-on to pinch the birds between us, but that can be a challenge in thicker quail and grouse covers.

The covey erupted to our left as Dale stepped up behind Yuba. They had likely congregated in the open patch where Yuba stood before moving into the grasses and weeds. We were caught off guard, and the birds flushed a bit far out, but I followed with a report from my side-by-side.

"They were too far, right?" Dale questioned.

I was unsure if he was legitimately asking the question or wanting to educate me carefully. Dale is smarter than me and surprisingly adept at wingshooting, which I was learning through his expert observations and gun handling.

I took no offense to the question, as my anxiety over the first hunt with a new



Yuba sits with her birds, seemingly admiring the wood grain on Dale's gun stock.

partner who had never shot over a dog was easing.

"Yes, they were a bit too far by the time we had a bead on them, but I decided to try anyway," I returned.

We looped back toward the river, lured by another covey calling down the shoreline riparian strip.

The brush was heavy for as much as thirty yards between the edge of the shrub-steppe and the Snake River and filthy with quail. We climbed the hill to walk the edge of the grasses with Yuba in the lead, but before I rounded the last patch of honeysuckle, Dale pointed at Yuba, who was pointing a covey of about sixty birds.

Yuba eased ahead with Dale and me on her heels. The birds were popping up by the dozen and flushing from the grasses into the thicket.

"Let's get up there. A few stragglers should be left once we are in shooting range", I coached.

By the time we had closed in, three-quarters of the covey had flushed, but we only needed those last few birds to pop. Yuba stood solid ahead, and I suggested Dale stay put while I stomped into the spreading blackberries to our left. Ten feet in, a couple of birds erupted.

I heard my shot alone and was thrilled to see the bird fall, but I was taken aback when Dale "whooped" at his good fortune. Our target acquisition and trigger tugs were identically timed, and I happily agreed that the bird was his—a beautiful mature hen for a great shot.

The backdrop of the Snake River with its blue surface reflection, the coffee-colored basalt bluffs, the canary-yellow rabbitbrush blooms, and the green of the Russian olive made a spectacular photo as Dale posed with his stormy gray hen with the cream streaks and stubby black top knot.

Pushing on, we walked the trail to its end in a blackberry thicket where the property boundary pinched down to the water's edge. As we entered the thicket, quail began busting to our left. Yuba stood on point with Dale and me backing her, shotguns at the ready. We stood still, waiting for the birds to get nervous and flush. With a few careful steps forward, several decided to fly from left to right through an opening.



This brace of valley quail was gifted to us, considering the birds hang tight to impenetrable thorny cover.

Again, Dale and I were identically timed in the shot, and the bird tumbled instantly. The difference this time was the cloud of feathers that puffed from the bird as the shot connected. I had given Dale my last handful of quail loads while I was shooting heavy steel. Good for pheasant and waterfowl but not recommended for covey birds.

"I love to see other hunters get their bird, but I truly enjoy it when everyone gets a bird," I exclaimed, claiming the

handsome little male.

The morning was warming and Yuba tiring, so we returned to the truck, took a few photos, and called the day a success. That afternoon, as I cleaned my quail, Yuba slept a well-earned snoring slumber while Dale sent pictures of his quail, butterflied and sizzling on the grill. The zenith of a good day's gunning. Visions of future hunts came to mind, and I smiled at the prospect of having a new bird-hunting buddy, one whose skills and wit would soon make a fool of his mentor.

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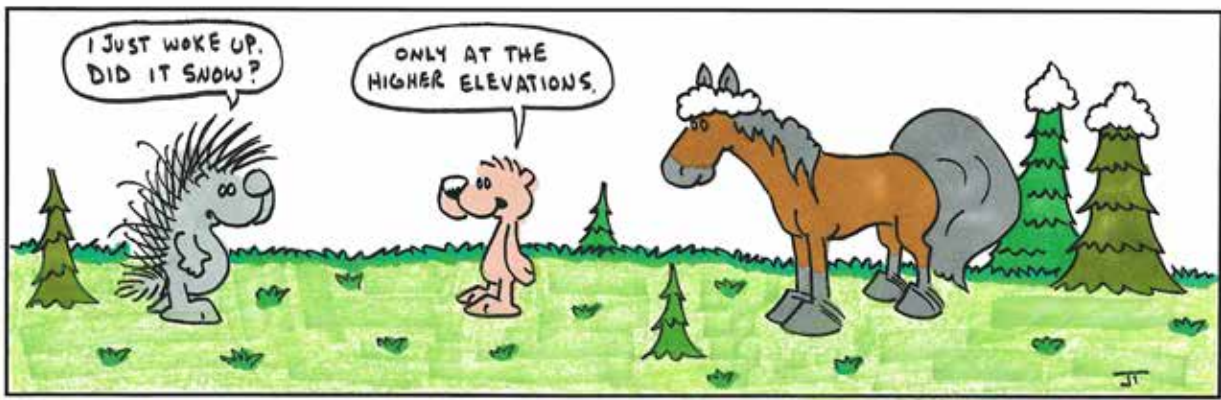
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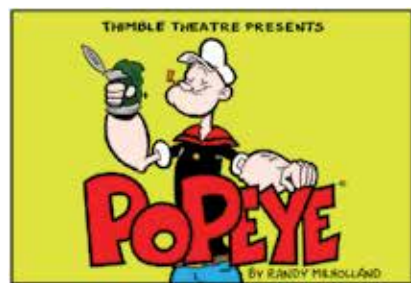
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Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



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Help Wanted – Cleaning Service
The Columbia County Rural Library District is seeking a reliable individual to provide cleaning services to the Library District for an average of 2-3 hours, two days per week for routine cleaning. This position also provides an additional four to six hours per month for deep cleaning. This is an independent contractor position, and the pay is \$22.50/hour, paid monthly. Must obtain your own liability insurance. Send an email to director@ccrld.org with your name and contact information as soon as possible.



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BIRTHDAYS

November 3: Lori Bartlow, Barbara Erwin, Margaret Rohde, Geoff Baker, and Don Abbey.

November 4: Jim Nelson, Rick Davis, Taryn Streeter, Allyson Hurd, and Victoria Brewer.

November 5: Dwight Thomas.

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

November 7: Robin Hilton, Stan Mock, Roberta Collingwood, 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.



PIONEER PORTRAITS

Ten Years Ago

November 1, 2012

Dayton's First Congregational Church bubbled with activity last Friday as community members and volunteers filed in for the annual Dayton General Hospital Auxiliary Luncheon. The Dining areas filled quickly as attendees greeted each other like old friends, making the entire event feel more like a family reunion than an annual fundraiser. The feeling is exactly what keeps luncheon organizer and auxiliary President Aleta Shockley coming back. "My favorite part (of the luncheon) is seeing and meeting old friends," Shockley said. Shockley said she has been part of the luncheon for years and she was happy with how it turned out.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

November 6, 1997



[Photo Caption] B.A. Keve, a.k.a. "The Halloween Queen," is especially joyous on October 31 – it's her birthday. As a little girl, B.A. would always be anxious to be in on what the adults were talking about. "Never mind," they'd say, "you'll know what we're talking about when you're 65." With this birthday, B.A. said, she's still waiting for the information!

Fifty Years Ago

November 2, 1972

Last Saturday evening the Prescott Blue Birds and Camp Fire Girls put on a Halloween program and pie social. This function was well attended. While the adults were bidding on pies being auctioned off by Walt Norman the children were bobbing for apples. The income from the pies was \$62.00. Pie, cookies, cupcakes, punch, and coffee were served. Attending from Walla Walla was Camp Fire Executive Mrs. Nancy Bunt. Its that time of year again when the Blue Birds and Camp Fire Girls will be ringing your doorbells and selling Camp Fire mints and Toffee coated peanuts. The price this year has raised to \$1.25 per box. Please help support our Camp Fire in the Walla Walla and Prescott areas. Chairman for Prescott is Mrs. Justin Mayberry with Mrs. Lloyd Olson assisting.

Seventy-Five Years Ago

November 7, 1947

The Waitsburg Chapter of FFA initiated the following Green Hands; Neal Alexander, Bob Collins, Tommy Hainline, Bob Patton, Wayne Marsh, Ramon Perry and Earl Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Orle Katsel entertained at a Halloween party Friday evening with 53 guests attending including several young friends of their son, Buster. They enjoyed old-time music, games and readings.

The following ten children have had perfect attendance after entering kindergarten: Patsy McKay, Kathleen Taylor, Donna Rae Thomas, Howard Laughery, Donnie Glover, Larry Land, Terry Hofer, Ronnie Bishop, Patricia Bishop, and Celia Gibson.

One Hundred Years Ago

November 10, 1922

The biggest real estate transaction of the year was put over the other day when Dan O'Connor purchased the 320-acre farm known as the Ike O'Dell place from H. D. Conover.

J. L. Jackson shipped seven cars of sheep this week and six cars were shipped from the Dickinson herd at Starbuck.

The Preston Shaffer Milling Co. here started grinding flour again Sunday morning after being shut down since early in June.

Ellis Laidlaw who farms on Dry Creek, raised 1500 sacks of netted gem potatoes on 8 acres of ground. These potatoes were grown from certified seed and without irrigation.

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago

November 5, 1897

Fruit shippers of Walla Walla were in Spring Valley last week after apples. Minnick Bros. sold them 100 boxes at 40 cents a box. Apples for drying are only worth \$5.00 per ton.

P. A. Preston has erected a fine marble monument at his wife's grave. The marble came from the east and was erected by W. M. Clark of this city.

The Academy football team will cross legs with the Whitman College team a week from tomorrow (Saturday). Weather permitting.

H. C. Wade has rented a ranch near Huntsville and will move his family there soon. We wish Pete success.

Lunches

WAITSBURG SENIOR CENTER

504 Main Street
11 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 8
Chicken Fried Steak
Mashed Potatoes
Chef's choice veggie
Green Salad
Roll
Fruit
Cookie

WAITSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT

Thursday, Nov. 3
Breakfast
Breakfast Pizza
Lunch
Teriyaki Chicken
Rice
Stir Fried Veggies
Friday, Nov. 4
Breakfast
French Toast
Lunch
Corn Dogs
Fries
Potato Salad
Fruit Choice

Monday, Nov. 7 Break-
fast
Bagel & Yogurt
Lunch
Pizza
Breadsticks
Bell Peppers
Pineapple

Tuesday, Nov. 8
Breakfast
Biscuit & Gravy
Lunch
Chicken Sandwiches
Fries
Fruit
Veggie Choice

Wed., Nov. 9
Breakfast
Cinnamon Roll &
Eggs
Lunch
Chilli
Fritos
Fruit Salad
Veggie Choice



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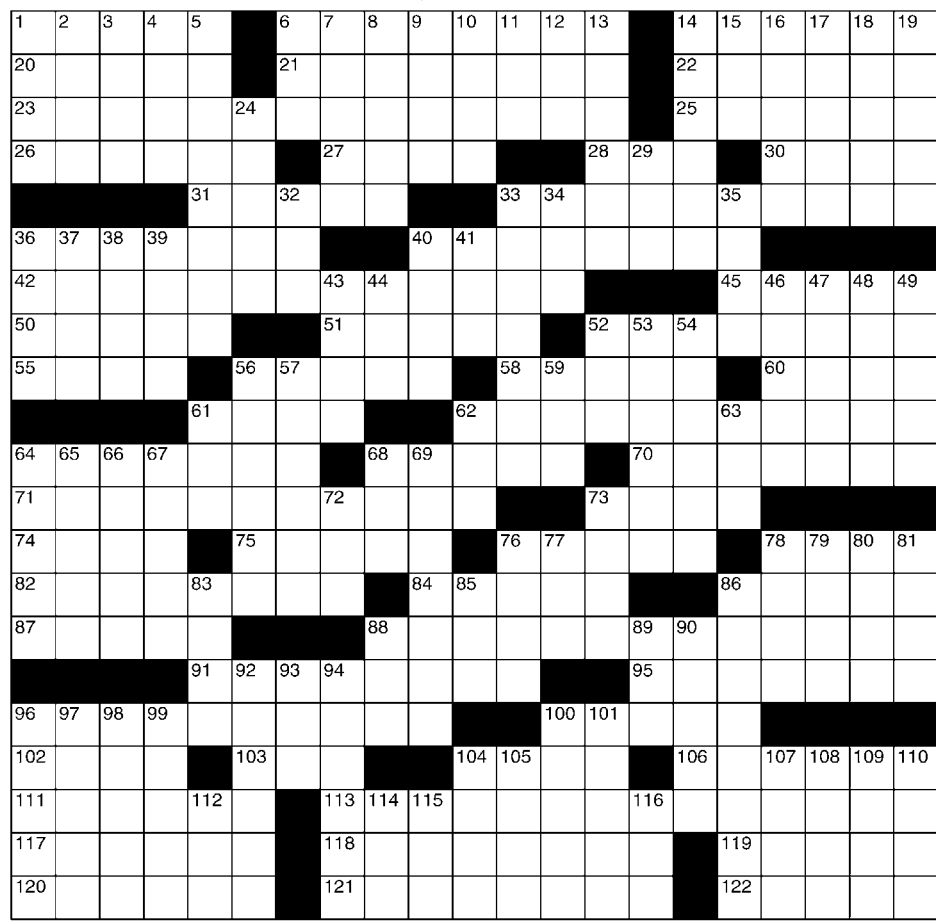
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PUZZLES & LIFESTYLES

Super Crossword

SIGN LANGUAGE

- ACROSS**
- 1 Work force
 - 6 Swallowed up
 - 14 Beautiful
 - 20 Popular type option
 - 21 Wedlock
 - 22 Idolize
 - 23 Organ knob imparting a striking sound
 - 25 Napoli's country
 - 26 Quarterback Manning
 - 27 Boundless
 - 28 Suffix with 12-Down
 - 30 Jungle lairs
 - 31 Age, as cheese
 - 33 Hidden way out in a haunted house
 - 36 Orlando locale
 - 40 Singer Reba
 - 42 Ratio of a stock share's return to its price
 - 45 Shell games
 - 50 Persona
 - 51 Studio stand
 - 52 Hold in check
 - 55 Animation frames
 - 56 Neophytes
 - 58 Blackish wood
 - 60 Pisa's river
 - 61 Actor Wilson
 - 62 Illinois town west of Chicago
 - 64 Worker finishing furniture
 - 68 Savage sort
 - 70 Deeply felt
 - 71 Popularity boost after appearing on satirist Stephen's old show
 - 73 Iris' layer
 - 74 Is in debt
 - 75 Fallback strategy
 - 76 Singer Mariah
 - 78 UPS deliveries: Abbr.
 - 82 Did a 180
 - 84 Willy Wonka creator Dahl
 - 86 Capital of Egypt
 - 87 Kagan of the Supreme Court
 - 88 At a snail's pace
 - 91 Quark or pion
 - 95 "The Newlywed Game" host Bob
 - 96 PC program tool for automating batches of invitations, say
 - 100 Actress Irene
 - 102 Streamlined, in brief
 - 103 Africa's Amin
 - 104 "Canvas" for a tattoo
 - 106 Artificial cave
 - 111 Zoned (out)
 - 113 Like people heeding seven key words in this puzzle
 - 117 Mongol invaders
 - 118 Brazilian rain forest region
 - 119 Make — for oneself
 - 120 Lace-receiving hole
 - 121 Crescentlike objects
 - 122 Plays spiritedly
 - DOWN**
 - 1 Defensive tackle Warren
 - 2 Willow or oak
 - 3 Ethereal
 - 4 Almanac item
 - 5 Drinking water additive
 - 6 Long dashes
 - 7 Innocent
 - 8 Reaction to an awful pun
 - 9 Big vases
 - 10 Enumerate
 - 11 Chubby
 - 12 Inflated sense of self
 - 13 Portray
 - 14 First coat of paint
 - 15 Like many a sr. citizen
 - 16 Sidestep
 - 17 Old-style messenger
 - 18 Pop singer Lopez
 - 19 Brewer's fungus
 - 24 Snarky
 - 29 Lanka lead-in
 - 32 Lousy review
 - 33 Vendors
 - 34 Finale
 - 35 Final, e.g.
 - 36 Savings acct. protector
 - 37 Tart pie fruit
 - 38 Track shape
 - 39 Road semis
 - 40 Fail to catch
 - 41 Passing mark
 - 43 "Wilson" actress Laura
 - 44 Basketballer Ming
 - 46 Shipping box
 - 47 Hitter Hank
 - 48 Negative
 - 49 Sleep sound
 - 52 "Backdraft" director Howard
 - 53 Salad green
 - 54 Biggest city in Australia
 - 56 Nudniks
 - 57 Turtle in a Dr. Seuss title
 - 59 Belfry dweller
 - 61 Small bill
 - 62 Hiatus
 - 63 Homer's H dramatist
 - 64 Win a point
 - 65 Sauna wrap
 - 66 Tylenol rival
 - 67 "Peer Gynt" dramatist
 - 68 Sloppy Joe holder
 - 69 Hug
 - 72 Defective
 - 73 Pakistani language
 - 76 Walking stick
 - 77 '80s sitcom
 - 78 "Qué —?"
 - 79 Brick-baking oven
 - 80 Totally understand, informally
 - 81 Plants seeds
 - 83 Absorbed
 - 85 OPEC liquid
 - 86 Big hack attack
 - 88 Sty dweller
 - 89 Mystery writer Deighton
 - 90 Sudden forward thrust
 - 92 In the thick of
 - 93 Cardinal, e.g.
 - 94 Clan-related
 - 96 Sticky stuff
 - 97 Reimburse
 - 98 Hopping mad
 - 99 Like ultra-lite food
 - 100 Failed to
 - 101 Remove, as a 105-Down
 - 104 Medium, e.g.
 - 105 Shoelace problem
 - 107 "How awful!"
 - 108 Cardinals, e.g.
 - 109 Office fill-in
 - 110 Corrida calls
 - 112 Sooner than
 - 114 Big bush bird
 - 115 Flying Solo
 - 116 — -been



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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
 ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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MY RECIPES

Luke Chavez

Creamy Orecchiette with Sausage and Chard



This week, the sunny, mild autumn days have made the abrupt change to cool and rainy. As a former Seattleite, I can't hide my love for the grey and drizzle. Days like this are perfect for making a pot of tea, popping a chill album on the stereo, and experimenting in the kitchen. Looking for some warmth and comfort, I found my self craving a creamy bowl of pasta. This recipe, which combines sweet Italian sausage, fresh chard, and aromatic rosemary in a decadent cream sauce, was the perfect choice.

Ingredients:

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1-pound mild Italian chicken or pork sausage
- 2 ribs celery, finely chopped
- 1 bunch Swiss or Rainbow chard, leaves and stems divided
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 tablespoons fresh rosemary, minced
- ¼ teaspoon crushed red pepper
- Salt and fresh ground black pepper
- Juice of half a lemon
- 3 tablespoons butter
- 3 tablespoons flour
- 1 cup whole milk, heated
- ½ to ¾ cup heavy cream
- ¼ cup grated parmesan, plus more for serving
- ½ teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 2 teaspoons ground mustard
- 1 pound orecchiette pasta

Directions:

Rinse and dry the chard. Remove the leaves from the stems, reserving both. Stack the leaves and roll into a cigar shape, then slice into strips. Separately, finely chop the stems to the same size as the celery. Keep leaves and stems separate.

In a Dutch oven or similar heavy bottomed pot, heat the olive oil over medium heat. Add the sausage to pan, breaking up into small chunks and crumbling while browning. When sausage is fully cooked though, remove with a slotted spoon, and set aside on a plate.

Add the celery and chard stems to the same pot. If needed add a little more oil. Season with salt and black pepper, then sauté until tender. Raise the heat to medium-high, then add the chard leaves and quickly stir until beginning to wilt. Add the garlic, rosemary, and crushed red pepper. Sauté until garlic is fragrant, about 1 minute. Squeeze in the lemon juice and scrape up the bottom of the pan. The chard leaves should maintain a vibrant green color. Remove vegetables and add to the plate of sausage.

Reduce heat back down to medium, then melt the butter in pan. Add the flour, and stir and cook for 2 to 3 minutes, until a golden roux is bubbling in pan. Slowly whisk in the warm milk and reduce heat to low. Continue to whisk until sauce starts to thicken. Next whisk in the heavy cream, parmesan, nutmeg, and ground mustard. Keep cooking and whisking for 5 to 6 minutes until you have a rich creamy sauce. Add more milk if it gets too thick.

Meanwhile, fill a second large pot with salted water and bring to a boil over high heat. Add the pasta and cook to package instructions for al-dente. Before draining the pasta reserve a cup of the pasta cooking water.

While pasta is cooking, return the sausage and greens to the cream sauce. Stir to heat through. Keep at low temperature, stirring occasionally.

When the pasta is drained, add to the pot with sauce. Add about half of the reserved pasta water and stir to combine. Keep stirring as the water gets absorbed into the sauce and pasta. If sauce is too thick, add more of the pasta water a little at a time until pasta is suspended in creaminess. Taste for seasoning, adding more salt or pepper as needed. Serve immediately with plenty of fresh grated parmesan over the top and a crack of black pepper.

Notes:

Orecchiette is special round pasta shape from Southern Italy whose name translates to "little ears." You can often find this dried pasta in larger grocery stores. If you can't find it, you can substitute with fusilli, cavatelli, conchigliette, or even rigatoni.

There is plenty of room to make this recipe your own. Instead of chard, you could use kale without using the stems. Fresh arugula could be used as well. For a little extra green, sometimes I like to add ¼ cup of frozen or fresh peas to the sauce at the same time as the pasta. Cooking just until done, and still bright green.

Serve this comforting dish with plenty of grated cheese to pass at the table. A crisp light salad would be a welcomed fresh accompaniment on the side. Enjoy!

Super Crossword

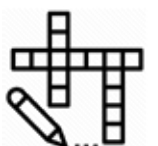
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Weekly SUDOKU

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Around the Valley: with Karen Huwe

Fort Walla Walla Museum

WALLA WALLA—The first fort was established in 1856 and was home to dragoon, infantry, artillery, and cavalry units until 1910. The museum occupies 15 acres and opened in 1968. The entrance building opened in 2010.

Upon arrival at the entrance building, we stopped at the General Store to purchase our tickets and proceeded on a self-guided tour of the hall and its three galleries.

The hall has bronzes by Walla Walla native David Manual, a historic stagecoach, and other exhibits.

In the three galleries, there is an abundance of history. In the rotating special exhibit gallery, you can read about music in the Walla Walla valley and see a violin template used by Dayton violin maker W.L. Bramhall.

Another gallery has antique toys, period clothing, gold rush artifacts, Indian artifacts, and a permanent wave machine. You will learn about the local Lloyd family of nearby Waitsburg and their relationship with the Palouse people. There is also a 38-star Garrison Flag that you do not want to miss.

The Military and Indian People gallery tells the story of the Buffalo Soldiers who were stationed in Walla Walla from 1902 until 1904. You will read about Captain William Clark, presenting Walla Wal-



Karen Huwe

A turn of the century permanent wave machine on display.

la Chief Yellept with his sword, a peace medal, and other items in 1806.

Outside the main hall are four exhibit halls, and down the hill is the Pioneer Village. Exhibit Hall Two has the nation's most extensive collection of horse era equipment. In Exhibit Hall Three, you will see a model of 33 horses and a combine that the horses pulled; donated by Carl Penner. Transportation is the theme in Exhibit Hall Four containing a sheep wagon, a doctor's buggy, and other period wagons. The hall also features a branding iron collection and an ox-shoeing stall. This is where I learned that they put shoes on oxen. I never knew that!

In the Pioneer Village, there is a blockhouse, cabins, general store, harness shop, play cabins, schoolhouse, Prescott Jail, blacksmith shop, carriage house, barbershop, railroad depot, and a doctor's office. Doors to look inside these buildings will be closed for the winter starting in November. You can still walk the grounds around the village and learn the history of the Fort Walla Walla Cemetery, which was established in 1856. The park is open daily; November through February, 10 am - 4 pm. March through October 10 am - 5 pm. Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day.

There is a lot to learn, see and remember when you take a tour of Fort Walla Walla. At the museum's general store, you can find an assortment of books, toys, gifts, and more. Fort Walla Walla is a great family educational experience.

The Museum will be hosting two upcoming events; "Do no harm; Medical challenges on the Lewis and Clark Expedition" on November 5. Gary Lenz will portray Sgt. Patrick Glass, providing a brief overview of medical theory of the period.

On November 10, "The cadence of the canoe and the rhythm of the rails will bring history through music.



A row of buildings at the Pioneer Village.

Community Calendar

Waitsburg Monthly Meetings

Waitsburg City Council

Nov. 16 – Third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m.

Waitsburg School Board

Nov. 17 – Third Thursday of every month at 6 p.m.

Zoom meeting information is available at <https://www.waitsburgsd.org/o/waitsburg-school-district/page/school-board--272>

Zoom info available by emailing waitsburgcc@icloud.com

Waitsburg Parks and Recreation Public Meeting

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

Weller Public Library

For more information email: waitsburgpr@protonmail.com

Friends of the Weller Public Library

SPECIAL MEETING

Monday, November 7 at 6:00 p.m.

Weller Public Library,

212 Main Street, Waitsburg

Weller Library Book Club

Third Tuesday of each month, 7:00 p.m.

at Weller Public Library

Dayton & Columbia County Meetings

Board of Columbia County Commissioners

First and second Monday of each month at 9 a.m.

Board of Columbia County Commissioners work session meetings

Second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 9 a.m.

Call-in information available at <https://www.columbiaco.com/114/County-Commissioners>

Dayton City Council

Nov. 8 – Second Tuesday of every month at 6 p.m.

Call-in information available at <https://www.daytonwa.com/54-inside-city-hall/city-council>

Dayton School Board

Nov. 16 – Third Wednesday of every month at 6 p.m. at the

Dayton High School auditorium

Columbia County Public Hospital District Board of Commissioners

Fourth Wednesday of every month at 1:30 p.m. Call (509) 382-2531 for information.

Dayton Memorial Library Board of Trustees Meeting

Nov. 21 at 7 p.m. (Changed date from April 18)

Delaney room and Zoom Meeting ID: 852 3836 3787

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

Dayton Kiwanis Club Meeting

Second and Fourth Thursday at Noon

Hybrid in-person meetings at the Delaney Library with online Zoom available.

Zoom Meeting ID: 559 815 3650

Starbuck City Council

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

Church Directory

St. Mark Catholic Church

405 W. Fifth, Waitsburg

Mass Sunday 5 p.m.

382-2311

Fr. Steve Werner

Waitsburg Presbyterian Church

504 Main

Worship 10:00 a.m.

337-6589

Pastor Stan Hughes

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

Waitsburg Christian Church

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Worship 10:00 a.m.

Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

Each Sunday

337-8898

Pastor Cameron Hedges

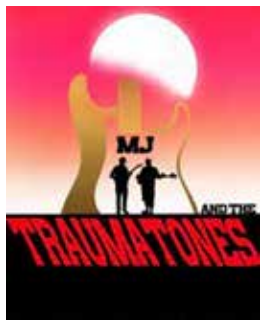
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Trivia Nights

Dayton at Jacobs Pub, Sat. @ 7pm

Waitsburg at American 35,

last Wed of the month @ 6:30 pm.

Times Traveler



Spotted at the Minnick-Hayner Law office in Walla Walla, this fine fellow said his favorite section in The Waitsburg Times was Pioneer Portraits.

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