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Bill Rodgers

This wintery scene photographed by Waitsburg resident Bill Rodgers in 2021, is at the junction of Lower Waitsburg Road and Ferris Road. It is a reminder of the Touchet Valley's beauty, even when dealing with single digit temperatures, snow, sleet, freezing rain, and icy roads.

## THIS WEEK



Alcohol removed wines (see page 5)



Weller Library update (see page 5)



Weeknight Lentil Soup (see page 7)

## Spring sworn in as port commissioner

Commissioners discussed ideas for county housing

By Justin Jaech | THE TIMES

DAYTON — The Port of Columbia Commissioners held its regular meeting at 5 p.m. on January 10, 2024, at the port office. Commissioners present were Seth Bryan, Johnny Watts, Mike Spring, and the Executive Director, Jennie Dickinson.

The meeting began with Dickinson swearing in Mike Spring as Columbia County Port Commissioner # 2.

In the public comment period, Jerry Kaiser asked the port commissioners not to sell the port-held railroad property until the federal government decided on the removal of the Lower Snake River dams. He said removing the dams would affect the value of the railroad.

Bryan responded, saying he had recently read that dam removals had been put off indefinitely. He said they cannot be legally removed until the dams' services, including transportation, electricity, and irrigation, are replaced.

Kaiser said he had read an article the day before that reported the Biden administration planned to move forward with funding. Bryan interjected that they couldn't legally do that, so it is not going to happen.

Kaiser continued that the federal government granted over 300 million for rail improvement for grain trains in Southeast Washington. He felt they wouldn't have earmarked that money if the government was not planning on removing the dams.

Dave Harvey, commenting on Zoom, supported Kaiser's comments, saying there was a path for the government and it doesn't need Congress approval. He cautioned not to say it won't ever happen as that could be very short-sighted.

The Seattle Times published a comprehensive report on the recent agreement between the Biden Administration, Nez Perce, and other litigants which put a stay on the years-long litigation. According to The Seattle Times article, "There is risk for both sides in the agreement. Just as the plaintiffs get no guarantee of dam removal, the plaintiffs retain their ability to go back to court at any time."

The full article is available at <http://tinyurl.com/yck26bsy>.

The commissioners elected Spring as secretary and approved the December minutes.

Reviewing year-end vouchers, Dickenson said some reimbursements were moved into the 2024 budget to ensure funds were at year-end. Dickenson said they were close to paying off the sewer project at Blue Mountain station. She said they ended the year in good shape.

The annual policy review by the commissioners included minor changes to personnel policy, including whether Spring could participate in the ports' health plan. He asked to be on the plan as a bridge policy until June. Dickenson said it was allowed but at the commissioner's expense.

The policy was modified to include late fees to the Blue Mountain Station commercial kitchen rental agreements.

The commissioners accepted the policy changes and renewed the existing policies.

The annual delegation of authority to the port executive director was approved unopposed.

Dickinson said the port has a position on the Dayton Downtown Task Force, and Spring has expressed interest in being the port's representative. Watts wanted

## Dayton City Council hears library tax concern

By Justin Jaech | THE TIMES

DAYTON — Newly elected Mayor Roger Trump called the Dayton City Council to order at 6:00 p.m., January 9, 2024. Mayor Roger Trump and council members Teeny McMunn, James Su'euga, Michael Smith, Kyle Anderson, Joann Patras, Laura Aukerman, and Shannon McMillen were present in City Hall.

Sheriff Joe Helm reported that his department is emphasizing monitoring Bluewood traffic on North Touchet Road and Fourth Street in response to citizens' concerns. He said he is continuing to work with the city on how to respond to animal bite calls.

After completing routine administrative business, the council elected McMunn as the Mayor Pro-Tem. Aukerman was the only dissenting vote.

The council passed a revision to the city employee credit card policy, followed by authorization to provide the mayor and city clerk stipends for cell phones used for city business. Aukerman and Patras voted against authorizing the cell phone stipends.

The council updated the employee holiday policy. It authorized the mayor to sign an agreement continuing the city's membership in the Washington Cities Workers Compensation Retrospective Rating Program.

After these actions, the council entered an executive session to discuss litigation against the city.

Mayor Trump asked Aukerman to excuse herself from the executive session due to a conflict of interest or the appearance of a conflict of interest.

Aukerman said, "You need to tell me what it's about before I can recuse myself. Just to say 'litigation' isn't sufficient. I'm being sued as well, as the city is being sued for the Public Records Act. I'm not suing the city. So, as far as I'm concerned, I'm a council member who deserved to - at a minimum - be in executive session to be able to discuss my side and be able to talk to every one of you face-to-face and say, 'hey, this is what's happening.'"

Megan Clark, the attorney assigned by AWC (Association of Washington Cities) for this matter, then joined the meeting on Zoom. Clark advised that it might be better for Aukerman to contact her counsel and advised a brief recess for Aukerman to do so.

The mayor paused the regular meeting to go into two executive sessions, the first session with Aukerman attending and the second without.

The council resumed the public session with committee reports. Reporting for Public Safety, Anderson said he had met with the owner of McQuary's Grocery Store and subsequently removed the roof at no cost to the city. Previous windstorms had peeled back the metal roof, which was in danger of completely detaching.

In the final public comment period, Katie Roughton said she was concerned about where her tax money was going, leading her to look at the Rural Public Library District. Roughton said she found that a city annexed into a rural district can place a public referendum on the ballot to withdraw from the library district under Washington law. She said the library would remain open, but the city would no longer pay taxes towards it, and the library building and all the fixtures would return to the city. Roughton said the saved taxes

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# NEWS BRIEFS

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## LETTERS

### AT THE LIBERTY:

#### *The Boys in the Boat*


THE TIMES

DAYTON — This sports drama is about the 1936 University of Washington rowing team that competed for gold at the Summer Olympics in Berlin. It is based on the #1 New York Times bestselling non-fiction novel by Daniel James Brown. “This inspirational true story follows a group of underdogs at the height of the Great Depression as they are thrust into the spotlight and take on elite rivals from around the world” (MGM).

This movie is rated PG-13 for language and smoking. The IMDb parent’s guide has all considered categories rated as either none or mild (sex, violence, language, etc.). Runtime is 123 minutes.

Please note that on Jan. 26-28 the Liberty Theater will present live performances of the play “Seniors of the Sahara”. Please visit the theater website for times and ticket information.

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**CITY - FROM PAGE 1** could be used for a fire station or public safety building. She questioned, “Could that money be utilized by the sheriff’s office, so our water bills don’t go up?”

Chuck Beleny, a library trustee, suggested that the city consider how much tax money is collected from its property owners and county taxpayers to see how losing the city taxes would affect the library. He estimated that only around \$100,000 is collected from the city, and since the library’s budget is over \$501,000, it would still be able to function “pretty smoothly.”

Theresa Eier joined public comment over Zoom. She said that the city council should consider sanctioning Laura Aukerman, at which point the mayor interrupted and told her that the city couldn’t speak to that matter since it is in litigation. Eier said she would bring it up again after the litigation is over. The mayor then had the speaker muted on Zoom.

Marcene Hendrickson commented that money saved by leaving the library district probably could not be used for other city projects because it was taxed specifically to support the Library.

The mayor adjourned the council meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 13, 2024, at 6 p.m.

**PORT- FROM PAGE 1** to ensure Spring represented the port and not his business. Spring said he would be there as the port rep.

When giving the asset reports, the director said the Columbia Conservation District confirmed its intention to lease the garden area of Blue Mountain Station and is continuing discussions with Dickinson about expanding the lease.

Dickinson said she had just received the Craft Malt Feasibility Study in her inbox and did not have time to review it before the meeting. She said she was disappointed to hear from the potential malt operator that he was exploring other locations besides Blue Mountain Station. Dickinson plans on learning more in further discussions with the operator.

While reporting on the CWW Rail Line, Dickinson said the appraisal process is still underway. She said it would take a couple of months as the appraiser is still collecting information.

Dickeson said the Dayton Broadband Project was complete except for some paperwork and reimbursements. Because there have been more customers than expected, the port ran out of “drops,” which are the cables that are used to connect customers to the street connections. More are on order, so further installations are delayed.

As initially anticipated, due to change orders and uncooperative weather, the Touchet Valley Broadband project will not be complete on January 31, 2024. Dickinson did not announce a revised expected completion date.

The director said she has been working with the school on the levy effort in community economic development.

The last agenda item included a discussion between the commissioners, staff, and the public on housing and workforce development. Comments included the change in employment needs in the county, the potential to rehab vacant and fire-damaged houses, and the need for the community to pull together to find solutions.

The commissioners spoke about partnerships with groups, including Habitat for Humanity. One idea was to encourage a community group of investors to buy the abandoned properties to fix them. It was agreed that the problem needs a multifaceted solution.

In the last public comment, Kaiser asked if the appraiser for the rail way will take into consideration the affect of dam removals. He also brought up his experience at Habitat for Humanity TriCities, saying that they are looking for projects to develop and to buy. He asked if they had been contacted. Watts said that’s a good way to network. Dickinson said there had been a Habitat for Humanity project in Dayton but it was not popular after the home fell into disrepair. She said that was a long time ago and should be revisited.

The meeting was adjourned by the chair.

### DAYTON RESIDENT ASKS VOTERS TO REJECT TWO SPECIAL SCHOOL LEVIES

To the Editor:

Usually, you have zero say about taxes.

But this February, you have the opportunity to say No to a tax, when the Dayton School District puts forth two special levies seeking to extract from taxpayers, beginning in 2025, \$1.41-\$1.48 per \$1,000 of assessed home value for a Replacement Educational Programs and Operations Levy AND \$1.50 per \$1,000 assessed home value for a Replacement Capital Levy for Technology, Safety, and Facility Improvements.

Often, school levy supporters like to speak in terms of “cups of coffee,” as in, “This is the equivalent to giving up a latte or two a week – and it’s for our KIDS!” But that hides the final figures of what taxpayers will owe.

Let’s look at those figures:

If your house property valuation is \$100,000, the amount you will be taxed is \$141 for the first levy and \$150 for the second: \$291 total, every year, for four years.

For a \$200,000 house, the numbers are \$282 and \$300: \$582 total.

For a \$300,000 house, \$423 and \$450: \$873 total.

That’s a lot of cups of coffee.

“But it’s not a New Tax,” the coffee counters say, “It’s a Replacement Levy!”

Okay, so how much is it replacing?

The first levy, which is a “proposition to finance educational programs and operation expenses,” is presently \$1.38 per \$1000 valuation, so the increase isn’t that much, if you’re okay with continually voluntarily taxing yourself.

The second levy – well, that’s a jump. It’s presently \$0.19 per \$1000, which means that this “proposition to finance capital improvements to support learning environments” is demanding 7.9 times more.

“But Dayton will Die if we don’t support our schools – and our KIDS!”

Taxpayers do, already, significantly support public schools. Every special levy is in addition to the mandatory tax we pay, via property taxes, to cover “basic education.” In 2023 this represented \$2.33 per \$1000 in home value.

This tax took a big permanent jump in 2017 when a judge determined that the state needed to “fully fund basic education.”

So let’s add in that compulsory state basic education tax. If both levies pass, this is what you will owe – just for the public education funding portion of your property taxes:

- \$100,000 property valuation – \$524 per year.
- \$200,000 property valuation – \$1048
- \$300,000 property valuation – \$1572

Incidentally, these numbers don’t take into account the continuous increasing valuation of your home. As that increases, so also do your property taxes.

If you are disquieted about the recent increase in city/sewer rates (over which you had no say) and the constantly rising electricity rates (over which you have no say), you are justified in questioning whether or not you want to continue voluntarily taxing yourself at these rates.

You don’t have to disclose your decision to Vote No, nor do you have to report this decision to the Say Yes to Kids! This Isn’t A New Tax It’s a Replacement Levy It Only Costs as Much as a Cup of Coffee crowd.

You just have to vote No.

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## GUEST COLUMN

### CCHS STAFF'S DEDICATION AND TRAINING SAVES THE DAY DURING SUB-ZERO EMERGENCY

By Sean Russell  
Director of Communications  
Columbia County Health System

DAYTON — CCHS staff proved their dedication and training on Saturday, January 13th, when sub-zero temperatures caused a single heating unit to fail, resulting in frozen pipes over a section of the hospital. Despite the challenging circumstances, the team rallied together and handled the emergency. This display of teamwork and preparedness is a testament to the dedication and training of CCHS staff.

CCHS CEO Shane McGuire states, "Our team is unbelievable and dedicated. Their quick thinking and preparedness during this emergency testify to their dedication and training. We are proud of their

efforts and grateful for their commitment to our patients' well-being. The staff's positive attitudes and quick response played a crucial role in ensuring the safety and well-being of patients and staff."

CCHS would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our Facilities, EVS, Dietary, Wound Care, Acute Care, Nurse Leadership, Information Technology, Rivers Walk, HR, RT, Employee Health, Chief of Staff, Pharmacy, Marketing, and the Executive Team for their hard work and dedication during this challenging time.

The support from community members, local businesses, and agencies was also crucial in handling the emergency situation. Special thanks to Apollo Heating & Air, Dingles True Value Hardware, Ethan Carpenter of Valley Wide Cooperative Energy, and the Fire District team members who showed up to help. They never hesitated; they simply said, "What do you need?" Their selfless actions and willingness to lend a hand truly made a difference.

We are proud to have a team of dedicated and well-trained staff who are always prepared to handle any emergency situation. The successful outcome of this sub-zero emergency is a testament to their hard work and commitment to providing the best care for our patients. Thank you to everyone involved for your unwavering dedication and support.

CCHS is open, seeing and caring for patients, and here for our community.

### MS BOYS BASKETBALL AWARDS

By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — Middle School boys basketball Coach Gabe Kiefel presented end-of-season awards on Friday, January 12.

Kiefel recognized sixteen players and manager Bryer Paul at the assembly. Liam Kiefel, Carter Barron, Cody Coulston, Alex Watson, Rowdy Cole, Jake Lynch, Alex Zuniga, Gage Myneer, Carsyn Pennington, Colt Boudrieau, Damien Brown, Ollivyr Dahlby, Mitchell Hays, Sidian Stegall, Arrow Groom, and Flynn Richardson all improved throughout the season and will return next year as experienced Cardinal basketball players.

Special awards were presented. For the "A" team, Zuniga was recognized as MVP; Offensive Player of the Year went to Lynch and Defensive Player of the

Year was Kiefel. Barron was Most Inspirational and Most Improved was presented to Coulston.

Boudrieau was the MVP for the "B" team, Offensive Player of the Year was Brown and Defensive Player of the Year was Hays. Arrow Groom was recognized as Most Inspirational and Most Improved was Dahlby.

#### HS Basketball schedule changes

The High School basketball games scheduled for Friday, January 12 with Prescott and on Saturday, January 13 with Touchet were cancelled due to weather.

The Prescott game will be played on January 22 in Prescott and the Touchet game will be played on January 23 in Waitsburg.

The games scheduled with Mac-Hi on January 16 are cancelled and a make-up date is possible.

The games with Desales scheduled for January 27 in Waitsburg have been moved to January 29 due to a memorial service.

### CARDINAL WRESTLERS SHOW POTENTIAL

By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — Waitsburg High School wrestlers competed well in the Battle of the Blues at College Place High School on Saturday, January 13. Cardinal Koyen Fortune took home a second-place medal, and Graycen Teal placed 4th. Jarod Hankins also competed well at the event.

"For different players, it can be a game of technique, strength, or quickness," said coach Lash Larue. "It is definitely a game of manipulation," he added.

Wrestling is a fun sport to watch. There is action on two different mats, a lot of cheering from the crowd, and a lot of coaching from the coaches who are located at the corners of the mat.

One wrestler wears a green band on his ankle, and his opponent wears a red band. Both start in the neutral position, standing at the start of the match. There are three two-minute rounds where wrestlers try to pin their opponents for a win or score points using various moves.

If a wrestler is pinned, the match is over. If there is no pin, a wrestler can win by points. Wrestlers can score points by a takedown, an escape, reversal, or near fall. There are also penalty points.

After the first round, if there is no pin, the referee will flip a colored disk. Then, the wrestler wearing the color from the flip decides if he wants to start the round in a neutral position, a bottom control, or a top control position, or he can defer his choice to the third round.

As in any sport, there is a referee. The referee has a red armband on his left wrist and a green armband on his right wrist. He also has numerous signals that he uses during the match. The referee is so attuned to the wrestlers that an assistant watches the clock and taps the referee on the shoulder when the round



Karen Huwe

Graycen Teal (on right) wins his match by pin

ends.

The Cardinals competed in a league mixer at Northwest Christian on Thursday, January 11. Coach LaRue said all the boys did a great job, and he sees potential in each of them. He believes they each should be able to make a run for State.

The boys will next wrestle in a league mixer at Reardan on Thursday, January 18, starting at 5 p.m. Go watch them compete, you won't be disappointed. GO CARDINALS.

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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 by RCW 11.40.070 by serving or mailing to 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 creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or  
(2) Four (4) months after the date of first publication of this 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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/s/: Cynthia Ann Selde  
Personal Representative  
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That Washington Department of Natural Resources of Ellensburg, WA on July 13, 2023 under Application No. R3-30964 filed for permit to store public waters of the Columbia River (Lake Wallula) in the amount of 30 acre-feet, subject to existing rights.  
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January 23, 2024 8:00 to 12:30  
Walla Walla Community College  
Water & Environmental Center  
Agenda Highlights:  
8:15 WWCCD and Partners Reports  
9:15 Cover Cropping in Wheat Rotations  
10:15 WSDA Pesticide Updates  
11:15 Weed Control in Cereal Grains  
Questions? Call or check out our website at [www.wvcccd.net](http://www.wvcccd.net)  
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### NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Pursuant to the Revised Code of Washington 61.24, et seq. 108 1st Ave South, Suite 450 Seattle, WA 98104  
Trustee Sale No.: WA-23-964425-BF Title Order No.: 230396455-WA-MSW  
Reference Number of Deed of Trust: Instrument No. 2013-07187 Parcel Number(s): 360716340041 Grantor(s) for Recording Purposes under RCW 65.04.015: PETER N PRICE SR, WHO ACQUIRED TITLE AS PETER NICHOLAS PRICE SR., AND SANDRA L PRICE, WHO ACQUIRED TITLE AS SANDRA LEE PRICE, HUSBAND AND WIFE Current Beneficiary of the Deed of Trust and Grantee (for Recording Purposes under RCW 65.04.015): PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC Current Trustee of the Deed of Trust: QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION Current Loan Mortgage Servicer of the Deed of Trust: PennyMac Loan Services, LLC I. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION, the undersigned Trustee, will on 2/16/2024, at 9:00 AM At the Main Entrance to the Walla Walla County Courthouse, located at 315 West Main, Walla Walla, WA 99362 sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder, payable in the form of credit bid or cash bid in the form of cashier's check or certified checks from federally or State chartered banks, at the time of sale the following described real property, situated in the County of WALLA WALLA, State of Washington, to-wit: BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE NORTH LINE OF "J" STREET AS NOW ESTABLISHED IN THE CITY OF WALLA WALLA, WASHINGTON, WHICH POINT IS 584.0 FEET WEST, MEASURED ALONG SAID NORTH LINE OF "J" STREET, FROM THE WEST LINE OF WILSON STREET AS NOW ESTABLISHED IN SAID CITY, AND RUNNING THENCE WEST, ALONG SAID NORTH LINE OF "J" STREET, 112.0 FEET MORE OR LESS, TO THE EAST LINE OF DIVISION STREET AS NOW ESTABLISHED IN SAID CITY; THENCE NORTH, ALONG SAID EAST LINE OF DIVISION STREET, 32.0 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE POINT OF INTERSECTION THEREOF WITH THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF RIGHT-OF-WAY OF THE NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY; THENCE NORTHEASTERLY, ALONG THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF SAID RAILWAY RIGHT-OF-WAY TO THE POINT OF INTERSECTION THEREOF WITH A LINE DRAWN PARALLEL TO THE AFORESAID WEST LINE OF WILSON STREET AND THROUGH THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE SOUTH, ALONG SAID PARALLEL LINE, 85.0 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SITUATED IN THE CITY AND COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA, STATE OF WASHINGTON. More commonly known as: 1505 J St, Walla Walla, WA 99362 Subject to that certain Deed of Trust dated 7/8/2013, recorded 7/17/2013, under Instrument No. 2013-07187

records of WALLA WALLA County, Washington, from PETER N PRICE SR, WHO ACQUIRED TITLE AS PETER NICHOLAS PRICE SR., AND SANDRA L PRICE, WHO ACQUIRED TITLE AS SANDRA LEE PRICE, HUSBAND AND WIFE, as grantor(s), to RECON TRUST COMPANY, N.A., as original trustee, to secure an obligation in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS BENEFICIARY AS NOMINEE FOR BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, as original beneficiary, the beneficial interest in which was subsequently assigned to PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC, the Beneficiary, under an assignment recorded under Auditors File Number 2015-07500 II. No action commenced by the Beneficiary of the Deed of Trust as referenced in RCW 61.21.030(4) is now pending to seek satisfaction of the obligation in any Court by reason of the Borrower's or Grantor's default on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust/Mortgage. III. The default(s) for which this foreclosure is made is/are as follows: Failure to pay when due the following amounts which are now in arrears: \$12,102.31. IV. The sum owing on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust is: The principal sum of \$96,435.85, together with interest as provided in the Note from 1/1/2023 on, and such other costs, fees, and charges as are due under the Note, Deed of Trust, or other instrument secured, and as are provided by statute. V. The above-described real property will be sold to satisfy the expense of sale and the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust as provided by statute. Said sale will be made without warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances on 2/16/2024. The defaults referred to in Paragraph III must be cured by 2/5/2024 (11 days before the sale date), or by other date as permitted in the Note or Deed of Trust, to cause a discontinuance of the sale. The sale will be discontinued and terminated if at any time before 2/5/2024 (11 days before the sale), or by other date as permitted in the Note or Deed of Trust, the default as set forth in Paragraph III is cured and the Trustee's fees and costs are paid. Payment must be in cash or with cashiers or certified checks from a State or federally chartered bank. The sale may be terminated any time after the 2/5/2024 (11 days before the sale date) and before the sale, by the Borrower or Grantor or the holder of any recorded junior lien or encumbrance by paying the principal and interest, plus costs, fees and advances, if any, made pursuant to the terms of the obligation and/or Deed of Trust, and curing all other defaults. VI. A written Notice of Default was transmitted by the Beneficiary or Trustee to the Borrower(s) and Grantor(s) by both first class and certified mail, proof of which is in the possession of the Trustee; and the Borrower and Grantor were personally served, if applicable, with said written Notice of Default was posted in a conspicuous place on the real property described in Paragraph I above, and the Trustee has possession of proof of such service or posting. The list of recipients of the Notice of Default is listed within the Notice of Foreclosure provided to the Borrower(s) and Grantor(s). These requirements were completed as of 9/1/2023. VII. The Trustee whose name and address are set forth below will provide in writing to anyone requesting it, a statement of all costs and fees due at any time prior to the sale. VIII. The effect of the sale will be to deprive the Grantor and all those who hold by, through or under the Grantor of all their interest in the above-described property. IX. Anyone having any objections to this sale on any grounds whatsoever will be afforded an opportunity to be heard as to those objec-

tions if they bring a lawsuit to restrain the sale pursuant to RCW 61.24.130. Failure to bring such a lawsuit may result in a waiver of any proper grounds for invalidating the Trustee's sale. X. NOTICE TO OCCUPANTS OR TENANTS - The purchaser at the Trustee's Sale is entitled to possession of the property on the 20th day following the sale, as against the Grantor under the deed of trust (the owner) and anyone having an interest junior to the deed of trust, including occupants who are not tenants. After the 20th day following the sale the purchaser has the right to evict occupants who are not tenants by summary proceedings under Chapter 59.12 RCW. For tenant-occupied property, the purchaser shall provide a tenant with written notice in accordance with RCW 61.24.060. THIS NOTICE IS THE FINAL STEP BEFORE THE FORECLOSURE SALE OF YOUR HOME. You may be eligible for mediation. You have only until 90 calendar days BEFORE the date of sale listed in this Notice of Trustee Sale to be referred to mediation. If this is an amended Notice of Trustee Sale providing a 45-day notice of the sale, mediation must be requested no later than 25 calendar days BEFORE the date of sale listed in this amended Notice of Trustee Sale. DO NOT DELAY. CONTACT A HOUSING COUNSELOR OR AN ATTORNEY LICENSED IN WASHINGTON NOW to assess your situation and refer you to mediation if you are eligible and it may help you save your home. See below for safe sources of help. SEEKING ASSISTANCE Housing counselors and legal assistance may be available at little or no cost to you. If you would like assistance in determining your rights and opportunities to keep your house, you may contact the following: The statewide foreclosure hotline for assistance and referral to housing counselors recommended by the Housing Finance Commission: Toll-free: 1-877-894-HOME (1-877-894-4663) or Web site: [http://www.dfi.wa.gov/consumers/homeownership/post\\_purchase\\_counselors\\_foreclosure.htm](http://www.dfi.wa.gov/consumers/homeownership/post_purchase_counselors_foreclosure.htm) The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development: Toll-free: 1-800-569-4287 or National Web Site: <http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD> or for Local counseling agencies in Washington: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/sfh/hcc/fc/index.cfm?webListAction=search&searchState=WA&filterSvc=dfc> The statewide civil legal aid hotline for assistance and referrals to other housing counselors and attorneys: Telephone: 1-800-606-4819 or Web site: <http://nwjustice.org/what-clear> Additional information provided by the Trustee: If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the noteholders rights against the real property only. The Trustee's Sale Number is WA-23-964425-BF. Dated: 10/5/2023 QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION, as Trustee By: Tianah Schrock, Assistant Secretary Trustee's Address: QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION 108 1 st Ave South, Suite 450, Seattle, WA 98104 For questions call toll-free: (866) 925-0241 Trustee Sale Number: WA-23-964425-BF Sale Line: 800-280-2832 or Login to: <http://www.quality-loan.com> IDSPub #0188748 1/18/2024 2/8/2024  
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### Superior Court of Washington, County of Spokane In re:

No. 20-5-00484-32  
Summons Served by Publication (SMPB)  
Matthew Tangen (fka Lindquist), Petitioner, And  
Ashley Klassen (aka Lee, Barela) Respondent, Calvin Lee, Respondent, Matthew Paul Barela. Respondent.  
Summons Served by Publication  
To: Ashley Klassen (aka Lee, Barela) and Matthew Paul Barela  
I have started a court case by filing a petition. The name of the Petition is: AMENDED Petition to Decide Parentage You must respond in writing if you want the court to consider your side.  
Deadline! Your Response must be filed and served within 60 days of the date this Summons is published : December 21st, 2023. If you do not file and serve your Response or a Notice of Appearance by the deadline:  
• No one has to notify you about other hearings in this case, and  
• The court may approve the requests in the Petition without hearing your side (called a default judgment).  
Follow these steps:  
1. Read the Petition and any other documents that were filed at court with this Summons. Those documents explain what the other party is asking for.  
2. Fill out a Response on this form  
FL Parentage 302, Response to Petition to Decide Parentage  
You can get the Response form and other forms you may need at:  
• The Washington State Courts' website: [www.courts.wa.gov/forms](http://www.courts.wa.gov/forms)  
• Washington LawHelp: [www.washingtonlawhelp.org](http://www.washingtonlawhelp.org), or  
• The Superior Court Clerk's office or county law library (for a fee).  
3. Serve (give) a copy of your Response to the person who filed this Summons at the address below, and to any other parties. You may use certified mail with return receipt requested. For more information on how to serve, read Superior Court Civil Rule 5.  
4. File your original Response with the court clerk at this address:  
Superior Court Clerk, Spokane County, 1116 W. Broadway, Rm 300, Spokane, WA 99260  
5. Lawyer not required: It is a good idea to talk to a lawyer, but you may file and serve your Response without one. Person filing this Summons or his/her lawyer fills out below:  
Signature Date  
DIANE R. BRODERSON, 53521  
Print name and WSBA No., if any I agree to accept legal papers for this case at my lawyer's address (electronic service preferred), listed below:  
Farnsworth · Broderson, PLLC  
1008 North Washington St.  
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Spokane, WA 99201  
dbroderson@farnsworthbroderon.com  
This Summons is issued according to Rule 4.1 of the Superior Court Civil Rules of the state of Washington.  
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**The old Waitsburg City Hall**  
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# Trading places

By Vicki Sternfeld-Rossi | THE TIMES

In twenty days and counting, I will be officially retired. To celebrate this milestone, Daniel and I have traded places. He has unretired and is now a rural mail carrier. As usual, timing is everything, and this is not the best time to start on the rural route. Snow, icy roads, obstructed vision, and a new car with steering on the right (not correct) side have made this a challenge he probably didn't anticipate his first week on the job. Be assured, he is strong, stubborn and a hard worker, so I'm sure everyone will receive their mail.



Unfortunately for Daniel (and me), I've been cooking dinner. Again, timing has not been on our side. Last Wednesday, before the storm and after my tennis game, I ran to the grocery store to do some speed shopping and stock up. Of course, the combination of whirlwind shopping and my propensity for compulsive buying was not a good combination.

I wanted to be sure and buy some fish, so I threw a package of "fresh" salmon into the cart. Unfortunately, it wasn't as fresh as the box led me to believe, and when I opened it that evening, it didn't pass the smell test and went into the garbage.

I did stock up on bagels and bread, my two staples, and, of course, fruit. Our fruit basket looks like we have an orchard in our backyard. I am confident there will be no scurvy in the future.

I also tried to buy some things that I considered foolproof to prepare, which was hubris on my part. Lately, nothing is foolproof when I cook. On Daniel's first day on the route, I used my go-to recipe for chicken pot pies. I'm not sure what happened, but the filling was too liquid. Daniel came home, looked at the filling mixture, and said, "Boil water; we'll have it over pasta." Barely edible and not to be repeated.

I bought lamb shanks to braise, but forgot to buy carrots, which required braving a sub-zero walk to the Waitsburg grocery store. Another speed shopping excursion, and of course, I forgot I needed potatoes. I went back the next day.

Feeling the agony of kitchen humiliation, I decided to try and build my confidence with a package of brownie mix. Add oil, water, and eggs. How hard could that be? Thankfully, it was not difficult, though Daniel made some suggestions for improvement. I thought about making a suggestion but decided to buy a ready-made dessert next time.

Today, I roasted a turkey breast, which looks good, but the taste test is still to come. At a minimum, it can be sliced for turkey sandwiches. We have plenty of mayonnaise in the house, but a freezing walk to the shop for tomatoes and lettuce may be in my future.

The count to date is three walks in sub-zero weather for groceries and at least fifteen walks a day with Mugsy, who stands, shivers, and won't move. I know his bladder must be bursting, but even withholding treats has not encouraged him to lift his leg. However, I've become very expert at getting in and out of my boots and coat, trying to get him to go outside.

There is some good news to report: so far, there are no frozen pipes. The heat is cranked up, and our water is not weeping but running from every faucet in the house. Every 30 minutes, I check all water sources to ensure they're still working. So far, so good.

I'm looking forward to Spring.

# Arts Kits, Bird Boxes, and online books at the Weller library in 2024

The Board of Trustees met on January 9

By Mike Ferrians | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG – The Weller Library Board of Trustees met for its monthly meeting on January 9. Present were Chair Marie Gagnon, Rebecca Wilson, Sherri Erikson, Beka Compton, Library Supervisor Sarah Roberts, and City Council representative Jillian Henze. Vice-Chair Jim Leid was absent.

Roberts reported that community members and participating businesses expressed appreciation for the StoryWalk program held in December, while the library saw increased foot traffic and book circulations during the month.

The lending circulation has increased each year since 2020. In 2023, 1,586 items were checked out, an increase of 24% over the previous year. Patron's use of the Washington Anytime Library, a digital reading and audiobook lending platform, increased with 2,315 transactions at year's end. The program to give Waitsburg schools' students and staff access to the public library added 414 new accounts.

Programming continues this winter with a Burke Box on birds loaned from the museum. It will be shared by library staff at the Waitsburg schools from January 17 to 31 and at the Lewis & Clark winter camp at Fort Clatsop on February 14 and 28. The boxes will also be available at the library.

The library will participate in the Arts Kits Program, created and funded by ArtWalla, on the first and second Saturdays of the month starting February 3 and running through August 10. Each art kit focuses on an artistic discipline and style, including Impressionist painting, working with clay, and weaving. Each box features an artist accomplished in that style, a tie-in book, and a project participants

can work on. Take-and-make kits will also be available for community members who cannot attend sessions.

During spring break, April 1-5, Weller Library will participate in the Smokey the Bear Reading Challenge, sponsored by the USDA Forest Service, to celebrate Smokey's 80th birthday. The program teaches youth about land conservation, forest life, and wildfire prevention while exploring their local environment.

This year's summer reading program is "Read, Renew, Repeat," the 2024 iRead theme will explore the conservation movement, focusing on protecting species from extinction, maintaining and restoring habitats, enhancing ecosystem services, and protecting biological diversity. iREAD is a nonprofit project developed by the Illinois Library Association and used by libraries and states nationwide. Learn more at [www.ireadprogram.org](http://www.ireadprogram.org).

The library board continues to work on facility maintenance and upgrades. After painting the library's front rooms, the contractor, Meticulous Touch, LLC, will tackle the Children's Room. A timeline for that job has yet to be set, but Roberts hopes to rearrange a portion of the front area to accommodate children's books during painting so there are no disruptions for the younger clientele. The community will be notified when the painting has been scheduled. The board members discussed ADA compliance issues involving signage and the recent bathroom updates identified during a recent visit by an insurance risk manager. The Weller Public Library and the Friends of the Library installed a lift and updated the bathroom to bring the facility into compliance with the ADA Act. These changes ensure the library can continue serving the community at 212 Main Street in Waitsburg.

Roberts spoke to the board about needed updates to the collection, including library and archival materials, some of which could be digitized. Other items that need attention are related to the building and local history, which are of strong interest to patrons.

Stay in touch with library announcements and activities on the Weller Facebook page and the website [www.wellerpubliclibrary.com](http://www.wellerpubliclibrary.com).

Nominations for officer positions starting in 2024 were accepted: Compton for Chair, Leid for Vice-Chair, and Wilson as Secretary.

In other related news, Fanny Weller, founder of Weller Public Library, was recently covered in snow, frozen in time.



Mike Ferrians

Library Board of Trustees are looking forward to an even greater year of community learning, activity and support in 2024. From left: Library Supervisor Sarah Roberts, Beka Compton, Rebecca Wilson, Sherri Erikson, and Marie Gagnon. Not shown is Trustee Jim Leid.



Weller Public Library

Fanny enjoying the snow in front of Weller Library..

# Wine of the Week

Fre Alcohol - Removed Wine

By Paul Gregutt | THE TIMES

So-called Dry January is upon us, as it has been since it was introduced about a decade ago. The concept is to eliminate or dramatically reduce your alcohol consumption for the month. And the wine industry recognizes that trend by offering a growing number of alcohol-free options.

Are they as good as non-alcoholic beer? I leave that decision up to you. But for wine, your best options are sparkling wines and the occasional tart, dry white wine by Fre. Their website, [www.frewines.com](http://www.frewines.com) has an informative website with answers to questions about alcohol-free wines as well as profiles of their wide-ranging lineup. Among the many options, I'll point you toward the Sparkling Brut and Sauvignon Blanc. Reduced calories (45 – 70 per 8-ounce pour) and low prices (\$9 for still wines, \$10 for the bubbly) are among the advantages. These wines are technically dry, but the fruit brings an impression of sweetness, and the absence of alcohol throws the balance off and puts a hole in the mid-palate. The Brut somewhat compensates with its carbonation and the Sauv Blanc with sharper acidity. There is also a drinkable Fre Rosé that would be a good choice for a mocktail mixer. Best of all, by the time you read this, dry January will almost be over!





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# FUN & GAMES

## The Friendly Forest

By Jimmye L. Turner



## Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

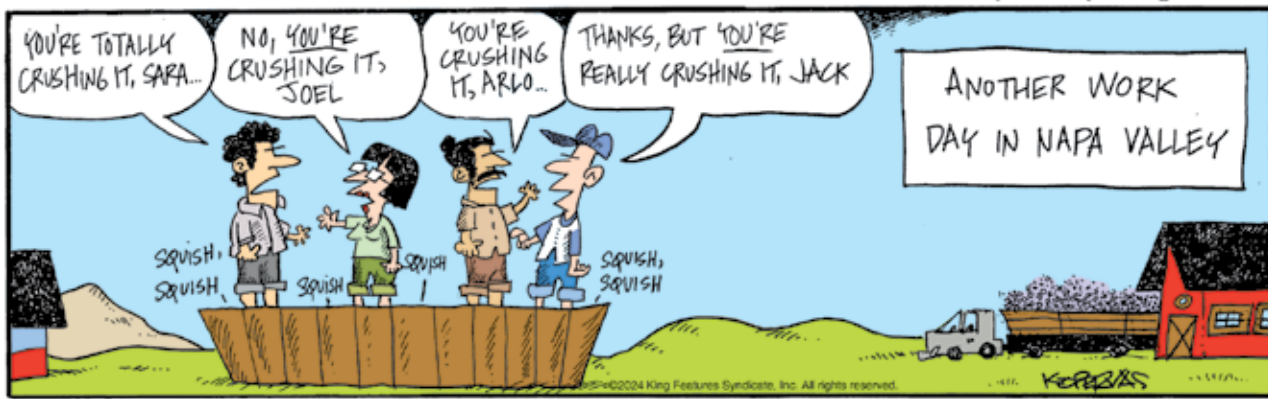


## GRIN and BEAR IT



## Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



## PIONEER PORTRAITS

### Ten Years Ago

January 16, 2014

"There's no place like home." Those words hold true for Waitsburg natives, R. Wes Leid, Katie (Mantz) Leid and Jeff Broom – who have experienced life all across the U.S. and overseas – before choosing to retire "back home". Recognizing the distinct advantages their small-town roots provided them, the trio decided to give back by establishing a WHS Alumni Scholarship Fund. The fund will provide two 2014 WHS graduates with \$1,000 scholarships and is now open to Founding Donors through March 31 as well as all other donors year-round. Wes, wife Katie, and Jeff grew up in Waitsburg where they attended all twelve years of school. "The Waitsburg School System and the people of Waitsburg helped us to be who we are today," said Wes Leid. "All of our parents believed in the town, its people, and the school system, which allowed us to achieve all our dreams and successes in our respective careers. We felt like it was payback time."

### Twenty-Five Years Ago

January 21, 1999

It didn't take long for the Waitsburg Cardinals to establish their dominance in last Friday's booming 65-44 win over the Touchet Indians on the home maple. Before six minutes had ticked off the clock, the Cards held an 18-3 lead on seven points by 6-3 senior Anne Bickelhaupt and nine points by Kelly McCaw. The win improves the Cards' record to 4-0 in league and 12-2 overall. The Cards took Saturday off while the boys traveled to Kahlotus, and prepared this week for contests with Liberty Christian, at home Friday and the Prescott Tigers in Prescott Saturday, Jan. 23. Unstoppable in the first quarter, the Cards finished in front 24-7. Waitsburg held a 37-19 advantage at half and improved their lead to 52-25 after three. The Indians outscored Waitsburg 19-13 in the final period.

### Fifty Years Ago

January 17, 1974



[Photo Caption] This picture taken Monday afternoon near Coppei elevators indicates the rampage that the Coppei creek made Sunday evening. Several tons of ice chunks were carried up onto the side banks as the river crested following the break in the weather. A chinook arrived in the valley, changing the thermometer from sub-zero cold to 47° above within 36 hours, and the accumulated snowpack left in a hurry. Some of these ice floes were 8-10 feet in length and a foot thick.

### Seventy-Five Years Ago

January 21, 1949

According to a report from Starbuck this week, the Snake River had completely frozen over at that point, affording transportation (by foot) across the river. Mrs. Chas. Vollmer entertained Nesika Club at a 1:30 dessert Wednesday. Prizes were won by Mrs. Hesper Archer and Mrs. Earl Freeman. Guests were Mrs. Fred Harris and Mrs. Denney Neace.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Hermanns announce the marriage of their daughter Geraldine to Harley Woodworth of Dayton on Sunday, December 26 at the St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

### One Hundred Years Ago

January 25, 1924

A charivari party was given for Dr. and Mrs. H. S. Burkhart Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. Addie Bruce where the former were being entertained for dinner.

Miss Cleo Denny, daughter of Mrs. Ida Denny of Huntsville was married Saturday, January 12th to Mr. William Sprague of Bakersfield, California.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert O. Sanders, pioneer residents of this city, have issued invitations to a reception on Tuesday, January 29th celebrating their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

### One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago

January 27, 1899

Mr. A. Fudge a prominent farmer and stock man living near Endicott spent Thursday in this city. Mr. Fudge is an old Waitsburger and his old friends here kept him continually busy shaking hands. We acknowledge a very pleasant call.

Mrs. A. M. Harman and son Asa returned from their visit to Winterset, Iowa on last Wednesday morning. They were absent nearly four months. A very pleasant trip is reported.

The revival meeting at the Christian Church with Dr. J. M. Allen as preacher has been in progress for three weeks. The meetings will probably close tonight.

## Touchet Valley Weather

Jan. 17, 2024

### Waitsburg's Seven Day Forecast

<b>Wednesday</b> Snow Likely High: 27 Low: 21	<b>Thursday</b> Rain & Snow Likely High: 26 Low: 19	<b>Friday</b> Snow Likely High: 31 Low: 21	<b>Saturday</b> Scattered Rain High: 37 Low: 30	<b>Sunday</b> Scattered Rain High: 40 Low: 32	<b>Monday</b> Scattered Rain High: 41 Low: 34	<b>Tuesday</b> Cloudy High: 39 Low: 30

### Weather Trivia

What is ice fog known as that forms in mountain valleys?  
Answer: Fogonip.

### Local Almanac Last Week

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Precipitation
Tuesday	51	37	41/30	0.11"	0.35"
Wednesday	40	31	41/30	0.15"	0.49"
Thursday	40	18	42/30	0.03"	-0.14"
Friday	18	-2	42/30	0.05"	17.9°
Saturday	4	-14R	42/31	0.01"	36.1°
Sunday	11	4	42/31	0.00"	-18.2°
Monday	11	2	42/31	0.00"	

Data as reported from Walla Walla

### Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
First 1/17	7:30 a.m.	4:36 p.m.	10:51 a.m.	Next Day
Wednesday	7:29 a.m.	4:37 p.m.	11:12 a.m.	12:47 a.m.
Thursday	7:28 a.m.	4:39 p.m.	11:36 a.m.	2:05 a.m.
Friday	7:28 a.m.	4:40 p.m.	12:05 p.m.	3:21 a.m.
Saturday	7:27 a.m.	4:41 p.m.	12:43 p.m.	4:34 a.m.
Sunday	7:26 a.m.	4:43 p.m.	1:31 p.m.	5:41 a.m.
Monday	7:25 a.m.	4:44 p.m.	2:28 p.m.	6:36 a.m.
Full 1/25				
Tuesday				

## Lunches

### WAITSBURG SENIOR CENTER

504 Main Street  
11 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.  
**Tuesday, January 23**  
Spaghetti & Meat Sauce  
Garlic Bread  
Fruit  
Vegetable  
Coleslaw

### WAITSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT

**Thursday, January 18**  
Breakfast:  
French Toast Sticks  
Lunch:  
Tater-tot Casserole  
Steamed Mixed Veg  
Caesar Salad  
Pears

**Friday, January 19**  
Breakfast:  
Breakfast Sandwiches  
Lunch:  
Tuna Sandwiches  
Carrots & Celery  
Peaches  
Something Crunchy

**Monday, January 22**  
Breakfast  
Berry Parfait  
Lunch  
Cheeseburgers  
Lettuce, Tomato  
Green Beans  
Mixed Fruit

**Tuesday, January 23**  
Breakfast:  
Biscuit & Gravy  
Lunch:  
Beef Nachos  
Roasted Corn, Apples  
Black Bean Salsa

**Wednesday, January 24**  
Breakfast:  
Berry Muffin  
Lunch:  
Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce  
Brynne's House Salad  
Oranges, Breadstick



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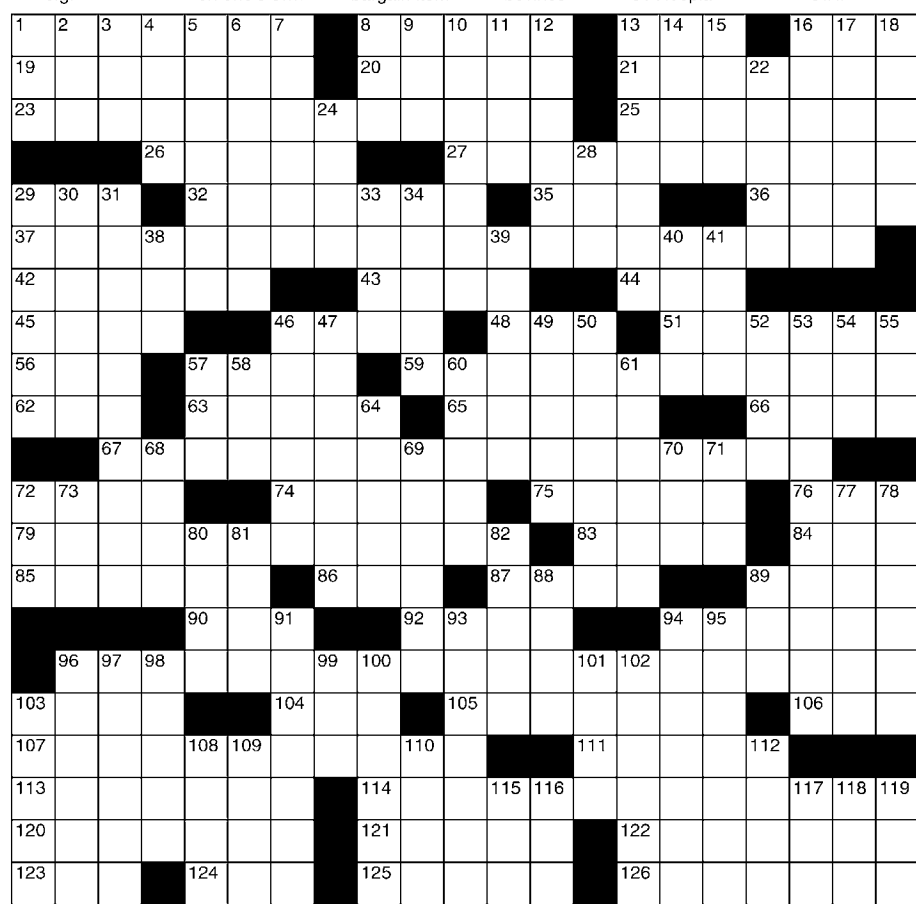


# PUZZLES & LIFESTYLES

## Super Crossword

MONEY-CHANGING

- ACROSS**
- 1 Combination spear and battle-ax
  - 8 Provo native
  - 13 Dawn deity
  - 16 Some fast autos
  - 19 Virtual merchant
  - 20 Strong cordage fiber
  - 21 Performs a charade of
  - 23 Thai money used to buy a Jacuzzi?
  - 25 Height when upright
  - 26 Protest at which people lie on the ground
  - 27 Bright red Indian money?
  - 29 "Madam" counterpart
  - 32 "The Dance" painter Henri
  - 35 Biceps locale
  - 36 Powerful auto engine
  - 37 "You missed your chance for folding over that Korean money?"
  - 42 Already-included tips, e.g.
  - 43 Lima locale
  - 44 "Rapa —" (1994 film)
  - 45 Like even scores
  - 46 Feel sore
  - 48 Refusals
  - 51 She sang "Constant Craving"
  - 56 Rocker Brian
  - 57 Facts, in brief
  - 59 Gobble up Iraqi money?
  - 62 Gal entering society
  - 63 Jazz's Chick
  - 65 Chaise place
  - 66 Cognizant of
  - 67 School where students learn about Swedish money?
  - 72 Norway's capital
  - 74 — facias (certain writ)
  - 75 Used skillfully
  - 76 "— favor, señor"
  - 79 Forms Ghanaian money into a cylinder shape?
  - 83 Brain tests, for short
  - 84 Suffix with meth-
  - 85 Venture out on one's own
  - 86 — Leppard
  - 87 Some PC readouts
  - 89 Kicked out of the game, for short
  - 90 Radio spots
  - 92 Bruins' sch.
  - 94 Major shock
  - 96 Query after someone is told they look like Iranian money?
  - 103 German auto
  - 104 Tampa Bay NFLer
  - 105 Over browned bread
  - 106 Houston-to-Madison dir.
  - 107 Whack some Mexican money?
  - 111 Rapper — Rhymes
  - 113 More intoxicating
  - 114 Refuse to contribute South African money?
  - 120 Getty of TV
  - 121 French river
  - 122 Asmara's nation
  - 123 Gobbled up
  - 124 Airport agcy.
  - 125 Played (with)
  - 126 Label on a bargain item
  - 33 Jr., last year
  - 34 Spirited horse
  - 38 Eye coverer
  - 39 Takeoff strip
  - 40 Often-pickled veggie
  - 41 Pirate "Captain"
  - 46 From scratch
  - 47 Compelled
  - 49 In the lead
  - 50 Squelched
  - 52 Cat that roars
  - 53 "The Piano" Oscar winner
  - 54 Cable TV's — Geo
  - 55 Miracle —
  - 57 Here, in Lyon
  - 58 Election mo.
  - 60 Elected (to)
  - 61 Virginia Tech team name
  - 64 Cold — (frigid)
  - 68 Court plea, for short
  - 69 Very angry
  - 70 Rule, in brief
  - 71 More than loads up (on)
  - 72 Assoc.
  - 73 Great Lakes' — Canals
  - 77 Like a single-guy band
  - 78 Traditional Irish brew
  - 80 Make laugh uproariously
  - 81 Hoopla
  - 82 "You Be —" (1986 hit for Run-D.M.C.)
  - 88 Jargon
  - 89 Women's patriotic gp.
  - 91 Secondary field of study
  - 93 George who played Danny Ocean
  - 94 Mosaic tile
  - 95 Long rodent feature
  - 96 Most suitable
  - 97 Assess again
  - 98 Skip over in speech
  - 99 Chalice, e.g.
  - 100 Nailed the test
  - 101 Desert of Mongolia
  - 102 Some purple shades
  - 103 Milo of films
  - 108 Piper's wear
  - 109 Twisty fish
  - 110 Average
  - 112 Comic Johnson
  - 115 Uno plus due
  - 116 H.S. proficiency test
  - 117 Gallery work
  - 118 Teachers' gp.
  - 119 Ham-marskjöld once of the U.N.



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## MY RECIPES Luke Chavez

# Weeknight Lentil Soup



With this long stretch of below-freezing temperatures my soup pot has been getting a lot of use this past week. While I love slowly tending to a gently simmering pot of soup, sometimes I need a quicker turnaround. Lentils are my go-to quick cooking legume to bring a lot of big flavor to a recipe in under an hour. This nutrient-rich and comforting lentil soup is perfect on a dreary winter night after a long day at work.

### Ingredients:

- 6 tablespoons olive oil, plus more as needed
- 1 large onion, diced
- 2 carrots, diced
- 2 bay leaves
- Salt and fresh ground black pepper
- ½ cup red wine
- 1 quart chicken or vegetable stock
- 1 cup green or brown lentils, rinsed
- 2 sprigs fresh thyme
- 1 sprig fresh rosemary
- 2 garlic cloves, finely minced or grated
- 1 teaspoon paprika
- 1 tablespoon red wine vinegar
- ½ cup fresh parsley leaves, chopped

### Directions:

In a heavy-bottomed soup pot or Dutch-oven, heat 4 tablespoons of the olive oil over medium-high heat. Stir in the onions, carrots, and bay leaves, then season to taste with salt and pepper. Cook until onions are soft and beginning to brown at the edges, stirring frequently, about 8 to 10 minutes.

Add the red wine and cook for a few minutes until the alcohol cooks off and the wine reduces a bit. Next add the chicken stock, lentils, thyme and rosemary sprigs and bring to a simmer. Add a pinch of salt and reduce heat to maintain a simmer, cover the pan and cook until the lentils are tender, about 30 to 40 minutes.

When lentils are tender, remove and discard the bay leaves and herb stems. Stir in the garlic, paprika, and remaining 2 tablespoons of oil then take the pot off the heat. Use an emersion blender to puree the soup to the desired texture, completely smooth or slightly chunky. If you do not have an emersion blender you can blend in two batches in a regular blender jar.

Stir in the vinegar and return the soup to low heat. Taste for seasoning, adding more salt, pepper, paprika and/or vinegar as needed. If soup is too thick you can stir in some more stock and bring to a simmer. Alternatively, if the soup is too thin you can raise the heat and cook until soup reduces to desired texture. Keep in mind, the soup will thicken as it sits off the heat. Serve in warm bowls, garnishing the tops with a drizzle of olive oil, a crack of black pepper, and a sprinkle of the fresh parsley.

### Notes:

This nourishing and earthy soup comes together fairly quick making it a wonderful weeknight dinner option. This simple recipe makes a wonderful base that can be dressed up any way you can imagine. Play with different herbs and spices or add other vegetables such as parsnips or celery to the onions. You could leave it as a brothy soup or blend it velvety smooth as I did above. For a richer soup try stirring in some sour cream, crème fraiche, or Greek yogurt after you puree the soup.

If you use vegetable stock this makes a flavorful vegan soup. For a meatier version, use chicken or beef stock. You could also layer more flavor by crisping some bacon lardons and using the drippings to sauté the vegetables. The crisp bacon could then be used as a garnish when serving.

Serve with a big, crisp salad or a side dish of sautéed greens along with a hunk of crusty bread and plenty of butter.

Enjoy.

## LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

### Super Crossword

**Answers**

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### Weekly SUDOKU

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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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 School Board

Third Thursday of every month @ 6 p.m.  
Zoom meeting information is available at <https://www.waitsburgsd.org/o/waitsburg-school-district/page/school-board--272>  
Zoom info available by emailing [waitsburgcc@icloud.com](mailto:waitsburgcc@icloud.com)

**Waitsburg Historical Society**  
Third Tuesday of the month @ 6:00 p.m. @ Weller Public Library

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

**Waitsburg Parks and Recreation Public Meeting**  
Regular meetings are held the first Thursday of the month, 6 p.m. @ Ten Ton Coffee  
For more information email: [info@waitsburgparks.org](mailto:info@waitsburgparks.org)

**Weller Public Library Board of Trustees**  
Second Tuesday of the month



**Friends of the Weller Public Library**  
4th Monday of the month @ 7 p.m.  
Weller Public Library,  
212 Main Street, Waitsburg

**Waitsburg Commercial Club**  
Last Thursdays of each month @ noon  
Ten Ton Coffee  
Zoom info available by emailing [waitsburgcc@icloud.com](mailto:waitsburgcc@icloud.com)

**Waitsburg Resource Center Community Food Bank**  
106 1/2 Preston Ave  
Thursdays, 2 - 4 pm

### Dayton & Columbia County Meetings

**Board of Columbia County Commissioners**  
Regular meetings - First and second Monday of each 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 every 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 every month @ 6 p.m. @ Dayton High School auditorium

**Columbia County Public Hospital District Board of Commissioners**  
Fourth Wednesday of every month @ 1:30 p.m. Call (509) 382-2531 for information.

**Dayton Memorial Library Board of Trustees Meeting**  
Third Mondays (except when Monday is a holiday) @ 7 p.m. Delaney room and Zoom Meeting ID: 852 3836 3787  
Next meeting is **January 22 @ 7 p.m.**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85238363787>

**Dayton Kiwanis Club Meeting**  
Second and Fourth Thursday @ Noon  
Hybrid in-person meetings at the Delaney Library with online Zoom available.  
Zoom Meeting ID: 559 815 3650

#### Starbuck Meetings

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

#### Prescott Meetings

Prescott Joint Parks & Recreation District  
Monthly Board meeting  
PJPRD Office behind Lions Club

### Church Directory

#### St. Mark Catholic Church

405 W. Fifth, Waitsburg  
Mass Sunday 5 p.m.  
382-2311  
Fr. Steve Werner

#### Waitsburg Presbyterian Church

504 Main  
Worship 10:00 a.m.  
337-6589  
Pastor Stan Hughes

#### Waitsburg Chapel

320 W. 2nd  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Worship 11 a.m.  
Evening Worship 6 p.m.  
Bible Study  
Wednesdays 7:30 p.m.  
337-6235  
Rev. Jimmie Daves

#### Waitsburg Christian Church

604 Main St  
Worship 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday School 9:00 a.m.  
Each Sunday  
337-8898  
Pastor Cameron Hedges



## Events, Film, Performance, Live Music

Waitsburg Home and School Association  
Presents

### Father & Daughter Snow Ball 2024

January 27  
6 p.m. - 8 p.m.  
Waitsburg Town Hall  
121 Main Street  
\$30 per Father Figure



### MYTHICAL / MOVABLE BLUE MOUNTAIN BLUEGRASS JAM

Friday, Jan. 19  
Ten Ton Coffee - 7 p.m.  
216 Main St, Waitsburg  
Looks like a repeat of last week's snowy roads, so be careful.  
It's always a fun evening at Ten Ton!



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Wednesday, Jan 31 -  
Trivia - 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.



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### ROYAL BLOCK WAITSBURG

Saturday, Jan. 20  
Vintage Market  
2-6pm  
Curated selection of women's designer clothes,  
Mid-Century modern furniture, vases, bar glasses,  
and more.



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