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Mike Ferrians



Lane Gwinn

Walla Walla Electric was on hand to assist Deanna Coulston's class from Waitsburg Elementary to place their decorations on the city tree in front of Plaza Theater.



Davic Gignac

(top) Visitors to this year's Waitsburg Home-town Christmas mall at Ye Town Hall were greeted by a beautiful display.

(left) Ten Ton Coffee joined the parade with barista Lisa Lee's Royal Ride golf cart topped by a lighted coffee cup built by David Gignac.

THIS WEEK



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Police vehicle pursuit results in Waitsburg power outage

By Mike Ferrians | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG – In the late afternoon of November 29, Waitsburg was the scene of a vehicle accident on the north side of town following a 20-mile police pursuit by Walla Walla Police.

The suspects' vehicle, a motorhome, damaged three power poles near the intersection of Preston Avenue (Highway 124) and Coppei Avenue (Highway 12.) The motorhome landed in a lot across from Preston Park, ending the chase. It left Main Street commercial and residential customers in the dark for several hours.

The pursuit began in Walla Walla around 5:30 p.m. when officers from the Walla Walla Police Department observed a motorhome driving erratically and without license plates near Highway 12 on North Second Avenue in Walla Walla.

After attempts to stop the vehicle failed, including a rear-end collision with an unrelated vehicle, the subject vehicle accelerated, exceeding the speed limit as it headed east on Highway 12. The police judged the public threat high, and the need to intervene outweighed the risks of a high-speed chase. The suspects' vehicle continued through Dixie and into Waitsburg at speeds above 75 miles an hour. The Columbia County Sheriff's Office responded to a request from Walla Walla law enforcement to place spike strips on Coppei Avenue to disable the suspects' vehicle. After entering Waitsburg the motorhome's tires were deflated after hitting the strips.

The subjects continued driving at high speed as they approached the intersection of Preston and Coppei. The driver of the R.V. lost control and damaged three power poles before stopping across from Preston Park on Coppei.

The male driver was seriously injured, and first responders had to extract him from the vehicle. He was treated and transported to an area hospital. The female passenger was able to exit the vehicle on her own and was later charged. The driver was identified as Isaiah G. Guillen, 28, of Tennessee Colony, Texas. He had two outstanding warrants for his arrest, a parole violation from Texas, and possession of a stolen vehicle.

A power outage caused by the R.V.'s collision with the power poles was reported at 6:39 p.m. Pacific Power employees and a contract crew were dispatched from Walla Walla and arrived on the scene at 7:23 p.m. They observed lines on the ground, two poles down, and a third that would need to be replaced due to damage.

According to an official from Pacific Power, the initial outage immediately affected 252 customers. The crews switched most of those customers to a different power source by 9:14 p.m., reducing the number of affected customers to 38. Thirty minutes later, the outage impact was reduced to only three customers, with power restored by 3:00 a.m.

The following morning, residents woke up to find the damage repaired and reflective bands added to the new poles for increased visibility. The Waitsburg city crew took over from the Pacific Power crews to remove the debris from the street and sidewalks, including glass and metal. By early morning, it was impossible to find evidence of the previous night's dramatic events.

COLUMBIA COUNTY HEALTH SYSTEM AWARDED FOR EFFORTS TO IMPROVE RURAL CARE FOR CORONARY ARTERY DISEASE

THE TIMES

DAYTON — People residing in rural communities live an average of three years fewer than their urban counterparts and have a 40% higher likelihood of developing heart disease. Columbia County Health System is committed to changing that.

For efforts to optimize acute cardiac care and eliminate rural health care outcome disparities, Columbia County Health System received the American Heart Association's Get With The Guidelines® - Coronary Artery Disease (CAD) Rural Recognition Bronze award for ST-elevation myocardial infarction (STEMI).

The American Heart Association (AHA), the world's leading nonprofit organization focused on heart and brain health for all, recognizes the importance of health care services provided to people living in rural areas by rural hospitals. Area hospitals play a vital role in the initiation of timely evidence-based care. All rural hospitals participating in Get With The Guidelines® - CAD are eligible for recognition based on a unique methodology focused on suspected non ST-elevation acute coronary syndrome (NSTE-ACS) and/or STEMI performance metrics.

"We are proud that our team at Columbia County Health System is being recognized for the important work we do every day to improve the lives of people in Southeastern Washington who are affected by coronary artery disease, giving them the best chance of survival and the best possible quality of life," said Gretchen Eslick, RN, DNS. "As a hospital in a rural community, we deal with characteristics such as extended distances from receiving hospitals with interventional cardiology services, interfacility transportation, and bed availability, as well as limited staffing resources. We've made it a goal to make sure those hurdles do not affect the standard of care our patients receive.

"Residents in rural communities deserve high-quality emergency cardiac care. I'm proud of our team for their commitment to heart care excellence and this achievement," said Eslick.

This award recognizes the hospital's efforts toward care excellence for suspected non-ST-elevation acute coronary syndrome care excellence. Participating hospitals are measured through composite scores in compliance with seven guideline-directed care metrics for STEMI. This includes early recognition of STEMI by electrocardiogram; timely initiation of inter-facility hospital transfer; initiation of a rapid reperfusion strategy by thrombolytic administration and/or primary percutaneous intervention; administration of appropriate antiplatelet and anticoagulant medications before transfer.

"Patients and health care professionals in Southeastern Washington State face unique health care challenges and opportunities," said Karen E. Joynt Maddox, M.D., MPH, volunteer expert for the American Heart Association, a co-author on "Call to Action: Rural Health: A Presidential Advisory From the American Heart Association and American Stroke Association" and co-director of the Center for Health Economics and Policy at the Institute for Public Health at Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri. "Columbia County Health System has furthered this important work to improve care for all Americans, regardless of where they live."

For more information about the American Heart Association's Rural Recognition awards, visit <https://tinyurl.com/m26hcn8j>

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LETTERS

AT THE LIBERTY: "Killers of the Flower Moon"

THE TIMES

DAYTON — "Killers of the Flower Moon" is set in 1920s Oklahoma and depicts the serial murder of members of the oil-wealthy Osage Nation, a string of brutal crimes that came to be known as the Reign of Terror. This story is based on David Grann's broadly lauded best-selling book. The movie features Leonardo DiCaprio, Robert De Niro, Jesse Plemons, Lily Gladstone, and others, and is directed by Martin Scorsese.

Rotten Tomatoes critics give this movie a 93% favorable rating, but audiences gave it an 84%. The audience summary is "Strong acting, gorgeous cinematography, and a powerful story keep 'Killers of the Flower Moon' engrossing in spite of its slower pace and extreme length." The movie is rated R (for violence, some grisly images, and language), and it has a runtime of 3 hours and 27 minutes.

Please note that we have experienced many last-minute attendees to movies, which creates issues for us to adequately serve everyone and start the movie on time. Please arrive at least 15-20 minutes before the show is scheduled to start. We appreciate your cooperation.

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APPLICANTS SOUGHT FOR ALTERNATE MEMBER ON WALLA WALLA WATER CONSERVANCY BOARD.

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA — The Walla Walla County Board of Commissioners seeks applicants to fill an alternate position on the Walla Walla Water Conservancy Board. This member will be an alternate in a reserve capacity as a replacement for absent or recused commissioners. Terms on the water conservancy board are six years.



In compliance with state statute RCW 90.80.050(2), for equal representation, applicants need to meet one of the following criteria to fill these vacancies.

Individual water right holder who diverts or withdraws water for use within the area served by the board.

Must appoint one person who is not a water right holder, except as provided in subsection (5) of this section (5) For the purposes [of] determining a person's eligibility to be appointed as a commissioner who is not a water right holder under this section, a person is not considered to be a water right holder: (a) By virtue of the person's receiving water from a municipal water supplier as defined in RCW 90.03.015, or (b) if the only water right held by the person is a right to the type of residential use of water that is exempted from permit requirements by RCW 90.44.050 and that right is for water from a well located in a county with a population that is not greater than one hundred fifty thousand people.

Shall choose among persons who are residents of the county or counties or a county that is contiguous to the county that the water conservancy board is to serve.

The Water Conservancy Board is a three-member citizen body that typically meets once a month, on the first Wednesday of each month. Duties consist primarily of conducting public meetings and expediting the administrative process for voluntary water transfers and change applications within the county of non-contested water transfers among water rights holders.

Application packets can be obtained from the County website (www.co.walla-walla.wa.us) or by the Commissioners' Office at (509) 524-2505. Interested persons are encouraged to call or email (wwboardcomm@co.walla-walla.wa.us) with questions regarding the opening. Completed application packets must be returned to the county commissioners' office and this will be open until filled. Please submit your completed application to wwboardcomm@co.walla-walla.wa.us or by mail to Walla Walla County Commissioners' Office (Public Health and Legislative Building, 314 W Main/P.O. Box 1506, Walla Walla). Per RCW 90.80.05, a commissioner must complete the necessary training required under RCW 90.80.040 before participating in a record of decision.

Interviews will likely be conducted by the water conservancy board and/or county commissioners.

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In response to a November 23, 2023 waitsburg times article concerning Dayton school board meeting.

Dear board members

It has come to my attention after reading a November 23 article in the waitsburg times that CCC member Aneesha dieu stated that she wanted a bit of "heightened awareness" on what kind of books were being brought into the school. I would like to caution the board members and staff on entertaining such cynical ploys to undermine public education. Over the past 18 months, we have witnessed an unprecedented campaign of censorship and intimidation that is being waged on America's classrooms. Extremists collaborating with well-funded groups claiming to represent parents rights have launched a broad-based assault on America's classrooms. They aim to root out honest discussions about race, turn back the clock on inclusion, and strip teachers of their autonomy and professional voice. These reactionary movements are designed to sow distrust in public education and intimidate teachers. This attempt at censorship is a threat to free expression and students first amendment rights. I deplore the idea that these school board meetings may turn into a culture war battleground.

Theresa Eier
Dayton, Wa

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Eleanora Jan Hamann-Weber

Kim Hamann and Joe Weber of Waitsburg welcomed their first child, Eleanora Jan Hamann-Weber, on November 16, 2023. Eleanora weighed 8 lbs 10 oz and was 20.75" long.

Proud grandparents are Ross and Vickie Hamann of Waitsburg and LeLand and Traci Weber of Touchet. Great-grandparents are Jerry and Gail Harshman of Waitsburg, the late Jan Cronkhite of Waitsburg, Lon Hamann of Lewiston, ID, and Richard and Mary Hanson and Myrna and the late Larry Weber of Touchet.



Eleanora Jan Hamann-Weber
November 16, 2023

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NEWS & SPORTS

WAITSBURG BASKETBALL AGAINST ROGERS

By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — Waitsburg's middle school boys basketball team played Rogers in College Place on Wednesday, November 29, and in Waitsburg on December 4.

At Rogers, the B-team lost 45-37. Damien Karl scored 15 points in the loss, and Arrow Groom contributed 12 points. Carsyn Pennington scored six, and Colt Boudrieau scored four points.

The young Cardinal A-team lost 48-23. Jake Lynch led the team with 10 points. Alex Zuniga scored six, Rowdy Cole five, and Carter Barron scored two points.

In Waitsburg, the B-team lost to the Chargers 39-26. Pennington scored 12 points in the hard-fought game, Karl and Boudrieau scored six points each, and Gage Mynear scored two.

The A-team lost in Waitsburg 48-31. Zuniga and Kiefel scored nine points each, Barron scored seven, and Lynch scored six.

"Our boys keep improving," said Coach Kiefel. "The B-team looked good tonight and gave Rogers a run for their money," he added.

The coach said the A-team played well and the defense worked hard.

"On offense, we moved the ball well. We just could not get the ball in the hoop. Overall, I'm pleased with how our boys keep improving," said Kiefel.



Karen Huwe

(left) Colt Boudrieau lays the ball in for two points

(above) Alex Watson passes to Alex Zuniga



Courtesy Photo

The Waitsburg Booster Club float making the turn back onto Main Street heading back downtown near the end of the parade Sunday evening.

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

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Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
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Each Sunday
337-8898

Pastor Cameron Hedges

CLASSIFIEDS

HELP WANTED

Fun opportunity to join a motivated team of library professionals providing excellent service to the community. The Columbia County Rural Library District is seeking a flexible, reliable, and organized individual for the position of Library Assistant I. Position is full-time (38-40 hours/week) at the Dayton Memorial Library in Dayton, WA. Full job description available at ccrld.org. Contact Ellen Brigham, director@ccrld.org or 509-382-3169.

The Columbia County Rural Library District in southeast Washington State is seeking a Director of Library Services. The Director will be responsible for the day to day operation of one central library serving a population of approximately 4000 people and 2500 active patrons. Full job description available at ccrld.org. Contact Ellen Brigham, director@ccrld.org or 509-382-3169.

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American 35 Jam @ 7 p.m.
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Neil Henze	Doug Biolo
David Smith	Highway Flaggers:
Andrew and Trisha Kneec	Stacey Grende, Devin Griffen, John Buff
Pastor Stan	WaDOT
Bill Davis	City of Waitsburg
Dave Tipton	Waitsburg Commercial Club Board and Membership

Thanks to all the Parade Participants:
Natalie Knudson- singing the Star-Spangled Banner
Beka Adams Compton for always leading our parade and carrying the American Flag
Patriot Jeep and Sargent Bob Brock
Waitsburg Celebration Days Queen Hannah Peralez
Walla Walla Electric
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It takes a village and Commercial Club thanks parade volunteers who helped organize the event. A special thank you to Gaudy Gals on Main for organizing the 38th Annual Arts and Crafts Vendor Show and Ten Ton Coffee/ Waitsburg Times for hosting Santa Claus
And lots of love to Santa!

SPORTS & NEWS

LEGAL NOTICES

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-22-938228-BB Title Order No.: 220358902-WA-MSW Reference Number of Deed of Trust: Instrument No. 2019-07117 Parcel Number(s): 360721750714 Grantor(s) for Recording Purposes under RCW 65.04.015: MICHAEL R DUNLEAVY AND DONNA L. DUNLEAVY, 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 12/15/2023, at 10:00 AM At the main entrance to the Walla Walla county Courthouse, located at 315 W 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 THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 4 IN BLOCK 7 OF THE AMENDED PLAT OF GREEN'S ANNEX TO THE CITY OF WALLA WALLA, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR OF WALLA WALLA COUNTY, WASHINGTON, IN VOLUME C OF PLATS AT PAGE 32, AND RUNNING THENCE NORTH, ALONG THE EASTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT, 140 FEET; THENCE WESTERLY, PARALLEL WITH THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF SAID LOT, 52.18 FEET; THENCE SOUTHERLY, PARALLEL WITH THE EASTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT, 140 FEET MORE OR LESS TO THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 4; THENCE EASTERLY, ALONG THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 4 TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SITUATED IN THE CITY AND COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA, STATE OF WASHINGTON. More commonly known as: 1441 PORTLAND AVE, WALLA WALLA, WA 99362-2159 Subject to that certain Deed of Trust dated 9/5/2019, recorded 9/13/2019, under Instrument No. 2019-07117 records of WALLA WALLA County, Washington, from MICHAEL R DUNLEAVY AND DONNA L. DUNLEAVY, HUSBAND AND WIFE, as grantor(s), to WFG NATIONAL TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY, as original trustee, to secure an obligation in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR BANK OF ENGLAND, A CORPORATION, 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 2022-02447 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: \$27,833.25. IV. The sum owing on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust is: The principal sum of \$181,358.99, together with interest as provided in the Note from 11/1/2021 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 12/15/2023. The defaults referred to in Paragraph III must be cured by 12/4/2023 (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 12/4/2023 (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 12/4/2023 (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 or the 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 6/27/2023. 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 objections 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 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/fo/index.cfm?webListAction=search&searchstate=WA&filterSvc=dcf> 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-22-938228-BB. Dated: 8/7/2023 QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION, as Trustee By: Tianah Schrock, Assistant Secretary Trustee's Address: QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION 108 1st Ave South, Suite 450, Seattle, WA 98104 For questions call toll-free: (866) 925-0241 Trustee Sale Number: WA-22-938228-BB Sale Line: 916-939-0772 or Login to: <http://www.quality-loan.com> IDSPub #0187543 11/16/2023 12/7/2023 The Times November 16, December 7, 2023 11-16-a

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA NO. 23 4 00258 36 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS RCW 11.40.030 In the Matter of the Estate of Steven Leon Olsen 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. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the Administrator served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(3); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of 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 decedent's probate and non-probate assets. DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: November 30, 2023. Eric Olsen, Administrator Trevor V. Hanzeli, WSBA #51290 Roach Law Firm Attorney for Administrator 126 E Alder Street Walla Walla, WA 99362 509-522-6800 The Times November 30, December 7, 14 2023 11-30-d

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA NO: 23-4-00251-36 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS RCW 11.40.030 In re the Estate of: MAXINE F. AMEN, Deceased. The personal representative named below has been appointed as personal representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the personal representative or the personal representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the Court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) thirty days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and RCW 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets. DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: November 30, 2023. Marie White Personal Representative Attorney for Personal Representative: Jeremy Hyndman, WSBA #44320 Basalt Legal PLLC 6 1/2 North Second Ave., Suite 200 Walla Walla, WA 99362 509-529-0630 The Times November 30, December 7, 14 2023 11-30-b

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA NO. 23-4-00254-36 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS RCW 11.40.030 In re the Estate of: RICHARD L. ARMSTRONG, Deceased. The personal representative named below has been appointed as personal representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the personal representative or the personal representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the Court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) thirty days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and RCW 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets. DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: November 30, 2023. Joni M. Barker Personal Representative Attorney for Personal Representative: Courtney Lawless, WSBA #57415 Basalt Legal PLLC 6 1/2 North Second Ave., Suite 200 Walla Walla, WA 99362 509-529-0630 The Times November 30, December 7, 14 2023 11-30-c

PRESCOTT JOINT PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT

Board of Commissioners VACANCY: Position #2 Term Expires 12/31/2025 Serving on the Board of Commissioners is an active year-round responsibility, overseeing the operation of the various aspects of the District. Commissioners will work on several sub-committees (Budget, Maintenance, Grants) Attend 12 monthly meetings, and between 5-8 specialty meetings Spend 3-5 hours/month during off season; 15- 30 hours/month when things ramp up in Spring Please submit a letter of interest to: Prescott Joint Park & Recreation District (PJPRD) PO Box 30 Prescott WA 00348 Deadline - Dec. 1, 2023 If you would like more information, please call the office at 509-849-2314, daily 9 to 1 pm. The Times November 9, 16, 23, 30, December 7, 2023 11-9-c

In the Superior Court of the State of Washington for the County of Walla Walla

Yolanda Zuniga Contreras, Petitioner, No. (23-3-00201-36) Wensesladio Solorio, Respondent. The State of Washington to the respondent Wensesladio Solorio : You are hereby summoned to appear within 90 days after the date of the first publication of this dissolution of marriage summons, after the DATE, and defend the above-entitled action in the above-entitled court, and answer the complaint of the petitioner, Petitioner's name, and serve a copy of your answer upon the petitioner at the address below stated; and in case of your failure, to do so, 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 on Yolanda Zuniga Contreras at 61 Farmland Rd Apt 101, Walla Walla, WA. 99362 The Times November 9, 16, 23, 30 December 7, 14 2023 11-9-e

Walla Walla County Fire Protection District No. 6

Notice of Solicitation for Professional Services Walla Walla County Fire Protection District No. 6 "District", a municipal corporation, is soliciting Statements of Qualifications for Professional Services for the remodel of an existing building into a fire station. Interested parties should obtain the Request for Statements of Qualification from the District by contacting Rusty Waite, at rm.waite@hotmail.com or 509-386-8423 and by submitting a statement of qualifications in accordance with the RFQ and chapter 39.80 RCW by 6:00 p.m. on December 20, 2023. The Times December 7, 14, 2023 12-7-b

Mill Creek RM 17 Floodplain Improvement Project

Invitation to Bid PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT The Walla Walla County Conservation District (WWCCD) is issuing an Invitation to Bid on the Mill Creek RM Floodplain Improvement Project. The project is located on Mill Creek, east of Walla Walla, Washington. The construction begins at the confluence of Blue Creek and continues upstream roughly 1 mile. Major elements of this project include installing a series of revetment log structures, log jam and bank habitat structures, and pilot and drain channel cuts. The complete bid packet will be available December 7, 2023 at 1:00 PM.

There is a mandatory, in-person pre-bid meeting and site visit beginning at 10:00 AM on December 19, 2023 at the WWCCD office. The in-stream work window begins July 15, 2024 and concludes Sept 15, 2024. Proposals will be for materials, labor, equipment, and appurtenant items required as per project plans and specifications. Bids must be guaranteed for 60 days from Project Award Date. The complete bid packet is available at the WWCCD office; materials will be available on a drive, or via email at annie.byerley@wwccd.net. Proposal will include a statement of qualifications and the elements of which will be used to award the bid. A 5% Bid Guarantee or equivalent will be required. The project will follow Davis-Bacon wage determinations (Prevailing Wages required). WWCCD retains the right to reject any and all bids and to waive minor irregularities in the bidding process. Bids must be received at the WWCCD office by the designated date and time. For questions, please contact Annie Byerley at annie.byerley@wwccd.net or (509) 956-3764. Walla Walla County Conservation District, 325 North 13th Ave., Walla Walla, WA. 99362 The Times December 7, 14, 2023 12-7-a

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA Case No.: 23-4-00246-36 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS RCW 11.40.030 In the Matter of the Estate of: DIAMENTINA R. RANGEL, Deceased. PLEASE TAKE NOTICE The personal representative named below has been appointed as personal representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the personal representative or the personal representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets. Date of First Publication: December 7, 2023 Personal Representative: Ernesto Ramirez Attorney for the Personal Representative: Kelby J. Derenick Address for Mailing or Service: 14 E. Main St., Suite 207, Walla Walla, WA 99362 Court of proceedings and case number: Walla Walla County Superior Court, 23-4-00246-36 Dated this 30th day of November, 2023.

Kelby J. Derenick, WSBA#42860 Attorney for Personal Representative The Times December 7, 14, 21 2023 12-7-c

Palouse Outdoors - Local Conservation Organizations Have a Field Day with Dixie Elementary School

By Brad Trumbo | THE TIMES

In late October, the Walla Walla County Conservation District (WWCD), Blue Mountain Pheasants Forever (BMPF), and the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) hosted Dixie Elementary for a conservation field day. Alison Crowley, Project Manager with the WWCD, leads the WWCD "Conservation Connections" program, which promotes conservation-related outreach and education. As a part of Conservation Connections, Alison led Dixie Elementary School students through completing a riparian habitat project in 2022, and she approached BMPF and WDFW to cooperate on a similar gig this year.

Rain threatened with ominous skies as WDFW Biologist Corrie Thorne Hadley and BMPF volunteers Larry Boe, Eric Hockersmith, George Endicott, and I (Brad Trumbo) eagerly awaited the arrival of the students. The South Fork Coppei Creek tumbled in the background as a damp wind rustled bunchgrasses and whistled through ponderosa pine needles. The crew quickly laid out plants, rakes, and shovels, anticipating plugging in 40 shrubs and seeding native grasses and forbs in a creekside meadow. The moment we finished, the bus arrived carrying 15 enthusiastic third through fifth-grade students, led by Alison and a cadre of the finest educators from Dixie Elementary School.

Hadley kicked off the event with introductions before leading the students down to the creek bottom. There, I dove into a discussion on various native plants and the benefits they provide to a variety of wildlife and pollinator species and the environment. When asked to identify the benefits of native shrubs, a dozen hands shot up among the Dixie Elementary School crowd.

A mix of berry-producing serviceberry, Woods' rose, golden currant, and blue elderberry were on the species list for the day, and the students learned precisely what benefits they provide.

"The berries provide food for birds," said a young lady with dark hair wearing a lavender sweater.

"Birds like to nest in shrubs," said a young man in a camouflage jacket.

"Exactly right," I replied. "But what about the rose? Do you think wild roses provide any food?"

I pointed to the crimson rose hips, which triggered excited responses. Deer and birds eat rose hips during winter. The fruits reward wildlife with flavor and nutrition; wildlife disperses the seeds.

"What about the rose thorns? Do you think they might protect birds from predators?" I asked.

Not only do shrubs provide good nesting cover for songbirds and other food and cover sources for wildlife, but species like roses provide good protection from predators for songbirds and even small mammals and upland birds when patches grow large enough. Additionally, shrubs in riparian areas provide erosion protection and food and energy to streams by dropping insects and leaf litter.

"Sounds like you all should be teaching me," I said.



Trumbo with Blue Mountain Pheasants Forever discusses the native shrub species and their wildlife benefits with the students.



Brad Trumbo

Fresh off the bus, students eagerly head toward the stream and planting activities.

"These are sharp kids!" Alison replied.

"In that case, let's put some plants in the ground!" I exclaimed.

Splitting the kids into four groups, Corrie, Alison, Eric, and I wandered off in different directions toward small groups of shrubs that we had pre-placed for the students. The group leaders explained how to plant woody species before dropping the shrubs into the ground.

My preferred sequence for planting potted plants is first to remove the pot and check for root binding. Plants grown in a pot for too long will have roots that encircle the root wad and need to be broken free. Once the roots are freed up, I place the plants in the hole on a bed of loose soil, then lightly pack loose soil around the plant's roots. Woody plants should not be planted below the root crown (where the roots flare out from the main stem into the soil) to avoid stem rot.

The students were familiar with planting potted plants, so we quickly set them free to complete the planting. Small hands worked with alacrity and possessed a clear advantage over adult hands for packing soil around the roots. While planting, each group's leader used their planting site to explain the importance of choosing good locations. It's important to pick a site that offers good soil moisture and sunlight and is not directly beneath a tree limb, for example. Clearing around the plant holes helps to reduce competition with other plants and invasive species.

With the initial plantings wrapped up, Corrie gathered everyone back to the middle of the site. Given all that the students had just learned, it was time they put their knowledge to use.

"Everyone, grab some plants and spread out along the downstream end of the property. This time, we want you to pick your own planting sites," Corrie instructed.

An excited conversation ensued as the kids fanned out along the meadow's edge. Naturally, the students formed teams with their best buddies, and off they went, searching for open spots in the cottonwood canopy free of invasive species like Himalayan blackberry.

I followed behind with a battery-powered auger and was pleased with the planting sites that the students had chosen. Planting interested them, and they wanted to do the job right. Some students even chose to plant with hand trowels for the full experience and challenge of planting by hand.

With the shrubs in the ground, the conversation turned toward grasslands, invasive species, and re-seeding open patches along the hillside above the creek. Again, we discussed the benefits of species diversity and native grasses and flowers, many of which overlap with the woody species. Corrie led the charge, teaching about removing thatch and opening the soil surface with a rake to allow good seed-to-soil contact. Again, the kids broke into groups, taking rakes and seeds and spreading out across the hillside.

Students worked their rakes feverishly and tossed

grass seed upon the breeze. The cool, damp morning air had become comfortable due in part to manual labor, but the clouds had thinned, allowing a hint of sunlight to shine upon the shoulders of the students and volunteers.

Everyone enjoyed the seeding activity, but the greatest attraction was a meadow vole that appeared immune to the bustle of a dozen bodies dancing around it as it frenziedly fed. The students gathered to watch the vole at work, tossed seeds for it to snack on, and built a protective thatch fortress where it could eat peacefully.

Alison rounded everyone up as the seed bags were emptied and the morning's work completed. The students gained a firm grasp on planting techniques and expressed their knowledge of habitat enhancement and restoration benefits for pollinators, wildlife, and the ecosystem. They were so effective that everyone agreed to meet again in the spring of 2024 at a shrub-steppe enhancement site to learn about planting project maintenance and arid land management.

Thanks to the teachers and students at Dixie Elementary School, Alison and the WWCD, Corrie and WDFW, and my fellow BMPF volunteers for making the most of this field day. Events like these are foundational to meeting conservation missions and developing future advocates for the environment and public resources.



Brad Trumbo

A student adeptly frees up circling roots before planting this golden currant.

BIRTHDAYS

December 7: John Fenton Mason, Jeff Flores, Trey Cole, Hilary Hogan, Heidi Potolicchio.

December 8: Ruth Senter, Lisa Patton, Cliff Griffin, Abby Michels.

December 9: Russ Hays, Jerry Jeremiah, Jim Bird, Patty Hernandez, Ray Meier, Sarah Reser.

December 10: Grant Woodworth, Bess Ammerman, Ron Thompson, Diane Fry, Sara Lytle, Lydia Fancuillo.

December 11: Carl Baker, Robert Ezell, Tim Mayberry, Niko Matthee, Caleb Solis.

December 12: Ernest Brunson, John Archer, Allen Huwe, Chad Fry, Dawn Ronning, Patricia Thomas, Ben Antonius, BethAnn Wood.

December 13: Patsy Weber, Marilyn Wilson, Elena Perry, Richard Done, Donald Thiery, Helen Duckworth.



FUN & GAMES

PIONEER PORTRAITS

The Friendly Forest

By Jimmye L. Turner



Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



GRIN and BEAR IT



"Now get back out there and fight for your honor, your school and my job!"

Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



Barb Jaks

Waitsburg Cardinal sat in Santa's lap and shared his wishes for Christmas.

CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE

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SOURCES OF STRENGTH

Waitsburg High School

Drop-off items by Dec. 13, 2023

at any Waitsburg School (Elem, Preston Hall or HS) any extra donations will be used as behavior incentives

Lunches

WAITSBURG SENIOR CENTER

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

Tuesday, Dec. 12

Lasagna
Fruit, Garlic Bread
Vegetables
Coleslaw



WAITSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT

Thursday, Dec. 7

Breakfast
Cocoa with Santa 7:30-8:30
Tornados

Lunch
Teriyaki chicken & Rice
Steamed Broccoli
Mandarin Oranges

Friday, Dec. 8

Breakfast
French Toast Sticks
Lunch
Turkey sandwiches
Caesar Salad
Fruit Cocktail
Something Crunchy

Monday, Dec 11

Breakfast
Scrambled eggs & Bacon
Lunch
Cheeseburgers
Lettuce Tomato
Roasted Corn, Fruit Cup

Tuesday, Dec. 12

Breakfast
Biscuits & Gravy
Lunch
Crispitos
Refried Beans
Pepper Strips
Oranges

Wednesday, Dec. 13

Breakfast
Donut
Lunch
Spaghetti with Meat Sauce
Green Beans, Pears
Breadstick

Ten Years Ago

December 5, 2013

What would you do with an extra day? The members of Dayton's First Congregational Church decided they would use it to provide care, comfort and hot food to the community. So on February 29, 2012, Pastor Marj Johnston and her congregation provided their first free community soup and bread dinner. "It was meant to be a simple meal," Johnston said. "A safe place and good, hot meal. We wanted to create a place of welcome at a time of year when people tend to be isolated." Dozens of people, including a large number of church members, attended that first meal. And the church has stuck with the idea. They provided the meal a few times that spring, and then again in the winter – on the last Friday of each month. "Darker days are harder for folk," Johnston said. "Especially at the end of the month when resources grow meager."

Twenty-Five Years Ago

December 10, 1998



[Photo Caption] No matter how exciting the 13th Annual Hometown Christmas might be, the suspense and commotion wasn't enough to keep sleepy Sydney Eng, daughter of Marvin and Patty Eng of Waitsburg, from catching a few zees while riding on her father's shoulders. A good crowd was on hand for the afternoon of turkey Bingo, browsing and drawings, all brought to a conclusion with a lighted parade and chili feed.

Fifty Years Ago

December 6, 1973

Sid Conner and his staff will host an open house in the new quarters of the Waitsburg Pharmacy this weekend. The move was made several weeks ago from the bank building location to the Allen building (222 Main Street), and everyone has been busy getting the shelves stocked and setting up in the new facilities. Besides the additional room in the new building, the store has an attractive carpet, new lights and fixtures and the building has been completely renovated. It is now a modern, up-to-date, attractive place of business that adds to Waitsburg. We know that Sid is proud of the change, and he should realize that many of us in the community share that with him. It gives all of us a psychological lift. It is easy to be a prophet of gloom, and to meditate on what the future of a small town may be in 10 to 20 years. Moving and updating the Pharmacy represents a positive vote for the future of this community, an encouraging sign. Add to this the new bank building going up in city center, and it is possible to feel very optimistic about Waitsburg.

Seventy-Five Years Ago

December 10, 1948

George Trump of Pomeroy has bought the Bridgeview Cabins form Cecil Werhaag.

Ronald Kessler was ringbearer at the wedding of Darin Heady and Miss Dorothy DeRuwe at the Catholic Church in Dayton Sunday.

Mrs. Denney Neace and infant son Lewis born Nov. 29 returned home Monday from the Walla Walla General Hospital.

One Hundred Years Ago

December 14, 1923

Mr. and Mrs. Alpha Fox entertained the J. U. G. Club at auction bridge last Friday evening. There were seven tables and the evening proved to be an enjoyable one.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay McCaw of Prescott are the parents of a daughter born Monday night at St. Mary Hospital.

Several car loads of Waitsburg people drove to Dayton Monday night to attend a lecture at the courthouse given by C. C. Curtis of Vancouver, Wa. on the Klu Klux Klan. The lecture was largely attended.

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago

December 16, 1898

Miss Ada Wright finishes a three-months term of school at Alto today. She has proven herself a very successful instructor.

The ice crop is being rapidly harvested this week. Load after load of fine looking ice can be seen passing along the street at almost every minute in the day. Ice has attained a thickness of nearly nine inches – rather unusual thickness for this vicinity.



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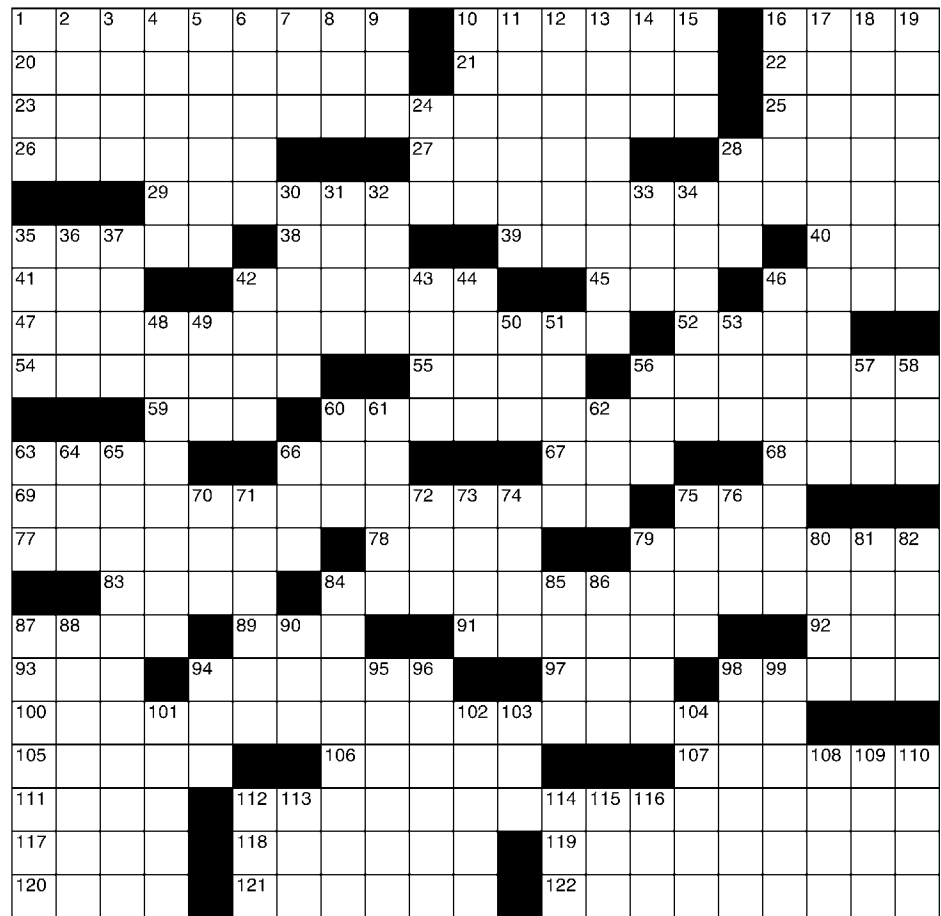
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PUZZLES & LIFESTYLES

Super Crossword

TRIMMING UP

- ACROSS**
- 1 Sports events played by visiting teams
 - 10 Obeys reluctantly
 - 16 Boho-chic Aussie boots
 - 20 Arched shoe part
 - 21 Part of U.K.
 - 22 She talks on iPhones
 - 23 Parasites plaguing the Cheshire cat?
 - 25 A party to win
 - 26 Everlasting, poetically
 - 27 Above ground
 - 28 Bedazzled
 - 29 Worked to get a different reward?
 - 35 Pizza base
 - 38 Tic-tac-toe win
 - 39 Geometry assignments
 - 40 "Dr." who raps
 - 41 Above, poetically
 - 42 Yard separators
 - 45 Prefix with cyclist
 - 46 Combat vet's affliction, for short
 - 47 One giving technical advice to wizards?
 - 52 Bull in a ring
 - 54 Structure near a tonsil
 - 55 "Othello" adversary
 - 56 Relatives of alpacas
 - 59 Adversary
 - 60 City area where lots of radiators are produced?
 - 63 Sword variety
 - 66 Medic
 - 67 Hiking aid
 - 68 Disgusting
 - 69 Untwisting threads
 - 75 "I think —!"
 - 77 Mobile's state
 - 78 Smell
 - 79 Big ape
 - 83 Hoofbeat
 - 84 Math student doing sums correctly?
 - 87 Mötley —
 - 89 — hub (tech device)
 - 91 Widely known
 - 92 "Nope"
 - 93 Narrow estuary
 - 94 Guinea pig's cousin
 - 97 Ring legend Muhammad
 - 98 Speechify
 - 100 Clock setting at the rear of a ship?
 - 105 Makes grimy
 - 106 Eye color, e.g.
 - 107 Non-Spanish spelling of an Arizona tribe's name
 - 111 Pack neatly
 - 112 Trim request ... or what this puzzle takes, based on what its missing letters spell?
 - 117 Sicilian peak
 - 118 Use a hammer to fix, perhaps
 - 119 Angry cry to a captor
 - 120 Promising
 - 121 Lacey's partner on TV
 - 122 Hugh Jackman film about robot boxing
 - 1 Vex
 - 2 Doing the job
 - 3 Suffix with clear or vigil
 - 4 Certain plows and tractors
 - 5 Give a smile
 - 6 Ed of "Gus"
 - 7 Trim grass
 - 8 "Do Ya" rock gp.
 - 9 Wash, bigwig
 - 10 Good, in Spain
 - 11 Freeway access point
 - 12 More shrewd
 - 13 Begin
 - 14 "X" number
 - 15 Eccentric
 - 16 Consuming
 - 17 Popular highball
 - 18 Gardeners, farmers, etc.
 - 19 Well-muscled
 - 24 Affront, in rap
 - 28 GEICO's bus.
 - 30 Incessantly
 - 31 Geologic spans
 - 32 Lead-in to drama
 - 33 Sweetie pie
 - 34 Should that be the case
 - 35 Super-deep sleep
 - 36 Skim, say
 - 37 Spur (on)
 - 42 Pâté de — gras
 - 43 Hollywood's Kazan
 - 44 Eye color, e.g.
 - 46 Itchy, medically
 - 48 Make weak
 - 49 Pigeon sound
 - 50 Geologic span
 - 51 Shearer of "A Free Soul"
 - 53 Sept. follower
 - 56 Bigwig
 - 57 Comic strip cry of dismay
 - 58 Sloppy farm area
 - 60 Animal in a 58-Down
 - 61 Greeting with a GIF, maybe
 - 62 June honoree
 - 63 Geologic span
 - 64 Chum
 - 65 Pre-hurricane orders
 - 66 Stuff in the gene pool
 - 70 Thai language
 - 71 Oppose as false
 - 72 Snoozing site
 - 73 Atoll feature
 - 74 Sticky pod in Cajun cuisine
 - 75 Entre — (between us)
 - 76 Tolkien beast
 - 79 Astronaut's wear
 - 80 "Girls" creator Dunham
 - 81 Legal exam, for short
 - 82 Former court king Arthur
 - 84 Lying adjacent to
 - 85 Epps of "Scream 2"
 - 86 Give up a poker hand
 - 87 More boorish
 - 88 Trattoria rice dish
 - 90 Distress call
 - 94 — Antiqua
 - 95 Plaid design
 - 96 Even-scored
 - 98 Nebraskan Native Americans
 - 99 Reinstate in an office
 - 101 1999 Super Bowl MVP John
 - 102 Humdinger
 - 103 Wolloid down
 - 104 Spying info
 - 108 To — (perfectly)
 - 109 Living space
 - 110 German car company
 - 112 Circle part
 - 113 Rural stretch
 - 114 Rink legend Bobby
 - 115 Stipend or toll
 - 116 St. Pete loc.



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MY RECIPES Luke Chavez

Red Lentil Chili

In the period between Thanksgiving and the winter holidays, I often find myself seeking lighter, vegetarian recipes to counter the season's decadent feasting. This flavorful chili, with walnuts, bulgur, and lentils, is as satisfying as it is full of nutrient-rich ingredients. A wonderful, and quick to prepare dish that is sure to impress your favorite vegetarian or vegan friends, though your omnivore friends will love it too. Also, this is a comforting and healthy recipe to have on hand when you are looking for a heart-friendly weeknight supper.



Ingredients:

- ½ cup walnut halves
- 1 large yellow onion, cut in large chunks
- 2 jalapeño peppers, stems and seeds removed
- 5 garlic cloves, peeled
- 2 tablespoons avocado or canola oil
- 3 rounded tablespoons chili powder (see notes)
- 1 tablespoon ground cumin
- 2 teaspoons dried oregano
- 2 teaspoons smoked paprika
- 2 teaspoons mushroom powder (see notes)
- Salt
- 1 tablespoon tomato paste
- ¼ cup dry red wine
- 1 (28-ounce) can crushed fire-roasted tomatoes
- 2 tablespoons soy sauce
- 4 cups vegetable or chicken broth
- 1 ½ cups water
- 2/3 cup red lentils
- 2/3 cup bulgur
- 2 (15-ounce) cans kidney beans, rinsed and drained

Directions:

Preheat a large soup pot over medium-low heat. Toast the walnuts, stirring frequently, until fragrant, about 3 minutes. Be careful not to burn. Cool slightly, then transfer the walnuts to the bowl of a food processor, and pulse until finely ground. Transfer ground nuts to a bowl and set aside.

Add the onion, jalapeños, and garlic cloves to the food processor. Pulse and blend until vegetables are just at a smooth purée.

Next return the soup pot to the stove, add the oil and increase the heat to medium. Add the chili powder, cumin, oregano, paprika and mushroom powder. Stir frequently to bloom the spices, about 1 minute. Next add the pureed onion mixture with a pinch of salt. Continue to cook, stirring occasionally, for about 2 to 3 minutes. Push the vegetables aside to make a well in the center of the pot. Add the tomato paste to the well and cook for another minute, stirring and lightly toasting the paste. Add the wine and deglaze the pan, scrapping up any browned bits from the bottom. Then add the tomatoes, soy sauce, broth, and water. Bring to a boil, then stir in the lentils, bulgur, beans, and ground walnuts. Stir well and return to a simmer. Reduce heat to maintain a steady simmer, and cook gently, stirring occasionally, until the lentils are tender, about 15 to 20 minutes.

When the lentils are done, turn off the heat and taste for seasoning, adding more salt or soy sauce as needed. Let chili rest for 5 to 10 minutes to allow it to continue to thicken. Serve with your favorite chili garnishes.

Notes:

For this recipe use the chili powder blend, or "chili seasoning mix", that is found in most grocery stores. These spice blends are usually made with a blending of different ground chilis, cumin, with onion and garlic powder. You can also make your own chili powder blend with your favorite chilis.

Mushroom powder is a wonderful way to add rich umami flavor to vegetarian dishes. You can make your own mushroom powder by pulverizing a package of dried mushrooms (wild, morel, or porcini) with a blender or mortar and pestle. If you cannot find dried mushrooms or powder, you can add a few dashes of Worcestershire sauce as an umami substitute.

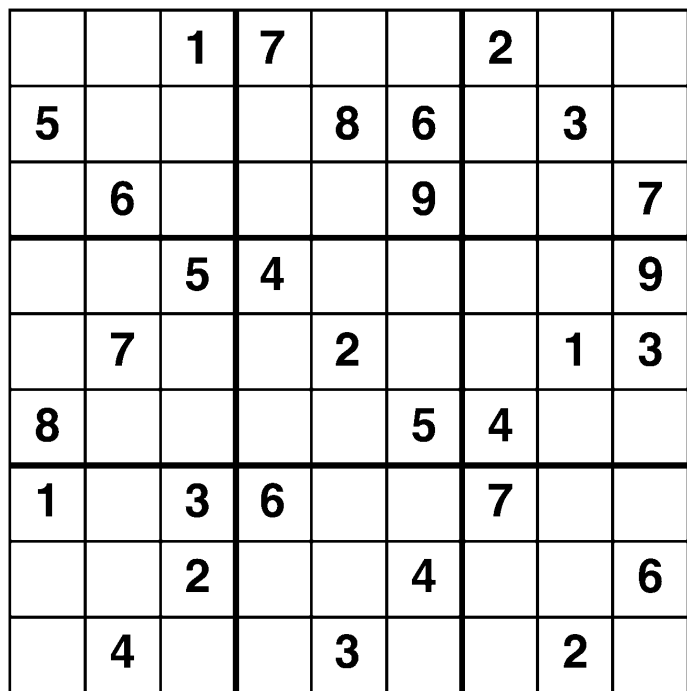
Bulgur is a parboiled wheat grain that has been cracked. It has a wonderful texture and nutty flavor. You can find it often in large bulk sections of some grocery stores, or in bags under natural brands like Bob's Red Mill.

This chili makes a wonderful vegetarian or vegan feast if using vegetable stock. For a little extra richness, you could use a chicken or even beef stock. However, with all the protein from the lentils and the fabulous texture of the bulgur, even the biggest carnivore will not miss the meat.

Serve with all your favorite chili toppings. We served it this week with grated cheese, sour cream, chopped scallions, and ripe avocado. Some corn bread on the side was perfect. This chili is also lovely served over baked potatoes. Leftovers will freeze beautifully. Enjoy.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

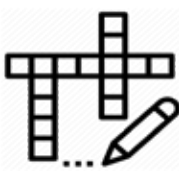


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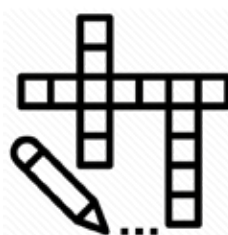
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Community Calendar

WAITSBURG MONTHLY MEETINGS



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

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 info is available by emailing waitsburgcc@icloud.com

Waitsburg Home and School Association - First Wednesday of each month, 6:30 p.m. at the Waitsburg Elementary School Library. All parents, school district staff, or community members are welcome.

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

First Thursday of the month, 6 p.m. @ Ten Ton Coffee
Info email: info@waitsburgparks.org

Weller Public Library Board of Trustees

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



Friends of the Weller Public Library

Fourth Monday of the month @ 7 p.m. Weller Public Library, 212 Main Street, Waitsburg

Waitsburg Commercial Club

Last Thursdays of the month @ Waitsburg Business Center@noon. Last Thursdays of each month, Zoom info is available by emailing waitsburgcc@icloud.com

Waitsburg Resource Center

Community Food Bank

106 1/2 Preston Ave
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DAYTON & COLUMBIA COUNTY MEETINGS

Board of Columbia County Commissioners

Regular meetings - First and third 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

September 18 @ 7 p.m. Delany room and Zoom Meeting ID: 852 3836 3787

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

Dayton Kiwanis Club Meeting

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

STARBUCK MEETINGS

Starbuck City Council

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

Participate in your community by attending meetings. Many meetings are available to community members online. Get to know and support your city and county representatives.

DAYTON SCHOOL BOARD SPECIAL MEETING

By Justin Jaech | THE TIMES

DAYTON - The Dayton School Board met in the district boardroom for a special session at 5 p.m. on November 29, 2023. Chair Jeffrey McCowen and Zac Fabian attended over Zoom. Ryan Paulson, Grant Griffin, and Superintendent Rich Stewart attended in person. Aneesha Dieu was not present.

The purpose of the meeting was to pass Resolution 2023-03, which would allow the district to collect excess property tax revenue next year at the voter-approved level of \$1,120,000. The board included the amount in next year's budget, and the deadline to adopt a resolution was November 30, 2023, so the meeting was called to pass the resolution (2023-03) before the next day's deadline. This resolution was the only action item on this meeting's agenda.

The resolution passed without dissent. McCowen adjourned the meeting at 5:03 p.m.

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