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Waitsburg FFA members Gage Mynear, Emerson Underwood, Kaitlyn Paul, Nicole Abel, Kayla Kuykendall, Chloe McCaw, and Carter Barron at alumni dinner and auction.

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Levy needed to continue Dayton's pool progress

By Lane Gwinn | THE TIMES

DAYTON — The Columbia County Pools and Recreation District has been actively raising funds through grants and benefits. Often, the funding the district has been awarded or has submitted applications for requires matching funds.

The pools and recreation district has been awarded grants, including $275,000 from the Washington State Legislature, a $9,360 Innovia Reimbursable Grant, a $5,000 Warren Community Grant, and $7,500 from the Dayton/Columbia County Fund.

The Friends of the Pool have raised over $22,000 from its Pool Benefit Yard Sale and the first Dayton Ducktona Duck Derby.

Grant applications submitted include up to $1.5 million from the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO). The pool project moved to the second level, resulting in a site visit, and placed third on the applicant list. The district will be notified in April 2027 if it will receive RCO funds. This large grant requires a 50% match. The submitted application can be viewed at https://tinyurl.com/4ersksmt.

The district also applied for a Youth and Athletic Facilities Small Grant from RCO for $140,000 with no required match.

To continue its successful fundraising and progress, the Columbia County Pools and Recreation District asks Columbia County voters to pass a replacement levy through Proposition 1 on the November 3, 2026, ballot. If approved, the levy would be applied to 2026 property taxes and collected in 2027. The district intends to use this money for operation and maintenance of a pool project.

"We, as a board, want to express our thanks for the support we have received over the past two years from donations, showing up at the yard sale and duck derby, and for passing two levies. Our grant writer has assured us that a lot of our success in receiving grants is due to great community support," said Chair Terri Hessler of Columbia County Pools and Recreation District Board of Directors.

Hessler recognized the Friends of the Pool's support. The nonprofit, led by Chair Fred Crowe, has provided Dayton's grade school students with swim lessons at Walla Walla YMCA over the past two years. It also funds training for older youth to become certified lifeguards, who will be vital when the pool opens.

The Friends of the Pool meet on the second Monday of the month at 4:30 p.m. in the Delaney Building at the Dayton Public Library. The Friends invite anyone interested to join them in support of the community pool project.

The next fundraiser will be a second Pool Yard Sale on October 23 and 24, at 408 E Clay Street in Dayton. Contact Terri Hessler at (509) 629-1573 to donate usable items for the sale.

VOTE YES ON LEVY TO REOPEN PRESCOTT POOL

By Lane Gwinn | THE TIMES

PRESCOTT — The Prescott Joint Park and Recreation District ask its voters to pass Proposition No. 1, the Maintenance & Operation Excess Levy on November's ballot.

This will be a levy for 2026/2027, to collect up to $0.35 per $1,000 of assessed value to raise $175,000.

After the pool was closed this summer, children lost a safe place to spend their days, families had to drive to other towns and many missed out because those trips aren't possible for everyone. The community felt the absence of something that has been a part of Prescott for generations.

Forever Blue in Waitsburg

By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — The Waitsburg FFA Alumni and Supporters Charter held a fundraiser at the Waitsburg Town Hall on Saturday, October 10. The dinner and auction raised an estimated $2,500 to fund activities and experiences for Waitsburg FFA students, including sending 1 or 2 members to the FFA Washington Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C.

Started in 2025, the Waitsburg alumni charter is affiliated with the National FFA organization and Washington State FFA Alumni and Supporters.

The current membership includes 37 community members and 28 associate members. Associates, recent WHS graduates who were active in FFA, receive 5-year memberships to stay connected to the National FFA Organization.

The evening featured spaghetti, salad, and garlic bread, a silent auction, and a live dessert auction. Waitsburg FFA members helped serve dinner.

Waitsburg High School FFA member Carter Barron served as auctioneer for the live dessert auction, where a peanut butter pie raised $125 as one of the top-selling desserts.

Local businesses, including Franz Bakery, Royal Block, Walla Walla Electric, McGregors, Safeway, Laht Neppur, E2 Leatherworks, Waitsburg Booster Club, Waitsburg FFA, Naomi Maiden, and Waitsburg Grocery, donated to the dinner and auction.

You don't need to be an FFA alumnus to join the charter; community members interested in continuing agricultural education and supporting students are also welcome. For more information or to join, visit the Waitsburg FFA Alumni Facebook page or contact one of the charter officers.

The officers are President Tracy Barron, Vice President Seamus House, Treasurer Katie Knighton, and Secretary Sarah Pearson.

The annual membership fee is $20 due in the Fall. National FFA provides member benefits, including educational programs, discounts, and exclusive international travel opportunities. Visit www.ffa.org/alumni-and-supporters to learn more about the Forever Blue Network.

The charter's next meeting is on November 17, 2026, at 7 p.m. in the WHS Ag Classroom.

Ballots will be mailed Oct. 16

The November 3, 2026 General Election ballots and Voters Guides will be mailed to voters by October 16.

To prepare for your vote you can access online voter guides at the websites below:

Washington State Voters Guide at https://tinyurl.com/2hn6de9f or by using the QR code on the right:

Columbia County Voters Guide at https://tinyurl.com/3whdj3nv or by using the QR code on the right:

Registration Deadlines

- Monday, October 26, 2026 – Deadline to receive new registrations and voter updates online and by mail.
- Tuesday, November 3, 2026 – 8:00pm deadline for in-person registration and voter updates.

Check your voter status or register to vote at votewa.gov

Walla Walla County Voters Guide at https://tinyurl.com/y55bb3mk or by using the QR code on the right:

NEWS BRIEFS

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AT THE LIBERTY:

"Heart of the Beast"
October 16-20

THE TIMES

DAYTON — After a harrowing plane crash, Special Forces officer James Belmont (Brad Pitt) and his combat dog, Odin, find themselves stranded deep in the Alaskan wilderness. Together, they are forced into a brutal fight for survival against the elements. From acclaimed filmmaker David Ayer, "Heart of the Beast" is an intense adventure thriller that explores the unbreakable bond between a man and his best friend as they face their greatest battle yet. The Cast includes Brad Pitt, J.K. Simmons, Anna Lambe. Rated: PG-13 for violence, peril, bloody/injury images and some language. Runtime:101 minutes

Some Rotten Tomatoes critics said this film is "a rigorously entertaining adventure story told through a spartan script and memorable set pieces; 'Heart of the Beast' pays rousing tribute to man's best friend." While many audience reviews were very positive, one patron captured how this film might resonate with moviegoers: "You would think all dog movies follow the same formula, but this one truly brings it home."

Trick-or-Treat at The Liberty Theater on Friday, October 30. Stop by the theater during trick-or-treating on Main Street between 3 and 5 p.m. for treats and to show off your creative costumes.

The 2026 Fall Production of "The Wizard of Oz" runs November 13 through December 5. Brenda Henderson and Assistant Director Stephanie Snyder direct this year's show. Rehearsals are underway, with costumes being designed and fitted. Over 60 local cast and crew are participating in this production. Tickets will go on sale October 19 and will be available at libertytheater.org or at the box office on Tuesday and Friday, 2- 5 p.m.

SUPPORT OF INITIATIVE 645, REPEALING STATE INCOME TAX

Ads supporting the income tax are being less than honest. The Center Square is one that has called them out:

"Politicians and the media are claiming approval of Initiative 645 will "cut funding" for public schools, higher education and health care. There's only one problem - it's not true.

Why? Because there's nothing to cut. Washington doesn't collect a dime of income tax revenue until 2029. It's not possible to cut something that doesn't exist."

Source: The Center Square at https://tinyurl.com/2cvs3p46. And for those claiming it is ONLY a tax on millionaires, Representative Cyndy Ryu stated in an interview with KUOW Radio she'd like to look at lowering the threshold to $250,000—1/4 of the million previously touted!

Source: Komonews.com at https://komonews.com/news/local/poll-vote-washington-state-politics-how-worried-are-you-that-the-income-threshold-will-be-lowered-for-the-millionaires-tax.

How long will it take to lower the threshold to include retiree pensions and "other benefits", specifically mentioned as being taxable in the income tax legislation (SB 6346)?

The lack of honesty alone in ads supporting the income tax is reason enough for a YES vote on IP26-645 to defeat the income tax.

Jim Davison
Waitsburg, Washington

ENDORSEMENT FOR JANELLE CARMEN-WAGNER

Our American justice system is too important to take for granted. We must have the best and brightest people administering that justice. That's why my husband Jim and I are proud to endorse Janelle Carman-Wagner for part time District Court Judge. I've known Janelle for more than 20 years, and my husband has known her for much longer than that. Her broad experience in civil, family, and criminal law makes her competent and knowledgeable in all the legal matters under District Court jurisdiction. After some court cases, someone may be angry; someone may be happy, but justice is what matters. Janelle is fair, ethical, and scrupulously honest. She is also kind and reasoned. Those are the qualities required of a judge. Her local roots, her background in education (yes, she was an English teacher before law school), and her commitment to treating all with dignity make her the candidate we need. During the 12 years my husband Jim Romine was jail commander he often remarked how Janelle didn't get ruffled; she is a real professional. And whether it's volunteering at the free clinic or working with 4-H kids, she gives back. She deserves our votes for part time District Court Judge.

Virginia Romine
Waitsburg, Washington

SUPPORT FOR SCHRAM

Dear Editor,

There are people who will tell you they are about their community, and there are people who simply show up when someone needs them. Richard Schram has always been the kind who shows up. From what I have seen, he steps up because he feels a responsibility to help, not because he wants recognition or a title.

That is the same quality I see in his decision to run for Sheriff. Richard knows the responsibilites of the office and the people who do the work everyday. He has the depth of experience to understand the challenges ahead and how to address them. I have the confidence in his experience, but what stands out to me most is the person behind it. Richard is the neighbor who will come running when you need help. He is loyal, dependable, and the kind of person who stays until the problem is solved. That is exactly the character we need in our Sheriff.

I encourage my neighbors to join me in supporting Richard Schram for Sheriff of Walla Walla County.

Regards,
Anita Matharu
Burbank, Wash.

BIRTHDAYS

October 15: Robert Webber, Wayne Stonecipher, Debbie Cobb, Marcus Zuger III, Robin Marshall.

October 17: Fred Hofer, Jr., Lorene Swauger, Shaun Segraves, Jill Antonius.

October 18: Matthew Frohning, Julia Klucas, Edna Kirk, Vicky Maiden, Jesse McCaw, Tanya Maurer, Edgar Tarp.

October 19: Noel Atkinson, Rosemary Archer, Lynn Carpenter, Wyatt Withers, Kennedy Mae Henze.

October 20: Owen Lee Cole, Rochell Duncan.

October 21: Steve Ahler.

Donate. Give Food. Feed Our Community.

1 in 4 Washingtonians will visit a food pantry this year.

For ways to help make sure everyone in Walla Walla County has enough to eat this holiday season, scan the QR code.

The Walla Walla Valley Hunger Relief Coalition is:

akin BMAC: BURWOOD CP FIRE DISTRICT #2 Communities In Schools
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Barbara Cockburn Danforth

May 6, 1930 – October 3, 2026

Barbara Cockburn Danforth, at 96 years old, passed away on October 3, 2026, in Walla Walla, WA. She was born on May 6, 1930, in Walla Walla to Jack and Ada Cockburn. She was raised on the family wheat farm 14 miles north of Waitsburg. Barb attended McKay-Alto country school through sixth grade and then transferred to the Waitsburg School District, where she graduated in 1948 as Salutatorian. She was very active throughout her high school years, including participation in the local Rainbow Girls assembly. To top off her senior year, she was the Queen of The Days of Real Sport. It was also during her senior year at WHS that Barb met the love of her life, Bob Danforth.

Barbara attended Whitman College in Walla Walla, where she received a degree in Sociology. During her time there, she was a member of Alpha Chi Omega. The relationships developed at Whitman lasted throughout her lifetime.

While Bob was serving in the United States Marine Corps in San Diego, they rekindled their relationship and were married on July 6, 1952, at the Walla Walla Presbyterian Church. After Bob completed his military service, they returned to the family farm in Waitsburg. Bob and Barb built a farming life together, based on hard work and values. They farmed from 1954-1996.

Barb was an active member in her community: a faithful servant of God as a member of the Waitsburg Presbyterian Church; a 70-year member of the Order of Eastern Star, where she held many offices including Grand Electa; a lifetime member of Chapter BE, PEO. She also served on the Walla Walla Community Foundation Board of Governors, the Children's Home Society board, and the Whitman College Board of Governors. Barb became a strong supporter of Fort Walla Walla and the Early Life Speech and Language clinic in Walla Walla.

Submitted photo

Barbara Cockburn Danforth
May 6, 1930 – October 3, 2026

In their retirement, Barb and Bob moved to Walla Walla, played many hands of bridge, traveled extensively, and continued their community service, while hitting up a Husky game or two.

Barbara is survived by her three children; son and daughter-in-law, Rob and Leslie Danforth of Issaquah, Wash.; daughter and son-in-law, Susie and Mitchell Payne of Dayton, Wash.; son and daughter-in-law, David and Nancy Danforth of Snoqualmie, Wash. Barb has eight grandchildren: Nicholas (wife Heather), Jonathan, Cameron (wife Brooke), Andrea (husband Greg), Molly, Christopher (wife Kierstin), Amanda and Ashley (husband Stefan). She was blessed to know seven great-grandchildren.

On Friday, October 16, 2026, the Funeral Ceremony of the Order of the Eastern Star will be held at 10:00 a.m. at the Waitsburg Cemetery, followed by an 11:00 memorial service at the Waitsburg Presbyterian Church.

Memorial contributions may be made in lieu of flowers to the Waitsburg High School Scholarship Fund, Blue Mountain Community Foundation, or Early Life Speech and Language in Walla Walla.

Desmond Lewis Witt

December 5, 1937 – September 9, 2026

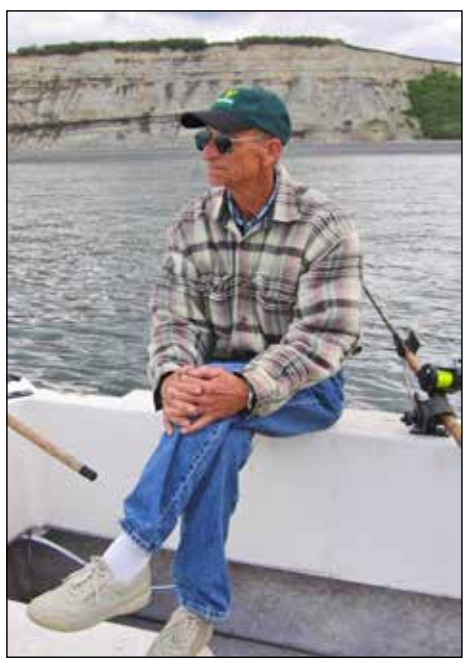
Desmond L. Witt—a devoted husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, and friend—passed away at home on September 9, 2026, at the age of 88.

Des was born on December 5, 1937. Over the course of his life, he worked as a heavy-equipment mechanic and farmed both irrigated and dry land. He remained active for most of his life and dearly loved his horses and dogs. He also enjoyed time outdoors, from the beaches of the coast to the mountains, as well as hunting, fishing, snowmobiling, and boating.

Des was preceded in death by his first wife, Anne, and his second wife, Wanda.

Des is survived by his children, Scott Witt and Lori Miller and her husband, Don; his brothers, Kay Witt and his wife, Lucia, and Steve Witt and his wife, Ann-Marie; his grandchildren, Kaelei, Cassi, Amanda, and Dani; and his 13 great-grandchildren.

His family and friends will remember the time he shared with them and the many memories they made together. Des was always ready to help a neighbor and take part in his community. He is deeply missed and will be forever loved.



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Desmond L. Witt
December 5, 1937 – September 9, 2026

A celebration-of-life open house honoring Des will be held on October 17, 2026, from noon to 2:00 PM, at Lions Hall on the Waitsburg Fairgrounds. Family and friends are invited to gather, remember Des, celebrate his life, and share the memories he leaves behind.

Wild & Scenic Film Festival Returns to Walla Walla, Bringing Stories of Rivers, Farms and Hope

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA — This fall, residents of eastern Washington and Oregon will have a chance to visit remote rivers, wild landscapes, working farms and novel restoration projects—without ever leaving town.

The Wild & Scenic Film Festival is returning to Walla Walla for two special evenings on October 28 and 29 at Whitman College's newly renovated Deshler Auditorium (formerly known as Maxey Auditorium), offering audiences a series of award-winning films that celebrate the natural world while highlighting the people working to protect it.

The festival first came to Walla Walla in 2015 through the Blue Mountain Land Trust. Now, after several years' hiatus, Roots of Resilience and Tri-State Steelheaders are reviving the event, bringing international stories of conservation and stewardship back to a community where the connection between people and the land runs deep.

"This festival is really about connecting people to the landscapes and waterways we depend on," according to the organizers. "It's about inspiring action by showing what's possible."

The two-night event will feature a different theme each evening. On Wednesday, October 28, films will focus on agriculture, habitat restoration and stewardship of working lands. The following night shifts attention to salmon, river systems, aquatic species and efforts to restore and protect healthy waterways.

While the stories come from around the world, many of the challenges and solutions explored onscreen resonate with issues facing the Walla Walla Valley today. At a time when environmental headlines can often feel discouraging, organizers hope the films offer something different: stories of resilience, innovation and communities coming together to solve problems.

The festival also serves as a fundraiser for the two sponsoring organizations. Proceeds help support local education programs, scientific research, conservation advocacy and hands-on restoration projects throughout the region.

The Wild & Scenic Film Festival began in California in 2003 following a successful effort to secure Wild & Scenic River designation for a stretch of the South Yuba River. Since then, it has grown into one of the nation's premier environmental film festivals, featuring more than 150 films annually and touring communities around the world.

Whether attendees are avid outdoor enthusiasts, conservation advocates, film lovers or simply looking for an inspiring evening with family and friends, the festival organizers say "there is something for everyone."

Festival Details

- When: Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 28-29, 2026
- Where: Deshler Auditorium (formerly Maxey Auditorium), Whitman College, Walla Walla
- Doors Open: 6:30 p.m.
- Films Begin: 7 p.m.
- Tickets:
- $20 for one night, including five days of online access to featured films
- $35 for both nights, including five days of online access
- $35 for online-only access

Tickets are available online and at the door beginning at 6:30 p.m. each evening. For tickets, film trailers and additional information, visit the Tri-State Steelheaders website (tristatesteelheaders.com) or contact Brian Burns at 509-529-3543, ext. 1.

NEWS & LEGALS

Events, Film, Performance, Live Music

MYTHICAL/MOVABLE
BLUE MOUNTAIN BLUEGRASS JAM

Ten Ton Art
216 Main St, Waitsburg
Friday, October 16, at 7 p.m.

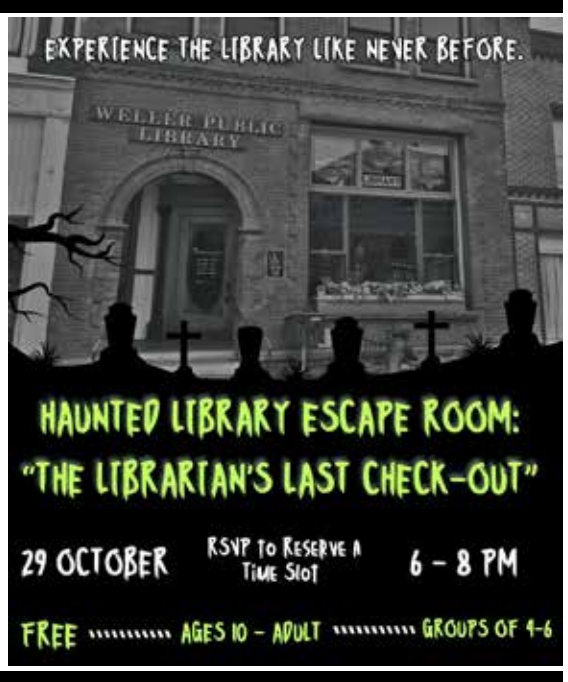
CHARITY BINGO
WITH ODD FELLOWS LODGE #338
WAITSBURG TOWN HALL
Join the Odd Fellows for Bingo
Cards are 2 for $15 to play all day. Prizes sponsored by local businesses and the Odd Fellows.
Proceeds will go to local food banks.
Saturday, October 17, 2026
2 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Waitsburg Town Hall, 121 Main Waitsburg

Waitsburg Halloween Party at the Bruce Museum

A free Halloween party for families dressed in their favorite appropriate costumes.

Saturday, October 31 from 2 to 4 pm at the Bruce House front lawn

Sponsored by the Waitsburg Historical Society
"Trunk or Treat"
Halloween Carnival with prizes
Color Halloween small canvas bags



LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA
No. 26 4 00193 36
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS
In re the Estate of
WILLIAM NICHOLAS HEISER,
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 by RCW 11.40.070 by serving or mailing to the personal representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty (30) days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) Four (4) months after the date of first publication of this notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051, and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.
Date of first publication: 8 October 2026
Personal Representative:
Virginia Ann Heiser
c/o Michael E. de Grasse
Counsel for Personal Representative
59 S. Palouse St.
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Walla Walla, WA 99362
Walla Walla County Superior Court
Cause No.: 26 4 00193 36
/s/ Virginia Ann Heiser
Personal Representative
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA
NO: 26-4-00175-36
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS
RCW 11.40.030
In re the Estate of:
JAMES JEFFREY HICKSON, also known as JAMES HICKSON,
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 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and non-probate assets.
Administrator: Carol Irwin
Attorney for the Administrator:
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Minnick-Hayner, PS
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PO Box 1757
Walla Walla, WA 99362
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By: /s/Carol Irwin,
Administrator of the Estate of Larence L. Smith
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON
IN AND FOR WALLA WALLA COUNTY
NO. 26-4-00144-36
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS
RCW 11.40.030
In Re the Estate of:
LARENCE L. SMITH,
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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ORDINANCE SUMMARY
Pursuant to RCW 35A.12.160, the Council of the City of Prescott hereby approves for publication the following Ordinance Summary:
1. The name of the City is the City of Prescott, Washington.
2. The Ordinance summarized is Ordinance No. 2026-01, adopted by the Council of the City of Prescott on September 14, 2026.
3. The Ordinance amends Ordinance No. 2025-05, in part, adopted on October 27, 2025, and replaces the current water rate schedule.
4. The Ordinance is summarized as follows:
a. The Ordinance is divided into three (3) sections.
b. Section 1 amends Section 2 of Ordinance No. 2025-05 and replaces the Residential and Commercial water rates tables. The changes increase the flat base rate(s) and implement increased per usage rate(s) for all additional water. Section 1 further states that the remainder of Ordinance No. 2025-05 shall remain unchanged.
c. Section 2 states that the per unit water rates established in Section 1 may be amended in the future by resolution of the Council and further states that changes to the base rate or tier structure shall be via ordinance.
d. Section 3 states that all rates, charges and conditions in the Ordinance shall become effective November 16, 2026.
5. A copy of the entire Ordinance will be mailed upon request or may be examined at City Hall.
APPROVED by the Council of the City of Prescott on the 14th day of September, 2026.
/s/ Karen Gleason,
Mayor
The Times
October 15, 2026
10-15-d

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF BENTON
NO. 26-4-00241-03
NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR ORDER DETERMINING UNASCERTAINABLE CREDITORS AND TERMINATING RIGHTS
RCW 11.40.040 and RCW 11.96A.080 and .110
In the Matter of the Estate of:
CRAIG EDWIN HALL,
Deceased.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that STACEY HALL, the Personal Representative of the above-named Estate, has filed in the office of the clerk of the above court the Petition for Order Determining Unascertainable Creditors and Terminating Rights (the "Petition").
The Petition will be heard on WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2026, at 1:30pm, in the courtroom of the Probate Department of the above court, at which time and place any person interested in the estate may appear and file objections to and contest the Petition.
Date of Second Publication: 10/15/26
/S/ STACEY HALL,
Personal Representative
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
IN AND FOR WALLA WALLA COUNTY
CAUSE NO. 26-4-00170-36
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS
RCW 11.40.030
In re the Estate of:
SUSAN ANN CRIPE,
Deceased.
The Co-Personal Representatives named below have been appointed as Co-Personal Representatives 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 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 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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/s/ John T. Cripe
Co-Personal Representative
/s/ Anne E. Lloyd
Co-Personal Representative
Dates of Publication:
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON
IN AND FOR WALLA WALLA COUNTY
NO. 26-4-00143-36
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS
RCW 11.40.030
In Re the Estate of:
WILLIAM McVAY,
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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Attorney for the Administrator:
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Minnick-Hayner, PS
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Walla Walla County Superior Court, Cause Number: 26-4-00143-36
Date of First Publication: October 1, 2026
By: /s/ Sharean Oxley,
Administrator of the Estate of William McVay
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA
NO: 26-4-00188-36
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS
RCW 11.40.030
In re the Estate of:
LARRY R. BOHLMAN,
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.
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
IN AND FOR WALLA WALLA COUNTY
CAUSE NO. 26 4 00198 36
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS
RCW 11.40.030
In re the Estate of:
NORMA ALONA SEWELL,
Deceased.
The Personal Representative named below has been appointed as Personal Representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the Personal Representative, or the Personal Representative's attorney at the address stated below, a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty (30) days after the Personal Representative served or mailed the Notice to the Creditors as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) Four (4) months after the date of first publication of the Notice. If the claim is not presented within this 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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Court of Probate Proceedings and Cause Number:
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Cause No. 26 4 00198 36
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/s/ Shelley R. Sewell Guzik,
Personal Representative
Dates of Publication:
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Regular Board Session
Thursday October 22, 2026, 6 PM
NOTICE is hereby given that the Board of Directors of Prescott School District No. 402-37, Walla Walla and Columbia Counties, Washington, will hold their REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD meeting on Thursday, 22 October 2026 at Vista Hermosa Community Center Chapel, 74 Sara Lynne Lane, Prescott, WA 99348.
The meeting is being called to discuss and act upon regular monthly school business. The meeting will follow the guidelines of a Regular Board Session. To ensure compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act (Chapter 42.30, RCW), the Board will treat the meeting on 22 October 2026 as a regular meeting and provides notice as required by law.
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Times Archive

The first Library Collection will be available for bidding in an online auction starting October 20 through November 7. Don't miss out on owning a bit of analog (non-AI) art and literature.

Support Waitsburg's Library and bid on original art

Check out the original artwork at the Weller Public Library to pick the one you want.

THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — The Weller Library Board of Trustees and Library Director Sarah Roberts began a program to display and then auction original paintings at the Waitsburg library. After deciding to exhibit the paintings above the main room bookshelves, they purchased six 24" x 36" canvases. Roberts contacted local artist Lane Gwinn, who created the first set of paintings.

Gwinn's paintings highlight six authors, painted in black and white, with colorful imagery portraying their bodies of work in the background.

"In this age of Artificial Intelligence, I wanted to create paintings that would highlight some great books and the people who write them," said Gwinn.

With help from Roberts, the artist chose Octavia Butler, author of the "Parable of the Sower" series; Maurice Sendak, whose work includes "Where the Wild Things Are"; Martha Wells, author of the "The Murderbot Diaries" series; Ernest Hemingway, author of "The Old Man and the Sea"; Allie Brosh, author of "Hyperbole and a Half"; and John Green, writer of "Everything is Tuberculosis".

The library is offering the six paintings for bid in an online auction beginning October 20 and closing on November 7.

Each auction item includes:

- An original oil painting by Lane Gwinn
- A hardcover copy of the book that inspired the artwork
- A Weller Public Library reusable tote bag

Your winning bid supports the Friends of the Weller Public Library and helps support Waitsburg's library and its programs.

Visit Weller Public Library on Facebook for sneak peeks of the paintings, and get ready to bid on a one-of-a-kind piece of literary art.

CARDINAL SPORTS with Karen Huwe

CARDINALS LOSE TO BULLDOGS

For the first time since the dissolution of the Dayton-Waitsburg football combine, the Bulldogs got their first win over the Cardinals.

"Cody Chapman is a good coach, and he has a solid team. Nonetheless, the game Friday did not reflect the team I think Waitsburg has. We are a young team. We have a level of natural talent. However, our difficulty is consistency and discipline. We had a great week of practice, working on and reinforcing the discipline we can have. Once we figure out how to stay disciplined even under pressure and when bad things happen, we will show what kind of team we really are," said coach Gabe Kiefel.

It was senior night for the two Cardinal Seniors: JJ Gleason and Landen Henry. Gleason passed well, completing 18 out of 29 passes for 354 yards and four touchdowns. Henry caught three passes for eighteen yards and one conversion.

Dayton took the lead in the first quarter as the Cardinals struggled to stop the Bulldogs and finished with a 66-28 win.

Offensively, Uriah York caught 13 passes for 305 yards and scored four touchdowns. Liam Kiefel rounded out the receptions with two catches for 31 yards.

On defense, the Cardinals had some decent defensive performances, though they ultimately gave up too much. Camdyn Vories had 12 tackles, three tackles for loss (TFL), and one sack. York had 11 tackles and one TFL. Alex Zuniga finished with eight tackles, three TFLs, including one sack. Jake Lynch had ten tackles and two TFL.

The Cardinals next game will be at St. John-Endicott on October 16. Kickoff at 7 p.m.

Go Cardinals!

WAITSBURG'S YOUTH FOOTBALL TEAM BEATS DAYTON

Waitsburg's youth football team played against Dayton on Saturday, October 10. The young Cardinals ended with a 36 to 8 win.

Julian Gillentine led the team with four touchdowns. He carried the ball six times, accumulating 155 yards rushing, and 53 with three completed passes. On defense, Gillentine made eleven tackles.

Playing quarterback, Charlie Reger passed for one touchdown and ran the ball four times for 23 yards. Reger made 10 tackles and an interception.

Gavin Watkins scored two two-point conversions.

The coaches said all the boys played well. They said they are seeing significant development in this group, and things are starting to click.

The Cardinals will play in Athena on Saturday, October 17. Kickoff is at 10 am.

FIRST MATCH WIN FOR CARDINAL VOLLEYBALL

The Lady Cardinals high school volleyball team won its first match of the season against Touchet on Saturday, October 10, at home on Kison Court.

"It was a great battle, and the girls had some amazing moments of skill and coming together as a team," said coach Jamie Smit.

Katy Allen served 20 out of 21 serves, Olivia Kiefel served 11/13, and Ellie Teal served 16/18 in the 25-18, 25-20, 15-25, 20-25, 15-11 win.

Other highlights include two blocks and a kill by Kiefel; four aces, three blocks, and two kills by Teal; three digs by Joslin Nodine; and strong serving by Cheri Mathews and Shaunna Hilton.

At Tekoa-Rosalia on Thursday, October 8, the Cardinals lost 25-5, 26-25, and 25-11. Jemma Anderson served 9-for-9 with an ace, Teal served 5-for-5 with an ace, and Nodine made 3 digs.

In the varsity match, the Cardinals lost the first two sets to Dayton 18-25 and 13-25 before winning the third set 25-15.

"Serving and communication continue to haunt the team," said coach Karen Huwe. "The girls did well on setting up the ball for three hits, and they ran the 6-2 offense a lot better tonight," Huwe added.

Rylee Cole, Ava McCaw and Emma Langford were the top servers with Cole serving 8/11 with an ace and two kills. McCaw served 6/8, with one kill and one block, and Langford served 4/5. Jaylynn Gleason had four kills in the loss.

Gleason was named Player of the Game.

MS FOOTBALL WINS AT GARFIELD-PALOUSE

Waitsburg Middle School's football team traveled to Garfield-Palouse on Thursday, October 8, and came away with a 46-0 victory.

"I was really happy with how the boys came out and competed," said coach Chris Andrews.

The Cardinals executed their offense well and held Gal-Pal to no first downs all game. The team kept their foot on the throttle despite Gar-Pal coming out hungry in the second half.

On Monday, October 12, the Cardinals lost 66-30 at DeSales.

Waitsburg took an early 18-12 lead but lost players to injuries before the first quarter ended. By the third quarter, the Cardinals only had enough players to play 5-man football, but they kept on battling.

"I was proud of how they faced adversity and chose not to quit," said coach Andrews.

Waitsburg will travel to play Tekoa-Rosalia on Thursday, October 15.

MS VOLLEYBALL ACTION

At LCWW on Monday, Oct 5 and Prescott (v only) on Wednesday, Oct 7, Dayton Oct 12

Waitsburg middle school volleyball played two matches on Monday, October 5, at Liberty Christian Walla Walla and on Wednesday, October 7, at Prescott.

At LCWW, the young Cardinals played an experienced team. They were the first team to spike the ball and the first the Cardinals faced with strong serving. The varsity lost 25-8, 25-17, 25-12.

Highlights included Jaylynn Gleason with a block and three kills, Ava McCaw with a block, and Oaklee Adams and Adalin Acevedo both serving 88%.

The junior varsity team lost to LCWW 25-20, 25-21, 25-17. Arya Hillman served 80%, Avery Spring served seven out of ten with an ace, Olivia Long served five aces and Dakota Creeley served two aces.

Only one match was played at Prescott on October 7, with the Tigers winning three straight sets: 25-19, 25-22, 25-12.

The Cardinals started strong, setting the ball up, but struggled with the opponent bumping it right back over.

"We are coaching the team to get them ready for high school volleyball. Running a 6-2 offense and making defensive switches. The girls were not ready for the immediate bump over and a few balls were dropped," said coach Karen Huwe.

Gleason and Adams served 100% in the match. Acevedo had numerous good passes for the Cardinals.

The junior varsity got their first match win of the season on October 12 beating Dayton 25-16, 19-25, 25-20.

Avery Spring served 18 out of 21 serves with ten aces. Vaida Langford served 7/7 with two aces, Emma Langford served 7/7 with two aces and Shylo Hedges served 7/9 with two aces and she had three kills in the match.

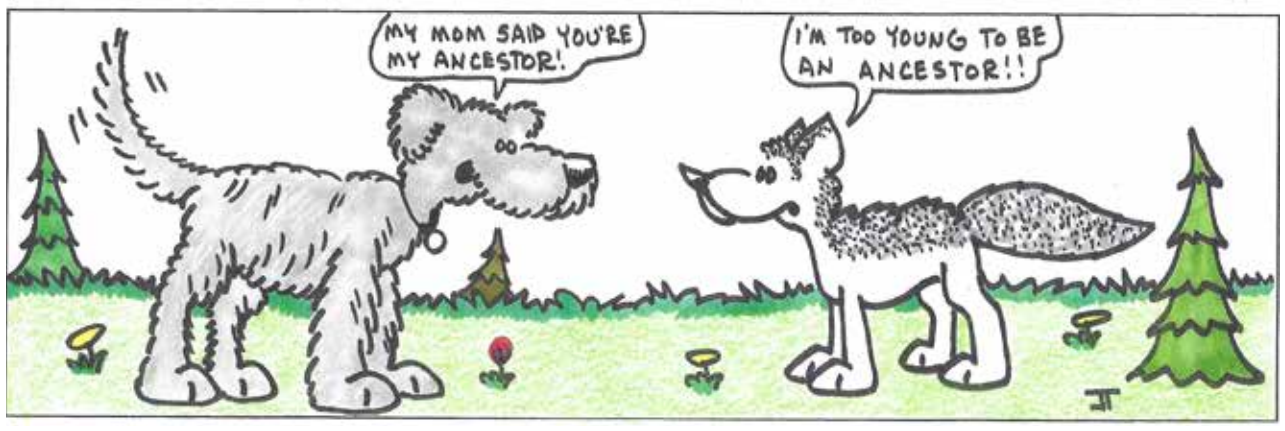
Spring and Hedges were named Players of the Game.

Karen Huwe

Ava McCaw gets a block against Dayton (l-r): McCaw, Haven Henry.

LEGALS & FUN

The Friendly Forest — By Jimmye L. Turner



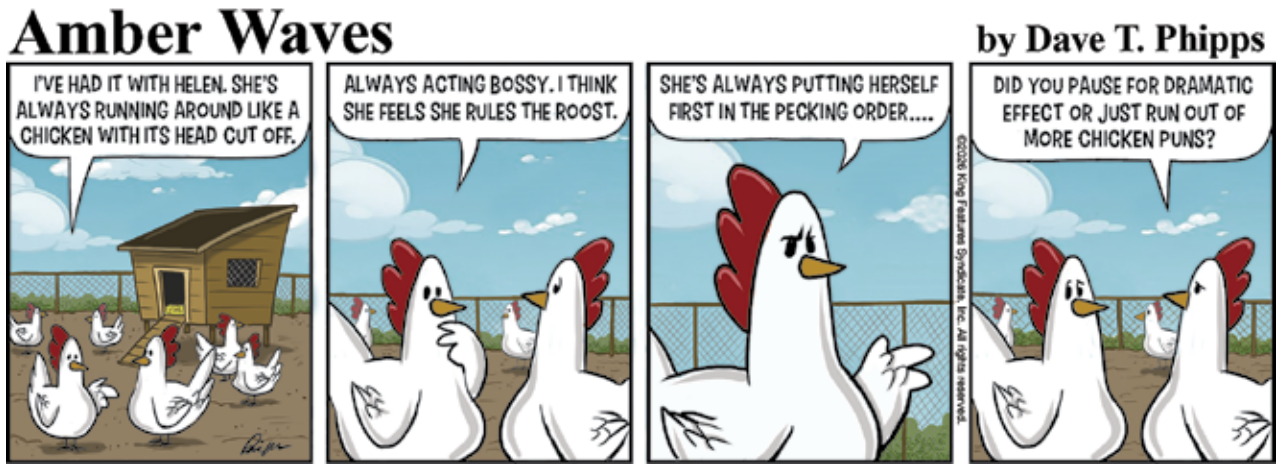
Just Like Cats & Dogs — by Dave T. Phipps

Grin and Bear It — by Wagner

"I hate it when jousting season begins!"

Out on a Limb — by Gary Kopervas

Amber Waves — by Dave T. Phipps



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HELP WANTED

Columbia County Public Health is accepting applications for the position of Public Health Business Manager.
The Public Health Business Manager is responsible for coordinating grant efforts and performing a variety of grant, finance and budgeting functions and transactions for Columbia County. Work involves preparing, processing, analyzing, interpreting, reconciling, maintaining, and verifying the correctness of a variety of grant, finance and budgeting data.
Work is performed under minimal supervision with moderate latitude in the use of initiative. Position relies on experience and exercises some independent judgement to determine the best approach by using and interpreting policies and procedures.
This position is a 32 hour per week position, Monday through Thursday, which offers full-time benefits including medical, dental, vision, retirement, and earned sick and vacation time.
For a complete job description visit Job Postings • Columbia County • CivicEngage
For questions, please contract the Human Resources Department by phone 509-382-3930 or by email Ashley_kilts@columbiacountywa.gov
Starting Pay $27.68-$28.79/hour based on experience.

PIONEER PORTRAITS

Fifteen Years Ago

October 20, 2011

[Photo Caption] WP's middle school runner Emily Adams, no. 1442, gives a tough finishing kick recently at an invitational in Richland.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

October 18, 2001

Probably 99% of Waitsburg residents never met Dave Hansen. He was 63 when he died in his sleep September 17, a retiree from the feed and seed business in the Mt. Vernon – Burlington area. Two years ago, Hansen was diagnosed with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS or Lou Gehrig's Disease). To Barbara Abbey, Waitsburg farmer and owner of L&B Kitchens, he was Uncle Dave. And that's how the people of Waitsburg got involved. Beth Abbey and her friend Katy Pearson formed "Team Hansen" in 2000 to ride bikes for ALS. Last year, Beth and her aunt Fran raised about $12,000, the highest among the 70 who rode and raised almost $46,000. This year, they were joined by Barb and Bruce Abbey on a 80-mile ride through the Skagit Valley of NW Washinton, and raised $6,000 for ALS.

Fifty Years Ago

October 14, 1976

Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Webber will observe their 60th wedding anniversary at a reception to be held Saturday afternoon, Oct. 16 between the hours of 2 and 4 p.m. in the Dorcas Room of the First Christian Church. Hosting the affair will be their children and their families: Elaine Yager, Seattle; Hubert and Mary Webber, Napa, Ca.; Robert and Beth Webber, Vancouver, Wa.; Thelma Webber, Janice John, Don and Ethel Wills, Cecil and Betty Webber, Richard and Vera Webber, all of Waitsburg. The couple also have 24 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren. Randolph Webber and Iris Brooks were married in Walla Walla on Sept. 28, 1916.

Seventy-Five Years Ago

October 19, 1951

The "Silver Spurs" teenage western dance group of Spokane, will appear here at the high school under the auspices of the PTA.

Construction of a new sewage disposal plant and improvements of hot water distribution system within the City of Waitsburg were voted by the Council at the regular meeting Wednesday night.

Mrs. J. W. Carson entertained at a Sunday afternoon tea for the 4-H girls, their mothers and Mrs. Louella Condon, county extension agent.

One Hundred Years Ago

October 22, 1926

Highest honors in the high school for the first six weeks got Tennys Teeter who averaged 97 percent. Edna Berkey comes second with 94-1/5 with five subjects. Others on the honor roll are Kathryn Williams, Marion Bailiey, Margaret Cutting and Betty Schmitt.

The Waitsburg Mercantile Co is making extensive preparations for their Second Annual Halloween Frolic on Saturday evening of next week.

The Christian Church is installing a new heating plant this week at the cost of something more than $1,000.

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago

October 25, 1901

G. W. Loundagin is having a handsome and substantial fence, as well as new sidewalks, built around his residence on the corner of Coppei Avenue and Eighth Street.

All the members of old Co. K., 1st Washington-Vol. in this city received their share of the $17,000 recently received by Gov. Rogers to pay the men who were accepted by the government from the time they left their homes until they were mustered into the U.S. service. The boys expected to get paid at the rate of $1.50 a day for 12 days but rather received checks for $21.00 and are now wondering what the extra $3 is for.

You can get a bath at the Owl Barber Shop any hour in the day and any day in the week. Come in and try our new clean porcelain tub.

PUZZLES & LIFESTYLES

Super Crossword

BROTHERLY POSSESSIONS

ACROSS
1 Unsettles
9 Beginning of a process
16 Opposed to
20 Woman from Madrid's land, to Madrid natives
21 Relatives of grapefruits
22 Cut of beef
23 Start of riddle #1
25 Pea holders
26 Kyoto coin
27 Actress Longoria
28 Astern
29 Diameter halves
30 Middle of riddle #1
37 Star of "10"
40 Foe of Spinks
41 Most polar
42 End of riddle #1
48 Second-rate
49 Suffix with glob or duct
50 Spicy
51 V-shaped cut
55 Hand-talking syst.
56 90 degrees from norte
58 Intend to do
61 Great sorrow
62 "That's it!"
65 Answer to riddle #1
69 Humility
72 Mensa stats
73 Performs in front of
74 Start of riddle #2
79 Casino stake
80 Flaky dessert
81 Unit of a sentence
82 Tell — story (try to evoke sympathy)
84 Undergrad degs.
87 Drinking aid
90 Part of ENT
91 Actress Ortiz
92 Actor Skeet or drummer Lars
95 Middle of riddle #2
100 Warship fleet
103 "I'll take that as —"
104 Civil War general Grant
105 End of riddle #2
111 Kicked in seed money
112 Bottom line
113 Churn
114 Crunches work them
117 Injure badly
118 Answer to riddle #2
125 Hotel chain
126 Greek
127 Ate lunch or dinner
128 Former rival of Nintendo
129 Tranquil and carefree
130 "Yes, it's true, alas"

DOWN
1 Like many wet lawns
2 "This —" (telephone response)
3 Arch across
4 Pic on a chest, maybe
5 Mom's bro
6 Jumping Aussie critter
7 Feature of a cloudless day
8 Balm
9 Secret agent
10 As well
11 Very tall bird
12 Praline ingredient
13 1957-91 king of Norway
14 "Affliction" star Nick
15 Course for U.S. immigrants
16 "Scarface" star
17 Strip of pasta
18 Neatens up
19 Refuse to yield
24 Pappy
29 Puerto —
30 Te- — (giggles)
31 Municipal laws: Abbr.
32 Yeshiva teacher
33 Scarce
34 Styled after
35 Victory
36 Fruit drink brand
37 — Raton
38 Avian hooters
39 Genetic structure with "rungs" of base pairs
43 Novel writer, e.g.: Abbr.
44 Pooch pest
45 Gabfest
46 Charged atoms
47 Sink as low as
52 Drill attachments with spiraling grooves
53 Paint layer
54 Sub in a deli
57 Reaping tools
58 Arouse
59 Misplaced
60 Pittsburgh Steelers' org.
63 Whack down
64 Burning residue
66 Waterways, to Mexicans
67 "— Four" (Beatles)
68 Dark deli bread
69 Atlas features
70 Handling the matter
71 Strike gently
75 Part of UAE
76 Uncovered
77 Sharp pain
78 Morales in movies
83 Horn for taps
85 Nagging pain
86 "— Out of My League"
88 The universe of universities
89 Walked through water
91 After a while
93 Distance unit in astron.
94 Optimistic
96 Road gunk
97 On the — (escaping)
98 Yoko of art
99 Roast that may include chopped cashews or almonds
100 Los —, New Mexico
101 Title anew
102 Beating at chess
106 When many a driver stops
107 Touchy- —
108 To any extent
109 Jungle beast
110 Sister of Malia Obama
114 On a mattress, say
115 Squeezing snakes
116 WWII battle site in Normandy
118 X, to Greeks
119 — Aviv
120 Kin of mono-
121 — room (Ping-Pong place)
122 Prez #32
123 Car club inits.
124 Stat involving wt. and ht.

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

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◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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MY RECIPES
Luke Chavez

Cranberry & Walnut Pumpkin Bread

As the days have been getting shorter, and the mornings colder, my oven has been working overtime. Harvesting another beautiful pumpkin from our garden, and looking for some extra comfort this past weekend, I reviewed some quick-bread recipes from my files. Here walnuts, and plump, tart cranberries are folded into a perfectly spiced pumpkin bread. With the use of orange juice in the batter the resulting loaf is moist and brightly flavored. Perfect for a holiday brunch, or even dessert, this is an easy to make treat that you will want to make again and again.

Ingredients:
8 ounces pumpkin puree, canned or homemade (see notes)
2 large eggs
½ cup coconut oil
1/3 cup orange juice
¾ cup granulated sugar
¾ cup light brown sugar
1 ¾ cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
¾ teaspoons salt
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
½ teaspoon ground nutmeg
¼ teaspoon ground cloves
¼ teaspoon ground ginger
2 cups fresh cranberries
½ cup walnuts, chopped
Raw or demerara sugar

Directions:
Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Prepare a 9- x 5-inch loaf pan by greasing with butter and dusting with flour. Shake out the excess flour.

In a large mixing bowl, mix the pumpkin puree, eggs, oil, orange juice, granulated sugar, and brown sugar until combined.

In a separate bowl, whisk together the flour, baking soda, salt, cinnamon, nutmeg, cloves, and ginger. Next, combine the dry ingredients into the wet ingredients, mixing with a wooden spoon until just combined. Fold in the cranberries and walnuts, taking care to evenly distribute.

Pour the batter into the prepared loaf pan. Sprinkle a thin layer of the raw sugar over the top of the loaf. Bake until top is golden brown, and center is cooked through, about 50 to 55 minutes. However, depending on your oven it could take to an hour or so. If the top is getting too dark, cover lightly with foil during last minutes of baking. A thermometer inserted into the center should read 180 to 190 degrees, and the tip should come out clean, when done.

Remove from oven and allow loaf to cool for at least 10 minutes before attempting to remove from the loaf pan. If needed, use a small metal spatula to loosen the sides before removing. Serve warm or at room temperature.

Notes:
If using canned, look for "pure" pumpkin puree. Do not use the pre-sweetened and spiced pie filling. If you have a nice, sweet pumpkin try making your own puree: Preheat your oven to 375 degrees. Cut off the stem of your pumpkin and scoop out the seeds. Depending on your pumpkin's size, carefully cut into halves or quarters. Lightly oil the flesh of the pumpkin and sprinkle with a pinch of salt. Lay pumpkin hunks, cut side up, on to parchment or foil lined baking sheets. Roast for 30 to 45 minutes, until very tender when pierced with a fork. Cool slightly, then scoop out the flesh from the shells and place in the bowl of a food processor. Pulse until smooth, adding a splash of water if needed. Use what you need for the above recipe and save the rest for other recipes – pies, moles, cakes, risottos, or custards. Extra puree freezes beautifully.

As with other quick-bread recipes, there is plenty of room for you to add your own flair. Switch out the walnuts with pecans, or even pistachios. Add pumpkin seeds to the top for more crunch. You can adjust the spices or try other seasonings to your taste. Adding some grated orange zest or using a teaspoon of fresh grated ginger instead of the dried, would add more brightness. To make it feel more like a dessert, you could top the loaf with a simple sugar glaze after it cools completely.

Enjoy.

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

Super Crossword Answers

M	A	I	N	S	A	I	L	■	S	U	G	A	R	S	■	C	R	A	V	E
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Community Calendar

WAITSBURG MONTHLY MEETINGS

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

Planning Commission
Second Friday of the month @ 10 a.m. @ City Hall and on Zoom.

Waitsburg Parks and Recreation Public Meeting
First Thursday of the month, 6:30 p.m. @ Waitsburg City Hall
Info email: info@waitsburgparks.org

Waitsburg School Board
Third Thursday of every month @ 6 p.m. at the Waitsburg Elementary School Library.
Zoom info is available at Waiatburgsd.org by emailing waitsburgcc@icloud.com

Waitsburg Home and School Association
First Wednesday of each month, 6:30 p.m. at the Waitsburg Elementary School Library. All welcome.

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

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

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

Friends of the Weller Public Library
Second Tuesday of the month, @ 7:15 p.m.
Weller Public Library, 212 Main St.

Waitsburg Commercial Club
Quarterly meetings, second Tuesday of January, April, July, and October. At noon. Zoom info is available by emailing waitsburgcc@icloud.com.

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

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

DAYTON & COLUMBIA COUNTY MEETINGS

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

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

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

DHS Alumni Meeting
Every Third Thursday @ 6:30 p.m. @ Dayton High School Library

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

Columbia County Public Hospital Dist. Board of Commissioners
Fourth Wednesday of the month @ 9 a.m. Call (509) 382-2531 for information.

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

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

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

PRESCOTT MEETINGS

Prescott Joint Park & Rec District (PJPRD) Monthly meetings for 2026 are 2nd Thursday of each month, @ 6:30 p.m.

Prescott School District Board of Directors Meeting
4th Thursday of each month, @ 6 p.m. @ Prescott School Multi-Purpose, room 401, and on Zoom, Meeting ID: 846 7687 9995

STARBUCK MEETINGS

Starbuck City Council
2nd Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. at Starbuck City Hall.

Church Directory

St. Mark Catholic Church
405 W. Fifth, Waitsburg
Confession
Tuesday, 4 p.m.
Mass
Tuesday, 4:30 p.m.
Sunday, 4 p.m.
382-2311
Father John Kibombo

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

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

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

Lunches

WAITSBURG SENIOR CENTER

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

Tuesday, Oct. 20

Swedish Meatballs
over noodles
Cookie
MOW: Vegetables, Salad, Fruit
IN HOUSE: Salad Bar

WAITSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT

Thursday, Oct. 15
Breakfast
Waffle & Eggs
Lunch
Chicken Fried Rice
Peas
Fruit Choice

Friday, Oct. 16
Breakfast
Biscuit, Sausage, String Cheese
Lunch
BBQ Pulled Pork
Coleslaw
Fruit Choice

Monday, Oct. 19
Breakfast
Breakfast Sandwich
Lunch
Chicken and Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Breadstick, Fruit Choice

Tuesday, Oct. 20
Breakfast
Biscuits & Gravy
Lunch
Nachos
Refried Beans
Peppers
Fruit Choice

Wednesday, Oct. 21`
Breakfast
Muffin & Eggs
Lunch
Cheeseburger
French Friees
Fruit Choice

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