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Waitsburg Commercial Club honors community members

By Lane Gwinn | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—The Waitsburg Commercial Club held its annual meeting and awards dinner at Waitsburg Town Hall on Tuesday, April 15, 2025.

The guests enjoyed a Chicken Teriyaki dinner catered by Jennifer French, wine and beer, and desserts. The silent auction also included donuts, cookies, and other delectables.

Commercial Club President Tiffany Baxter gave a presentation outlining the club's work over the last year. She nominated officers for this year, and the attending club members voted to approve the slate. Officers are Baxter as President, Karen Huwe as first Vice President, Paul Mantz-Powers as second Vice President, Joy Smith as Treasurer, and Brittany Crane was elected for a first term as Secretary. Judy Bennett will serve on the board as past president.

After dinner, Karen Huwe presented Waitsburg Middle School student Kaitlyn Paul with the Youth of the Year Award. She recently earned a place on the Waitsburg Amazing Shake team competing in Atlanta, Georgia.

Huwe also presented Deanna Coulston with the Employee of the Year award for her dedicated work keeping her fourth-graders engaged and challenged.

Joy Smith presented the Business of the Year award to Sam Kumar. She said Sam's Corner is a big part of the city's business community, offering residents and visitors a wide selection at the market where customers leave smiling.

Waitsburg City Council Member Jillian Henze presented the Community Service Award to Abby Grende. Henze said Grende repeatedly steps up to help the community, including organizing the Celebration Days Parade, solving an insurance emergency to ensure the ATV ride, and joining the Waitsburg School Board.



Lane Gwinn

(above) Jillian Henze and Community Service Award winner Abby Grende.

(right) Joy Smith and Sam Kumar as he accepts the Business of the Year award.



(left) Karen Huwe and Waitsburg Elementary teacher Deanna Coulston. (right) Seventh-grader Kaitlyn Paul is the second winner of the Youth of the Year Award.



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Business Boosters, Lyons Ferry, and RVs at Port meeting

By Justin Jaech & Lane Gwinn | THE TIMES

DAYTON—The Port of Columbia Board of Commissioners held its regular meeting at 5 p.m. on April 9, 2025, at the port's conference room. Commissioners Seth Bryan, Johnny Watts, Mike Spring, and Executive Director Jennie Dickinson were present.

Dickinson presented the director's report. She said there were two new leases, a residential property and the Red Band Cellars units at the Rock Hill Industrial Park. Red Band signed a one-year lease for the three units with a one to two-year option and ended the lease for its tasting room at Blue Mountain Station.

Commissioners discussed samples of other port executive director job descriptions. Port of Pasco was the example the commissioners liked best. Dickinson is not leaving the position; however, the job description has not been updated since she was hired.

Dickinson said someone abandoned an RV full of garbage on port property. Kyle's Towing quoted \$3,000 to remove it. Unlike abandoned cars, RVs cannot be sold by the tow company but must be taken apart and disposed of.

Economic Development Director Shane Laib posted a photo of the RV on Facebook, and it was recognized by and taken away.

After the unfortunate death of Lyons Ferry concessionaire Tim Dewald, Dickinson said the previous owners, Wally and Joanne Knouff, will take the business back to run as they relist it for sale. Susan Dewald did not wish to keep the business.

Dickinson said the port was fortunate to have the Knouffs back. They still have their business license, and the KOA is letting them take over the franchise. They are restocking the store and looking for a maintenance person and a cook.

At Blue Mountain Station, Mountain Man Sourdough will go to month-to-month rental as they prepare to move to a downtown Dayton location.

Dickinson said the design process had begun for the Mainstem Malt facility at BMS.

Discussing the broadband project, Dickinson said the state awarded an Internet Service Provider (ISP) 40 project areas, including in the Columbia County Port District. She could not say who it was, as the state has not released the information. It is unclear whether the deal will go through; she will keep the commissioners updated.

Dickinson said Puget Sound Energy will add 96 windmill turbines to its Lower Snake River wind farm over the next few years. The new turbines are larger and should help the county's tax base.

Glass recycling will return to Blue Mountain Station on the second Saturday of every month between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., said Laib in his report.

Laib said the 13-event Business Boosters series had its first workshop, Magnetic Marketing, the previous night. Future topics include Quickbooks 101 and social media content creation.

The BMS commercial garden

County vehicle surplus, water billing discussed at city council

By Justin Jaech | THE TIMES

DAYTON—Mayor Roger Trump called the Dayton City Council meeting to order at 6 p.m. on April 8, 2025. Trump, council members James Su'euga, Kyle Anderson, Michael Smith, Laura Aukerman, Glenn Hagfeldt, and Shannon McMillen were present at city hall. City Council member Joann Patras did not attend.

In public comment, Michael Brady Patton told the council that he moved to Dayton three to four years ago after retiring from the pharmaceutical and medical device field. He spoke about his water bill, saying there was no water usage data from December through March, and his April bill was the same as last year's. Patton thought the water and sewer bills were too high for the average Dayton resident. He suggested that the council consider ways to reduce costs, including cutting Sheriff's Department services.

Greg Skiffington conveyed concerns about the lack of traffic enforcement, mostly on Main Street. He said he witnessed near-accidents caused by excessive passing and inattention from sightseers on Main Street. He said it made it necessary for cars to move past the stop line on cross streets to see if it was clear to cross or turn onto Main Street.

"There's going to be an accident, and it's going to be fatal," said Skiffington.

Sheriff Joe Helm reported that his department responded to 384 incidents in the city out of 553 in March. There were 116 traffic stops, 23 other traffic calls, and seven traffic accidents. The sheriff's office will participate at the Columbia County Prevention and Wellness Fair at Flower Mill Park on Saturday, April 26, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

County Commissioner Marty Hall said the county would soon have surplus vehicles available, including a 2007 Ford Expedition and several 2010 – 2014 Ford Explorers.

The council confirmed Kris Takemura's appointment to the Historic Preservation Commission.

The Complete Streets Project will resume on 4th Street. Trump said the city would notify affected residents when dates are confirmed. He said the city was looking at installing some solar-powered flashing pedestrian warning signs.

The city completed its purchase of 51.66 acres as part of the wastewater treatment project.

The council discussed ways the water and sewer bill could be modified to be more informative for customers.

Hagfeldt spoke about the Dayton School District's Key Communicator and scholarship programs. He said students would receive scholarships in a separate ceremony from the graduation ceremony on June 5, 2025, at the Fairground Pavilion.

The council announced the Second Annual Fishing Derby at the city's fishing pond will be held on April 23, 2025. The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife will bring around 100 fishing poles and bait for the kids.

The council meeting adjourned just after 7 p.m.; the next meeting will be Tuesday, May 13, 2025, at 6 p.m.



NEWS BRIEFS

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LETTERS

AT THE LIBERTY: "The King of Kings" Easter Weekend

THE TIMES

DAYTON — In the animated feature "The King of Kings," a father tells his son the greatest story ever told. What begins as a bedtime tale becomes a life-changing journey. In his vivid imagination, the boy walks alongside Jesus, witnessing His miracles, facing His trials, and understanding His ultimate sacrifice. The "King of Kings" invites viewers to rediscover the power of hope, love, and redemption through the eyes of a child. The all-star cast includes Oscar Isaac, Kenneth Branagh, Uma Thurman, Sir Ben Kingsley, Mark Hamill, and Forest Whitaker. It is rated PG for thematic material, violent content, and scary moments.

On the Rotten Tomatoes website, the audience gave the movie a rating of 97%. Comments included, "Great movie! I'd recommend taking the whole family."

The critics on the website were not as enthusiastic, giving it a rating of 63%, with one saying, "The King of Kings' gives the Jesus story an animated treatment with some whimsical Dickensian touches. It's nothing to write scripture about, but should provide amusing and possibly enlightening Easter entertainment."

The Liberty Theater's movie lineup includes; "The King of Kings," "The Friend," and "A Minecraft Movie."

The theater's Spring Melodrama, "Peril on the High Seas," will be presented on May 9-11 and May 16-18. It is a hilarious dramedy set in the roaring 20s. A beautiful heiress, Merry Ann Sweet, sets out for her first adventure as a young woman. She will discover fun, friendship, and maybe even romance. However, storms are brewing on the HMS Majestic as a kidnapping plot masterminded by the vile and villainous Snively Swine unfolds. Will dedicated police Sergeant Willy Ketchum be able to stop Swine's dastardly plan, or will it succeed in whisking away our hapless heiress?

Tickets are on sale at libertytheater.org and the Liberty Box Office on Tuesday and Friday between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m., or call (509) 382-1380.



THE LIBERTY THEATER - DAYTON
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Friday 7:00 pm
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BOATING SAFETY PROGRAM TO FOCUS ON LIFE JACKETS FOR PADDLERS

THE TIMES

OLYMPIA — Paddle sports, including kayaking, canoeing, and stand-up paddleboarding, are among the most popular activities in Washington State. A Recreation and Conservation Office study showed 52% of survey respondents participate in paddle sports, up 28% from a 2017 study.

Rising safety incidents show the importance of education on paddle sport safety. Paddle sports account for 61% of reportable boating fatalities between 2023 and 2024. Out of 22 paddle sport fatalities, 18 occurred when the individual was not wearing a life jacket.

In response, the Recreational Boating Safety Program has a new campaign on life jacket use while paddling built around Washington's Paddle Safe Week.

The new campaign kicks off with a survey open to Washington residents to better understand the safety habits of recreators on the water. The survey will take approximately five minutes to complete, and the data will help inform education and safety efforts by the program in years to come.

"What folks might not know when getting out on the water is they are required to carry a life jacket with them by law," said Derek VanDyke, Recreational Safety Education Coordinator. "But having it with you won't save a life in case of an emergency — you have to wear it."

A motorized boat operator must take a boating safety course and obtain a boater education card. Participants in paddle sports do not have similar requirements and may not be aware of laws and safety practices on the water.

A hands-on, youth training program on kayaking safety skills is entering its fourth year. The Recreational Boating Safety Program, funded by a Washington State "No Child Left Inside" grant, partners with local organizations to host Paddle Safe courses. The course focuses on underserved and rural areas statewide and has taught over 1,175 kids to paddle safely, be a community safety advocate, and provide participants with life jackets to take home.

Paddlers of all ages are encouraged to be role models in their community by always wearing life jackets. Creating a safety culture around paddling will keep the sport safe and enjoyable.

About the Recreational Boating Safety Program
The Washington State Parks Recreational Boating Safety Program works statewide to keep boaters safe and informed of applicable regulations. In addition to Recreational Boating Safety, the Boating Program trains and certifies Marine Law Enforcement programs across the state and administers the Clean Vessel Act to fund pump-out stations that keep Washington waters clean.



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DAYTON LIBRARY AFFECTED BY FEDERAL FUNDING CUTS

To the editor,

Executive Order and IMLS

On March 14, 2025, President Donald Trump issued an executive order targeting the Institute for Museum and Library Services and six other government institutes. This executive order called on the IMLS to 1) eliminate all non-statutory components and functions, and 2) reduce the performance of those functions and associated personnel to the minimum required in order to function. On March 31st, all IMLS staff were placed on administrative leave; soon after, a skeleton crew was called back to the office. The entire board of directors has also been fired.

Federal funding for IMLS makes up approximately 0.003% of the annual federal budget.

Washington, along with two other states, have had their IMLS grants canceled as of April 3rd, 2025.

IMLS in Washington State

In 2024, Washington received approximately \$3.9 million from IMLS, helping support:

- Libraries for the blind and print disabled, including the Washington Talking Book and Braille Library (WTBBL)
- Institutional Library Services (ILS) providing resources and support to incarcerated and hospitalized patrons
- Broadband access to rural and under-served communities
- Access to eBooks and other online resources, including the Washington Anytime Library
- Workforce development resource to support job seekers and employers
- Training for staff who provide Early Learning and Youth programming
- Resources for Tribal Libraries including digitization assistance
- Professional development and continuing education for library staff

IMLS and the Columbia County Rural Library District

The President's executive order concerning the Institute for Museum & Library Services will not affect the bulk of our services, as we are funded primarily through the county levy.

In addition to the above losses affecting all of the state, CCRLD is also losing \$12,661 in grants for library technology upgrades and professional development.

Sincerely,

Ellen Brigham, Director of Library Services,
Columbia County Rural Library District
Dayton, Wash.




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Waitsburg FFA at WSU convention

By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — Twenty Waitsburg High School FFA students will attend the FFA State Convention at Washington State University in Pullman May 8-10.

The students qualified for State after placing at District Leadership in Asotin on March 26. The top four in each category at District advanced to State.

1st Place Agriculture Education-Marion Duncan.

2nd Place Rituals- Sophia Castillo, Kayla Kuykendall, Rowdy Cole, Gage Myneer, Liam Kiefel, Katie Allen.

4th Place Prepared Public Speaking- Cedar Stegall.

4th Place Beginning Parliamentar-

ry Procedures- Kayla Mikesell, Griffin Hinchliffe, Trace Nesje, Pilar Easton, Emerson Underwood, Kenzie Castillo.

4th Place Rituals- Sophia Castillo, Kellen Coulston, Jake Lynch, Joslin Nodine, Stella Pearson, Shaunna Hilton.

"I had a lot of fun. I presented first in my event, Prepared Public Speaking, so I was done really early and had a lot of extra time to meet people from other Chapters and learn more about the other contests," said Waitsburg FFA's Vice-President Cedar Stegall about her experience at District Leadership.

Waitsburg FFA hosted the District VI Veterinary Science competition in Waitsburg on April 1. Waitsburg placed first, earning them a spot at State.

The students, Chasity Paddock, Sarah Daves, Cedar Stegall and Marion Duncan traveled to Tacoma and competed on Friday, April 11.

There were 45 teams from all over the state competing. Even though Waitsburg did not place, the team did well as it was the first year for some of the members.

Season opener for Cardinal JV Baseball

By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — Waitsburg High School junior varsity baseball team had their first game of the season at Dayton on April 3, losing 16-13 in three innings of baseball.

Ryan Meier started on the mound for the Cardinals, with Richard Finch as catcher.

Highlights for Waitsburg were Bryer Paul with two hits, one RBI, two stolen bases and scoring two runs. Tyler Coulston scored two runs, stole two bases, and had a two-RBI double in the third inning.

Box scores				
Waitsburg	1	4	6	13
Dayton	3	7	6	16

Battery: Meier and Finch

Hits: Waitsburg: Paul 2, Patrick 1, Carpenter 2, Coulston 1

The junior varsity team's next game will be on April 23 at Liberty Christian in Richland.

BIRTHDAYS

April 17: Daniel Baker, Melissa Huwe, Martin Huffman, Joseph Wood, and Drew Herion.

April 21: Tracy Keve, Brooklyn Butler, Rebecca Dunn, Joyce Zingle, Dean and Deanna Keiser.

April 18: Doris Saunders, Wayne Boyles, Margaret Baird, Tylor Abel, Dick Peterson, Jeff Presler, Emily Jansen, Russ Knopp, and Josh Hunter.

April 22: Julie Yokel, Mary Cunningham, Marge Benson, Mary Mathews, and Dawn Roberts.

April 19: Stephanie Hinchliffe, Ross Hamann, Bruce Abbey, Frank Brown, Jon Cano Sabrina, Leslie Lambert, and Chandler Savage.

April 23: Claudia Cunningham, Juanita Gluck, Vera Webber, Sandra Cox, Caleb Durkee, Nico Harri, and Lisa Kysar.

April 20: Chris Shaffer, Verla Bushnell, Scott Unholz, Mark Leroué, Elisha James, Elizabeth Henderson, Kyle Martin, and Natasha Langford.



"CATCH'YER BIB ON!" WAITSBURG LIONS CLUB RIB-FEED

15TH ANNUAL, SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2025

Pork Baby Back Ribs, French Bread, Baked Beans, Mac Salad - Beer & Wine

Tickets Available - Waitsburg Grocery, Banner Bank in Waitsburg

Walla Walla Electric, Pearson Dental in Walla Walla

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Adults 21 & Over - Tickets \$35

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with a valid state-issued driver's license High school diploma or equivalent Public Applicator License and/or CDL will be required to be obtained. Additional compensation will be provided for individuals with the above certifications. Position closes at 4 pm on Friday, April 25. Depending on availability, the anticipated starting date is May 1, 2025. Applications are available M-F, 8 am - 4 pm, at Waitsburg City Hall, 106 Main Street, Waitsburg, Washington or on the City's website www.cityofwaitsburg.com.



LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA No 25 4 00075 36 PROBATE NOTICE OF CREDITORS

In Re the Estate of WILLIAM CAREY HUGHES, JR.

Deceased.

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

Personal Representative: BAKER BOYER NATIONAL BANK

Date of First Publication: April 10, 2025

By: /s/ Jake Kotzman, Trust Officer

Personal Representative of the Estate of William Carey Hughes, Jr.

Attorney for the Personal Representative and address for mailing and service: Steven C. Frol, Minnick-Hayner, P.S., P.O. Box 1757, 249 West Alder, Walla Walla, WA 99362

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Court of Probate Proceedings and Cause Number: Walla Walla County Superior Court Cause No.: 25 4 00075 36

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR WALLA WALLA COUNTY

NO. 82 4 00020 3 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

RCW 11.40.030

In Re the Estate of: JOEL M. HANSEN, 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.

Administrator: Jack R. Hansen

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FUN & GAMES

The Friendly Forest

By Jimmye L. Turner



PIONEER PORTRAITS

Fifteen Years Ago
April 15, 2010



[Photo caption] Todd Gallaher began his 2010 racing year with a 9-mile time trial in Snohomish in late February. He is one of almost 600 cyclists who will come to Waitsburg for the 14th Tour of Walla Walla this weekend.

Twenty-Five Years Ago
April 13, 2000

Waitsburg farmer Greg Zuger was one of 25 lucky sweepstakes winners from across the nation who had the experience of a lifetime driving a real, 630-horsepower NASCAR Winston Cup Stock Car recently. Zuger entered a drawing while attending a seminar on Ruby Fieldmaster Premium Ag Diesel Fuel at a Northwest Grain Growers, Inc.-sponsored seminar. The prize included airfare to Las Vegas, Nev., home of glittering lights and the Las Vegas Motor Speedway, where the Richard Petty Driving Experience gives regular folks the chance to run 30 laps in an authentic stock car. The group stayed at the Luxor Hotel/Casino.

Fifty Years Ago
April 17, 1975

Cattlemen across the nation have their eyes on the Lacrosse Bull Test Station at Lacrosse, Wash, where on Thursday, April 24, will be held the first auction of registered bulls that have been tested under an electronic feeding system. A total of 260 bulls in 11 breeds have been on test for 140 days at the station which is operated by the Washington beef Cattle Improvement Association in cooperation with Washington State University. Every 28 days, these bulls were weighed twice on separate days. Every ounce of feed they consumed was weighed because of the electronic mechanism. Each bull has around his neck a yellow plastic chain with a fist-sized box that directs signals to the proper feedbox. When the bull is within four inches of his own feedbox, the little gadget allows the bull to stick his head in and eat.

Seventy-Five Years Ago
April 21, 1950

Miss Mary Dixon was elected to receive an honorary life membership in the Washington Congress of Parents and Teachers.

Miss Rita Lee Dixon was honored at a surprise pre-nuptial shower Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Sammy Wills. Miss Dixon is a niece of Mr. and Mrs. Minta Carter where she makes her home.

Bob Collins and Dorothy Hall were crowned king and queen at the Prom "Apple Blossom Time" on Friday night at Preston Hall.

One Hundred Years Ago
April 24, 1925

Samuel and Bailey, undertakers, have leased the Shuham building on Main Street, and a force of carpenters are busy remodeling the interior for a mortuary and chapel.

Metha Witt has been chosen Queen of the May. Her "ladies in waiting" are Edna Eichelberger and Carroll Ramseur. Attendants will be Dorothy Allen, Kathleen Flanders, Verla Piatt, Millie Bishop, Margaret Cutting, Mary Phillips, Inez Danielson and Lenore Flanders.

Our skies are so crowded now, every cloud has a silver airliner.

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago
April 27, 1900

Matt Towsley, of this city, a brother-in-law of C. B. Richardson was taken to the Walla Walla Hospital last Thursday suffering from the double dislocation of the collar bone.

T. M. McKinney's law office is now located on the east side of Main Street in the office formerly used by Martin Weller when in the lumber business.

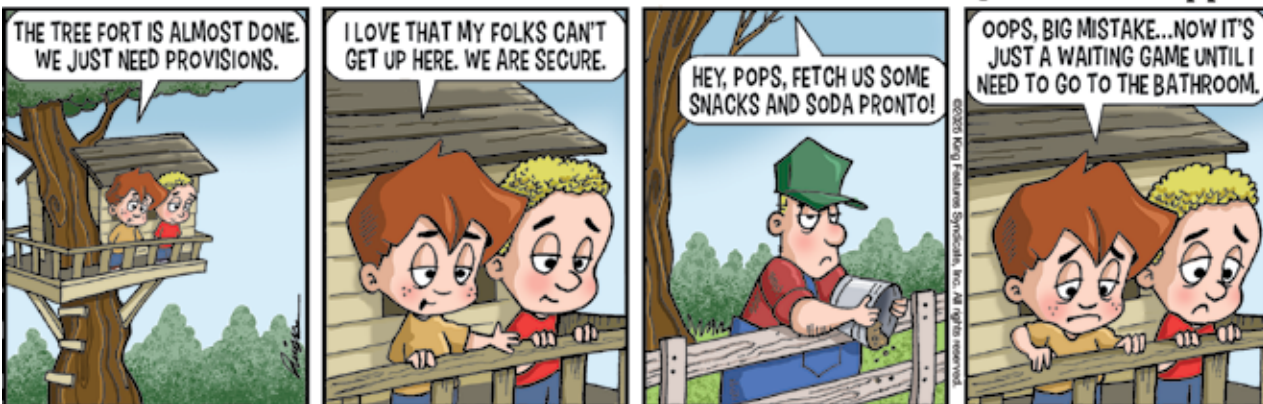
Lewis Neace has been in Montana for the past few days to look after pasture for his cattle during the summer. Mr. Neace has over 5,000 head of cattle and keeps most of them on the Montana range.

The Spats



Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



Lunches

WAITSBURG SENIOR CENTER

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

Tuesday, April 22
Swedish Meatballs over Noodles
Fruit
Cookie
Pea Salad



Thursday, April 17

Breakfast
Scrambled eggs & Biscuit
Lunch
Macaroni & Cheese
Chicken Strips
Broccoli
Applesauce

Friday, April 18

Breakfast
Breakfast Sandwich
Lunch
Turkey Sub sandwich
Caesar Salad
Carrots, Apples
Something crunchy

Monday, April 21

Breakfast
Bagel & Yogurt

Lunch
Spaghetti with Meat Sauce
Green Beans
Mixed Fruit
Breadstick

Tuesday, April 22

Breakfast
Biscuits & Gravy
Lunch
Nachos
Fresh toppings
Black bean salsa
Apples

Wednesday, April 23

Breakfast
French Toast & Bacon
Lunch
Cheeseburger
French fries
Ms. Brynne's house salad
Apples



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has been subdivided into seven 30' x 70' garden spaces with water troughs to be used as raised garden beds, said Laib.

With uncertainty over the Dayton Day, Inc. board, the Columbia County Commissioners provided funds to continue the annual rodeo under Loyal and Charlotte Baker's leadership.

To support the Memorial and Dayton Days weekend, Laib said the port is moving its flea market event to the fairgrounds on May 24 and 25. The port will run the non-food vendors at the fairground's youth and pavilion buildings. In addition, the Dayton Chamber will organize a parade.

Laib said the Li'l Shack is now the restaurant concessionaire at the Touchet Valley Golf Course. With Li'l

Shack, there are now four Dayton restaurants serving breakfast, including The General Store, Locally Nourished, and Moose Creek.

Laib described implementing a vacant building campaign, and Commissioner Watts told him how impressed he was with his work since being hired.

Dickinson gave a presentation on housing. She said Columbia County home prices have decreased slightly since the peak. She showed data that Columbia County housing is not affordable but is improving, but not for first-time home buyers.

The meeting then went into a brief executive session to discuss a real estate matter and returned without taking any action.

The next meeting of the Port Commissioners is May 14, 2025.

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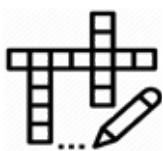


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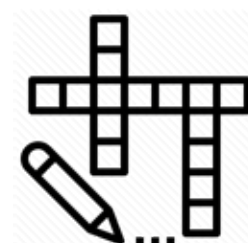
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Community Calendar

WAITSBURG MONTHLY MEETINGS

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

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

Waitsburg School Board
Third Thursday of every month @ 6 p.m.
Zoom info is available by emailing waitsburgcc@icloud.com

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



DAYTON & COLUMBIA COUNTY MEETINGS

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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



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

Church Directory

St. Mark Catholic Church

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

Waitsburg Presbyterian Church

504 Main
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

Waitsburg Christian Church

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

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Waitsburg Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 19, 2025
10 a.m. to 11 a.m.
Preston Park
Waitsburg, Washington
Up to age 12
Free

Easter Eggstravaganza Art & Craft Fair

Waitsburg Town Hall
121 Main St., Waitsburg
Saturday April 19
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.



Celebration Days

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TVAMP Touchet Valley Acoustic Music Project

Mythical Movable Bluegrass Jam
Friday, April 18 @ 7 p.m.

Ten Ton
216 Main Street
Waitsburg



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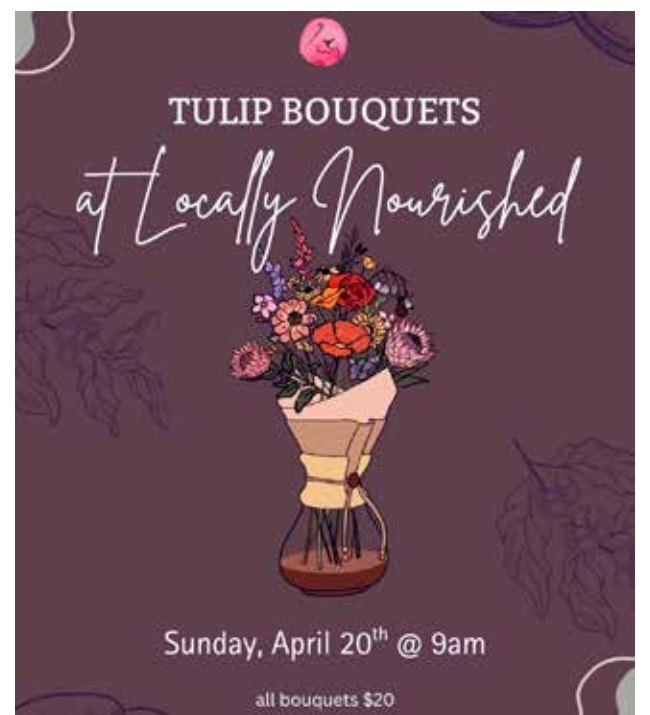


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Saturday, April 19, 2025
10 a.m. to 11 a.m.
Dayton City Park
Dayton, Washington



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WAITSBURG CHRISTIAN CHURCH
APRIL 20

EASTER WORSHIP SERVICE AT WAITSBURG TOWN HALL, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING BREAKFAST