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City hall's new owner, new future

By Lane Gwinn | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — The City of Waitsburg's former city hall building has a new owner. Chet Childers of Burbank, Wash., has taken ownership of the historic Main Street building.

This was the second bid the Tri-Cities construction company owner has made for the building. Childers withdrew from his first offer after a 90-day feasibility study. His original offer for \$175,000 included his vision statement for The Vault, a space that celebrates beer making and soaking. It would offer second-floor hotel rooms with spa tubs to soak in dry beer ingredients, a ground-floor craft beer pub, and beer-making items displayed throughout.

After withdrawing from the first deal, Childers kept an eye on the building's offers. After the last round of bids brought the price down to \$125,000, he decided he couldn't pass up a chance to own the building.

"I am a distressed building renovator, and love the building's architecture and iconicness," said Childers.

At the March Waitsburg City Council meeting, the council considered two offers

for the building. The council accepted the offer from Walla Walla resident David Seidl for \$130,000 to close on April 4. With years of deals falling through, the city's realtor suggested stacking the two offers so the second would be automatically accepted without a special meeting. Seidl withdrew at the end of his five-day feasibility period, leaving Childers on the path of ownership.

The city closed the building sale with Childers for \$130,000 on April 7.

Now that the For Sale sign is out of the window and he has the keys, he looks forward to learning more about the building and the town. He hopes to find a project that will highlight both. With a history of international travel, volunteerism, construction, and ballroom dancing, Childers has a lot of ideas on how to do it.

This is a new type of project for the entrepreneur, who looks forward to renovating the old 1900s building. His experience in commercial and abatement contracting is evident as he discusses his plans and concerns.

Childers must comply with the City of Waitsburg zoning regulations that require commercial use on the ground floor of the Main Street building. Though The Vault is still an option, he is working with several potential partners and advisors to help him create the best business plan for the space. His ideas center around fun, experiential, and educational businesses, including the original beer spa concept.

The city surplused the building in 2021, after moving to its new building at 106 Main Street.

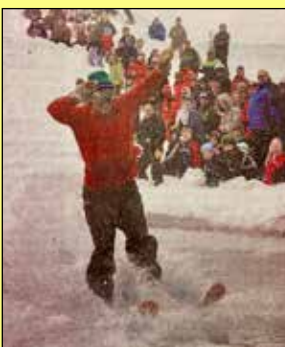


Lane Gwinn
Chet Childers taking ownership of Waitsburg's former city hall building at 147 Main Street.

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Rural libraries feel federal cuts

By Lane Gwinn | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—Waitsburg's Weller Public Library is facing cuts in services and possibly staffing from the loss of federal funding. The Institute of Museum and Library Services was one of seven agencies functionally eliminated by an executive order to continue reducing federal bureaucracy signed by President Trump on March 14, 2025.

While libraries are funded mainly by city and county taxes, federal funding helps pay for workforce training and pilot programs. It helps provide essential library services, including computer and internet access, in rural libraries. This year, the Grants to States program awarded Washington \$3.9 million, which the Washington State Library manages.

Rural libraries, including Weller Public Library, are especially at risk. The terminated funding means rural libraries and their patrons will have limited to no access to eBooks and audiobooks, resources for technical help, broadband access, and loss of innovative projects.

Weller Public Library received termination notices for two previously approved grants. One for up to \$5,000 for a summer intern and a \$2,000 TTRPG Innovation Grant. The newly appointed IMLS Acting Director Keith Sonderling said in the notices that the grants no longer aligned with the agency's priorities set by President Trump's executive order.

The Institute of Museum and Library Services has been effectively shuttered, staff was placed on administrative leave, approved grants were terminated, and new applications were halted. The White House and Department of Labor defended the IMLS decision, saying it will reduce bureaucracy and eliminate "divisive, anti-American programming" in cultural institutions.

On April 4, Washington's Attorney General Nick Brown joined a suit with 20 states to stop the dismantling of three federal agencies, including the Institute of Museums and Library Services. The suit argues that the president cannot override Congress's power to allocate federal funds.

On Tuesday, April 8, the Friends of the Weller Public Library offered to donate the \$3,500 budgeted for the summer intern, should the federal funding not be reinstated.

NEW MEXICAN FOOD, TOURS, WINE, COCKTAILS AT HOTEL HARDWARE GRAND OPENING

By Lane Gwinn | THE TIMES

DAYTON — Hotel Hardware invites the public to its official Grand Opening on Friday, April 11 and 12. The celebration will take place from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. on both days. It includes New Mexican cuisine by Dave Hernandez of Cocina Barelas, wine from Tim Doyle of Marginalia Winery, and innovative cocktails at The Bobcat Room.

Guests can check out the renovated hotel, The Bobcat Room, and meet Daniel Lopez, the Spokane-based artist behind the "Stand By Me" mural at Hotel Hardware.

Hotel hardware is located at 235 E. Main Street in Dayton and can be reached at (509)404-8955 or on its website hotelhardware.com.

On Instagram, owner Padraic Slattery described late weekend nights where he would drive around Seattle to find Cocina Barelas pop-ups. Now he has brought the authentic New Mexican food pop-up to his new home in Dayton.



Gail Gwinn
A Bobcat Room creation, a perfect Mojito.

Hospital District in deep contingency planning for possible Medicaid cuts

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—Columbia County Hospital District CEO Shane McGuire doesn't think the federal government plans to cut Medicaid benefits to individual healthcare users. Still, he is concerned about the effect on the hospital district's budget if cuts are made to state direct-funded Medicaid programs, which the federal government heavily subsidizes. McGuire said the health system has "no slack" to absorb additional revenue cuts without cutting services.

"I believe that these types of funds are going to be targeted," he said. "We have heard from some legislators that these directed funding programs are fraud, abuse, and money laundering."

He explained that money from the state comes through state directed payments, which are funds that are often used to pull down federal Medicaid matching funds.

Washington's directed funding programs include the ten-million-dollar funded Distressed Hospital Grant and the Washington State Safety Net Assessment. Last year, these programs provided 1.6 million in support for CCHD. The hospital district is now waiting to see if these programs will be approved for 2025. McGuire said many hospital districts are creating contingency plans and adjusting their budgets if those dollars are cut.

There are 57 public hospital districts in Washington state. The Seattle Times recently reported that Valley Medical Center in Renton was forced to lay off 100 non-clinical staff due to a pause in directed payment funding.

"We don't have frivolous expenses to remove at this point. Any cut we make will directly impact patient care, not just for Medicaid patient care, but all patients will be impacted by Medicaid cuts," said McGuire.

McGuire submitted a report to last week's Port-sponsored Economic Development Steering Committee describing the hospital district in poor financial condition going into 2024.

"In 2024, the distressed hospital grant and the safety net assessment funding prevented us from having to significantly disrupt services," he said. "We were close to missing payroll more than once in the first part of 2024, just after the electronic health record conversion."

In his report, McGuire pointed to many other factors causing financial woes for the hospital district.

Insurance companies have decreased the amount paid for services, partly driven by the shift from traditional Medicare to Medicare Advantage plans. Medicare Advantage plans reduce hospital revenue since they don't pay the total care cost like the original Medicare plan. They also have higher claim denial rates and much higher overhead costs. He said there has been a dramatic increase in Medicare Advantage plan enrollment over the last two years.

McGuire reported that roughly nineteen percent of commercial payers the hospital contracts with are paying less than the actual cost of care, and there is no option to pass higher costs along to commercial payers.

He also cited several years of lower tax assessments reducing tax revenue.

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NEWS BRIEFS

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AT THE LIBERTY: "Last Breath"

THE TIMES

DAYTON — A heart-pounding film that follows seasoned deep-sea divers as they battle the raging elements to rescue their crewmate trapped hundreds of feet below the ocean's surface. Based on a true story, "Last Breath" is an electrifying story about teamwork, resilience, and a race against time to do the impossible. The cast includes Woody Harrelson, Simu Liu, and Finn Cole.

Rotten Tomatoes said their critics' consensus was that the movie ratchets the tension to a riveting degree and tells a remarkable true story with the utmost efficiency and a dependably terrific performance from Woody Harrelson. The critics rated the movie as "fresh" with 80%. The audience said it is a well-acted, great story and shows the bond that develops between people doing dangerous work. The audience gave "Last Breath" a "hot" rating of 92%. The "Last Breath" is rated PG-13 for brief, strong language. It has a runtime of 93 minutes.

On Easter weekend, April 18 – 22, the theater will show "The King of Kings." A father tells his son the greatest story ever told, and what begins as a bedtime tale becomes a life-changing journey. Through vivid imagination, the boy walks alongside Jesus, witnessing His miracles, facing His trials, and understanding His ultimate sacrifice. "The King of Kings" invites us to rediscover the enduring power of hope, love, and redemption through the eyes of a child.

Coming in May: The Liberty's Spring melodrama "Peril on the High Seas" on May 9 through 18. Tickets on sale soon.

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Anne Higgins Snyder

June 27, 1962 — March 31, 2025

With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of Anne Higgins Snyder, beloved wife, devoted mother, cherished grandmother, and dear friend. Anne passed away peacefully on March 31, 2025, following a courageous four-year battle with a rare lung disease. Due to the damage to her lungs, she was diagnosed with heart failure as well. With the weakening of her heart, she suffered kidney failure that led to her passing at Kadlec Hospital in Richland, Washington.



Anne Higgins Snyder

Anne was remarkably determined despite her illness, living each day with resilience, humor, and grace. Her fierce will to live inspired everyone around her, often telling doctors, "I will outlive you all!" True to her nature, Anne surpassed expectations and continued to fight bravely through every challenge.

Born on June 27, 1962, in Memphis, Tennessee, Anne was the daughter of Ralph and Mary Linda (Farris) MacLachlan. Anne achieved remarkable accomplishments through hard work and perseverance. While raising three children and working part-time, she commuted daily from Dayton to Pullman to earn her degree with honors from Washington State University in May 1999. Following graduation, Anne began her professional career with the Washington State Auditor's office, eventually serving as Assistant State

Auditor. She later became CFO for the Walla Walla Housing Authority and Walla Walla County, respected widely for her integrity, strong work ethic, and dedication.

Anne was also a successful entrepreneur. She owned and operated the Shell Service Center in Dayton, owned rental properties, worked for Kelly Rice's CPA firm, founded Higgins Auditing and Accounting LLC, and co-owned Christy's Realty. Additionally, she briefly served the Columbia County Sheriff's Department and was elected as Columbia County Auditor, a role she reluctantly resigned from due to her health.

Anne is preceded in death by her father, Ralph MacLachlan; her mother, Mary Linda Gaddis; step-parents Relene MacLachlan and Richard Gaddis; her sisters Teresa McDaniels, Donna Hicks, and Francee MacLachlan; her grandparents and several beloved aunts.

She leaves behind her loving husband, Garry Snyder; her children, Alicia (Jay) Anderson, Tim (Brandi) Hollingsworth, and Tyrah (Justin) Gaines; and her adored grandchildren, Addison, Aubree, Riley, Alyssa, TJ, Justin Jr., Kaylee, and Kristin. Anne will be deeply missed by her Aunt Jean, Aunt Marla, Uncle JC, and countless friends and loved ones whose lives she touched.

A memorial gathering honoring Anne's life will be held on April 12, 2025, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Tucannon River Room at The Dayton Best Western Hotel. The catered event welcomes friends and family to come as they are and stay as long as they wish. Pastor Tony Sykes will lead a prayer at noon.

Her spirit will remain forever in our hearts. The family is deeply grateful for all the love, support, and expressions of sympathy received during this difficult time. Anne's greatest joy was her family, especially her grandchildren, whom she adored. In Anne's loving memory, we echo the heartfelt words she shared after every phone call: "Kiss my babies goodnight for me."

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April 12: Carla Nordheim, Nathan Bartlow, George Pulliam, Kelly Lambert, Clarece Newbury, Lynn Fenton, Andrew Chase Baker, Andrea Jacoy, Molly Baker, Betty Katsel, and Jennifer Cooper.

April 13: Kris Halley, Teresa Abel, Charie Flanigan, Teresa Allen, Justin Land and Jocelyn Leid Mohny.

April 14: Marnie Ng, Jason Kenney, Robert Hernandez, KC Price, and Trac Katsel.

April 15: Eric Collingwood, Sharon Morris, and Carla White.

April 16: Lynne Jones Simpson, Dora Loveall, Sandy McCaw, Taryn Chromy, Christina Page, Naomi Kulp, Kelsey Alleman, Anne Fortner, and Butch Peck.

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Cardinals split doubleheader

By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — The Waitsburg Cardinals split a doubleheader with Garfield-Palouse on Tuesday, April 1, in Waitsburg. Jarod Hankins started on the mound in the first game. Bryer Paul came in as relief in the third, and Isa Reyes closed out the last couple of innings in the 7-3 loss.

Ryan Meier pitched strong for two innings, and then Isaac Mahre took the mound. The Cardinals won the second game 11-6.

"The boys played really well. They lost the first game, dug deep, and secured the second with a win. Ryan Meyer and Richard Finch started the second game as pitcher and catcher. With aggressive base running and no quit mentality, they came through with the victory," said Coach Joe Greer.

Box scores: Game one:

Gar-Pal	0	0	3	0	3	1	7
Waitsburg	0	1	0	1	0	1	3

Battery: Hankins, Paul, Reyes, and Mahre
 Hits: Gleason 1, Patrick 1, Reyes 2, Vasquez 1, Whitmore 1, Carpenter 1, Mahrel, and Henry 1

Box scores: Game two

Gar-Pal	0	1	3	0	2	0	6
Waitsburg	0	3	5	0	1	2	11

Battery: Meier, Mahre, Finch, and Nesje
 Hits: Gleason 1, Hankins 1, Reyes 1, Vasquez 2, Meier 1, and Nesje 1



Karen Huwe

Jackson Karl was called out sliding into home plate in the second game of the doubleheader.

PERSONAL RECORDS SET AT BANTAM SMALL SCHOOLS TRACK MEET

By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — The Waitsburg High School track team had its first opportunity to compete against similar-sized schools at the Bantam Small Schools track meet in Clarkston on Wednesday, April 2.

In their events, Brenton Segraves placed in the top ten in the shot put with a PR 38'0" for fifth place, and he placed ninth in the javelin with a PR of 114'3". Marion Duncan placed tenth in the 400m (1:17.9), Alyssa Hollingsworth placed sixth in the 800m (2:52.2) and sixth in the javelin (78'8"), and Olivia Duncan had a PR in the shot put (27'4.5") for fifth place.

Setting personal records at the meet were Tucker Hamilton for javelin and the 200mm, Leif Heckman for javelin, and Cedar Stegall for discus. It was the girls' first competition in the 4 x 200 relay, and Duncan, Pilar Easton, Stegall, and Hollingsworth placed eighth.

The next track meet will be on April 15 in Pomeroy.

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IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF BENTON

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF VIRGINIA RUTH REED, Deceased.

The Personal Representative named below has been appointed and has qualified as Personal Representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, prior to the time such claims would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, serve their claims in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the Personal Representative or the Personal Representative's attorneys of record at the address stated below and file the original of the claim with the Clerk of this Court. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the Personal Representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(3); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of this notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim will be forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and non-probate assets.

Date of first publication: March 27, 2025
 /s/: Phyllis Marie Reed, Personal Representative
 By: /s/: Benjamin J. Volmer, WSBA No. 48779
 Attorney for Personal Representative
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR WALLA WALLA COUNTY

NO. 20 4 00079 36
 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

RCW 11.40.030
 In Re the Estate of: MISAEEL JEREZ, Deceased.

The Administrator named below has been appointed as administrator of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the Administrator or the Administrator's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty (30) days after the Administrator served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) Four (4) months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and non-probate assets.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

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No. 25-4-00065-36
 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

RCW 11.40.030
 In re the Estates of: Noel E. Talich and Doris M. Talich, Deceased.

The co-personal representatives named below have been appointed as co-personal representatives of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedents 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 co-personal representatives, or the co-personal representatives' 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 co-personal representatives served or mailed the notice to the creditors as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four (4) months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this timeframe, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedents' probate and non-probate assets.

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 Co-Personal Representatives: Dianne G. Long and Dennis E. Talich
 Attorney for the Personal Representative: Lenard L. Wittlake, PLLC, WSBA #15451
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NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS

In the Matter of the Estate of Kathryn D. Powers Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the person named below has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the personal representative at: 91 Walnut Street, La Grande, OR 97850 within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by these proceedings may obtain further information from the personal representative.

Dated this 25th day of March, 2025.
 Personal Representative: Ellen Barton, 91 Walnut Street, La Grande, OR 97850
 541-786-0558
 Date of first publication: March 27, 2025
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA

No 25 4 00075 36
 PROBATE NOTICE OF CREDITORS

In Re the Estate of WILLIAM CAREY HUGHES, JR. 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 stated below a copy of the claim and filing of 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.

Personal Representative: BAKER BOYER NATIONAL BANK
 Date of First Publication: April 10, 2025
 By: /s/ Jake Kotzman, Trust Officer

Personal Representative of the Estate of William Carey Hughes, Jr.
 Attorney for the Personal Representative and address for mailing and service: Steven C. Frol, Minnick-Hayner, P.S., P.O. Box 1757, 249 West Alder, Walla Walla, WA 99362
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 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.
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 Each Sunday
 337-8898
 Pastor Cameron Hedges

FUN & GAMES

The Friendly Forest

By Jimmye L. Turner



Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



GRIN and BEAR IT



"You have April madness."

PIONEER PORTRAITS

Fifteen Years Ago

April 8, 2010



[Photo caption] Brad West, a Whitman College student from Minnesota, tries his luck skimming the pond during Ski Bluewood's annual year-end bash that concluded the ski season with great new snow, a cookout and plenty of watery beer. West won the pond-skimming contest in the skiing category. His college mate David Wallace from Skagit Valley won it in the snowboard category but not before they both dunked in the ice-cold water.

Twenty Five Years Ago

April 6, 2000

Two men are in jail in Columbia County after being apprehended with the assistance of the airborne eyes of a farmer and local aerial applicator, who took to the air in a helicopter to track the suspects while police closed in. Farmer Jay Penner and Dan Jones, owner of Waitsburg Helicopter Service, are credited with the successful apprehension of the men alleged to have burglarized a rural residence and shop, and farm equipment and for allegedly stealing anhydrous ammonia Sunday, March 26. Farmers use anhydrous ammonia to fertilize their fields but the hazardous-to-handle stuff is a prime ingredient in the manufacture of the illicit drug methamphetamine. Theft of the anhydrous ammonia is fast becoming a major crime problem in rural areas.

Fifty Years Ago

April 10, 1975

Waitsburg City Council decided to purchase a riding lawnmower through the Washington State bidding plan for equipment. The mower, a Bohlen, was inspected by Grady Nix and Councilman Virgil Carpenter, who said it would do the job. Price on the machine, which will be purchased from R. M. Wade Company, Portland is \$2,524.90

Willard Vadman, Seattle, investment counselor who has been working with the City of Waitsburg on reservoir bonds, suggested that the council sell their revenue bonds at this time. Earlier Vadman had recommended that the City hold up on their sale of the \$80-85,000 worth of bonds in hope that the interest rates would drop. Even though the prime rate has dropped recently, the rate on municipal bonds has not decreased appreciably. Rates on the bonds will probably be in the neighborhood of 8.

Seventy-Five Years Ago

April 14, 1950

Dick Brunton, Fred Rankin and Marvin Klundt entered the Carnival of Speed at Milton last Friday afternoon where eighteen schools were represented in the track events.

County road equipment was used Saturday to work on the grade school grounds, and Donald Harris harrowed on Tuesday to prepare the grounds for seeding and landscaping.

A hearing before the city planning commission was held Monday evening at the city hall at which time approval was granted for the building of a new Parish Hall for the Catholic Church.

One Hundred Years Ago

April 17, 1925

Park Superintendent C. H. Kingman tells us that the auto camp ground at Preston Park has been put in first class condition and is now open to our tourist guests.

Henry M. Conover has purchased the business of the Houtchens-Kershaw Co. owned by J. F. Kershaw and Miss Mary Dixon and has taken possession.

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago

April 20, 1900

A girl named plain Mary at her birth dropped the "r" when she grew up and became Miss May. As she began to shine in a social way she changed the "y" to "e" and signed her letters, Mae. About a year ago she was married, and now she's dropped the "e", it's just plain "ma." That's evolution.

At last this city is to have a brick yard. This week a company of W. McCoy, C. W. McCoy and Jacob Cole was formed for the manufacture of brick and their yard will be located southeast of the academy.

Events, Film, Performace, Live Music

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ALL EVENTS 21+



APRIL FOOLS' SCAVENGER HUNT AT FT. WALLA WALLA

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA — The Ft. Walla Walla Museum is hosting an April Fools Scavenger Hunt throughout April. Historically, incorrect items have been hidden in some of the museum's exhibits. Guests who list them all will win a prize from the museum store.

The last day of the hunt is Sunday, April 30. The museum is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Guests are invited to participate in the Scavenger Hunt as a fun way to visit the museum, talk about the exhibits, and identify things that don't belong.



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Tuesday, April 15

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Salad

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Spring Break

April 7 to 11

Monday, April 14

Breakfast
Yogurt Parfait
Lunch
Pepperoni or Cheese Pizza
Caesar Salad
Carrots, Pineapple

Tuesday, April 15

Breakfast
Biscuits & Gravy
Lunch
Chicken Burrito Bowl
Fresh Toppings
Black bean salsa
Apples

Wednesday, April 16

Breakfast
Pancakes & Sausage
Lunch
Chili & Fritos
Roasted corn
Peach cups



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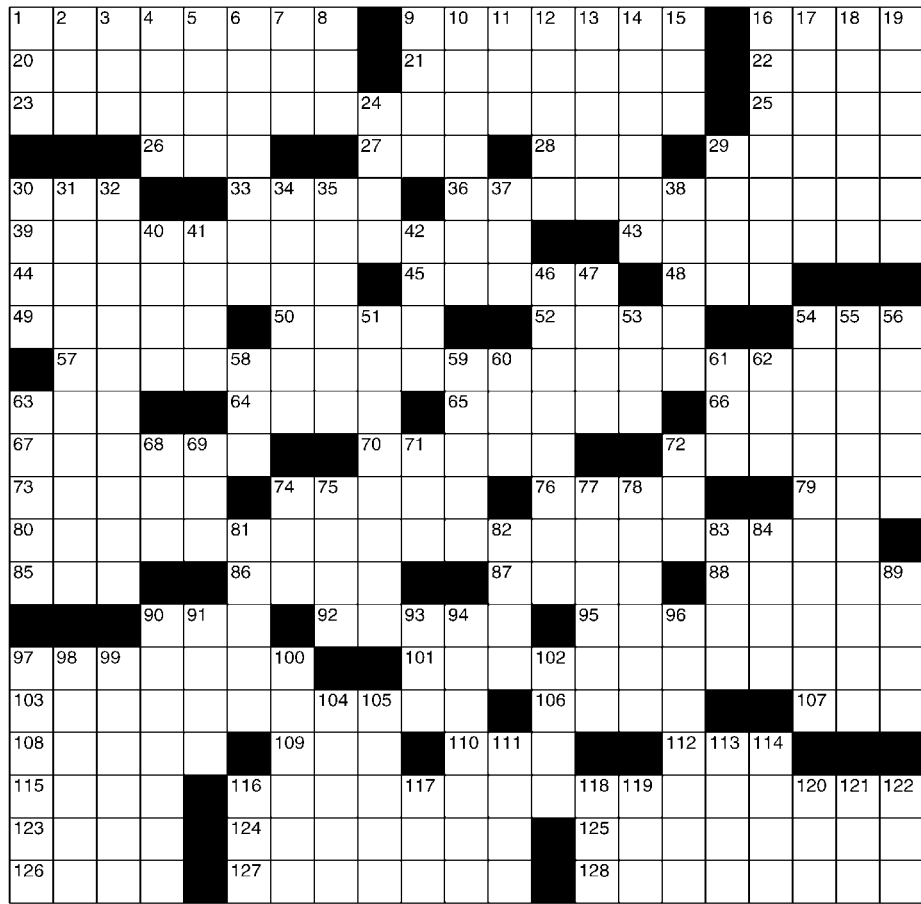
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PUZZLES & NEWS

Super Crossword

FROM ALABAMA TO LOUISIANA

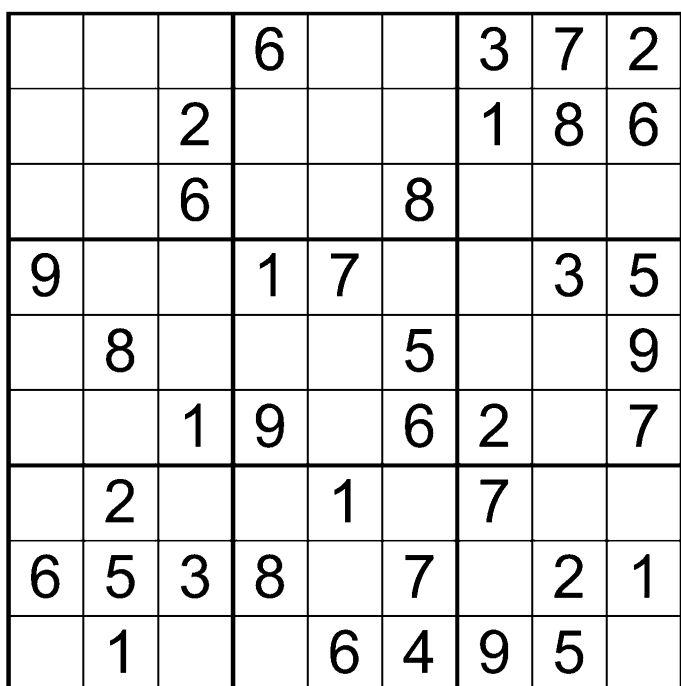
- ACROSS**
- Complaints to otologists
 - Foreboding
 - ESPN datum
 - Feelings
 - Alternative to chocolate
 - Rev gauge
 - Ailment suffered from being given too much leeway?
 - Bicolor whale
 - Poet Hughes
 - Tooth doctors' org.
 - Scarf down
 - Cantata's kin
 - "The Chi" airer, in brief
 - Alpo alternative
 - Things people run on racetracks in Switzerland's capital?
 - Coke and Pepsi's business?
 - Collide with
 - Robots in human form
 - "Fer cryin' out loud!"
 - Barkeeper on "The Simpsons"
- DOWN**
- Audio game from Hasbro
 - Off-limits
 - Farrow of film
 - Storytellers' leagues?
 - The "A" of ETA: Abbr.
 - Tech sch.
 - Some raptors
 - Vinaigrette alternative
 - Team letdowns
 - Apple tablets
 - Mild
 - Actor Koteas
 - Thighbone
 - Watering tube
 - Earth's star
 - Bivalve mollusk
 - that's neither anxious nor perturbed?
 - 1040 ID
 - Sock fillers
 - Instant, in some brand names
 - "— come to save the day!"
 - Blubber
 - Suburb of Buenos Aires
 - Etched computer components
 - Eight-note spans
 - Monty Python member wearing no jewelry or fancy clothes?
 - Topmost point on a perfume bottle?
 - Alan of "Tower Heist"
 - Blast source
 - Lindsay of "Machete"
 - Barney Miller player Linden
 - Sue Grafton's "— for Evidence"
 - Sallie —
 - Gung-ho
 - Like a shutter so shabby there's no point in putting in a new louver?
 - Head, in Nice
 - Attacks like a bird
 - "— come to save the day!"
 - Greek strife goddess
 - In a very similar way
 - Cliffhanger feeling
 - Home of Pago Pago
 - Seed case
 - Wee amount
 - TV host
 - Arctic boot attachment
 - Pawn
 - Approximate
 - U.S. soldiers
 - One of the Leeward Islands
 - Contained as a part of
 - Very pale
 - "— a pity"
 - Pottery piece
 - Downcast
 - Uno + due
 - Spy novelist Fleming
 - Smart — (wise guys)
 - Actor Elliott
 - PC key abbr.
 - "Pick up the Czech," e.g.
 - "Well, I'll be!"
 - Antagonist
 - Grades K-6: Abbr.
 - Longtime bud
 - Like cut bread
 - Many times
 - Gator's kin
 - TV plugs
 - Mao — -tung
 - Blue-green
 - Has no life
 - False appearances
 - Maker of Skin So Soft
 - Apt. units
 - True-to-fact
 - Finger-pointing people
 - Recently
 - Four-leaf —
 - One of the Windward Islands
 - "Dr." of insoles
 - Diner grub
 - Sine, for one
 - Actor Cary
 - Eensy
 - "Right away!"
 - "Game of Thrones" actress
 - Bianco
 - Packers' and Panthers' gp.
 - Sugar suffix
 - Co. — (some apartments)
 - Sch. in Manhattan
 - "Hamilton" composer —Manuel
 - Miranda
 - TV plugs
 - Mao — -tung



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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
 ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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TIME TO VOTE ON THE WAITSBURG SCHOOL LEVY – BALLOTS DUE APRIL 22

Frequently asked questions about the levy

THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — The Waitsburg School District is asking voters for a three-year levy to raise \$200,000 each of its three years: 2026, 2027, and 2028. The levy would help pay for improved safety and security throughout the school district and technology needs.

A levy is a local property tax passed by school district voters that generates revenue to fund programs and services that the state does not pay for as part of basic education. This proposed capital levy would directly pay for improvements to the district's security system and technology needs.

Q: How much would this levy cost voters?

A: The proposed levy rate is 80¢ per \$1,000 assessed property value. An owner of a \$100,000 property would pay approximately \$80 per year, which works out to \$6.67 a month or \$0.22 a day.

Q: What exactly would the levy pay for?

A: The levy would pay for camera systems on the interior and exterior of the school buildings, including the wiring infrastructure needed to install the system. The levy would also pay to add an access control system to the link area between the Waitsburg High School gym and the cage. Levy funds would also help cover the cost of maintaining the district's technology, including the 1-to-1 devices it provides all its students.

Q: How many votes does the measure need to pass?

A: Levies need a 50 percent plus one majority to pass.

Q: When do we vote?

A: Ballots began to arrive in mailboxes on April 4, and Election Day is Tuesday, April 22, 2025. All ballots must be postmarked no later than April 22 or placed in the ballot drop box outside the Waitsburg City Hall by 8 p.m. on April 22.

Q: Is there a tax break for senior citizens?

A: Yes. Washington State law provides property tax exemptions and deferral programs for senior citizens and people with disabilities. For qualification information, contact the Walla Walla County Assessor's Office at 509-524-2560 or the Columbia County Assessor at 509-382-2131

Port of Columbia Business Boosters offers social media training in April

THE TIMES

DAYTON—The Port of Columbia in Dayton hosts Choose Columbia County Business Boosters, a series of monthly training events. The theme for April is social media, presented by Sarah Magill of The Reel Sarah. Learn more about Magill at www.thereelsarah.com. Attending the April events is free.

Sessions will be held at the Port of Columbia Conference Room at 1 Port Way in Dayton or via Zoom. Session times are 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Session Dates and Topics:

- April 8 – "Magnetic Marketing: How to Attract, Connect, and Convert on Social Media." Learn how to turn your social media into a natural trust-building machine that effortlessly brings in the right people.
- April 15 – "Your Bio is Your Billboard: Make It Irresistible and Turn Followers into Customers." Craft a profile that instantly grabs attention, builds trust, and guides people toward your business.
- April 22 – "Effortless Content Creation: How to Make Posts Faster & Easier Than You Thought Possible." The simple strategies, video hacks, and shortcuts make showing up online feel light, fun, and doable.
- April 29 – "Show Up & Stand Out: Scheduling, Workflows & Building a Community That Lasts." Learn how to automate, be consistent, and turn your audience into loyal fans and customers.

For additional information, email shane@portofcolumbia.org or call the port at 509-382-2577.

HOSPITAL - FROM PAGE 1

co-insurance are more frequently being turned over to financial assistance and charity care.

"Inflationary pressures have tipped many household budgets upside down," he said.

There are three ways the hospital district could make up the \$1.6 million in lost revenue; by trimming \$2.6 million in expenses, generating \$2.2 million in new business over the next nine months, which is unlikely, and decreasing deductions from revenue.

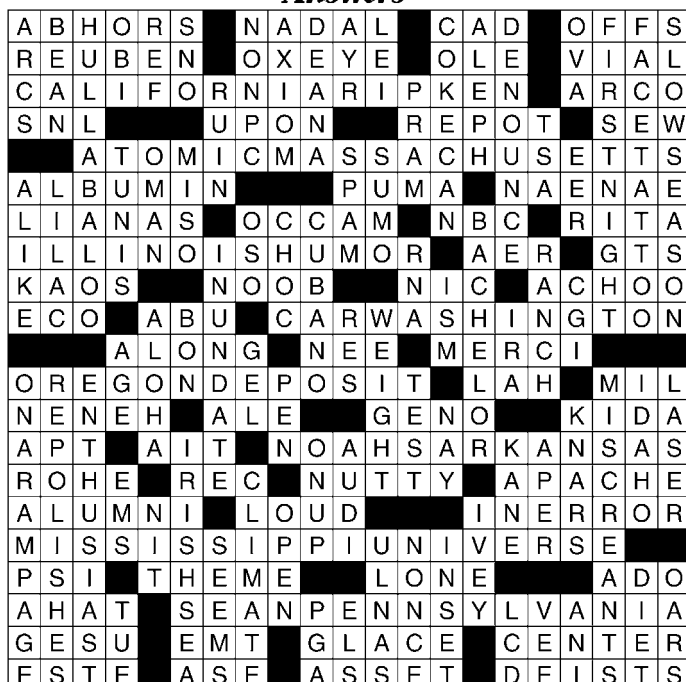
"We never get paid 100 percent of what we bill," he said. "There is always some type of contractual discount applied. If we could reduce our contractual discount by three percent, it

would make up for the loss in revenue. It is likely going to be all three to address funding changes of this magnitude."

As the sole healthcare provider in the community, CCHD is often called upon to perform health-related services, including non-emergency medical transportation, meals at the senior center, and the only childcare center in the community at the hospital campus. The CCHD provides integrated primary care, acute and post-acute care, long-term care, emergency services, and outpatient services to patients by 287 full and part-time staff. CCHD is the largest employer in Columbia County.

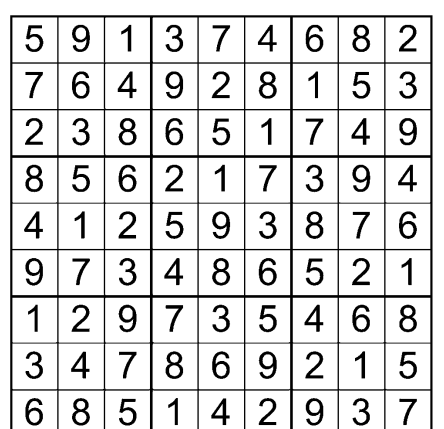
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Answer



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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 Booster Club
First Tuesday 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. @ City Hall
Info email: info@waitsburgparks.org



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

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

Friends of the Weller Public Library
Second Tuesday of the month, @ 7:15 p.m.

Waitsburg Commercial Club
Last Thursdays of the month @ City Hall @noon. Zoom info is available by emailing waitsburgcc@icloud.com

Waitsburg Resource Center Community Food Bank
Food donations on Thursdays, 2 – 4 p.m.
at 106 ½ Preston Ave
Clothing donations on Thursdays, 2 – 4 p.m.
at the Waitsburg Christian Church
604 Main Street, upstairs



DAYTON & COLUMBIA COUNTY MEETINGS

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

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

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

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

The Coalition for Youth and Families
Second Tuesday of the month @ noon @ The Port of Columbia - 1 Port Way, Dayton, Wash.

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

Dayton Memorial Library Board of Trustees Meeting
Third Monday of the month @ 7 p.m. Delany room and Zoom Meeting ID: 852 3836 3787
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85238363787>

Columbia County Parks and Recreation Pool District
Regular Board Meetings are held the last Thursday of each month, 5 p.m. at the Columbia County Fire District Conference Room

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

PRESCOTT MEETINGS

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

STARBUCK MEETINGS

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

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Monthly Drop-Off Dates

- April 12
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- June 14
- July 12
- August 9
- Sept 13
- Oct 11

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