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Juno Kerr

Dayton's 2026 All Wheels Weekend was a fiery success, with over 5,000 visitors, 300 vehicles on display, races, a special movie showing, food, games, and the demolition derby. See more photos by Kerr on page 5.

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## Library Board Chair offers an apology over policy review

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—It was standing room only when the Columbia County Rural Library Board of Trustees met for its regular board meeting on Monday, June 15. Of special interest to people attending was an agenda item to review the library display policy.

Chair Dale Walling expressed regret about the optics and timing of placing that on the agenda in June, which is LGBTQ Pride Month, and about the possibility of reigniting past controversy over material seen as objectionable to some in the community.

"It was not my intention to single out any individual group," he said. "I didn't even comprehend that that's what it did."

Walling said the board had been focused on updating policies since April, and the display policy was currently up for review.

He went on to discuss the history of the current display policy, saying he had searched for an easy fix to the controversy around some of the material when he was first appointed to the board and landed on either eliminating displays or adopting a policy like the one the Greenville County Library Board in South Carolina adopted in 2023.

According to Greenville news agencies, the Greenville County Library Board trustees approved, in a 6-2 vote, limiting library displays in October 2023. That decision came after a county library director ordered the manager of Travelers Rest Library to remove a display for LGBTQ Pride Month, and the manager refused.

In June 2023, the Greenville County Library Board trustees unanimously voted to have all bulletin boards, end cases, and lobby displays removed from all county libraries.

Their current display policy allows displays for paid holidays recognized by Greenville County, non-themed displays, and displays for new book arrivals.

"My thinking was that that would eliminate controversy," Walling said.

He said CCRLD Library Director Ellen Brigham and former Trustee Jay Ball expressed misgivings about CCRL adopting the Greenville library display policy, but Walling said he took pride in thinking he had solved a problem.

"We passed the policy in Oct. 2024 that said our displays could be federal and locally recognized holidays, new arrivals and displays relating to library programs," Walling said.

"I'm here tonight before you to apologize. I want to apologize to Ellen. I want to apologize to the employees of the library. I apologize to anybody who was offended, and I apologize if you feel you need to be here to defend your library," he told people at the meeting.

Walling went on to say he understands the importance of having displays that are diverse, and he read from a lengthy list including Black History Month, Pride Month, Poetry Month, Autism Awareness Month, and Rainbow Book Month, to name a few.

"My intent is to entertain a motion to suspend the display policy that we passed a year and a half ago, and my intent is to revisit that," he said.

A motion to suspend the Library Display Policy was made by Trustee Kevin Rust. It passed unanimously with a second from Trustee Sharon Mendel.

Brigham said the policy could be revisited at the end of the year.

"But there are more important things to do," she said. "We'll see."

## Dawn McGhan retires after 45 years of service

By Justin Jaech | THE TIMES

DAYTON — The Dayton School Board met at the high school library at 6:30 p.m. on June 16, 2026. Superintendent Jeremy Wheatley, Board Chair Jeffrey McCowen, and board members Ryan Paulson and Grant Griffin participated in person in the school library. Aneesha Dieu joined remotely. Pat Davidson was not present.

The board approved the consent agenda, which included a list of surplus property and the personnel report.

In this month's personnel report, Dawn McGhan at the Elementary School will be retiring after 45 years of service. Also leaving are Jami Rushing and Hannelee Farrell from the Secondary School. Farrell left the Dayton School District to become the K-12 principal for the Kalotus School District. Chris Farrell resigned as the grounds custodian; a new grounds custodian has been hired.

Wheatley mentioned in his report that Jana Eaton has been working hard on next year's budget report. He said that the recent resignations and retirements leave the district in a better financial position. He is working to fill those positions with staff members. Next year, the district will operate with two fewer administrative staff members and two fewer teachers.

The superintendent said the new gym floor is being installed. Finally, Wheatley mentioned that the school's baseball team will travel to Seattle to attend a Mariners game and be recognized as WIAA spring sports champions.

Eaton gave the budget presentation, which showed the current enrollment is 326 full-time students, with 330 students budgeted. For the next school year, the district anticipates at least 43 fewer students.

The board approved the budget and Amy Cox's contract for the next school year.

The board's July 1, 2026, work session was canceled. There was no executive session, and the meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

## WAITSBURG CANDIDATE FORUM COMING TO TOWN HALL, JULY 8

By Lane Gwinn | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — Waitsburg Commercial Club and Waitsburg Town Hall have invited all 2026 candidates for Walla Walla County Offices and Legislative District 16, Positions 1 & 2, to a candidate forum on Wednesday, July 8.

The event at Waitsburg Town Hall will begin with an informal meet-and-greet at 6 p.m. Moderators Virginia Romine and Joy Smith will start the forum at 6:30 p.m. Each candidate will have two minutes to introduce themselves to the audience.

After introductions, the audience will be invited to ask questions of specific candidates who will have two minutes to respond. Opponents will have two minutes to respond. At the conclusion, each candidate will have two minutes for closing comments.

Organizers expect the forum will end by 8:30 p.m. Guests are welcome to stay and chat with the candidates. Coffee, water, and cookies will be provided.

Please contact WCC with any questions or to RSVP at [waitsburgcc@icloud.com](mailto:waitsburgcc@icloud.com).

# NEWS BRIEFS

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### AT THE LIBERTY:

*Disclosure Day*

June 26-30

THE TIMES

"Disclosure Day" is Steven Spielberg's sci-fi thriller about the lead-up to a worldwide revelation that humanity is not alone. The film follows a TV meteorologist and a whistleblower whose actions could expose proof of extraterrestrial life, sparking global consequences. Teased as a blend of mystery, tension, and Spielberg's signature wonder, it's set to deliver spectacle, big ideas, and emotional impact, making it one of 2026's most anticipated releases.

The cast includes Emily Blunt, Josh O'Connor, Colin Firth, Colman Domingo. It is rated PG-13 for action/violence, some blood images and strong language and has a runtime of 145 minutes.

The Rotten Tomatoes critic's rating is 80% with one saying, "Using the style of filmmaking that made supernatural thrillers of the 1990s so amazing. Spielberg has once again delivered a piece of cinematic magic. 'Disclosure Day' is a blueprint of how to bring suspense to the big screen." While an audience member said, "this movie is out there but it's amazing. It's a combination of 'The Matrix,' 'Snowden,' and 'Close Encounters of the Third Kind.'" The theater invites you to come be the judge with showings over two weekends.

Alex Zerbe, "The Zaniac," will be on performing Thursday July 2, at 1:30 p.m. at The Liberty Theater. Admission is free. Zerbe, the Professional Zaniac, moves like a rubber band from one end of the stage to the other. He combines comedic absurdity with a host of odd skills, making him one of Seattle's funniest prop comics.

The Missoula Children's Theatre is returning with its 2026 program the week of August 3-8. The visiting directors will work with kids from 1st grade through 12th, participation is free.

Registration is required either online beginning July 14 at [libertytheater.org](http://libertytheater.org), or in-person at the theater on Tuesday July 28 and Friday July 31 from 2-5 p.m. Auditions will be on Monday, August 3, at 10 a.m. with rehearsals following. Performances are on Friday, August 7, at 7 p.m. and Saturday, August 8, at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$5 and will go on sale mid-July. For more information call (509) 382-1380.

Upcoming Movies (schedule change): "Disclosure Day" on June 26-30 and July 3-7, "Toy Story 5" on July 10-14 and July 17-21. The schedule is always subject to change.

### WAITSBURG HISTORICAL SOCIETY INVITES KIDS TO DECORATE BIKES AND MARCH IN JULY 4TH PARADE

THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — Celebrate the country's 250th Anniversary on Saturday, the July 4th, at the Bruce House. Children of all ages are invited to decorate their bikes and meet at the bank parking lot before noon to be in the parade with the Veterans. Enjoy a free lunch and flag raising ceremony.

### BLM POST FIRE RESTRICTIONS TO PROTECT OREGON AND WASHINGTON PUBLIC LANDS

THE TIMES

PORTLAND — Statewide fire restrictions remain in effect for all Bureau of Land Management public lands throughout Oregon and Washington. Many local regions have additional restrictions in place. BLM leaders encourage all visitors to be aware of active restrictions and closures posted at the BLM website <https://tinyurl.com/mu8dp2us>, or scan the code on the right.



Visitors should research their destinations in advance, as restrictions vary by location and jurisdiction. The use of fireworks, exploding or metallic targets, steel component ammunition (core or jacket), tracer or incendiary devices, including sky lanterns, remains prohibited. Many local restrictions address when visitors can use power tools, types of stoves or campfires allowed, and what types of safety equipment to have on hand.

"Preventing human-caused fires is one of the best ways we can all work together to keep our firefighters and our communities safe," said Josh O'Connor, Northwest Geographic Area Fire Chief for the U.S. Wildland Fire Service.

#### Tips for fire preparation at home: Create defensible space around homes

- Divide the area around your home into strategic, tiered zones. Start with a zero-fuel buffer immediately around your house and gradually reduce vegetation outwards. This dramatically reduces wildfire intensity, stops rapid flame spread, and protects your property from wind-blown embers. Learn more on the Firewise website at <https://tinyurl.com/mv2cprma> or scan the code on the right.



#### Assemble a Go-Bag and an evacuation plan

- Gather essential documents, medications, food, and water for each family member in a portable bag. Pre-determine multiple evacuation routes out of your neighborhood and establish a family communication plan in case local cell towers lose power.

For more information on seasonal fire restrictions and fire closures, please visit [www.blm.gov/orwafire](http://www.blm.gov/orwafire).

### WALLA WALLA WILL HOST A COMMUNITY JULY 4TH FIREWORKS DISPLAY

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA — The city of Walla Walla will host an Independence Day fireworks display on July 4, 2026, beginning at approximately 10 p.m. The event, which is free and open to the public, will be held at Walla Walla Community College, 500 Tausick Way, Walla Walla.

"These shows are always a highlight of the year for our community," said Walla Walla City Manager Elizabeth Chamberlain. "We invite everyone to join us to celebrate America's 250th birthday."

Pyrotechnics firm Western Display of Canby, Oregon, will produce the show, which is expected to last around 20 minutes.

Parking will be available on the WWCC campus, at the Mill Creek Sportsplex, and where on-street parking is permitted. The parking lot next to the baseball/softball fields will be closed.

The city asks guests to place garbage into identified refuse containers or pack out what they pack in.

The Walla Walla Police Department will assist with traffic after the show, and drivers are asked to follow instructions.

"Folks arrive over a longer time frame, but everyone leaves at once," Chamberlain said. "Please be patient and enjoy the show."

## OBITUARY

### Betty Branson

October 11, 1937 – June 16, 2026

Betty passed away peacefully of natural causes on June 16, 2026. She loved her God and her family, her entire life. She cared for each of them in many different ways. Proceeded in death by her parents, Jay and Fern Weeks; brother, James Weeks; sister, Donna Jean Smith; and son, Brad Branson. Family, Kathy Payne, her sister; children, Lary and Nadine Branson; Greg and Kelly Zuger. Grandchildren: Shannon, Brittany, Jace, Justin, Zion, Cade, and eight Great Grandchildren.

A graveside memorial will be held on July 10th at 10:00 a.m. at the Waitsburg Cemetery.

## BIRTHDAYS

**June 25:** Randy Pearson, Walborn, Heather Ferguson, Jordyn Prince.

**June 29:** Wanda Mattice, Linda Herbert, Gia Fluharty.

**June 26:** Judy Mulhair, Michelle Benson Brooks, Norma Bessey, Toni Chavez, and Shalyne Bentley.

**June 27:** Lisa Christensen, Sarah Monfort Torrens and Cameron Collins, Travis Eaton.

**June 28:** Kendra Roberts, Terry Dunn, Kathleen



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### Waitsburg City Council approve municipal code changes, ADU utility fee

By Lane Gwinn | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — The Waitsburg City Council met on Wednesday, June 17, at City Hall. City Administrator Randy Hinchliffe, Mayor Marty Dunn, and Council members Jen Bishop, Jillian Henze, Brian Richards, Jim Romine, and Kevin House were in attendance.

The council opened with a public hearing on the 6-year Transportation Plan, focusing on the Preston Street Bridge. The bridge, located on the state highway, can only be replaced or maintained by the Washington Department of Transportation.

Jillian Henze proposed widening the bridge's walkways and deck rather than replacing it, estimating repairs at \$5 million versus at least \$7 million for a full replacement.

Hinchliffe responded that repair might not save money. He estimated city-led replacement could cost \$10 million, but DOT could handle it internally for \$6 to \$7 million.

Henze reminded the council that the state still says replacement is a no-starter at this time. Hinchliffe hoped the state would change the rules to allow a municipality to take the lead on bridge replacements.

The council approved Resolution 2026-803, updating the 6-year Transportation Plan.

The council discussed Resolution 804, which would award the reservoir overflow meter project to Sharpe & Preszler. The city must install this meter to comply with state water laws.

An audience member questioned if the project went out to bid and why the costs were so high. He claimed he could find water meters for \$4,000, compared to the city's \$24,000 budget.

Hinchliffe explained no competitive bid was required; the city can solicit bids from established contractors. The project budget reflects engineers' estimates and actual costs.

The council approved Resolution 2026-804, awarding the contract to Sharpe & Preszler.

After a brief discussion, the council passed Resolution 2026-805, authorizing the city to reimburse residents for pool passes to the Walla Walla Memorial Pool.

In unfinished business, the council discussed proposed updates to the municipal code. Ordinance 1102

includes a \$3/month increase in water and sewer rates, separate utility charges for ADUs, and updated costs and services for new hookups.

The utility rate increase is to help fund the city's debt service for waterline improvements. Customers will pay an additional \$3 per month, effective immediately, and another \$3 per month from January 2027, in addition to annual Consumer Price Index adjustments.

The ordinance classifies ADUs as separate utility users, requiring a monthly residential utility charge for each, regardless of use. Owners may install a separate water meter for individual billing.

Ordinance 1103 amends residential parking and manufactured housing regulations. It revises the definition and restrictions for commercial or large motor vehicles parked in residential zones. An audience member challenged the parking restrictions for commercial vehicles, claiming that any vehicle under a loan contract is considered a "commercial vehicle" under Washington law. He said this was because the vehicles are owned by a bank or lending institution, making them "commercial."

Under RCW 46.04.140, the state defines commercial vehicles as "Any vehicle the principal use of which is the transportation of commodities, merchandise, produce, freight, animals, or passengers for hire." Financing is not used to classify vehicles as commercial.

Public comments addressed the weight of large vehicles and potential road damage. Hinchliffe noted city streets aren't designed for high traffic or large commercial vehicles.

The council approved Ordinance 1102, changing utility services and billing.

Ordinance 1103 was tabled, again, to give the council to time to refine definitions and weight classifications for heavy vehicles.

Hinchliffe informed the council that Jared Hawkins, set to become a District Court Judge, will no longer serve as city attorney. Hawkins merged with Ponte Law, LLC. Bryan Ponti will assume city work, but the council may consider hiring someone with more municipal law experience.

### Success for World Cup watch party and Team USA

US Men's National Soccer team beats Australia, 2 - 0

By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — The Waitsburg Commercial Club organized a free watch party at the Waitsburg Fairgrounds to cheer the U.S. team as it beat Australia, 2 - 0, in a World Cup soccer game on Friday, June 19. The game was the US team's second match and its first played in Seattle for the 2026 World Cup.

The USMNT opened the tournament with a 4-1 victory over Paraguay 1 advancing the team to Round 32. It marks the team's first group-stage topping since 2010.

The commercial club hosted over thirty people from Waitsburg, Walla Walla, Dixie, and Dayton. It provided crafts and coloring sheets for the kids, and attendees could purchase World Cup mascot keychains, stickers, and pens.

"Waitsburg Commercial Club is all about community, and that is what this event was about. We brought people together from our community and surrounding communities to watch a worldwide event. I'm so grateful to my executive team, Karen Huwe, Paul Mantz-Powers, Joy Smith, Tiffany Baxter, and local business owners Doug Biolo and Bart Baxter for supporting this event and helping make it a reality," said WCC's President Brittany Crane. "Also, a huge shout-out to our co-sponsors, Touchet Valley Soccer League and Palouse Valley Community Center, for joining us."



Karen Huwe

Soccer fans from Waitsburg, Walla Walla, Dayton, and Dixie watched the match in the Lion's Club Building.



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June 27, 2026

Touchet Valley Golf Course  
209 N. Pine St., Dayton, Wash.

SCHEDULE:

Friday, June 26: All Day Optional practice rounds (not included with entry fee)  
Saturday, June 27: 7 a.m. Light continental breakfast  
8-9 a.m. Registration  
9 a.m. Shotgun start. Lunch provided at the turn

ENTRY FEES: \$100 per 2-person team

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

Limited to first 27 teams that have submitted full payment and a complete entry form for both players (name, address, email.) Entry forms available at the Touchet Valley Golf Course or the contact listed below.

ENTRY DEADLINE: Thursday, June 25, 2026

INFORMATION CONTACT:

Sean Thurston: (509) 844-1193



# EVENTS & LEGALS

## Events, Film, Live Music, Performance

### WAITSBURG



**YWCA Fun Factory**  
Ten Ton Studios  
216 Main St, Waitsburg  
Mondays at 9:30 a.m. June 22 through August 10

<b>MONDAY</b>	9:30am Ten Ton Studios, 216 Main, Waitsburg 1:00pm Dayton Library/Biblioteca 2:30pm* Starbuck Community Church <small>*By request: Call by 1pm/Par solicitud: Llame antes de la 1pm</small>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	12:45pm U-Play Washington Park 2:00pm St. Michael's Haven VA, Parade Loop
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	9:30am 275 Woodland Ave. 11:00am Prescott Library/Biblioteca 2:45pm Touchet Library/Biblioteca
<b>THURSDAY</b>	10:00am YWCA Walla Walla, 213 S. First Ave. 1:00pm 1627 Evergreen Commons 2:15pm Lincoln Terrace 534 S. 3rd Ave.
<b>FRIDAY</b>	10:45am Valle Lindo, Farmland Road Noon Lions Park, College Place

### Waitsburg Parks & Rec Summer Camps July 7 through July 30

#### Camp Schedule

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

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

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

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

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



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**Waitsburg Farmers Market**  
Saturday, June 27  
Preston Park  
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.



**Tongue and Groove**  
Saturday, June 27, 2026  
4 p.m. to 8 p.m.  
4-7pm : Japanese Cowboy Food  
6-8pm : Jazzy blues grooves by Michael Kelly Band

### WALLA WALLA

**Mythical/Movable Blue Mountain Bluegrass Jam**  
at Marriot Hotel  
550 W. Rose, Walla Walla  
Friday, June 26, at 7 p.m.



### eBike Winery Tours @ The FINCH

Friday, June 26  
9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Meet at The Finch  
325 E Main St.  
Walla Walla  
Kickstand Tours hosts guided tours which visit three wineries and last for approximately 5-6 hours. The eBikes and guides provide a casual, almost effortless riding experience through the beautiful Walla Walla Valley wine country. The tour cost includes your bicycle rental, lunch, guide for the day, and support vehicles for those who wish to purchase wine along the way.

## LEGAL NOTICES

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

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA  
DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE SUMMONS

NO: 25-3-000191-36  
Petitioner: Melvin Marcus Johnson Jr.  
THE STATE OF WASHINGTON TO THE RESPONDENT Loretta Johnson:

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

Julee R. Moreno  
35 Electric Ave  
Walla Walla, WA 99362.  
DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: May 21, 2026  
Blue Mountain Action Council  
8 E. Cherry  
Walla Walla, WA 99362  
(509) 529-4980 Ext. 350  
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your written response within 60 days after the date this summons was served on you, exclusive of the day of service, the court may enter an order of default against you, and the court may, without further notice to you, enter a final order and approve or provide for the relief requested in the petition. The court will not enter the final order until at least 90 days after filing and service. Serve a copy of your response to: Melvin Marcus Johnson Jr. at 1313 N 13 th Ave, Walla Walla, WA 99362.  
DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: May 21, 2026  
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Walla Walla, WA 99362  
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### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA  
DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE SUMMONS

NO: 24-3-00257-36  
Petitioner: Julee R. Moreno  
THE STATE OF WASHINGTON TO THE RESPONDENT Gabriel Balderas Moreno:

You are hereby summoned to appear within 60 days after the date of the first publication of this dissolution of marriage summons, after the (Date of first publication), and defend the above-entitled action in the above-entitled court, and answer the complaint of the petitioner, Julee R. Moreno, and serve a copy of your answer upon the petitioner at the address below stated; and in case of your failure so to do, judgment will be rendered against you according to the demand of the dissolution petition, which has been filed with the clerk of said court. If you do not serve

your written response within 60 days after the date this summons was served on you, exclusive of the day of service, the court may enter an order of default against you, and the court may, without further notice to you, enter a final order and approve or provide for the relief requested in the petition. The court will not enter the final order until at least 90 days after filing and service. Serve a copy of your response to:

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

IN AND FOR WALLA WALLA COUNTY  
NO: 26-4-00108-36  
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

RCW 11.40.030  
In re the Estate of: Steve W. Drummheller, 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. DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: June 18, 2026  
Personal Representative: /s/ Matthew W. Drummheller Attorney for the Personal Representative: James K. Hayner of Minnick-Hayner, PS Address for Mailing or Service: Minnick-Hayner P.O. Box 1757 Walla Walla, WA 99362 (509) 527-3500  
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### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA  
NO: 26-4-00105-36  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

RCW 11.40.030  
In the Matter of the Estate of: EILA T. WHELCHER, Deceased.

The personal representative named below has been appointed as personal representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the personal representative or the personal representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under

### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR WALLA WALLA COUNTY  
NO: 26-4-00085-36  
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

RCW 11.40.030  
In Re the Estate of: RYAN PIERCE, Deceased.

The Administrator named below has been appointed as administrator of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the Administrator or the Administrator's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty (30) days after the 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. DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: June 18, 2026  
Administrator: /s/ Amanda Ewoniuk Attorney for the Administrator: Mona J. Geidl, PS Address for Mailing or Service: Minnick-Hayner PO Box 1757 Walla Walla, WA 99362 (509) 527-3500  
The Times  
June 18, 25, July 2, 2026  
6-18-b

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

IN AND FOR WALLA WALLA COUNTY  
NO: 26-4-00112-36  
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

RCW 11.40.030  
In re the Estate of: SOPHIA DYKE, Deceased.

The Personal Representative named below has been appointed as Personal Representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the Personal Representative, or the Personal Representative's attorney at the address stated below, a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty (30) days after the 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. DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: June 18, 2026  
Personal Representative: /s/ Emily A. Jewell Attorney for the Personal Representative: Mona J. Geidl of Minnick-Hayner, PS Address for Mailing or Service: Minnick-Hayner P.O. Box 1757 Walla Walla, WA 99362 (509) 527-3500  
The Times  
June 18, 25, July 2, 2026  
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### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA  
NO: 26-4-00105-36  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

RCW 11.40.030  
In the Matter of the Estate of: EILA T. WHELCHER, Deceased.

The personal representative named below has been appointed as personal representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the personal representative or the personal representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the 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 the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets. DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: June 18, 2026  
Co-Administrators: Rebecca Suzanne Wilson David LaVern Whelchel Attorney for the Personal Representative: /s/ Julie E. Karl, WSBA #45950 Address for Mailing or Service: KARL LAW OFFICE, PLLC 6 E. Alder, Suite 307 Walla Walla, WA 99362 (509) 382-3137  
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### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR WALLA WALLA COUNTY  
NO: 26-4-00112-36  
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

RCW 11.40.030  
In re the Estate of: SOPHIA DYKE, Deceased.

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### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS CITY OF PRESCOTT, WASHINGTON

SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS  
General Notice

The City of Prescott, Washington (Owner) invites bids for the Sidewalk Improvements project. The Work includes construction of a new multiuse asphalt path, curb ramp improvements, sidewalk repair, and other items all in accordance with the Contract Plans, Contract Provisions, and Standard Specifications. Bids for the construction of the Project will be received until **Tuesday, July 7, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.**, local time. At that time, the Bidders and Bid Amounts will be publicly viewed on QuestCDN.com and read aloud via video conference or conference call. The public viewing and reading of the bids received can be accessed via the web link and telephone number noted in the Q&A section on QuestCDN.com for the Project.

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

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

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

### Obtaining the Bidding Documents

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is Anderson Perry & Associates, Inc., 214 East Birch Street, Walla Walla, Washington 99362, 509-529-9260, Braiden Amata, P.E., bamata@andersonperry.com. Prospective Bidders may examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office on Mondays through Fridays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., or at the City of Prescott, 202 W. 1st Street, Prescott, Washington.

Bidding Documents are available at <http://www.andersonperry.com> under the Bid Docs link. The digital Bidding Documents may be downloaded for a non-refundable payment of \$50.00 by inputting QuestCDN eBidDoc Number 10243438 on the website. Assistance with free QuestCDN membership registration, document downloading, and working with the digital Project information may be obtained at [www.QuestCDN.com](http://www.QuestCDN.com), at 952-233-1632, or via e-mail at [info@questcdn.com](mailto:info@questcdn.com). No paper sets will be provided for bidding purposes. Prospective Bidders are urged to register with the designated website as a plan holder, even if Bidding Documents are obtained from a plan room or source other than the

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

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

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

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

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

DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: June 18, 2026

**This Advertisement is issued by:**  
Owner: **City of Prescott, Washington**  
By: **Karen Gleason**  
Title: **Mayor**  
City of Prescott  
PO Box 27 / 202 W 1st Street  
Prescott, WA 99348  
The Times  
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### ORDINANCE NO. 2026-1102

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WAITSBURG, WASHINGTON, VARIOUS SECTION OF CHAPTER 9 OF THE WAITSBURG MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO UTILITY RATES AND CONNECTION CHARGES

The full text of Ordinance 1102 is available for examination on the City's website [www.cityof-waitsburg.com](http://www.cityof-waitsburg.com) or at the City Clerk's Office, 106 Main St., Waitsburg, WA, during normal business hours. Adopted the 17th Day of June 2026.  
Marty Dunn, Mayor  
The Times  
June 25, 2026  
6-25-a

PHOTO GALLERY by Juno Kerr

# Lowriders & Demo Derby at All Wheels Weekend



(above) One of the lowriders from the WA State Lowriders Car Club parked in front of The Liberty Theater during All Wheels Weekend. The club displayed cars in honor of the theater's presentation of "Roll Modelz." The locally produced, award winning documentary short tells the story of how the club honored the memory of Mya Kay Avila.



(above) A vintage MG in the car show included a book about the car and its owner's journey.



Driver and crew for car 287 celebrate their winning entry and trophy.



(above and below) Cars kicking up track, competing to be the last car running.



## WSD TEACHER EARNS MASTER'S DEGREE, SUMMA CUM LAUDE

By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — Kim Hamann organized the Class of 2026 Waitsburg High School graduation on June 5, finished her second year of teaching at WHS on June 11, and on June 13, she graduated Summa Cum Laude with a 3.9 GPA from Central Washington University with a Master of Science in Family and Consumer Science Education.

Hamann, a 2014 WHS alumna,

graduated from Walla Walla Community College in 2017 with an Associate of Arts degree in Human Services and a certificate in Adolescent Studies, graduated from CWU with a Bachelor of Science in Social Services in 2019, and has taken online courses since August 2024, including summer courses, to earn her Master's.

In attendance celebrating with Hamann at her graduation were her husband Joe and daughter Nora, parents Ross and Vickie, grandparents Gail and Jerry, sister Val and husband Kalen and their children Theo and Ben, Aunt Kathy, her in-laws Leland and Traci Weber, and Joe's nephew Jaxson Henderson.



Courtesy photo  
Kim Hamann in front of the Central Washington University wildcat after her graduation on June 13, 2026.

## READERS PHOTO



Wendy Richards  
Karen Huwe coaching the Waitsburg Parks and Recreation's soccer camp in Preston Park, Tuesday morning. (l - r) Ana Pennington, Karen Huwe, Maddie Severe, Kaitlyn Miller, Emma Zuger, Stella Severe, and Walker Lewison

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# FUN & PIONEERS

The Friendly Forest

By Jimmye L. Turner



Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



GRIN and BEAR IT



"I'll put you on hold while I try to calm him down."

Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



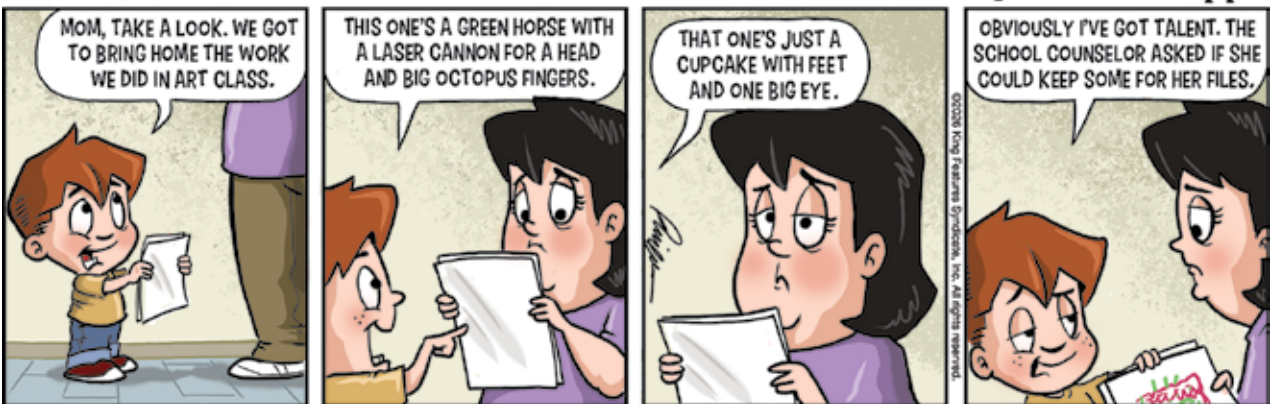
The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



## PIONEER PORTRAITS

Fifteen Years Ago

June 30, 2011

Waitsburg-Prescott graduate Kris Cady got the opportunity of a lifetime when he played in the Washington State Football Coaches Association East-West all star game in Yakima this weekend. The West won the game 23-14. The Earl Barden Classic was played at Zaepfel Stadium and consisted of some of the best football players in the 1A, 1B and 2A divisions in the State of Washington. The players were selected by the coaches association.

Farmers in the Touchet Valley are predicting their harvest this year will be at least a week later than usual with fields in the Prescott and Waitsburg areas ready by the third week of July and in Dayton by early August. "Almost every farmer coming in says they'll be seven to ten days late," said Matt Weber, an agronomist with the McGregor Co.'s Waitsburg branch, which supplies them with farm chemicals.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

June 28, 2001



[Photo Caption] John David Hockersmith works with his family's Black Lab Magic in preparation for the Canine Good Citizen Test, which may save dog owners substantial fees under the City of Waitsburg's new pet licensing ordinance.

Fifty Years Ago

June 24, 1976

Waitsburg Council held a short meeting on Wednesday evening, June 16. Present was Bill Burwell, Department of Ecology, who met with the group to help set up a tentative schedule for the work to be done at the sewage plant over the next two years. Phil Monfort submitted a letter of resignation to Council as dog catcher. The resignation was regretfully accepted, with the members present extending thanks and appreciation for a thankless job well done for the past several years.

Seventy-Five Years Ago

June 29, 1951

Rev. Burton Stewart who has been pastor of the Nazarene Church here for the past few years, moved last week to Tucson, Ariz. where he has been transferred to do work at the Indian reservation.

Five 4-H members from Waitsburg attended the annual outing at Camp Wooten on the Tucannon River. Marilyn Archer, Eden Brown, Lynette Kruczek, Bill Stonecipher, and Charles Danielson, accompanied by Mrs. Charlotte Danielson, enjoyed the many activities.

A group of women met at the home of Mrs. Lester Carson in Huntville Friday afternoon to organize a women's club which will be known as the Touchet Valley Homemakers.

One Hundred Years Ago

July 2, 1926

Mrs. Doc Sanders experienced a painful gash on the bridge of her nose Sunday at the local baseball field when a ball was batted through the windshield of the car in which she was sitting.

Ross Falnders and John White made up a company and were off for a trip to the woods in north Idaho for a fishing and camping vacation.

Marvin Hales who graduated from WSC from the veterinary department has been named Deputy State Veterinarian and Dairy Inspector and will leave the first part of the week for Wenatchee where he will make his headquarters.

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago

July 5, 1901

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Philips entertained a number of friends at their country home at Coppei one day last week.

Edgar Smith and Oscar Abbey are in Heppner, Ore. this week having accepted an engagement to play in the Heppner band on July 4<sup>th</sup>.

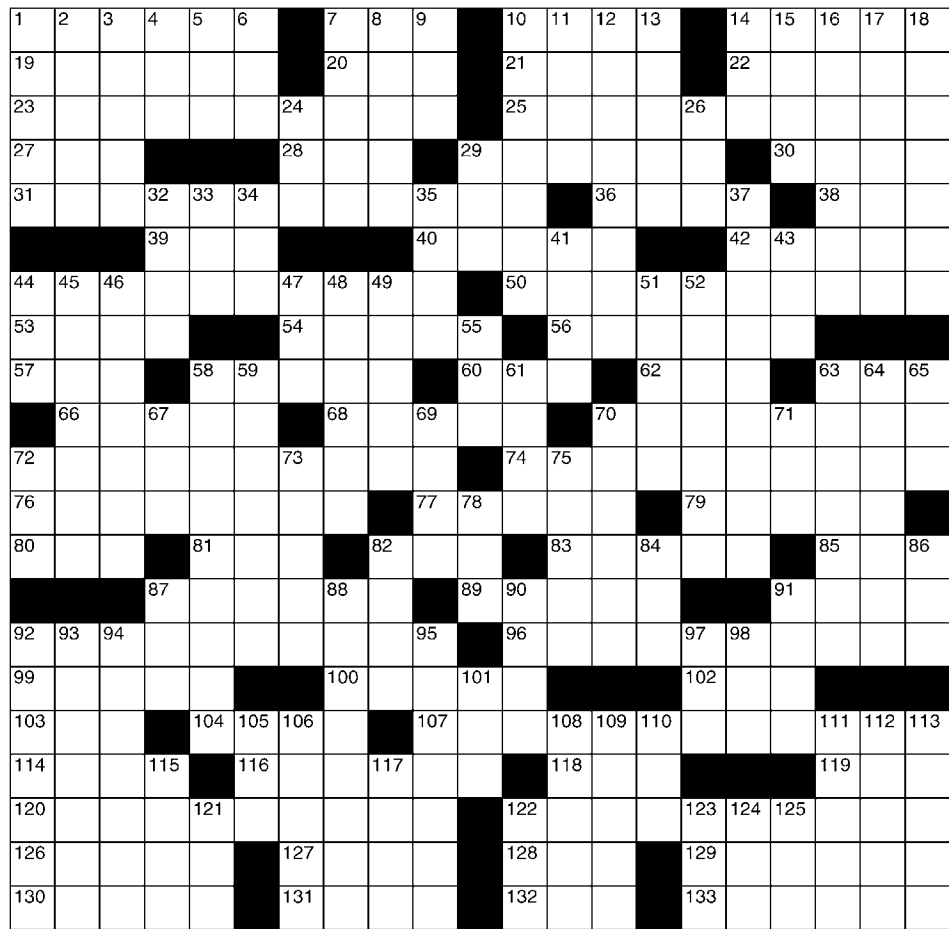
Officers of the Evans Harvester Co. were elected by the stockholders Monday afternoon. Frank McCown, president; J. L. Harper, vice president; J. G. Evans, secretary; J. W. Morgan, treasurer; W. E. Singer, manager; Frank McCown, J. L. Harper, J. G. Evans, Arthur Roberts and J. A. Ingrave, trustees.

# PUZZLES & LIFESTYLES

## Super Crossword

U2

- ACROSS**
- 1 Sleep out in a tent
  - 7 Nutrition std.
  - 10 Fishing throw
  - 14 Alpaca's kin
  - 19 "Moonlight" actress Harris
  - 20 Suffix of element names
  - 21 Analogy words
  - 22 Ancient Athens or Sparta, e.g.
  - 23 Construction vehicles with tilling beds
  - 25 Chooses a finger over a pacifier
  - 27 Before, in verse
  - 28 "The Raven" writer
  - 29 German art songs
  - 30 Qatari capital
  - 31 1920s-'30s American mobster
  - 36 Young lady
  - 38 "Bali" —
  - 39 Slugger Gehrig
  - 40 Plant swelling
  - 42 How food is often fried
  - 44 Title dragon of a '70s kids' show
  - 50 Silly sorts
  - 53 French suffix with jardin
  - 54 Neighbor of Venus
  - 56 Fish-tailed males of myth
  - 57 Hi-tech "appt. book"
  - 58 Radical type name
  - 60 1040 org.
  - 62 Suffix with ball or bass
  - 63 Roman 901
  - 66 Northern French river
  - 68 Roofing piece
  - 70 Essential (to)
  - 72 Stiff-bristled bath item
  - 74 Dazed from a heavy blow
  - 76 Incentive
  - 77 GI no-shows
  - 79 Small needle cases
  - 80 Suffix with Canton
  - 81 Turkey Day vegetable
  - 82 GI R&R center
  - 83 Racecar fuel
  - 85 Articulate
  - 87 River crafts
  - 89 "Cool beans!"
  - 91 Get weary
  - 92 No-bake pie base
  - 96 Some heirs' cash sources
  - 99 Concerning kidneys
  - 100 Brooklyn art institute
  - 102 Granola bit
  - 103 Big bush bird
  - 104 Apiece
  - 107 Brand of popcorn with peanuts
  - 114 Part of UTEP
  - 116 Deep and hoarse, as a voice
  - 118 — de toilette
  - 119 Hugs, in a love letter
  - 120 "Painful to face the reality!"
  - 122 Speechless from shock
  - 126 Very mad
  - 127 Actor Liu of "Shang-Chi and the Legend of the Ten Rings"
  - 128 Mined matter
  - 129 Séance state
  - 130 Stocking fiber
  - 131 Padlock part
  - 132 Oozy gunk
  - 133 Alternatives to Cokes
  - 7 Big name in photocopiers
  - 8 Blue Devils' sch.
  - 9 Mornings, in brief
  - 10 Inhabitant
  - 11 Tennis great
  - 12 Seven-card poker variety, e.g.
  - 13 Marisa of film
  - 14 Vinyl albums, in brief
  - 15 Booming
  - 16 Liquor
  - 17 Russia's Gorbachev
  - 18 Tears into
  - 24 Scannable ID in a market
  - 26 "It's cold!"
  - 29 U.K. "Inc."
  - 32 Sleuth's aid
  - 33 Great athletes get elected to it: Abbr.
  - 34 54-Across orbits it
  - 35 Headed out
  - 37 Compared with
  - 41 Daisy relatives, for short
  - 43 Mother Teresa, e.g.
  - 44 Place for a fanny pack
  - 45 Censors, as part of a text
  - 46 With 122-Down, rodent with a bark-like cry
  - 47 Ready
  - 48 Ankle bone
  - 49 Eurasian mountains
  - 51 Horse to bust
  - 52 Suffocate
  - 55 Homer, e.g.
  - 58 Not for sale
  - 59 Matt of "Friends"
  - 61 Taken-back auto, for one
  - 63 Village People album with the song "Y.M.C.A."
  - 64 Kind of roof with four sloping sides
  - 65 Sort
  - 67 Addition total
  - 69 "Eureka!" moments
  - 70 As originally placed
  - 71 Minions' leader in "Despicable Me"
  - 72 Fresno-to-L.A. dir.
  - 73 Gossipy tidbit
  - 75 Pertaining to an arm bone
  - 78 Got the gold
  - 82 Gorbachev's fed.
  - 84 How- — (DIY manuals)
  - 86 "Of course!"
  - 87 Nashville awards org.
  - 88 Great elation
  - 90 Rebuke to "Brute"
  - 91 Ballet attire
  - 92 Entered stealthily
  - 93 Wed again
  - 94 Anomalous
  - 95 Affixes to a corkboard, e.g.
  - 97 Cargo weight
  - 98 Relatives, informally
  - 101 Test out
  - 105 Frau's "Alast"
  - 106 Pulverize
  - 108 Prefix with biology
  - 109 Tiny role
  - 110 Wheel middle
  - 111 Verbs' counterparts
  - 112 Spherical bacteria
  - 113 Improves superficially, with "up"
  - 115 Filmmaker Preminger
  - 117 24/7 sources of \$20 bills
  - 121 Cackling bird
  - 122 See 46-Down
  - 123 Inits. at Indy
  - 124 Half of sei
  - 125 Jay-Z's genre



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## MY RECIPES

Luke Chavez

# Citrus Buttermilk Cake



Recently, while preparing for a dear friend's birthday celebration, I came across a recipe for an old-fashioned buttermilk cake. After adding orange zest to accentuate the tangy flavor of the buttermilk, the resulting cake was rich and moist with a perfect texture. Topped with an orange infused cream cheese frosting, this cake was a smashing hit with the guests of the party, and most importantly the birthday girl.

This week, I plan on making this cake again for another summer birthday of sorts, the Fourth of July. As we gather with friends and family for this holiday, over grilled burgers and sparklers, it is a great time to reflect on the things that unite us a nation, which are truly greater in number than the things that supposedly divides us.

### Ingredients:

#### For the cake:

- 2 ¼ cups all-purpose flour
- 2 cups sugar
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt (or ½ teaspoon fine sea salt)
- ½ teaspoon baking soda
- 1 ½ cups buttermilk
- 3 eggs
- 1 egg yolk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- Zest of one orange
- 1 cup (2 sticks) unsalted butter, room temperature

#### For the frosting:

- 8 ounces cream cheese, softened
- ½ cup (1 stick) salted butter, softened
- 4 cups powdered sugar
- Juice of one orange
- Rainbow sprinkles (optional, but encouraged)

### Directions:

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Lightly grease a 9- by 13-inch glass baking dish.

In a large mixing bowl, whisk together the flour sugar, baking powder, salt, and baking soda. In a separate bowl, add the buttermilk, eggs, extra egg yolk, vanilla, and orange zest, mixing until thoroughly combined. Next, cut the butter into small cubes and add to the dry ingredients. Using an electric hand mixer, or in a stand mixer, on medium speed, mix the butter into the flour mixture until crumbly. Add half of the liquid ingredients and mix to combine. Stop the mixer and use a spatula to scrape down the sides of the bowl. Add the remaining buttermilk mixture and continue to mix until just combined. Do not over mix the batter.

Use a spatula to transfer the batter into the prepared baking dish, spreading into an even layer. Bake until golden and evenly baked, about 40 to 45 minutes. A toothpick inserted in the center should come out mostly clean with a few moist crumbs. Remove the cake from the oven and place the pan on a wire rack to cool completely.

While the cake is baking, prepare the frosting. With your hand mixer, beat the cream cheese and butter together until smooth. Add the powdered sugar with about half of the orange juice and beat until creamy and smooth. Taste and add more of the orange juice to taste. If the frosting is too loose, add more powdered sugar until desired consistency is reached. Set aside in a cool place until the cake is fully cooled.

When cake is cool to the touch, use a spatula to spread the frosting over the top. Decorate top with sprinkles. Serve at room temperature and store leftovers covered in the refrigerator.

### Notes:

This is a flavorful and versatile cake recipe, perfect for all kinds of celebrations. Instead of the orange cream cheese frosting you could try topping this cake with a rich vanilla buttercream, or even a simple sugar glaze. For a summer delight, try it topped with fresh whipped cream and berries.

Have a safe and happy Fourth of July. Enjoy.

## Weekly SUDOKU

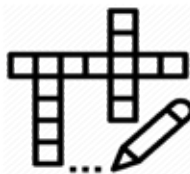
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ♦♦

- ♦ Moderate
- ♦♦ Challenging
- ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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## LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

### Super Crossword

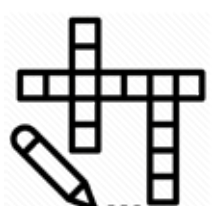
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## Community Calendar

### WAITSBURG MONTHLY MEETINGS

#### Waitsburg City Council

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

#### Planning Commission

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

#### Waitsburg Parks and Recreation Public Meeting

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

#### Waitsburg School Board

Third Thursday of every month @ 6 p.m. at the Waitsburg Elementary School Library.  
Zoom info is available at [Waiatburgsd.org](http://Waiatburgsd.org) by emailing waitsburgcc@icloud.com

#### Waitsburg Home and School Association

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

#### Waitsburg Historical Society

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

#### Waitsburg Booster Club

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

#### Weller Public Library Board of Trustees

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

#### Friends of the Weller Public Library

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

#### Waitsburg Commercial Club

Meetings are now quarterly, on second Tuesdays in January, April, July, and October @ Waitsburg Town Hall @noon. Zoom info is available by emailing waitsburgcc@icloud.com.  
Next meeting, July 14, 2026

#### Waitsburg Resource Center

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

#### Waitsburg Christian Church

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



### DAYTON & COLUMBIA COUNTY MEETINGS

#### Board of Columbia County Commissioners

Regular meetings - First and third Monday of the month @ 9 a.m.  
Work sessions - Second and fourth Monday of each month @ 9 a.m.  
Call-in info at [www.columbiaco.com/114/County-Commissioners](http://www.columbiaco.com/114/County-Commissioners)

#### Dayton City Council

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



#### Dayton School Board

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

#### DHS Alumni Meeting

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

#### The Coalition for Youth and Families

Second Tuesday of the month @ noon @ The Port of Columbia - 1 Port Way, Dayton, Wash.

#### Columbia County Public Hospital Dist. Board of Commissioners

Fourth Wednesday of the month @ 9 a.m. Call (509) 382-2531 for information.

#### Dayton Memorial Library Board of Trustees Meeting

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

#### Columbia County Parks and Recreation Pool District

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

#### Dayton Kiwanis Club Meeting

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



### PRESCOTT MEETINGS

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

#### Prescott School District Board of Directors Meeting

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

### STARBUCK MEETINGS

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



*Church Directory*

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

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

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

## Lunches

### WAITSBURG SENIOR CENTER

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

#### Tuesday, June 30

Cabbage Roll Casserole  
MOW: Vegetable, Salad  
Fruit, Roll  
IN HOUSE: Salad Bar

### WAITSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT

#### FREE SUMMER MEALS

Waitsburg Schools will provide free meals to any child 18 years and younger during the summer break at the Elementary multi-purpose room starting June 24.

The program ends on July 19, and meals will not be served on July 4.

Breakfast will be served Monday through Friday, 8:30 to 9 a.m., and lunch from noon to 12:30 p.m.



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