



Karen Huwe

Waitsburg School District's Music Director Elizabeth Arebalos-Jagelski reacts to a loved one revealed in the Guess the Guest game at her surprise retirement party.

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## Surprise Party for retiring music educator

By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES

DAYTON — Waitsburg's music teacher Elizabeth Arebalos-Jagelski walked into the Dayton Liberty Theater's annex with plans to practice lines for the upcoming play but instead found the room packed with well-wishers at a surprise retirement party on Tuesday, June 9.

Party organizers, including Waitsburg teacher Brenda Henderson, managed to keep the event a secret, leaving Jagelski completely jaw-droppingly surprised.

Henderson had a few secret guests hidden in the back room, so Jagelski could play "guess the guest." Each guest would sing a few lines, speak a few words, and Jagelski would laugh, cry, or scream as she recognized the voice.

The surprise guests included her only sister, Dee Arebalos, from Spokane, as well as her aunt, a cousin, and nieces from across the state.

Jagelski's father and her husband, Tom, were also there for the surprise. They were joined by Tom's daughter, Nikki, and her son, Emilio, who traveled from San Antonio, Texas.

Guests included close family and a childhood friend. Teachers from Waitsburg and Walla Walla schools, and her Liberty Theater family, were also there to celebrate.

"When Elizabeth said she was going to retire, I knew I wanted to do something special for my friend who has taught for 41 years. So, I told Tom, 'Open up your checkbook, Tom.' Luckily, there were so many others who helped make that day special. Several people brought salads, and others who traveled from all over just to make that day special for her. I loved how all of her 'families' were together. I think she was truly surprised," said Henderson.

## CWWFD#2 TO HOLD A FIRE SAFE MEETING ON JUNE 25

By Lane Gwinn | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG —The Columbia Walla Walla Fire District #2 is hosting its annual Firewise meeting on Thursday, June 25, from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m at the fire station on 232 Main Street in Waitsburg.

The meeting will focus on issues the FireDistrict #2 will face in the upcoming fire season. Topics will include preparation for the fire season, defensive space, and becoming acquainted with local and regional fire response partners.

CWWDF#2 Fire Chief Matt Spring, representatives from the Washington State Department of Natural Resources, U.S. National Forest Service, and Columbia County Dispatch will make presentations and be available to for questions.

For more information contact Chief Spring at [firechief@cw-wfd2.org](mailto:firechief@cw-wfd2.org).



## Port of Commissioners met at Lyon's Ferry

By Justin Jaech | THE TIMES

DAYTON – The Port of Columbia Commissioners held their regular meeting at 5 p.m. on June 10, 2026, at Lyon's Ferry Marina. Commissioners Mike Spring, Johnny Watts, and Scott Hudson were joined by Executive Director Jennie Dickinson and Economic Development Coordinator Shane Laib.

During public comment, a resident expressed concern about the condition of the marina's breakwater, which apparently prevents larger craft from entering. The marina concessionaire, Joanne Knouf, said the restriction on large craft had been resolved, but extensive repairs were still needed.

The commissioners reviewed a number of routine administrative items before introducing Columbia County Assessor Tammy Ketterman, who discussed changes to Senior and Disabled Persons income limits and home value requirements to qualify for a deduction. The changes will increase the number of residents eligible for a deduction, thereby reducing the Port's 2027 tax revenue. The previous income cap was \$43K, and it has increased to \$57K per household.

Residents who think they may qualify for the Senior/Disabled Persons deduction should visit the Assessor's Office with complete tax and income records. Be aware that income used for this deduction is the total of all income, including from pensions, IRAs, interest, and Social Security, and may be significantly more than taxable income. However, itemized deductions, or standard deductions (\$15,000 married/\$7,500 single), are subtracted from the total gross income.

The Assessor's Office staff is available to help residents see if they qualify. There are 180 county residents who qualified for the program under the previous income limits.

Dickinson discussed the Nelson Construction bid of \$43,300 for the conference room remodel. The project will take between 4 and 6 weeks to complete, and the commissioners opted to fund the project from reserve funds.

Knouf began her report on Lyon's Ferry by introducing Jordan, a new employee from Louisiana. Last Monday, the self-described rockhound and treasure hunter spotted something white on the shoreline while kayaking. He discovered it was a jawbone, and the following day, archaeologists determined it was human and very old. The artifact is expected to be returned to a native tribe, and the final disposition and possibility of radioactive dating are yet to be determined. The location is secret, but it was not on Port-owned land.

The sale of the Lyon's Ferry concession to a new owner is in negotiations. Meanwhile, the Port and Knouf are looking for someone to repair the breakwater. The previous work was done by Bob Gemmill, who recently retired.

Dickinson announced that Rey's Roast will be moving from Blue Mountain Station to the downtown Dayton building that formerly housed Woody's.

The Mainstem Malt project is facing a water pressure issue that must be resolved before it goes out to bid. Options to resolve the problem are being explored.

Dickinson hinted about potential business ventures but did not reveal specifics.

Laib said there would be a ribbon-cutting ceremony for Dayton's quilt shop and laundromat during All Wheels Weekend. He is assisting Dayton start-up, The Den Studio, which is organized as a non-profit. The Den is also planning a soft opening for this weekend. He reminded the board that the 2026 Foodstock at Blue Mountain Station is sched-



# NEWS BRIEFS

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### AT THE LIBERTY: "Star Wars: The Mandalorian and Grogu" June 19-23

THE TIMES

DAYTON — The Mandalorian and Grogu embark on their most thrilling mission yet in Lucasfilm's "Star Wars: The Mandalorian and Grogu," an all-new Star Wars adventure. The Empire has fallen, and Imperial warlords remain scattered throughout the galaxy. To protect the gains from the rebellion, the fledgling New Republic enlists the help of legendary Mandalorian bounty hunter Din Djarin (Pedro Pascal) and his young apprentice Grogu.

The cast includes Pedro Pascal, Sigourney Weaver, Jeremy Allen White and Martin Scorsese. It is rated PG-13 for sci-fi violence and action and has a runtime of 132 minutes.

The Rotten Tomatoes audience says, "Drawing on the strength of the series and the undeniable chemistry of the coolest duo since Chewbacca and Solo." Though most of the RT critics gave a lukewarm review, one wrote "As C-3PO would say, I never doubted you for a second. Wonderful!"

This Saturday, June 20 during All Wheels Weekend, the theater will show a locally produced documentary, "Roll Modelz." The award winning documentary is 12.5-minutes. It shows how the often-misunderstood lowrider culture can bring people together, especially during times of loss.

"Roll Modelz" tells the story of how the Walla Walla based WA State Lowriders Car Club honor the memory of Mya Kay Avila. This documentary film will be shown free on a loop from 11 to 3 p.m.

Stop in, enjoy the AC, a free film, and snack on popcorn with real butter. Also, be sure to check out the Lowrider Cars that will be parked in front of the theater.

Alex Zerbe, The Zanic, returns to Dayton on Thursday July 2, at 1:30 p.m. at The Liberty Theater. Admission is free. Zerbe moves like a rubber band from one end of the stage to the other. Experience a comedic performance of absurd ideas, odd skills, and see why this two-time Guinness World Record holder was voted Seattle's Funniest Physical Comedian. Enjoy the free afternoon performance of comedy, variety, and juggling.



Alexzerbe.com

Schedule change - Upcoming Movies: "Star Wars: Mandalorian & Grogu" June 19-23, "Disclosure Day" June 26-30, "Young Washington," "Toy Story 5," "Minions." Schedules subject to change.

**THE LIBERTY THEATER - DAYTON**

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### TOMPKINS WITHDRAWS FROM COUNTY AUDITOR RACE TO SERVE AS INTERIM FAIRGROUNDS MANAGER

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA — Greg Tompkins withdrew from the Walla Walla County Auditor race. In a press release, dated June 13, 2024, Tompkins said he ended his candidacy to serve as the interim manager of the Walla Walla County Fairgrounds and to focus on the upcoming Walla Walla Fair and Frontier Days.

"I entered the County Auditor's race because I care deeply about Walla Walla County and believe in effective, honest and accessible county government," Tompkins said. "That same commitment is what leads me to step away from the campaign at this time. The fairgrounds and the Walla Walla Fair and Frontier Days are important to families, youth, exhibitors, volunteers, businesses, and visitors throughout our region. This interim role deserves my full attention, and I want to give it the focus and energy it needs."

Tompkins said his immediate priority will be helping the fairgrounds team, volunteers, partners, and county leadership prepare for a strong and well-organized fair season.

As he concludes his campaign, Tompkins encourages voters to remain engaged in the County Auditor race, become informed, and vote.

He also stated his intent to apply for the permanent Fairgrounds Manager position.

## LETTER

### TIM REEVES FOR AUDITOR

To the editor,

Tim Reeves, candidate for WW County Auditor, has the experience and leadership to do a stellar job.

I met Tim when he first arrived in Walla Walla and was impressed by how quickly and fully he embraced our community. He immediately served on the City Parks and Rec Committee and the Walla Walla Arts Collaborative Board and participated in our Civics and Police Citizen Academies. He regularly attends County Commissioner meetings and myriad other community gatherings to learn and contribute. He is kind, a listener, and a man of integrity.

Licensing, taxes, and elections touch us all and require complicated management skills and inspired leadership. Tim brings these. As an economist, his years of experience in financial consulting, project management, work culture, and process reorganization at Boeing and Microsoft are highly relevant to this role.

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uled for July 18. After a five-minute break, the commissioners discussed the comprehensive plan, where broadband was added as a line of business. There were no other changes to the plan.

Since the port is legally required to appoint a port auditor, the commissioners changed Dickenson's title to Executive Director/Port Auditor. Dickinson has performed the port auditor's duties for several years. By officially assuming the role, she will be responsible for the Port's financial oversight.

The necessary improvements and repairs anticipated for the Lyons Ferry Marina were discussed and updated based on the 2018 Comprehensive Plan, the last update.

The meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

### Jasper Mountain Trail Fest

THE TIMES

DAYTON — The Jasper Mountain Reserve annual trail race is for recreational and elite runners to push their skills on the reserve's maintained trails while raising money for the nonprofit.

The race is on June 20 and early arrival for camping is encouraged. Camping begins June 18 and is included in the event fee. More details about the event and signups are on the race website, by scanning the QR code on the right.

Jasper Mountain Reserve  
Saturday, June 20, 2026  
7 a.m. - 10 p.m.



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## OBITUARY

### Robin W. Hogan

March 29, 1951–June 13, 2026

Robin Wilson Hogan, 75, of Pomeroy, died June 13, 2026, at Dayton General Hospital following a brief illness.

He was born on March 29, 1951, to Wilson D. and Lorraine A. (Rundhauge) Hogan, in Alton, Illinois.

Robin spent his early years in Alton and numerous other locations around the United States as his parents, both majors in the Salvation Army organization, frequently moved to serve different communities. As a youngster, Robin remembered ringing the bell by the red kettle during Christmas time, noting that singing increased the contributions.

He graduated from high school in Las Vegas, Nev., and attended Columbia Basin College in Pasco, finishing with a carpentry certification. He worked as a carpenter several years at Hanford.

Coming from a musical family, music was a huge part of Robin's life and he enjoyed playing guitar, eventually joining a group dubbed "Newton Eddy," a group of Hanford workers who played music in their spare time. He was self-taught on the banjo, mandolin and violin, loved singing harmony and composed a number of songs.

At the age of 41, Robin suffered an aortic aneurism and became disabled. Doctors advised he was a "miracle" as about 10% of people with this condition survive, and many of those do not survive long. Robin survived 34 years with the condition.

While a Waitsburg resident, Robin was active in music ministries at the Waitsburg Presbyterian Church and the First Christian Church of Waitsburg, playing Praise music during worship services. He was the community's "go-to" guy whenever a musician was needed, volunteering to play at numerous community, church and social events.

Robin was father to Aaron J. Hogan of Texas, and Jackson W. Schultz of Portugal, both from previous marriages. He and Lynda Westphall of Walla Walla married on May 3, 2001, in Waitsburg, where they made their home until moving to their Tucannon



Submitted photo

Robin W. Hogan  
March 29, 1951 – June 13, 2026

River residence in 2002.

In the 1990s and 2000s, Robin and his wife Lynda were part-time employees of The Times in the circulation department.

He was a proud member of Alcoholics Anonymous, sober since January 1, 1986—forty years. He always said he didn't need to be anonymous about his sobriety.

At the Tucannon residence, Robin and Lynda hosted the annual "Lost Resort Musical Reunion" of former Newton Eddy musicians and other musically inclined friends, the event occurring for about 25 years until the COVID-19 pandemic ended it.

He is survived by wife, Lynda, at home; son Aaron J. Hogan of Texas, and son Jackson W. Schultz of Portugal; and one granddaughter, Cassandra Swanger.

Robin was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Terry Hogan.

At his request, no memorial or funeral service is planned.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Salvation Army, a local food bank, or the charity of the donor's choice.

Corbeill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

## ANNIVERSARY ANNOUNCEMENT

### Celebrating 50 Years!

Glen and Adelle Smith of Waitsburg, Washington, are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on June 19.

The couple was married at the Christian Church in Waitsburg, and their son Greg (Kortney) and daughter Angela (Jake) have each given them two grandchildren: Cooper and Sydney Smith and Oaklee and Ember Adams.

Glen and Adelle continue to enjoy running the family wheat farm and their annual trips to Mexico and Priest Lake.



Submitted photos

above – The Smiths with their grandchildren, (l-r) Glen, Oaklee, Ember, Cooper, Sydney, and Adelle.

left – Adele and Glen at the Waitsburg Christian Church on their wedding day, June 19, 1976.

## GRADUATION CELEBRATION

### GRADUATION CELEBRATION FOR LUKE CHAVEZ AT ROYAL BLOCK, JUNE 18

WAITSBURG — Luke Chavez, co-founder of Ten Ton Coffee and writer for "The Times," has graduated with distinction from Western Washington University in Bellingham. He earned a Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing and graduated on Saturday, June 13, 2026.

"The Times" is hosting a celebration for Luke at the Royal Block in Waitsburg on Thursday, June 18, after 5 p.m. Come toast the graduate with sparkling wine and encourage Luke to read a few poetry selections from his thesis.



John Avery

Luke Chavez and his mother, Lane Gwinn, after the graduation ceremony at Western

### Innovia Announces Longest Table Grant Program

THE TIMES

Spokane – This summer, Innovia's Longest Table program will help communities in Eastern Washington and North Idaho come together and strengthen connections with a meal.

Microgrants of up to \$2,500 will support at least 60 Longest Table events between June 1 and September 30.

The Longest Table is a growing movement built on a simple, powerful idea: sharing a meal. Community members across the nation are gathering in public spaces to sit down with one another and build new relationships.

The nation marks 250 years, this initiative offers an opportunity to reflect on where we are today—both as a country and a region—and to imagine the hopes and possibilities we hold for

the future.

In that spirit, Longest Table participants are also invited to participate in a region-wide flag mosaic project. The mosaic will be created using photo submissions in response to the prompt: "What is my America at 250?" Submit a photo and then view the completed mosaic at [innovia.org/250-mosaic](http://innovia.org/250-mosaic).

"Innovia is honored to launch this impactful initiative in communities across our region," says Shelly O'Quinn, CEO of Innovia Foundation. "Bringing neighbors around the same table and sparking conversations is a powerful way to reduce isolation, promote belonging, and strengthen social trust."

Grants can be used to cover organizing costs including tables, chairs, permits, promotional materials, and youth activities.

The Longest Table is presented in partnership with STCU. To learn more about the program or to apply for a grant, visit [innovia.org/the-longest-table](http://innovia.org/the-longest-table) and follow the application instructions provided on the webpage.

### ALL WHEELS WEEKEND WILL INCLUDE PUMP CAR RIDES AT THE DEPOT

THE TIMES

DAYTON — Father's Day is a special weekend in Dayton, featuring the All Wheels Classic Car show on Main Street. This year, on Saturday, June 20, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., pump car rides will be available at the Historic Dayton Depot. Riders must be 40" or taller at the shoulder. No loose clothing, bare feet, or sandals will be permitted.

Admission to the Depot is free, so check out the current exhibit upstairs, shop in the Museum Shop, and experience railroad history.

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# NEWS & LEGALS

## Waitsburg Junior Livestock Show

### THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — The Waitsburg Junior Livestock Show was held on June 6–7, hosting FFA and 4-H members for two days of jackpot livestock competition, showmanship, and education.

Local youth who participated in the event were Sara Wilson, Rylee Cole, Clay Katsel, Bridger Abel, Flint Abel, Makaelyn Mikesell, Shaunna Hilton, Braxton Bly, Jackson Griffin, James Griffin, Madysen Potter, Harlee Coulston, Tanna Ray, Levi Dean, Maverick Dean, Alayna Dean, Bella Contreras, Stella Pearson, Emerson Underwood, and Haven Henry.

Other exhibitors came from as far away as Winlock, Washington, and Lebanon, Oregon. In total, more than 160 exhibitors took part in the livestock and small animal competitions.

Saturday featured the beef and swine for showmanship, breeding, and market competitions. Sunday showcased goats and sheep

Small-animal exhibitors had a great time on Sunday, showing poultry and rabbits. They also participated in a judging contest to place Oreos, rabbit pelts, and pigeon, duck, and goose eggs.

Sara Wilson placed second in poultry judging, reserve champion in poultry conformation, and the overall grand champion in poultry showmanship.

In addition to the livestock competitions, dozens of Applied Arts entries highlighted the creativity and talents of area youth.

Throughout the weekend, exhibitors and visitors enjoyed complimentary breakfasts and the burgers and hot dogs provided by the Waitsburg Lions Club at the fairground's cook shack.

Support for the show included Bordertown Feed & Supply, Laht Neppur, and The McGregor Company as Species Sponsors Jim and Becky Wilson, and the House Family were Show Sponsors; and Dayton Tractor, and Jake and Michelle Long were the Buckle Sponsors.

The annual event celebrated the hard work, dedication, and achievements of young participants while providing an opportunity for the community to come together in support of local agriculture and youth development.



Tiina Jaatinen

Luke Wahler and Eddie posing for his proud grandfather, Larry Conover.

## LEGAL NOTICES

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

IN AND FOR WALLA WALLA COUNTY

NO: 26-4-00108-36

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RCW 11.40.030

In re the Estate of:

Steve W. Drumheller, Deceased.

The Personal Representative named below has been appointed as Personal Representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the Personal Representative, or the Personal Representative's attorney at the address stated below, a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty (30) days after the date of the first publication of this dissolution of marriage summons, after the (Date of first publication), and defend the above-entitled action in the above-entitled court, and answer the complaint of the petitioner, Julee R. Moreno, and serve a copy of your answer upon the petitioner at the address below stated; and in case of your failure so to do, judgment will be rendered against you according to the demand of the dissolution petition, which has been filed with the clerk of said court. If you do not serve your written response within 60 days after the date this summons was served on you, exclusive of the day of service, the court may enter an order of default against you, and the court may, without further notice to you, enter a final order and approve or provide for the relief requested in the petition. The court will not enter the final order until at least 90 days after filing and service. Serve a copy of your response to:

Julee R. Moreno  
35 Electric Ave  
Walla Walla, WA 99362.  
DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: June 18, 2026  
Personal Representative: /s/ Matthew W. Drumheller  
Attorney for the Personal Representative: James K. Hayner of Minnick-Hayner, PS  
Address for Mailing or Service: Minnick-Hayner P.O. Box 1757  
Walla Walla, WA 99362  
(509) 527-3500  
The Times  
June 18, 25, July 2, 2026  
6-18-a

### PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Prescott is seeking residents to fill a vacant city planning commission seat. Planning Commission meetings are the 1st Monday of each month; length of meeting varies from 1–2 hours, and begin at 6pm, so, your availability is important. If you are interested in being on the planning commission, please submit a letter of interest to the City of Prescott, either at City Hall, via our P.O. Box #27, or email us at: Clerk@cityofprescottwa.com. Interested parties must be at least 18 years of age, a registered voter of the city, have resided in the city for at least one year, a citizen of the United States, have never been charged with a felony. The review of candidates will be on July 13; letters of interest will be accepted up to and during the city council meeting at 6:30 pm on that date. First Date of Publication: June 11, 2026  
The Times  
June 11, 18, 2026  
6-11-a

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

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA

DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE SUMMONS

NO: 24-3-00257-36

Petitioner: Julee R. Moreno

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Gabriel Balderas Moreno:

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(509) 529-4980 Ext. 350  
The Times  
May 21, 28, June 4, 11, 18, 25, 2026  
5-21-c

### NOTICE OF CHANGE OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING LOCATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Columbia County Public Hospital District No. 1 scheduled for Wednesday, June 24, 2026, at 9:00 a.m., will be held at the following location:

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Waitsburg, Washington  
in place of the previously scheduled location of the Touchet River Conference Room, Columbia County Health System, 1012 S. 3rd Street, Dayton, Washington.  
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COLUMBIA COUNTY PUBLIC HOSPITAL DISTRICT NO. 1  
The Times  
June 18, 2026  
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### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR WALLA WALLA COUNTY

NO: 26-4-00112-36

PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

RCW 11.40.030

In re the Estate of:

SOPHIA DYKE,

Deceased.

The Personal Representative named below has been appointed as Personal Representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred

by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the Personal Representative, or the Personal Representative's attorney at the address stated below, a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty (30) days after the date of the first publication of this dissolution of marriage summons, after the (Date of first publication), and defend the above-entitled action in the above-entitled court, and answer the complaint of the petitioner, Julee R. Moreno, and serve a copy of your answer upon the petitioner at the address below stated; and in case of your failure so to do, judgment will be rendered against you according to the demand of the dissolution petition, which has been filed with the clerk of said court. If you do not serve your written response within 60 days after the date this summons was served on you, exclusive of the day of service, the court may enter an order of default against you, and the court may, without further notice to you, enter a final order and approve or provide for the relief requested in the petition. The court will not enter the final order until at least 90 days after filing and service. Serve a copy of your response to:

Julee R. Moreno  
35 Electric Ave  
Walla Walla, WA 99362.  
DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: June 18, 2026  
Personal Representative: /s/ Emily A. Jewell  
Attorney for the Personal Representative: Mona J. Geidl of Minnick-Hayner, PS  
Address for Mailing or Service: Minnick-Hayner P.O. Box 1757  
Walla Walla, WA 99362  
(509) 527-3500  
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### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS CITY OF PRESCOTT, WASHINGTON

SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS

General Notice

The City of Prescott, Washington (Owner) invites bids for the Sidewalk Improvements project. The Work includes construction of a new multiuse asphalt path, curb ramp improvements, sidewalk repair, and other items all in accordance with the Contract Plans, Contract Provisions, and Standard Specifications.

Bids for the construction of the Project will be received until Tuesday, July 7, 2026, at 10:00 a.m., local time. At that time, the Bidders and Bid Amounts will be publicly viewed on QuestCDN.com and read aloud via video conference or conference call. The public viewing and reading of the bids received can be accessed via the web link and telephone number noted in the Q&A section on QuestCDN.com for the Project.

For this Project, Bids will be received and accepted ONLY via the online electronic bid service through QuestCDN.com. To access the electronic Bid Form, download the project documents and click Online Bidding at the top of the Project posting.

All work performed on this Project will be subject to State Prevailing Wage Rates, EEO, Washington State Contracting Laws, etc. All contractors performing work on this Project must be licensed in the State of Washington to conduct business.

The contract time for all work shall be 30 working days. All work must be physically completed by October 31, 2026. Obtaining the Bidding Documents

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is Anderson Perry & Associates, Inc., 214 East Birch Street, Walla Walla, Washington 99362, 509-529-9260, Braidena Amata, P.E., bamata@andersonperry.com. Prospective Bidders may

examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office on Mondays through Fridays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., or at the City of Prescott, 202 W. 1st Street, Prescott, Washington. Bidding Documents are available at <http://www.andersonperry.com> under the Bid Docs link. The digital Bidding Documents may be downloaded for a non-refundable payment of \$50.00 by inputting QuestCDN eBidDoc Number 10243438 on the website. Assistance with free QuestCDN membership registration, document downloading, and working with the digital Project information may be obtained at [www.QuestCDN.com](http://www.QuestCDN.com), at 952-233-1632, or via e-mail at [info@questcdn.com](mailto:info@questcdn.com). No paper sets will be provided for bidding purposes. Prospective Bidders are urged to register with the designated website as a plan holder, even if Bidding Documents are obtained from a plan room or source other than the designated website in either electronic or paper format.

Only plan holders registered with QuestCDN will be able to participate in vBids. The designated website will be updated periodically with addenda and other information relevant to submitting a Bid for the Project. All official notifications, addenda, and other Bidding Documents will be offered only through the designated website. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for Bidding Documents, including addenda, if any, obtained from sources other than the designated website.

Each bid on the Project must be submitted on the prescribed form and accompanied by a certified check or bid bond payable to the Owner in an amount not less than five percent of the amount bid. The successful bidder will be required to furnish the necessary additional bonds for the faithful performance of the contract as prescribed in the Contract Documents.

The Owner may reject any bid not in compliance with all prescribed requirements and may reject for good cause any and all bids upon finding that it is in the public interest to do so.

The Owner is an equal opportunity and affirmative action employer. Minority and women-owned businesses are encouraged to bid. Each minority and women owned business requesting plans should indicate that they are a minority firm at the time they request plans so they may be listed on the Plan holders List as a minority.

This Project is partially funded through the Washington State Transportation Improvement Board with State funds.

DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: June 18, 2026

This Advertisement is issued by:

Owner: City of Prescott, Washington

By: Karen Gleason

Title: Mayor

City of Prescott

PO Box 27 / 202 W 1st Street

Prescott, WA 99348

The Times

June 18, 25, 2026

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### BOARD RETREAT

THURSDAY JUNE 25, 2026, 9:00 A.M.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Board of Directors of Prescott School District No. 402-37, Walla Walla and Columbia Counties, Washington, will hold their BOARD

RETREAT meeting on Thursday, June 25, 2026, at Vista Hermosa Retreat House. Retreat House Address: 1277 Neff Road, Prescott, WA 99348.

The meeting is being called to discuss and act upon regular monthly school business, future planning, and budget. The meeting will follow the guidelines of a Regular Board Session. To ensure compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act (Chapter 42.30, RCW), the Board will treat the meeting on June 25, 2026, as a regular meeting and provides notice as required by law.

Meeting schedule is as follows: Board Retreat 9am - 11am

Break 11am - 12pm

Budget Hearing 12pm - 1pm

Regular Board Meeting 1pm

If you wish to make public comment you must sign in prior to the start of the meeting.

FIRST DATE OF PUBLICATION: June 4, 2026

The Times

June 4, 11, 18, 2026

6-4-d

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

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA

DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE SUMMONS

NO: 25-3-000191-36

Petitioner: Melvin Marcus Johnson Jr.

THE STATE OF WASHINGTON TO THE RESPONDENT

Loretta Johnson:

You are hereby summoned to appear within 60 days after the date of the first publication of this dissolution of marriage summons, after the (Date of first publication), and defend the above entitled action in the above entitled court, and answer the complaint of the petitioner, Melvin Marcus Johnson Jr., and serve a copy of your answer upon the petitioner at the address below stated; and in case of your failure so to do, judgment will be rendered against you according to the demand of the dissolution petition, which has been filed with the clerk of said court. If you do not serve your written response within 60 days after the date this summons was served on you, exclusive of the day of service, the court may enter an order of default against you, and the court may, without further notice to you, enter a final order and approve or provide for the relief requested in the petition. The court will not enter the final order until at least 90 days after filing and service. Serve a copy of your response to: Melvin Marcus Johnson Jr. at 1313 N 13th Ave, Walla Walla, WA 99362.

DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: May 21, 2026

Blue Mountain Action Council

8 E. Cherry

Walla Walla, WA 99362

(509) 529-4980 Ext. 350

The Times

May 21, 28, June 4, 11, 18, 25, 2026

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### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR WALLA WALLA COUNTY

NO: 26-4-00085-36

PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

RCW 11.40.030

In Re the Estate of:

RYAN PIERCE,

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 date of the first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and non-probate assets.

DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: June 18, 2026

Administrator:

/s/ Amanda Ewoniuk

Attorney for the Administrator:

Mona J. Geidl, PS

Address for Mailing or Service: Minnick-Hayner

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

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA

NO: 26-4-00105-36

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

RCW 11.40.030

In the Matter of the Estate of:

EILA T. WHELCHER,

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 date of the first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.

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Co-Administrators:

Rebecca Suzanne Wilson

David LaVern Whelchel

Attorney for the Personal Representative:

/s/ Julie E. Karl, WSBA #45950

Address for Mailing or Service: KARL LAW OFFICE, PLLC

6 E. Alder, Suite 307

Walla Walla, WA 99362

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# Rattlesnake avoidance training for dogs

By Eric Hockersmith | THE TIMES

If you spend time with your dog outdoors in wild places, you may encounter snakes. Fortunately, Washington state has only one native venomous snake: the western rattlesnake (*Crotalus oreganus*), which is active from April through October in shrub-steppe habitats, often near water sources with woody debris or basalt outcroppings. Locally, they are common along the Snake, Palouse, Touchet, Tucannon, and Grande Ronde Rivers, as well as in hiking areas like Wallula Gap and Palouse Falls State Park.

Most dogs get bitten because their curiosity leads them to investigate rattlesnakes' sounds and smells. All rattlesnake bites should be considered potentially fatal if untreated. Severity depends on the number of bites, the amount of venom injected, the bite location, the dog's size, and the delay before treatment.

If you suspect your dog has been bitten by a rattlesnake, do not wait for symptoms to appear. Go to the nearest emergency animal hospital immediately. Do not apply a tourniquet, use a suction tool, cut the wound, or apply ice. These actions can cause more harm. The hemotoxin venom spreads quickly through the bloodstream. It destroys tissue and damages organs. Dogs that receive prompt antivenom have an excellent survival rate. Delays of even a few hours can be fatal or cause permanent organ

damage. Rattlesnake bite treatment may cost between \$1,000 and \$15,000, depending on the severity and complications.

You can reduce the risk of your dog being bitten by avoiding areas where rattlesnakes are common. Stay away from heavy brush and rocky areas. If your dog likes to explore, keep them on a leash. Also, avoid walks at dusk and dawn when snakes are more active.

Rattlesnake avoidance training for dogs can also help reduce the risk of bites by teaching dogs to recognize and avoid rattlesnakes. Several companies in the Northwest offer this training. Examples include Natural Solutions Rattlesnake Aversion Training, Get Rattled, and Rattlesnake Dog. Training costs vary from \$75 to \$220. These sessions are typically sponsored by dog training organizations, veterinary clinics, or hunting clubs.

Rattlesnake avoidance training uses negative reinforcement from a shock collar. This triggers a flight response to help dogs avoid the sight, sound, and smell of rattlesnakes. One session may be enough, but annual refresher training can help. Trainers use different methods to expose dogs to live rattlesnakes. Methods depend on their program and state wildlife regulations. Some trainers use caged rattlesnakes to protect both the snake and the dog. Others use defanged or muzzled rattlesnakes to allow a more natural encounter. Training sessions usually last 30 to 60 minutes. They may include exposure to juvenile and adult snakes, multiple snake species, shedded snake skin, and remote-controlled rattle recordings.

There is also a rattlesnake vaccine, which costs between \$30 and \$50 per dose. A dog first receives two doses about 30 days apart. After that, an annual booster is required. The vaccine does not provide immunity to venom. However, it can reduce the severity of venom effects, delay their onset, and buy time to get antivenom treatment.



Eric Hockersmith

One of the muzzled snakes used in the writer's training session with his hunting dog, Skellig.

## CARDINAL SPORTS with Karen Huwe

### BLUE MOUNTAIN GIRLS SOFTBALL

TOUCHET VALLEY — Waitsburg, Dayton, Prescott, and Dixie softball players and coaches were grateful for the opportunity to be able to host softball games in Waitsburg and Dayton this season. In the past, all games were played in Walla Walla.

With the leadership of Dave Meliah at Walla Walla Parks & Rec and Waitsburg coach Chelsie Abel, family and friends were able to enjoy watching our girls play on their local fields.

The number of Touchet Valley teams in the Blue Mountain Girls Softball League continues to grow. Forty-three girls combined to form four teams this season — two 1st/2nd grade teams and two 3rd/4th grade teams.

On Tuesday, May 26, the Waitsburg 3rd/4th grade team, sponsored by LC Applicators, won 7-6 against a Walla Walla team, sponsored by Falkenberg's Jewelers, a team that previously beat LC Applicators.

"I'm so proud of this group of girls.

They came into the season with different levels of experience, but each one worked hard to learn the game and grow together as a team. It's been fun to see their progression," said Coach Stephanie Cole.

LC Applicators roster consists of Amie Young, Kaidence Wilcox, Violet Watkins, Alyssa Cole, Elizabeth Hays, Avery Spring, Foster Richardson, Dakota Creeley, and Lynlee Henry.

The Touchet Valley 1st/2nd grade team, with Charlotte Rabenold, Ember Adams, Lillian Cole, Lainey Davis, Brilla Trevino, Harper Hutchens, Ryleigh Fletcher, Olivia Thurston, Nyla Hays, Brinley Clarys, Gryelynn Bickelhaupt, and Chloe Abel, was coached by Chelsie Abel.

The success of these teams was made possible by local volunteers who gave their time, patience, encouragement, and commitment to strengthen youth sports in the Touchet Valley. The coaches, who helped build a foundation for future middle school and high school teams were: Chelsie Abel, Sean Thurston, Stephanie Cole, Tyson Cole, Whitney Dunn, Allie Johnson, Emily Papineau.



Karen Huwe

Waitsburg Girls softball team sponsored by LC Applicators: (back row l-r): Coach Stephanie Cole, Violet Watkins, Elizabeth Hays, Avery Springs, Dakota Creeley, Coach Tyson Cole. (front row l-r): Lynlee Henry, Amie Young, Kaidence Wilcox, Alyssa Cole (not pictured Foster Richardson)

### WAITSBURG 2026 GRADUATES MAKE THEIR CLASS GIFT TO THEIR SCHOOL

Another school year has ended, and another Waitsburg class has left a lasting contribution. The Class of 2026 commissioned a Cardinal Country mural on the high school entrance.

The Class of 2021 gifted new backboards on the outdoor basketball courts at the high school and at the elementary school. The class repainted the lines on the tennis courts and painted "Cardinals" on the tennis court net poles and basketball posts.

The Class of 2014 had a water fountain/bottle filler installed in the high school gym. An American flag was installed over Kison Court by the Classes of 2010, 2009, and 1999.



Karen Huwe

The mural, "Cardinal Country" was the Class of 2026's contribution.

## BIRTHDAYS

**June 18:** John A. Langford, Bernice Patrick, Linda Bode, Gertrude Brock, and Ryan Leid.

**June 19:** Barbara Johnson and Rollin Carpenter.

**June 20:** Beau Marshall, Frank Loveall, Louis Donnelly, Katreena Mabe, Seth Pierson, Cameron Danforth, and Amber Hilton.

**June 21:** Gemma Pennington, David Dunn, Tawnya Nettles, and Peggy Brookshire.

**June 22:** Andy Winnett, Michael Spidell, and Paul Cook.

**June 23:** John D. Langford, James Lehr, Teresa McConnell, Debbie Shaeffer, Delbert Porter, Michelle Bergevin, Lynn Savage, Jon Gibson, and Heather Havens.

**June 24:** Kathleen Seaton, Donna Surry, Rod Bailey, Suzanne Stoncipher-Sollars and Darien Hulce.

# CANDIDATE FORUM

A Bipartisan Meet and Greet  
With Your 2026 Walla Walla County and  
District 16 Legislative Political  
Candidates

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# COMICS & FUN

## The Friendly Forest

By Jimmye L. Turner

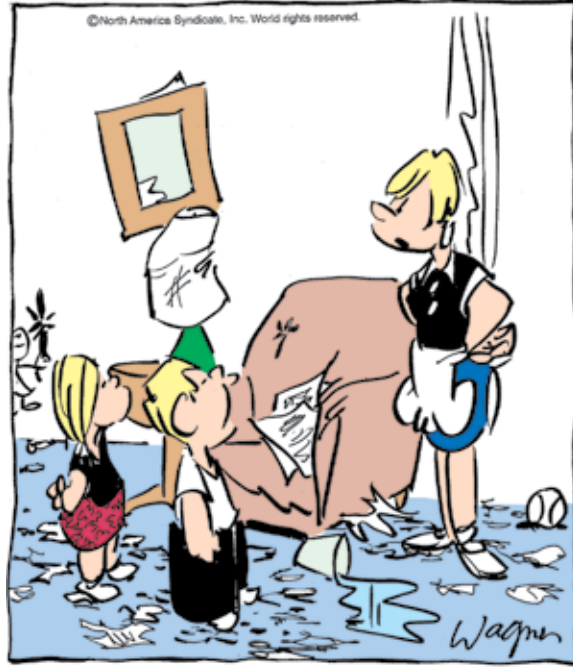


## Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

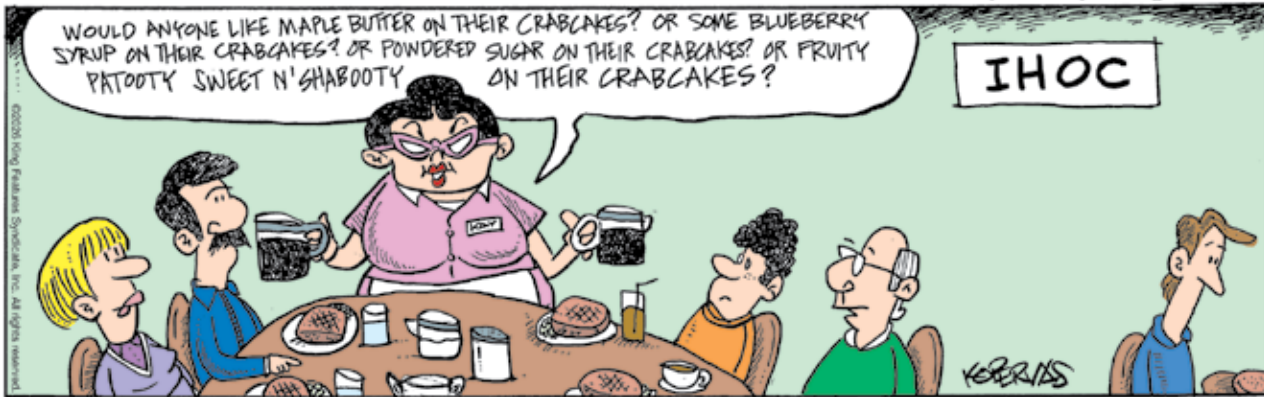


## GRIN and BEAR IT



## Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



## The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



## Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



## PIONEER PORTRAITS

Fifteen Years Ago

June 23, 2011

Dayton School Superintendent Doug Johnson, local volunteer liaison to the Carson & Barnes Circus expected here June 30, dons his new nose after being made Honorary Clown by the real professional jester Lisa Babcock, or Penelope the Clown.

Nate Wolbert, 22, is on the construction crew of Living Space and helps renovate two buildings on Waitsburg's Main Street. His parents bring back coffee beans from Ethiopia for their humanitarian work there.

Touchet Valley Repair owner Troy McCambridge with his "mobile garage" and his trusted companion Gunder. McCambridge, a longtime Waitsburg resident and former Navy aircraft mechanic, hopes to have his outfit up and running within a week.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

June 21, 2001

To a chorus of "God Bless America," Lion J.W. "Buffalo Bill" Thompson accepted the honor of "Lion of the Year" for 2001 from presenter Ross Hamann.

Picnicking in the park for its 25th reunion were the W.H.S alums, all members of the Class of 1976: Jim Kenworthy, Steve Pierson, David Smith, Robin Hutsell Smith, Laurie McCaw Withers, Sandra Neal Foster, Teresa Keen Luders, Rick Davis, Greg Zuger, Tom John, Loyal Baker, David Webber, Kathy Shea Ungrecht.

Fifty Years Ago

June 17, 1976



[Photo caption] An Entire Table in the Larry Broom home was covered with old pictures of the Waitsburg area and early pioneers, as this picture was taken last week. Roberta Broom (left) and Jan Zuger show some of the antiques to Mrs. Loyal Baker, a Historical Society member from Fort Morgan, Colorado, and Anita Baker.

Wait-Hi alums in charge of the Waitsburg swimming pool for the 1976 season are Jenny McKinney, and Lavonne Kenney. Karen Neal is assisting in the office at the Waitsburg pool this summer.

Seventy-Five Years Ago

June 22, 1951

Waitsburg Saddlers entered the special events at the Pomeroy races last Saturday and Sunday, where Connie Cole won the musical rope race three times and Lassie Smith once.

Miss JoAnn Zuger as Fairest Farmerette of the Southeastern Washington Fair was a special guest of Clyde Beatty at his circus in Walla Walla last week.

One Hundred Years Ago

June 25, 1926

Frank Zuger who has several hundred acres in fall barley on Reservoir Hill, expects to start up his combine harvester today-Friday. This will be the first grain cut in this locality this season.

R. St. Jacque this week installed a new electrically lighted street sign out over the walk-in front of his confectionary and café.

A. S. Dickinson and wife, and Hon. S. H. Cutting returned the first of the week from Longview where they attended the Republican state convention.

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago

June 28, 1901

Postmaster A. S. Dickinson on Tuesday of this week moved the post office from the Brown building on the corner of Main and Preston Ave. to his new brick building on the west side of Main Street and a clock further down the street.

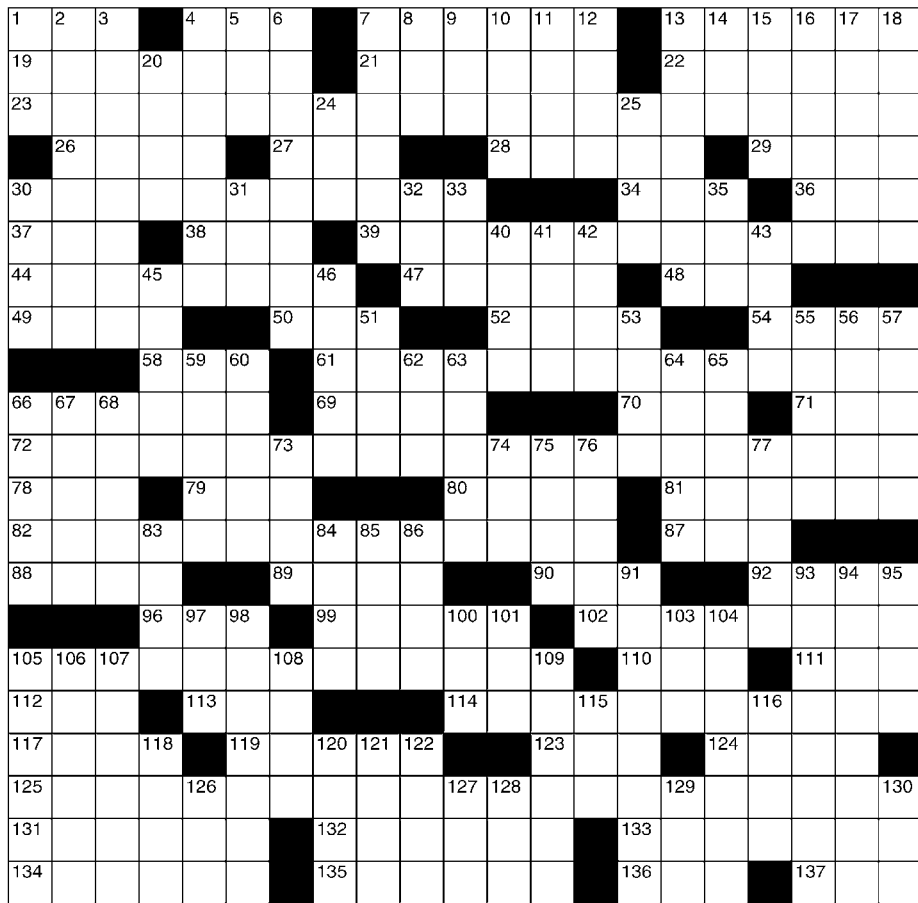
Mrs. John Hawks and son Willie and daughter Zelma were down from Huntsville last week. Willie is in poor health from the lingering sequel of the measles.

Fred Cox has leased the Waitsburg Dairy for one year to A. J. Walker who will assume charge the first of the month. Fred says he will take a much-needed rest of a few months after a steady "grind" of six years.

# PUZZLES & LIFESTYLES

## Super Crossword "LO AND BEHOLD!"

- ACROSS**
- 1 Police dept. alert
  - 4 Celtics, on scoreboards
  - 7 Like messy beds
  - 13 Beard go-with, for short
  - 19 French department head
  - 21 Got ready, with "up"
  - 22 Epithets
  - 23 Refreshing a web page that has detailed contract wording?
  - 26 Half a quart
  - 27 Meadowland
  - 28 Navigate
  - 29 It might make you red in the face
  - 30 Annual bebop music festival in Sri Lanka's capital?
  - 34 Discontinue
  - 36 That girl
  - 37 It might make you red in the face
  - 38 Unbroken
  - 39 Basketball-stuffing pros taking part in a zigzag ski race?
  - 44 "C'mon, do me this favor"
  - 47 Fountain in Rome
  - 48 Spoil
  - 49 Writer
  - 50 Visualize
  - 52 "—, vidi, vici"
  - 54 Sheriff
  - 58 Taylor's son
  - 58 Dol. units
  - 61 Becoming less energetic at the disco?
  - 66 Barbie's little sister
  - 69 "I won't — word"
  - 70 Male bud
  - 71 D.C.'s land
  - 72 Having a boss who will only communicate with you by singing?
  - 78 Boxer Laila
  - 79 Wanted-poster abbr.
  - 80 "Let — already!"
  - 81 IRS probes
  - 82 Technique of kneading bivalve mollusks before cooking them?
  - 87 Big inits. in fashion
  - 88 Watering aid
  - 89 Rescue
  - 90 Big inits. in fuel additives
  - 92 This, in Lima
  - 96 "Golly!"
  - 99 Dog tether
  - 102 Maligns
  - 105 Girls' shirts worn as part of a classroom dress code?
  - 110 Province west of Sask.
  - 111 "Nope"
  - 112 — kwon do
  - 113 Born as
  - 114 Strauss opera performed correctly in every detail?
  - 117 Europe-Asia border river
  - 119 Tree yielding chocolate
  - 123 Zodiac feline
  - 124 Actress Teri
  - 125 Repainting all your yuletide ornaments black and white?
  - 131 Prairie canine
  - 132 Taken illicitly
  - 133 ID attached to luggage
  - 134 Unfurled, e.g.
  - 135 Trunks
  - 136 That girl
  - 137 Hurly-burly
  - 41 Pizza cooker
  - 42 Very valuable vase
  - 43 Ray of McDonald's
  - 45 Vanzetti's old partner in crime
  - 46 Actress
  - 51 Israeli airline
  - 53 "— happy tol"
  - 55 Second-century pope
  - 56 Map extra
  - 57 "By Jove!"
  - 59 Kind of wave
  - 60 Japanese watch brand
  - 62 Olive of old comics
  - 63 "Which — Up?" (1977 comedy film)
  - 64 Orderly lineup
  - 65 "— ordo seclorum" (phrase on a dollar bill)
  - 66 Break to bits
  - 67 Verizon, e.g., in brief
  - 68 Pseudonym
  - 73 Salary limits
  - 74 Depot: Abbr.
  - 75 Trendy Aussie boots
  - 76 Bards
  - 77 Did nothing
  - 83 Toy brick brand
  - 84 Galleria
  - 85 2004 Chevy debut
  - 86 Football Hall of Famer Junior
  - 91 Military units
  - 93 Mexican miss
  - 94 Mine railway
  - 95 Tennis star
  - 97 Untold eras
  - 98 Voted in
  - 100 Boise-to-Vegas dir.
  - 101 Witch's spell
  - 103 Gore and Hirt
  - 104 Heat-vs.-Suns matchup, e.g.
  - 105 Wall plaster
  - 106 Drive-in restaurant server
  - 107 Cry from a town crier
  - 108 Sunlight ray
  - 109 Hair parlors
  - 115 Cartoon pic
  - 116 Tardy
  - 118 Jungle cat
  - 120 Put in a role
  - 121 Regarding
  - 122 Stench
  - 126 Holy Mlle.
  - 127 Raised rails
  - 128 Co. bigwig
  - 129 Cheering cry
  - 130 Many an intl. charity



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## MY RECIPES

Luke Chavez

# Strawberry Rhubarb Pie



As we move into the summer months, my culinary inspirations become increasingly influenced by what is ready to be picked in the garden. Compared to years past, the strawberry plant that runs along the east side of our house, has been extra bountiful lately. With a big bowl of perfectly ripe strawberries on hand, I set out to make a special dessert this week, researching recipes for cakes, soufflés, trifles, and crisps. Then, inspiration hit me when I remembered the robust rhubarb we have growing on the other side of the house. Of course, strawberry rhubarb pie! It is always worth remembering that some flavor combinations are classic for a reason. Here a perfectly flakey crust surrounds the sweet and tart fruit filling. For an unexpected twist I've added fresh mint (also from my garden) which, along with the lemon, pairs beautifully with the strawberries and rhubarb.

### Ingredients:

#### For the crust:

- ½ cup ice water
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 12 tablespoons cold unsalted butter, cut into ¼-inch cubes

#### For the filling:

- 1 pound rhubarb, trimmed and cut into 1-inch pieces (about 3 cups)
- 1 pound strawberries, trimmed, cut in half lengthwise (about 3 cups)
- 1 ½ cups sugar
- ¼ cup cornstarch
- Pinch of salt
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- Juice and grated zest from one small lemon
- 1 tablespoon fresh mint, minced
- 2 tablespoons butter, cut into pieces

#### For assembly:

- 1 egg
- 1 tablespoon water
- 2 tablespoons coarse (demerara) sugar

### Directions:

Prepare the crust. Mix flour and salt together in a large mixing bowl. Add butter and cut into flour using a pastry cutter, or your fingertips, until incorporated into the texture of gravel, leaving large irregular pieces of butter. Working quickly, mix in three quarters of the ice water with a fork until clumps of dough begin to form. Add more water if needed. Combine until dough just begins to form. Do not overwork. Gather two-thirds of the dough, and form into a ball. Wrap in plastic and compress into a smooth disk. Repeat with remaining third. Place dough disks in the refrigerator and let rest for at least one hour.

In a large bowl, mix rhubarb, strawberries, sugar, cornstarch, and salt. Add vanilla, lemon juice, zest, and mint. Stir gently and set aside. Preheat oven to 425.

Roll out larger disk of dough on lightly floured surface, and line a 9-inch pie pan. Fill with fruit filling and dot the top with small pieces of butter. Roll out smaller disk of dough into round and top pie. Crimp edges together. Make egg wash by whisking egg and water until fully mixed. Lightly brush top crust with egg wash and sprinkle with demerara sugar. Cut 5 slits radiating around top crust for steam vents.

Place pie on a foil lined baking sheet and set in oven. Bake for 20 minutes. Lower temperature of oven to 375 and bake until pastry is evenly golden brown, and filling is bubbling in center, about 45 minutes to 1 hour longer. If crust starts getting too dark, loosely cover with foil during last 20 minutes of baking. Cool on wire rack for at least one hour if serving warm, or for several hours, to allow filling to set.

### Notes:

Of course, if you don't have strawberries in your garden, you can buy them. They are wonderful this time of year. Look for organic and local, if you can. As for the rhubarb and mint, both are available at many grocery stores and farmers markets. Or ask around, chances are you have some neighbors with more than they can use.

This crust is perfect for any fresh seasonal fruit filling, such as cherries, peaches, and apples. If you are patient, try making a lattice top.

Serve with a scoop of vanilla ice cream or a dollop of fresh whipped cream. Enjoy!

## LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

### Super Crossword

#### Answers

G A G R E E L O A K S H A I F R O S  
 E T I E N N E O R E O O A R R A P T  
 W H A T D I D T H E G U Y W H O A S T O  
 G E N S O D O R P O L C H I P I N  
 A N T S F I L E S S U I T A D I M E  
 W A S N T A F O O D C O N N O I S S E U R  
 L E S O D I N G T S T O R M S  
 U R B S P O T S B E S O  
 S A Y W H E N H E T A S T E D A B I T O F  
 E C H O C O W O M A R R E L I D E  
 D E A N T R A M P O L I N E S I D E S  
 A T L A S R A O U L I C U K I S S  
 S O F T W H I T E F R E N C H C H E E S E  
 I O N S B E T H E D A D  
 S C H I S M S P A M P A A R A  
 T H A T H E T H O U G H T W A S A W F U L  
 R O U S E T A L K T R I V E R S A G A  
 E R N E S T R O L O E M I T E L K  
 T A T E W H O A M I T O D I S A B R I E  
 C L E M O I L A V I D E A R L I E R  
 H E R S S T D T Y P E S K A T E R S

### Weekly SUDOKU

#### Answer

4 3 8 9 6 2 7 5 1  
 2 9 5 7 1 4 3 6 8  
 6 1 7 8 5 3 9 4 2  
 9 5 4 3 7 1 8 2 6  
 3 8 1 4 2 6 5 9 7  
 7 2 6 5 9 8 1 3 4  
 5 4 3 6 8 7 2 1 9  
 8 6 2 1 3 9 4 7 5  
 1 7 9 2 4 5 6 8 3



## Weekly SUDOKU

	4							3	6
3			9	4					7
	2	7		5	6	4			1
	7				4	2	6	3	
6			1						9
	8		6		3	1			
	6				8				4
4				6	7				2
2		5	4	3	9				8

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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## 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, 6:30 p.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](http://Waiatburgsd.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**  
Last Thursdays of the month @ Ten Ton Art @noon. Zoom info is available by emailing waitsburgcc@icloud.com.

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

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



### 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](http://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.



*Church Directory*

**St. Mark Catholic Church**  
405 W. Fifth, Waitsburg Mass  
Friday, 4:30 p.m.  
Sunday, 5 p.m.  
382-2311  
Father O'Leary

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**Waitsburg Presbyterian Church**  
504 Main  
Sunday School 8:45 a.m.  
Worship 10 a.m.  
337-6589  
Pastor Heidi Lum

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**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

## Lunches

### WAITSBURG SENIOR CENTER

504 Main Street  
11 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.  
**Tuesday, June 23**  
Salisbury Steak  
Cookie  
MOW: Potatoes  
Vegetable, Fruit  
Bread  
IN HOUSE: Salad Bar

### WAITSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT

#### FREE SUMMER MEALS

Waitsburg Schools will provide free meals to any child 18 years and younger during the summer break at the Elementary multipurpose room starting June 24.  
The program ends on July 19, and meals will not be served on July 4.  
Breakfast will be served Monday through Friday, 8:30 to 9 a.m., and lunch from 11:30 a.m. to noon.



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## Events, Film, Performance, Live Music

### WAITSBURG

Mythical/Movable  
Blue Mountain  
Bluegrass Jam  
at Wolfing Coffee  
206 Main St. Waitsburg  
Friday, June 19, at 7 p.m.



**ART IN SHORT: VISIONS**  
Friday, June 19, 2026  
6 p.m. to 7 p.m.  
The last of the art-centric short movie series curated and presented by Warren Etheredge, founder of the Walla Walla Movie Crush.  
Free | 21+

**BRIAN HUNT @ ROYAL BLOCK**  
Saturday, June 20, 2026  
6:00 PM 8:00 PM  
Royal Block  
Saturday, June 20  
6 p.m. to 8 p.m.  
Lonesome songs for the longest day of the year. Come celebrate summer solstice with us!  
No cover | 21+



#### Parks and Rec Camp Schedule

**Pickleball Camp**  
June 23, 24, 25  
9 & older @ 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.  
Preston Park

**Soccer Camp**  
June 23, 24, 25  
5 - 6 yrs. @ 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.  
7 - 8 yrs. @ 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.  
Preston Park

**Softball/Baseball Camp**  
July 7, 8, 9  
6 - 9 yrs. @ 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.  
10 - 12 yrs @ 10 - 11 a.m.  
WHS Baseball Field

**Skateboard Camp**  
July 16, 17, 18  
9-10 a.m. 5 - 7 yrs old  
10 - 11 a.m. 8 yrs & up  
Waitsburg Skate Park

**Volleyball Camp**  
July 21, 22, 23  
8 - 12 yrs old  
WHS Gym

**Football Camp**  
July 28, 29, 30  
7 - 12 yrs @ 9 to 11 a.m.  
WHS Football Field

**Cheer Camp**  
July 28, 29, 30  
5 - 17 yrs @ 8 - 11 a.m.  
Preston Park



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