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#### ONE DOLLAR



Lane Gwinn

(left to right) Parks and Recreation volunteer Sara Daves, campers Olivia Long, Emma Langford, Adalin Acevedo, and volunteer coach Natasha Langford. Long is learning how to hit an overhead serve at the Parks and Rec Volleyball camp in Preston Park.





Around the Valley (see page 3)

# Friends of the Pool receive grants for student swim lessons

#### By Lane Gwinn | THE TIMES

DAYTON — The Friends of the Pool Committee in Columbia County, Washington, was awarded several grants for its program to provide basic swimming lessons for area youth, and advanced training for older kids wanting to be certified as lifeguards and swimming instructors.

Dayton and Columbia County have not had an operational public swimming pool since the end of 2017. Since then, many local kids have not had the opportunity to learn how to swim and are at risk of drowning.

The Innovia Foundation awarded the committee \$13,000. The committee received \$3,500 from the Warren Community Action Fund and \$4,000 from the Dayton/Columbia County Washington Fund which are managed through the Blue Mountain Community Foundation. During the school year, the committee will fund bus transportation from the Dayton to the Walla Walla YMCA pool and swim lessons provided by the YMCA. This summer, the Friends of the Pool Committee will make funding available for kids in The Club's summer youth recreational programs to attend swim lessons at the Prescott public pool. The Walla Walla YMCA provides lifeguards and swim lessons in Prescott during the summer. The Friends of the Pool Committee also offers to cover the cost of the out-of-the-area swim lessons and advanced training to kids whose families arrange their own transportation. Under the leadership of Superintendent Jeremy Wheatley, the Dayton School District, teachers, and kids responded enthusiastically to this opportunity. This year, first and second-grade students enjoyed swim lessons over two weeks in April. In the upcoming school year, the school district will increase the program for students in first through fifth grades. Through this program, several older kids from Columbia County that have been certified as lifeguards. The Friends of the Pool Committee Chair Fred Crowe encourages eligible teens to take advantage of the lifeguard training.

# Watt, Bryan push for RR sale decision at Port meeting

#### By Justin Jaech | THE TIMES

DAYTON – The Port of Columbia Commissioners held their regular meeting at 5 p.m. on July 8, 2025, at the Port of Columbia office. Commissioners Seth Bryan, Johnny Watts, Mike Spring, and Executive Director Jennie Dickinson were present.

The meeting was well attended by the public, likely in anticipation that the commissioners would vote on the proposed sale of the railroad property during the meeting. They did not.

Dickinson said Jasper Mountain Venture has leased space at the Cameron Street Coworking property. The company provides services in the agricultural sector.

Dickinson said the port did not meet the criteria for a federal audit this year, and the expected audit was canceled



Elstrom completes STP (see page 5)



Pioneer Portraits (see page 4)

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### DAYTON COMMISSIONERS DISCUSS VANDALISM, ROAD WORK

#### By Justin Jaech | THE TIMES

DAYTON — Mayor Roger Trump called the Dayton City Council meeting to order at 6 p.m. on July 8, 2025. Trump, council members James Su'euga, Michael Smith, Glenn Hagfeldt, Laura Aukerman, Kyle Anderson, Shannon McMillen, and Joann Patras were present at Dayton City Hall.

Sheriff Joe Helm reminded everyone that National Night Out is August 5, 2025, at Pietrzycki City Park.

The sheriff said that anyone interested in purchasing surplus vehicles from the Sheriff's Department can contact the county.

Su'euga asked Helm to provide more details in the incident report so that the council has a better understanding of what is going on.

County Commissioner Ryan Rundell said the treasurer's office is waiting for renovations to be completed before moving into offices at 115 E. Main Street. It will be the last county department to move from the courthouse to the building formerly occupied by Columbia Pulp. A committee will be appointed to explore options for the vacated offices at

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audit this year, and the expected audit was canceled.

At Lyon's Ferry, it may be possible to move docks from the Columbia Park moorage in Richland to Lyon's Ferry. They can be stored offshore while new pilings are installed. If the plan works out, it could save the port and the Lyon's Ferry operators hundreds of thousands of dollars. Dickinson said it could take up to two years to get a permit from the Corps of Engineers to drive the pilings.

At Blue Mountain Station, Mainstem Malt is at fifty percent design completion for its new facility, with a target for 100% completed by the end of the year.

In preparation for the public meeting and commissioners' vote on the railroad property, Dickinson has been working on a list of questions, most directed to Columbia Rail and the firms that provided the assessed values of the property. She said the Columbia Rail owner, Paul Didelius, had answered the port's questions. She thanked him and said she may have follow-up questions. Dickinson said she hoped to have all the questions answered by the August meeting.

Watts pushed Dickinson to move forward on the sale of the railroad property during the August meeting, saying, "We need to say, hey, where are we at with the information we have. What does that mean? And then start moving in a direction, and then we start from there. But I would like to, by next meeting, I would like to dive into what we have, what does it mean, and a direction to go."

Bryan said, "I agree with Commissioner Watts. We've been working on this for over three years now, and it's time to get this moving. This is a priority for the Commission, so this is where I would like a lot of our focus to be put in the next couple of months because we've been doing this for a long time, and we need to begin making some progress on this."

Dickinson said she was making progress and was on the same timeline presented to the board in April.

Dickinson said she will make a presentation to the Community Economic Revitalization Board (CERB) in Olympia on expanding broadband access to Starbuck. The Broadband Equity, Access, And Deployment (BEAD) funding program, which would have helped bring broadband internet to rural parts in Columbia County, has rescinded all applications and changed the requirements. Dickinson told the commissioners that it was a "massive step backward."

On economic development, Dickinson said the Columbia County Hospital District was looking at ways to ameliorate the significant harm to the hospital from Medicaid cuts.

Shane Laib, Economic Development Coordinator, reminded everyone that Foodstock at Blue Mountain Station will be held on July 19, 2025, with music, food vendors, and family friendly activities.

The meeting adjourned, and the next meeting is August 13, 2025, at the Port office conference room and on Zoom.

# **NEWS BRIEFS**

LETTER

#### **NEWS BRIEFS**

## **AT THE LIBERTY:**

#### "Jurassic World: Rebirth"

#### THE TIMES

DAYTON — Five years after the events in "Jurassic World Dominion," Earth's climate has proven inhospitable to dinosaurs. Those that have survived, live in isolated areas along the equator, where the tropical biosphere resembles the prehistoric climate where they thrived.

The three largest of the surviving creatures hold the key to developing a drug that could bring miraculous life-saving benefits to humankind. The cast includes Scarlett Johansson, Jonathan Bailey, Mahershala Ali, Rupert Friend, Ed Skrein, Manuel Garcia-Rulfo, Philippine Velge, Luna Blaise, Bechir Sylvain, and Audrina Miranda.

The audience rates "Jurassic World: Rebirth" at 71% saying that "it was a well-paced action movie, that didn't get bogged down by so many characters."

The Rotten Tomatoes critics were less enthusiastic, with a 53% rating. One critic wrote, "New dinosaurs and environments as well as humans with varying motivations ensure things are kept reasonably fresh."

Rated PG-13: for intense sequences of violence and action, bloody images, some suggestive references, language, and a drug reference. Runtime: 133 minutes.

The Summer Kids' Movie Series will show "Happy Feet" on Friday, July 18, at 1 p.m. and "Storks" on Tuesday, July 22, and Friday, July 25. The series runs for six weeks on Tuesdays and Fridays at 1 p.m. and admission is free. A special low price of \$2 for a small soda (or water) with a small popcorn.

Missoula Children's Theater's production of "Snow White" is quickly approaching. Preregistration is required and can be completed online at libertytheater.org starting July 14 or at the theater lobby on July 22 and 25 from 2 to 5 p.m. Students in grades 1 through 12 are invited to participate at no cost. Auditions are scheduled for Monday, July 28, at 10 a.m., with rehearsals taking place throughout the week. The performances will take place on Friday, August 1, at 7 p.m. and Saturday, August 2, at 3 p.m.

The Liberty Theater's Annual Yard Sale is returning on Friday, July 25, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Saturday, July 26, from 9 a.m. to noon. The theater is accepting donated items for the sale, (no clothing.) Please contact Bev Startin for Information at (509) 382-4093.

'Superman" is August 8-12 and "Fantastic Four: First Steps" is on August 15-19.



#### MISSOULA CHILDREN'S THEATER JULY 28 - AUG

### **IN SUPPORT OF WALLA** WALLA COUNTY PROP 1 & **EMERGENCY SERVICES**

To the editor,

Walla Walla County voters have the opportunity on the August 5 primary election ballot to approve Proposition No. 1. If approved, the proposition will authorize the county to collect two-tenths of one percent (0.2%) sales tax, e.g., 1 cent on a \$5 purchase, 20 cents on a \$100 purchase. This small additional tax would be used solely for the use of our emergency communications system and facilities.

Stay with us, folks, and you will see why we believe approving this proposition is not only equitable but necessary at this time.

WESCOM (Walla Walla Emergency Services Communications) is the 9-1-1 Dispatch Center for Walla Walla County, serving over 63,000 residents and handling more than 83,000 calls for service annually. Dispatchers are the first line of defense in any emergency (fire, medical, police). It is critical to have the proper staffing, up-to-date technology, and a secure facility to keep our citizens, visitors, property, and infrastructure safe and operational.

The existing funding sources, including system user fees, excise taxes, and grants, are not sufficient to support system upgrades and long-term sustainability. User fees, the primary funding source, are flawed as they take money from already tightly budgeted law enforcement, fire, and emergency medical service agencies.

We believe the proposed tax increase is equitable and would apply to every purchase in Walla Walla County by residents, visitors, and online purchases. It would help to significantly reduce or eliminate user agency fees.

Walla Walla County's communication facility, WESCOM, was relocated in 1997 after the county and cities of Walla Walla and College Place consolidated dispatch services to a central location for bet-

Vacation

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Sunday, August 3, 10 a.m.: VBS Worship

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Tuesday, July 29 – Friday, August 1

9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

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ter utilization of public funds. It was intended to be a temporary location until a more secure and permanent location could be located or built. The current facility sits along the Hite Fault and next to Mill Creek, making it vulnerable to natural disasters as well as other hazards and potential catastrophes.

Radio and dispatch consoles in the communications room were installed when WESCOM first moved into the facility in 1997 and have far exceeded their intended longevity.

Although calls for service have increased to 83,000 since 1997, WESCOM staffing has not changed since 1998. There are 12 dispatchers with three supervisors covering 24-hour periods. Considering employees have required out-of-town training and are entitled to sick leave, family leave, paid leave, etc., staffing does not meet the expected level or standard of service.

As a community, we know technology has improved and changed exponentially, and workloads have increased across most industries since 1998. Yet, there are the same number of dispatchers and antiquated equipment at our WESCOM facility.

This funding source would provide increased staffing levels to meet community needs, provide up-to-date radio and dispatch equipment, and eventually fund a move to a secure facility.

A YES vote on Proposition No. 1 will ensure the emergency communications system in Walla Walla County is operating at the highest level, providing prompt response times to emergencies within our county ~ a standard the citizens of Walla Walla County expect and deserve.

Please consider voting YES on Proposition No. 1.

For additional information and to learn more about Proposition No. 1, please visit: www.wallawallawa.gov/government/police/dispatch.

Sincerely,

Pam Ray, former Walla Walla County commissioner

Chuck Fulton, gormer Chief of Police of the City of Walla Walla

Ray and Fulton were part of the 1997 relocation to the current location of WESCOM.

### **AUGUST WASHINGTON STATE PRIMARY ELECTION NEWS** Ballots mailed July 18, 2025

#### THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA — Walla Walla County ballot items to be decided in the August primary election:

- Walla Walla County: Proposition No. 1 Emergency Communication Systems and Facilities Sales and Use Tax
- City of Waitsburg: Mayor, 4 year term Marty Dunn, incumbent Brad Sandau Jim Strawn

Ballots will be mailed by Friday, July 18, 2025. Military & Overseas ballots were mailed on Friday, June 20, 2025.

Contact the Elections Office to request a replacement ballot by phone, email, or in-person. Or online at <u>www.votewa.gov</u>.



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# The Times

# LIFESTYLES



# CCHS nationally recognized for commitment to high-quality cardiovascular care

#### By Lane Gwinn | THE TIMES

DAYTON --- The American Heart Association recognized the Columbia County Health System with five Get With The Guidelines awards. The awards are given to participating hospitals and health systems that demonstrate a commitment to follow the AHA program's research-based guidelines for the treatment of heart disease and stroke.

The CCHA participates in the Get With the Guidelines and Mission: Lifeline programs, which provide hospitals nationwide with up-to-date expertise from the American Heart Association and the American Stroke Association. These programs help ensure patient care is aligned with the latest evidence and research-based guidelines. As a participant in the programs, CCHS qualified for the awards by demonstrating its organization's commitment to improving quality care.

'CCHS is committed to improving care by adhering to the latest treatment guidelines and streamlining processes to ensure timely and proper care for heart attacks and strokes," Gretchen Eslick, RN. "The Mission: Lifeline and Get With The Guidelines programs make it easier for our teams to put proven knowledge and guidelines to work on a daily basis, which helps us ensure more people in our community experience longer, healthier lives."

The CCHS received the following achievement awards for 2025:

- Get With The Guidelines Rural Heart Failure Silver
- Get With The Guidelines Rural Stroke Silver
- Get With The Guidelines Rural Coronary Artery Disease STEMI Silver
- Get With The Guidelines Rural Coronary Artery Disease NSTE-ACS Gold
- Get With The Guidelines Coronary Artery Disease STEMI Referring Bronze

"These awards show CCHS's commitment to caring for those in their community who need cardiovascular care," said Donald Lloyd-Jones, past volunteer president of the American Heart Association and current volunteer chair of the Association's Quality Oversight Committee. "By following the American Heart Association's quality improvement protocols, CCHS can help realize our shared vision of improved patient outcomes, fewer readmissions and lower mortality rates — a win for health care systems, families and communities."

For more information on the American Heart Association, visit www.heart.org.



Jubilee Campground in Elgin, Oregon is a short scenic drive from Waitsburg. Travel to Walla Walla, to Milton-Freewater, and then 11.5 miles from the unincorporated town of Tollgate.

The campground with 48 RV and tent sites includes a beautiful lake that is popular for fishing, swimming, non-motorized boating, kayaking, paddleboarding, and wildlife viewing.

Trees surround the lake, and there is a pleasant 2.8-mile hiking trail around the lake. There is a rope swing for visitors to cool off on a hot summer day.

There are numerous areas for day-visitors to picnic, enjoy the water, and watch wildlife, including eagles. Do not be surprised if a deer joins your group looking for a snack.

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Jubilee Lake is a great place to spend a day relaxing



July 18: Andrew Estes, Jean Krause,

Mike Hinchliffe, James Hamilton, Connie Maiden, Judy Groom, Court-

ney Gritman, Stephanie Thomas, and

July 19: Ray Johnson, Jessica Hofer,

Jacob Johnson, Adam Mellish, Zacha-

riah Beasley, Marilyn Stellwagen, and

Thomas (Josh) Pennington.

Porter Larsen.

July 20: Gary Marshall, Beverly Low, Brandon McKinney, Alexa Groom, Jamie Pettichord, Lisa DeCoria, Reagan Miller, and Joan Winslow.

July 21: Jill Wood, Andy Mays, Susann Anderson, and Jackson Hogan.

July 22: Tom Keeney, Kathy Buroker, and Krissy Lytle.

July 23: Inez Fletcher, Danielle Lehr, Chance Allen, Ashley Johnson, Thomas Reed, and Dale Puckett.



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# FUN & GAMES

#### The Friendly Forest

By Jimmye L. Turner

#### **PIONEER PORTRAITS**



by Dave T. Phipps

Just Like Cats & Dogs





"And we were worried they'd feel their privacy was being violated."



by Gary Kopervas



## LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to RCW 28A.505.050 and RCW 28A.505.060, that the Board of Directors of Waitsburg School District No.

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 latter 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. Personal Representative: Trina McCoon Attorney for the Personal Representative: Mona J. Geidl of Minnick-Havner, PS Address for Mailing or Service: Minnick-Hayner P.O. Box 1757 Walla Walla, WA 99362 Court of Probate Proceedings and Cause Number: Walla Walla County Superior Court Cause No. 25 4 00147 36 Date of First Publication: July 17,2025 /s/ Trina McCoon, Personal Representative Dates of Publication: July 17, 24, 31, 2025 The Times July 17, 24, 31, 2025 7-17-a

#### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA No. 25-4-00140-36 Probate Notice to Creditors

(RCW 11.40.030)

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA NO. 25 4 00142 36 NOTICE TO CREDI-TORS Fifteen Years Ago July 15, 2010

[Photo caption] Renowned horse whisperer Buck Brannaman and his daughter, Reata, stand outside their mobile tack room at the Columbia County Fairgrounds on Monday. Brannaman has been conducting annual horsemanship clinics, drawing horse owners and trainers to the weekend-long classes in Dayton for almost 20 years.

#### Twenty-Five Years Ago July 13, 2000

When members of the Washington State Parks Commission meet July 21 in Anacortes, they will be considering a budget that contains \$400,000 to buy a 28-acre parcel south of the Lewis & Clark Trail State Park. If approved, the local state park could add an interpretive center, a fishing pond, a hiking trail to the hill overlooking the Touchet Valley, room for RVs, a ranger's quarters out of the flood plain, and storage shop buildings, which could make the park a centralized maintenance facility for area parks. Cleve Pinnix, director of Washington State Parks, visited Lewis & Clark Trail State Park last week and viewed the parcel of land which holds the potential for drawing additional visitors to the area when tourism related to the Lewis & Clark Expedition Bicentennial heats up in a few years. The property is listed for \$179,900.

#### Fifty Years Ago

#### July 17, 1975

The proposed buffalo barbecue to be sponsored by the Lions Club was the topic of discussion Monday night at the regular meeting of the Waitsburg Historical Society. Bob Jameson, President of Lions, and "Buffalo" Bill Thompson, chairman of the project, were on hand to explain and offer for approval or rejection their ideas for the barbecue. A lengthy discussion of the idea was held with the many facets of the project being considered. After much thought, pro and con, the Board gave their approval to the Lions, who will plan accordingly.

A number of items have been donated to the Historical Society by Mrs. Chas. Vollmer. Included were a pair of white kid, high-laced shoes, a clock, a toy stove and utensils, toy dishes, a vase, butter mold, set of sad irons, a stereopticon viewer and cards, and decanters from the Morgan Drug Store.

401-100, Walla Walla County Washington, will meet for the purpose of fixing and adopting the proposed 2025-2026 Budget, the four-year budget plan summary, and the four-year enrollment projection at a special meeting on July 29, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at the Waitsburg Elementary School Library in the Waitsburg School District. All District residents are invited to attend the meeting and be heard for or against any part of the budget, the four-year budget plan, or any proposed changes to uses of enrichment funding under RCW 28A.505.240. Copies of the Budget will be available at the hearing or can be obtained after that date at the district office. BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, Monty Sabin, Secretary to the Board. The Times July 10, 17, 2025 7-10-a

#### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR WALLA WALLA COUNTY CAUSE NO. 25 4 00147 36 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS RCW 11.40.030 In re the Estate of: DENNIS JACOB SPRECHER, 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

In re the Estate of: David N. Jones, Deceased. The personal representative named below has been appointed as personal representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the personal representative, or the personal representative's attorney at the address stated below, a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) thirty (30) days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to the creditors as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four (4) months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this timeframe, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise 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: July 3, 2025. Ashley K. Weisner, Personal Representative Attorney for the 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 Walla Walla, WA 99362 July 3, 10, 17, 2025 The Times 7-3-a

RCW 11.40.030 In the Matter of the Estate of WILLIAM H. RODGERS, II 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. 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(3); 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 Filing Notice to Creditors with Clerk of the Court: June 27, 2025. Date of First Publication: July 3, 2025. Personal Representative: Stephen M. Rodgers Attorney for the Personal Representative: Michael V. Hubbard, WSBA #8823. Address for Mailing or Service: Hubbard Law Office, P.C., PO Box 67 Waitsburg, WA 99361. The Times July 3, 10, 17, 2025 7-3-b

#### Seventy-Five Years Ago

#### July 21, 1950

Fairest Farmerette Mary Ann Shaffer entertained Farmerettes Tuesday afternoon at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mount Shaffer. In attendance were Erma Lee Kessler, Peggy Johnson, Carroll Brown and Laura Rothrock.

Wm. Westerman is building a new home on West Seventh. He is doing some of the work himself, the residence being estimated at \$7,000.

A display of artwork made by the adult education class in ceramics is on display at Packer's this week. Mrs. W. J. Keve is president, Mrs. Art Combs, secretary, and Mrs. Henry Reimer order chairman.

#### One Hundred Years Ago

#### July 24, 1925

Mrs. John Clodius and children are camping for a few weeks at the Clodius and Zuger cabin at Stay-Awhile Springs beyond Godman.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Neace, Mrs. Addie Dickinson and Mrs. Ernest Mikkelsen returned Saturday from spending a few days in Spokane.

Marvin Hales, who is packing back in the Wenaha Reserve where the Hales and Co. sheep are ranging reports there are lots of huckleberries in that section this year.

#### **One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago**

#### July 27, 1900

Chas. Sayers is just recovering from an attack of malaria fever. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Perry Perkins has engaged Irvin Casey to drive his express and delivery wagon and has put on another dray.

George Spellings of Huntsville lost 500 bushels of barley, a new wagon, derrick table and fork, by fire in his barley field on Monday night. No insurance.

# **PUZZLES & LIFESTYLES**

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Submitted photo Waitsburg resident, Tom Elstrom, finished the 2025 STP bicycle race from Seattle to Portland.

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The council went into an executive session to discuss litigation at 6:16 p.m. and returned to regular session at 6:35 p.m.

The council voted to authorize the mayor to renew the annual membership with the Municipal Research and Services Center. The MRSC is a nonprofit organization that provides local Washington State governments with legal and policy guidance on topics including small works, consultants, and vendors. Membership is brought up for approval annually

Public Works Director Ryan Paulson said he was working on the city's water system after a partial failure due to a power outage that morning.

Paulson said the city had completed installing the ADA ramps on Fourth Street, and most of the concrete work was now complete. Another ongoing road project is chip sealing about a third of the city streets in conjunction with the county. Paulson said the project uses smaller and cleaner gravel than was used for the Otta seal project last year and should produce a smoother and less dusty surface. Paulson said the chip-sealed roads should ride a lot better since the City was able to obtain more funding for pre-leveling the streets, a process that was not funded before the Otta seal last year



cascade.org The STP route is 207 miles through urban and rural setttings in July.

Elstrom said, "I managed to finish the 200+ mile STP sporting my Swedish flag jersey. Here's hoping any consular officials were not embarrassed by my velocity (or lack thereof) along the way. I'd hate to have my Nordic heritage revoked!"

Paulson stated that there was an increase in vandalism, including setting off fireworks in the park bathroom, breaking toilet seats, and destroying garbage cans. The security cameras showed video of an incident involving juveniles who have not yet been identified. The perpetrators also used the floors to relieve themselves. He said the vandalism is "pretty out of control."

The mayor and council discussed complaints the city received about fireworks and the lack of enforcement of state law and city ordinances concerning aerial fireworks. There was confusion about what precisely is banned. Most council members agreed that there should be no illegal fireworks at any stand, outside those sold from within reservations. The council dropped the topic without taking any action or making plans for future discussion.

Trump said a lawsuit by a community member against a council member had been settled.

A question was submitted to the council about city displaying flags on Main Street. Specifically, why flags were displayed on most holidays but not on the Juneteenth holiday. The mayor put the discussion on the agenda for the next workshop.

The next City Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 12, 2025, at 6 p.m.

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## FORT WALLA WALLA: **ESCAPEES AND THE OREGON TRAIL GAME**

#### By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA — On June 22, the museum saw hundreds of families enjoying the interactive Oregon Trail game. The families loaded their wagons and traveled from fort to fort trying to reach Fort Walla Walla to claim their land deed.

On July 13, visitors played a clue-based hide-and-seek game to catch a criminal. Participants followed clues to find criminal Orvy Whipstitch Horvath who had escaped from Walla Walla's territorial prison.

Elijah captures convict Horvath and turns him over to the Sheriff. Horvath tried to bribe Elijah with candy; Elijah took the candy and then cuffed him as he tried to run away

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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 School Board

Third Thursday of each month @ 6 p.m. Zoom info is available by emailing waitsburgcc@icloud.com

#### Waitsburg Home and School Association First Wednesday of each month, 6:30 p.m.

at the Waitsburg Elementary School Library. All parents, school district staff, and community members are welcome.

#### Waitsburg Booster Club First Tuesday of the month, 6:30 p.m. @

High School Home Ec. room Waitsburg Historical Society

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

#### Waitsburg Parks and Recreation Public Meeting

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

#### Weller Public Library Board of Trustees

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

#### **Friends of the Weller Public Library**

Second Tuesday of the month, @ 7:15 p.m.

#### Waitsburg Commercial Club

Last Thursdays of the month @ Ten Ton Art@noon. Zoom info is available by emailing waitsburgcc@icloud.com

#### Waitsburg Resource Center Community Food Bank

Thursdays, 2 – 4 p.m. Food donations at the Resource Center 106 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> Preston Ave. Clothing donations at the Waitsburg Christian Church 604 Main Street, upstairs





#### **DAYTON & COLUMBIA COUNTY MEETINGS Board of Columbia County Commissioners**

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

#### **Dayton City Council**

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

#### **Dayton School Board**

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

#### DHS Alumni Meeting

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

#### **The Coalition for Youth and Families**

Second Tuesday of the month @ noon @ The Port of Columbia - 1 Port Way, Dayton, Wash.

#### <u>Columbia County Public Hospital District Board of Commissioners</u> Fourth Wednesday of the month @ 1:30 p.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 the last Thursday of each month, 5 p.m. at the Columbia County Fire District Conference Room

#### Dayton Kiwanis Club Meeting

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



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

Second 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, July 22** Salisbury Steak Bread, Cookie Potato Fruit



Brought to you courtesy of Lloyd's Insurance, Inc



Summer Meal Program June 23 – July 18 Breakfast: 8:30 – 9 a.m. Lunch: 11:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. At the Waitsburg Elementary School 184 Academy Street, Waitsburg Free to any child 18 and under

Walla Walla (509) 525-4110





Waitsburg

Christian Church

604 Main St Worship 10:00 a.m.

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STARBUCK MEETINGS

#### Starbuck City Council

# Events, Film, Performance, Live Music

## WAITSBURG

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Parks & Wreck Summer Camps Pickleball Camp July 21, 22, 23 9 to 10 a.m. ages 10 – 12 yrs. 10 to 11 a.m. ages 8 – 9 yrs. Preston Park, pickleball court



## WEIRD HOLIDAYS AT THE LIBRARY! JULY 17TH IS EMOJI DAY!

**Come Create** Your Own Emoji!

We'll have supplies out all day long!



#### **Mythical Movable Bluegrass Jam** July 18 - Ten Ton Studio - 7p.m. 216 Main St, Waitsburg If the weather cooperates, we might be outside ...on the sidewalk



**Dive in: Fossils Week** Iulv 21 and 23 Palouse Valley Community Center 122 Coppei Ave. Waitsburg email palousevalleycc@gmail.com to register Ages 5 – 12 (K – 6)

## WALLA WALLA

Brasserie Four Presents: A Moveable Feast -Works by Jim German June 2 – August 9, 2025 Reception: Monday, July 21 | 4 – 6 p.m.



Brasserie Four is pleased to present "A Moveable Feast," an eclectic exhibition of objets d'art by local artist Jim German, on view from June 2 through August 9, 2025.

The brasserie is hosting an artist reception for German on Monday, July 21, between 4 and 6 p.m. In the French spirit of joie de vivre, Champagne and Etruscan snacks will be served with a historical discourse on the mysterious voyage of a seasoned Greek maritime captain.

# DAYTON

Whoop em Up Pop up July 26, 5 p.m to 9 p.m. **Bobcat Lounge at Hotel Hardware** Dayton, Wash.





A COMMUNITY BLOCK PARTY SERIES July 11 . July 25 . August 8

Located in the "Hardware Block" surrounding Hotel Hardware, Locally Nourished, Fifth & Willow and Caboose Park in Downtown Dayton

> 4 pm to 9 pm **Businesses will stay open late**