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Michele Smith

Volunteers gathered on Saturday to plant the half acre site at the Blue Mountain Station with a variety of wildflowers and other native plants that are attractive to a variety of pollinators, including the endangered Monarch butterfly. Jeff Keating, the Project Coordinator, cut the ribbon at the newly established Blue Mountain Butterfly Station.

THIS WEEK

Monarch Butterfly Project opens waystation

By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES

On Saturday, May 2, a community planting and ribbon-cutting event was held for the Blue Mountain Butterfly Station.

The idea for the pollinator waystation grew from a discussion at a community town hall meeting in September 2025. Kathy Ellsworth spoke at the meeting on efforts to protect the Western Monarch population, which has declined by over 95% due to habitat loss and climate change.

Before the ribbon-cutting, Dayton Chamber of Commerce Director Brenda Larsen introduced project lead Jeff Keating to say a few words.

Keating said the garden was made possible through community support, including the use of the land and its irrigation system provided by the Port of Columbia. He also acknowledged their biggest sponsor, Puget Sound Energy, for its generous donation.

Keating thanked the Monarch Project committee members and the Dayton FFA for putting together flats of flowers and growing milkweed from plugs. He thanked Larsen and the Dayton Chamber of Commerce for their outstanding job of outreach on social media and advertising.

The Dayton Development Task Force will provide the 501(c)(3) non-profit status for contributions and grant applications. The Dayton Friends of the Library is donating metal garden signs with information about butterflies, bees, and hummingbirds. There are eight memorial garden benches that have dedication plaques.

Before Keating cut the ribbon, with his committee members at his side, he told the group why he took on the monarch butterfly project.

"I lost a granddaughter two months ago. She was 5 months old. During the memorial service, a butterfly landed on my daughter's hand and just sat there through most of the memorial service. Afterward, I started seeing butterflies everywhere. Then Kathy brought up the idea at the Town Hall meeting. I remembered my brother and his daughter did this, and I thought about Olivia. Olivia is going to have a memorial bench here as well. That is why this is so important to me. So here is to Olivia," said Keating.

After the ribbon was cut, the committee members went into the garden, found their plots, and started planting. Small, raised containers were available for children to plant and water seeds with donated colorful tools.

The garden will be a special place to enjoy for many years as it continues to grow.

LOW PLAINS DRIFTERS AT BEER PARLOR

THE TIMES



Angela Gilham

(l-r) Joshua Huh, Mike Easton, Brian Richards, and Trevor Corben are the Low Plains Drifters. They played their first live show on Cinco de Mayo at Walla Walla's Beer Parlor. The full house enjoyed cowboy crooning, with plenty of reverb.

"It was fantastic, I have the best group of people in my band and the best fans and neighbors," said Easton.



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RIB STICKIN' RIBS

By Lane Gwinn | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — Over 500 diners attended the 16th Annual Waitsburg Lions Club Rib Feed at the fairgrounds' Don Thomas Building. The May 3 event featured tender fire-cooked ribs that practically made seconds mandatory.

Lions Club Secretary Ross Hamann said, "Those who took in the rib feed said they had the best time catching up with old friends, making new friends, and just relaxing in the laid-back atmosphere with great food and cold drinks."

The rib and salmon feeds are two of Waitsburg's best-attended annual events and successful fundraisers for the Lions Club. The club uses the funds to support Waitsburg community projects, students, and residents.

Hamann said attendance was down this year, most likely due to Spring Wine Release Weekend events throughout the Walla Walla Valley.



Lane Gwinn

The Lions Club members are masters of fire roasted ribs and salmon.



NEWS BRIEFS

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AT THE LIBERTY:

“The Super Mario Galaxy Movie”
May 8-12 (2nd Weekend)

THE TIMES

DAYTON — “The Super Mario Galaxy Movie” is an animated film that follows “The Super Mario Bros. Movie” released in 2023. In this movie, Mario ventures into space, exploring cosmic worlds and tackling galactic challenges far from the familiar Mushroom Kingdom. Both films were produced by Chris Meledandri and Shigeru Miyamoto.

The cast includes Chris Pratt, Anya Taylor-Joy, Charlie Day, Jack Black, Keegan-Michael Key, Benny Safdie, Kevin Michael Richardson, and Brie Larson. It is rated PG for action, mild violence, and rude humor, and has a runtime of 98 minutes.

The Rotten Tomatoes audience rated the movie 88% and said, “Mamma Mia! Nintendo nostalgia hits again, delivering Easter eggs, joyful wonder, and a spirited cast that make this an instant replay.”

After the successful variety show, TVAC announces the Fall Production of “The Wizard of Oz”. The show will be directed by Brenda Henderson and Stephanie Snyder. There will be 14 shows performed between November 13 and December 5. Information night for potential performers and crew is May 14 at 6 p.m. Auditions will be on June 1 at 6 p.m. for children ages 5-14. Adults can audition on June 3 at 6 p.m. A make-up audition on June 4 will be open for anyone who missed the prior dates. Be ready to sing and read parts from the music and monologues supplied by the theater. Please send questions to wizardofdayton@gmail.com.

Schedule changes: “Super Mario Galaxy Movie” on May 8-12 (2nd Weekend). “Michael” on May 15-19, “The Devil Wears Prada 2” on May 22-26, and “The Sheep Detectives” on May 29-June 2. The schedule is always subject for change.

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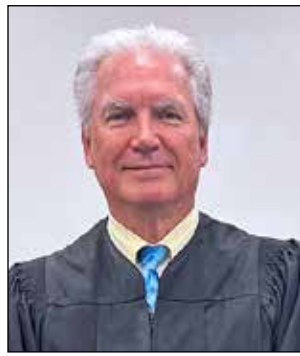
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DISTRICT COURT JUDGE TO RETIRE; HAWKINS WILL SEEK FULL-TIME POSITION

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA COUNTY — Presiding Walla Walla District Court Judge Kristian Hedine, who has served as the full-time District Court judge since December 2014, has announced that he will retire effective December 31, 2026.

“It has been my distinct honor to serve our community,” said Judge Hedine. “I am proud of the work we have accomplished and am very grateful for the trust placed in me by the citizens of Walla Walla County over the years.”



Submitted photo
District Court Judge Kristian Hedine.



Submitted photo
Jared Hawkins

Part-time District Court Judge Jared Hawkins announced that he will run for the full-time position in this year's election.

“I appreciate Judge Hedine's years of service and leadership,” said Judge Hawkins. “I look forward to continuing the important work of the court in a full-time capacity.”

Hedine, who is a member and current Chair of the Washington Commission on Judicial Conduct, noted he cannot endorse judicial candidates. However, he said that through their four years serving together, he has observed Hawkins' work on the bench.

“Judge Hawkins has demonstrated sound judgment, professionalism, and a deep commitment to the fair administration of justice,” Hedine said.

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COLUMBIA COUNTY HEALTH SYSTEM WELCOMES NEW COO

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COLUMBIA COUNTY — Columbia County Health System welcomed David Lindstrom as its new Chief Operating Officer.

Lindstrom brings more than 25 years of experience working in healthcare, higher education, and public service. Over the course of his career, he has focused on helping teams work well together and building trust across organizations.

He most recently worked at Walla Walla University as the Director of Student Development Services, where he led a student support center encompassing disability services, career development, tutoring, and other programs. In that role, he worked closely with students, families, faculty, and staff to build systems that were clear, supportive, and effective.

Lindstrom also has experience in healthcare operations. Working at Tillamook Regional Medical Center, he helped open four clinics and supported patient access within the hospital. He said that experience shaped his view of the importance of coordination among staff, providers, and leadership.

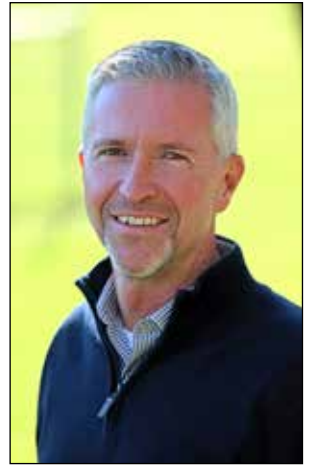
He has also worked in public service roles with WorkSource Oregon and the Oregon Youth Authority, partnering with local and state organizations to support diverse communities.

Lindstrom said rural healthcare is especially important to him.

“Supporting and protecting rural healthcare options is on-mission for me,” he said. “Patient-centered care really comes down to working together—with staff, providers, and the community—to make sure healthcare continues to meet local needs.”

He said he's looking forward to getting to know the Dayton community and supporting the work already happening at CCHS.

Lindstrom and his wife have been married for nearly 35 years. They have two adult sons and four grandchildren.



Submitted photo
CCHS COO David Lindstrom.

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TROOP 337 BRINGS LOCAL IMPACT & FUN

By Lane Gwinn | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — On April 16 – 18, Scouting America Troop 337 camped at the Lewis & Clark Trail State Park to help prepare the trails after recent spring flooding. The troop trimmed plants back, leveled and filled holes, and finally spread gravel on the trails to make seasonal maintenance easier.

The scouts coordinated their clean-up efforts with Washington State Parks Ranger Andrew Johnson. He manages the Lewis & Clark Trail and Sacajawea Historical State Parks.

“We were excited to perform this service close to home,” said Troop Committee Chair Sarah Roberts. “We also had some new and potential scouts

join us to learn more about scouting.”

Roberts said several Waitsburg scouts helped at an informational meeting on Friday, May 1, for kids interested in the Cub Scouts. Cub Scouts are Kindergarten through 5th grade, and Scouts BSA are for graduating 5th graders through age 17.

Troop 337 was reconvened in 2023 as a joint Cub Scout pack and BSA troop. The troop is currently looking for new pack and troop members. Anyone interested in joining the BSA Troop 337 can email bs.troop.337@gmail.com. Anyone interested in local Cub Scouting should contact Becky Pinney at becky.pinney@scouting.org.

On May 2, Troop 337 assisted at the Waitsburg Lions Club Rib Feed at the fairgrounds. The troop has assisted with parking at the rib and salmon feeds. The Waitsburg Lions Club sponsors the troop as its Charter Organization through the BSA.



The troop helped the Lions Club with parking detail at the 16th Annual Rib Feed.



Submitted photos

The troop camped at the Lewis and Clark Trail State Park. Over the weekend, they cleaned up and prepared the trails after the recent floods.

Tim Reeves is running for Walla Walla County Auditor

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA — Walla Walla resident Tim Reeves is running for the Walla Walla County Auditor seat in this year's election. Reeves, a Democrat, announced his run in a press release on Monday, April 27.

The county auditor is responsible for assembling the county's budget, ensuring the accuracy of records, and overseeing the integrity of the county's election process.

Reeves follows the County Commissioners' meetings and has noted their increasing frustration with the lack of timely, accurate, and detailed reporting of the county's expenses. Reeves said this affects the Commissioners' ability to do their work and raises concern for the future health of the county. Something is broken in the Auditor's Office, he said, and it's not the skilled and dedicated staff.

As an economist, corporate facilitator, and finance consultant, Reeves has grown teams at companies including Boeing and Microsoft, led large organizations through culture and process change.

Reeves serves on the Walla Walla Parks, Recreation, and Urban Forestry Advisory Board and the Walla Walla Arts Collaborative Board. He recently participated in the Civics Academy and the Police Citizens Academy programs.

He said he was inspired by those who step up to lead in our community. Reeves said he believes in the county's future and the role of the County Auditor.

“I believe every penny counts, every record counts, and every vote counts,” Reeves said. “You deserve to know that they are not at risk. I look forward to serving our community as the County Auditor.”

Reeves joins Greg Tompkins and current auditor Sheryl Park in seeking the position. All three have registered with the Washington State Public Disclosure Commission, which reports campaign finances and enforces campaign finance and disclosure laws.



Submitted photo

County Auditor Candidate Tim Reese.

FRANK RESER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — Applications are now being accepted for the 2026 Frank Reser Memorial Scholarship. This \$1,000 scholarship is available to Waitsburg High School seniors and alumni.

Interested applicants can obtain the necessary materials from the Waitsburg High School office. Please ensure that all completed materials are returned to the WHS office by May 29, 2026.

BIRTHDAYS

May 7: Jake Kibler, Richard Ford, Herb Mettler, Brayden Wood, Rose Rinell, Fred Knudsen, Lydia Rose Roberts, Della Mae and Daisy Rae Rowson.

May 12: Katy Leid, Erin Dutton, Kas-mira Pennington (Grende), Jonathan Abbey.

May 8: Kay Wright, Bonnie Tower, Dean Done, Cathy Williams, Tony Witt, Monika Page and Lindsey Roberts.

May 13: Lola Spirotas, Terry Bloor, Kevin Moormann, Jack Gawith, and Lavina Meyer.

May 9: Donald Duncan, Patrick Manyak, Valerie Hamann, Dan Havens, Cody Havens.



May 10: Walter Venum, Mary Davis, Kristin Mock, Peggy Hall, and Justin Zuger.

May 11: Evelyn Ladd, Donna Hempel, Lynda Patton, Liv Leid, Ronald Leinbach, and Melissa Ferrians.

SCHOOL NEWS

Waitsburg Senior Portraits

By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES

SHYLEE ELMORE

Shylee Elmore is the daughter of Misty and Daniel. Her younger brother Tyr is a sixth-grader at the Waitsburg School District.

Elmore has been a full-time student at the district since Kindergarten.

Outside of school, she enjoys artistic activities when she is not helping with chores for an elderly neighbor in the community.

Her favorite memory is when her elementary class attended the events at the Bruce Mansion.

In the fall, Elmore plans to attend Walla Walla Community College to become a Certified Nursing Assistant.



Photos by Karen Huwe

Shylee Elmore plans to attend the Nursing Assistant Certificate program at Walla Walla Community College.

TUCKER HAMILTON

Tucker Hamilton started school at Waitsburg in the second grade. His parents are Matt and Ashley, and his younger siblings are Holly and Samson.

A full-time student at WHS, Hamilton has played football since third grade. He was named Defensive Player of the Year his junior year. He was the captain of his football team in his senior year.

In track, he excelled in the long jump during his junior year.

Hamilton has been involved in FFA since eighth grade and was on the Ag Mechanics team for three years, and the Rangeland team for two. He also judged livestock in his sophomore year.

In the community, Hamilton has volunteered for flood relief, the Lions Club's rib and salmon feeds, school concessions, and leaf raking for the elderly.

Outside of school, Hamilton builds his skills in self-defense at the 100 Kilos Jiu Jitsu Academy in Walla Walla.

Hamilton said his favorite memories include his junior season of football and FFA lock-ins.

This summer, Hamilton plans to work harvest. He will then attend Northwest Lineman College in Idaho to get his electrical certification.



After summer, Tucker Hamilton will attend Northwest Lineman College.

BRENTON SEGRAVES

Brenton Segraves is the son of Kathy Snyder and Elmer Segraves. His older sister Alyssa graduated in the WSD Class of 2024. He has a younger brother, Gabe, and sister, Alexis.

Segraves has been a Waitsburg student since the fifth grade. As a senior, Segraves takes morning classes at WHS and criminal justice classes in the afternoon at SEATech Skills Center in Walla Walla.

A member of FFA, Segraves was on the Ag Mechanics team as a sophomore and junior. He is an honor student and was named Student of the Month in January 2026.

Segraves participated in football, baseball, and track. A scholar-athlete, he was named All-League Linebacker as a junior in football.

In track, he qualified for State his sophomore and junior years. He was awarded Most Inspirational at this year's spring awards assembly.

Outside of school, Segraves is a self-taught guitarist, has volunteered at the Lions Club's rib and salmon feeds, and assisted with painting the football field before home games. He assisted with mock interviews at SEATech, and volunteered at the Parade of Lights in Walla Walla.

Some of his very favorite memories are skipping school to attend Metallica, Slipknot, and Korn concerts.

After graduation, Segraves plans to work with his dad in the family's beekeeping business.



Brenton Segraves will work in the beekeeping business, Wolfork Apiary.

CARDINAL SPORTS with Karen Huwe

Waitsburg Cardinals Win Double-Header

Waitsburg High School's baseball team finished their season, May 1, on a sunny Friday afternoon, winning both games of the doubleheader against Tekoa-Rosalia.

The Cardinals got on the scoreboard in the first inning when they scored two runs by a Kellen Coulston single, a double by Rowdy Cole and a single by Rollin Carpenter. Bryer Paul made a diving catch from his position as pitcher in the third inning. Highlights in the fifth inning include scoring five runs and a triple by Isa Reyes. The Cardinals won the game 11-9.

Game 1

Team	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Runs	Hits	Errors
TR	1	1	1	0	1	3	2	9	8	11
WB	2	0	2	0	5	2	X	11	13	4

Battery: Paul, Carpenter, and Trace Nesje

Hits: K. Coulston 3, Cole 2, Carpenter, Reyes 2, Colt Boudrieau, Paul, Griffen Hinchliffe, Tyler Coulston, Nesje

After the first game, Waitsburg Seniors Isa Reyes and Tyler Coulston were recognized with their families.

In the second game of the doubleheader, the Cardinals exploded for nine runs in the first inning. The first three hits were a single by K. Coulston, a triple by Cole, and a triple by Reyes. The Cardinals scored seven runs in the bottom of the fourth inning and held TR to no runs in the top of the fifth to end the game via the 10-run rule 20-1.

Game 2

Team	1	2	3	4	5	Runs	Hits	Errors
TR	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	9
WB	9	2	2	7	X	20	14	3

Battery: Reyes and Boudrieau

Hits: K. Coulston 2, Cole, Reyes 3, Carpenter 2, Nesje 2, T. Coulston 2, Richard Finch 2



Karen Huwe

Senior recognition between games (l-r): Isa Reyes, Tyler Coulston, and their supportive families.

Middle School Track at SE1B

Waitsburg's middle school track team competed at the SE1B meet in Pomeroy on Monday, April 27. The team competed against eight 1B schools.

The boys team did well, placing second in overall points.

The following Cardinal athletes finished in the top ten for their events:

- Nolan King - 1st in the 100-meter (13.31 PB*) and the 200-meter (28.39 PB), and 3rd in javelin (92' 6").

- Flynn Richardson placed 3rd in the 100-meter (13.75 PB) and 2nd in the 200-meter (30.27 PB).

- Ollivyr Dahlby was 5th in the 100-meter (14.80 PB) and 8th in javelin (84' 7" PB)

- Liam Vasquez: 6th in the 100-meter (14.85 PB); 6th in javelin (86' 3" PB)

- Wyatt Vasquez: 10th in the 100-meter (15.95 PB)

- Arrow Groom was 3rd in shot put (30' 7"), 2nd in discus (92' 4"), and 9th in javelin (81' 10" PB).

- Hudson Lynch was 5th in discus (69'

11" PB) and was 10th in long jump (10' 9" PB).

- The Cardinals boys relay team: Joshua Dodd, first leg, Ollivyr Dahlby, second leg, Flynn Richardson, third leg, and Nolan King, last leg, placed 1st in the 4x100 relay (1:08.77).

- Jaylynn Gleason placed 2nd in the 100-meter (14.32 PB), tied 1st in the 200-meter (30.01 PB).

- Emma Langford placed 6th in the 100-meter (15.42 PB), and 8th in the 200-meter (33.02 PB).

- Ava McCaw was 7th in the 100-meter (15.74), and 6th in the 200-meter (32.69 PB).

- Karter Keatts ranked 8th in the 400-meter (1:26.95 PB).

- Katherine Roberts was 10th in the 400-meter (1:52.32).

- Tanna Ray 8th in javelin (50' 6") and 9th for discus (42' 7")

- The Cardinal girls relay team: Emma Langford, first leg; Ava McCaw, second leg; Tanna Ray, third leg; and Jaylynn Gleason, last leg, placed 2nd in the 4 x 100 relay (1:00.44).

*PB is a personal best performance.

HIGH SCHOOL TRACK AT DISTRICT 6 1B MEET

The Waitsburg High School track team competed against 13 schools at the District 6 1B league meet held at Pomeroy High School on Tuesday, April 28.

The following three Cardinals finished in the top 10 in their events:

- Liam Kiefel was 5th in the 300-meter hurdles (53.57) and 9th in the triple jump (33' 3.5").

- Audrey Kiefel placed 6th in the 100-meter (14.73) and 10th in the 200-meter (31.14).

- Cheri Mathews ranked 8th in discus (72' 10") and 6th in the javelin (90' 1").

On Saturday, May 2, the Cardinals team competed against 19 schools at the Columbia River Invite at Riverside High School in Oregon.

The following athletes set personal records at the May 2:

- Olivia Kiefel in the 200-meter (31.14) and long jump (12' 1.5").

- Emerson Underwood had a PR in discus (75' 4").

- Audrey Kiefel set a PR in the long jump (12' 7.5").

- Mixed throwers came in 4th in the 4x100 relay; Audrey Kiefel, Cheri Mathews, Olivia Kiefel, Liam Kiefel (57.64).



Palouse Outdoors: The Secretive Wildlife of Coos Bay

By Brad Trumbo | THE TIMES

"This will be a fine walk as long as the mosquitoes don't eat me alive," I thought as I stepped out of the truck. Scotch broom was in full bloom, each flower glowing brilliant yellow like tiny lanterns. Fuchsia balls of rhododendron blooms peeked through the understory beneath wafting strands of seafoam-green "old man's beard." The white flowers of an errant apple tree appeared ahead, leaning across the forgotten roadbed, which had grown over with moss, lichens, and Scotch broom to the point that only a narrow strip of a scant yellow center line was visible.

The marsh was on my right. It was littered with deadfalls and grasses, likely influenced by saltwater intrusion. Dank puddles stood here and there, and I surmised that they were pumping out mosquitoes like smoke billowing from a burning tire pile, judging by the cloud that had formed around me. Their buzz was nearly as loud as the symphony of bird-song that echoed through the trees. Interestingly, the birds were nowhere to be seen.

A massive sand dune rose to my left, its crest covered with various conifers, evergreen huckleberry with tiny bell-shaped flowers dangling from the stems, ferns with fresh fiddleheads, and a ground-cover of seashore lupine not yet in bloom. The Oregon Dunes are a marvel to behold. Imagine the Palouse wheat country as a conifer forest on the hilltops, fading to pure sand on the slopes and draw bottoms. It's a unique environment that supports a plethora of wildlife. The interior of the dunes was beyond the mosquitoes' reach, as if wards had been raised at the peak of the dune, though they were quickly replaced by gnats.

"Sheesh! If it's not one thing, it's another. Oh well, the wildlife isn't cooperating here anyhow," I thought, then skidded across the dune to relocate.

Bluebill Lake was a mile farther, so I bet on the lakeshore as a place to find life. The Bluebill Trail wound around the lake through ten-foot-high shrubbery and a canopy of evergreens. Again, the bird-song was nearly deafening, but the birds were completely inaccessible. Cornell's Merlin app suggested a variety of birds I'd either never seen or wanted to see again – the main species being the purple finch.

I slithered along the trail, slowly and quietly, like a snake. The birds were in the canopy, flitting restlessly in mating behavior, their colors washed out against the sky by the heavy cloud cover. When the marshy northern end of the lake with a small bridge appeared, I hurried to the water's edge to find myself among a flurry of birds, red squirrels, and chipmunks.

A song sparrow hopped up the trail as a flashy rufous hummingbird dipped down to sip from the tiny huckleberry flowers. Tree swallows drifted over the water, their reflections dancing across the tops of beautiful emerald lilies bearing cupped yellow flowers. The water was black and thick with vegetation and wood debris. Memories of Louisiana rushed in, and I half-expected to see a longnose gar surface to gulp an air bubble.



Brad Trumbo

This stately male purple finch rested momentarily while feeding and chasing other males among the willows.



A male yellow-rumped warbler dries himself after a quick bath at the water's edge.



This black phoebe was gathering lichens for its nest and quickly became one of Trumbo's favorite birds in the marsh. It was quiet, kept to itself, and snatched up the pesky insects that made photography a challenge.

A golden-crowned kinglet flitted among low branches, holding my attention long enough for a purple finch to appear at the ideal distance for a photograph.

Swinging the camera toward the stunning male finch, I worked the shutter, taking in his feathered details as he fed among the catkins. His appearance was similar to a House finch, but his coloration spanned his full underbelly, softening his brown breast streaks. It was exciting to see this new finch species.

Movement at the water's edge caught my attention. A yellow-rumped warbler bathed in the shallows behind tall green grasses. It then hopped into the willow branches to preen, offering candid flashes of its yellow flanks and rump, gray helmet with a yellow cap, and black eye bands. The show was soon interrupted by a black phoebe as it flitted softly into the willow branches to gather old man's beard for its nest, adding another species to the list.

What began as a frustrating morning among invisible wildlife ended in a flurry of activity among beautiful, fascinating new bird species. And Mother

Nature had one more trick up her sleeve. While pausing to photograph a red squirrel, I heard a shrieking, cackling sound streak across the trail behind me.

My head swiveled quickly, expecting a velociraptor or something equally vicious to burst from the wall of foliage. But the sound streaked across again in the opposite direction, this time followed by the sound of the family space car from the old cartoon The Jetsons – a telltale sign of the rufous hummingbird, another first for me. I'd never heard that shriek before, likely because there are so few rufous hummingbirds around home, but there were hundreds on the Bluebill Trail.

Oregon's Bay Area offers a welcome summer respite, and this singular adventure doesn't scratch the surface. The Oregon Dunes are just minutes from Coos Bay, as well as several beautiful State Parks along the rocky coastline. You'll find gorgeous beaches, off-road vehicle adventures, sea lion haul-outs, and enough other wildlife to experience peace on earth. Stop by the Dean Creek Elk Viewing Area on Highway 38, and visit the Ko-Kwel Casino for fine food, lodging, and more.

CARDINAL SPORTS with Karen Huwe

Softball team ends season with loss

Waitsburg's high school softball team ended its season with a loss to Pomeroy 27-0 in three innings of play on Friday, April 24. It was the third game of the week for the young team.

The Cardinal team of mainly eighth and ninth graders never gave up this season. Most of the pitching this season was by eighth grader Madyson Potter, who battled every game.

On April 20, the Cardinals played Colton and lost 23-6. A highlight from

the game happened in the second inning when the Cardinals scored five runs. Eighth grader Harlee Coulston scored two runs in the game. Potter pitched, and eighth grader Kaitylyn Paul was the catcher. Paul, Coulston, Kayla Kuykendall, Laila Long, Lillian Carpenter, and Katy Allen each got a hit in the game.

Dayton came to Waitsburg on Tuesday, April 21, and won 26-6. Both teams had five hits; however, the Cardinal pitchers walked too many batters. Junior Ava Childers started on the mound, then was relieved by Potter with Paul catching. Carpenter scored two runs in the game. Paul had two hits, and Allen, Stella Pearson, and Carpenter had one hit each.



Karen Huwe

Madi Potter pitching against Colton.

Waitsburg Celebration Days May 15 – 17, 2026

Friday - May 15

ATV Sunset Historical Cruise
Friday, 5 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Waitsburg Fairgrounds

Sunset Car Cruise
Friday, 6 p.m.
Preston Park

Cornhole Tournament
Friday, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Waitsburg City Park

Family Movie Night
Friday, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Plaza Theater, Downtown Waitsburg

Waitsburg Alumni Banquet

Sunday - May 17

Champions of Education Memorial Fun Run
Waitsburg Athletic Field, 8:30 a.m.

Cowboy Church
Preston Park, 10 a.m.

Luck of the Duck Fundraiser
Preston Park, 11 a.m.

Softball Game
Waitsburg Fairgrounds, 12:30-4 p.m.

Inflatable Games & Obstacle Course
Waitsburg Fairgrounds, 12-4 p.m.

Temporary Tattoo Station
Waitsburg Fairgrounds, 12-4 p.m.

Saturday - May 16

Breakfast by Young and Wyld Life
Saturday, 7 a.m. – 10 a.m.
Waitsburg Town Hall

Vendors
Saturday, 10:00 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Next to Simply Sawdust on Main St.

Face Painting
Saturday, 8 a.m. – noon.
Next to Simply Sawdust on Main St.

Kiddie Parade & Main Street Parade

9:30 a.m. & 10 a.m.

Wood Craft for Kids
Simply Sawdust, 11 a.m. to noon

Ice Cream Social
Bruce Museum, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

"Things That Go"
City Hall, noon to 2 p.m.

Car Show
Preston Park 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Karen's Memorial ATV Poker Ride
Waitsburg Fairgrounds, 11:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Burgers, Bands and Brews
Scholarship Fundraiser, 5–11 p.m.,
Waitsburg Fairgrounds

LEGALS & FUN

The Friendly Forest

By Jimmye L. Turner



Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



LEGAL NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE TOUCHET RIVER MILE 35 RESTORATION PROJECT
 Royse Hydroseeding & Excavation, John Royse, 1644 Plaza Way Walla Walla, WA 99362, is seeking coverage under the Washington State Department of Ecology's Construction Stormwater NPDES and State Waste Discharge General Permit.
 The proposed project, Touchet River Mile 35 Restoration Project, is located at N Highway 125 in Prescott in Walla Walla County.
 This project involves 14 acres of soil disturbance for Other (River Restoration) construction activities. The receiving water is Touchet River.
 Any persons desiring to present their views to the Washington State Department of Ecology regarding this Application, or interested in Ecology's action on this Application, may notify Ecology in writing no later than 30 days of the last date of publication of this notice. Ecology reviews public comments and considers whether discharges from this project would cause a measurable change in receiving water quality, and, if so, whether the project is necessary and in the overriding public interest according to Tier II anti-degradation requirements under WAC 173-201A-320.
DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: April 30, 2026
 Comments can be submitted to:
 ecyrewqianoi@ecy.wa.gov, or
 ATTN: Water Quality Program, Construction Stormwater Washington State Department of Ecology
 P.O. Box 47696
 Olympia, WA 98504-7696
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
 IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA
 NO: 26-4-00075-36
 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 RCW: 11.40.030
 In re the Estate of Susan Marie Roberts, 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: April 30, 2026
 Personal Representative: /s/ Suzanne Marie Smith 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
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DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: May 7, 2026
 Personal Representative: Sherri A. Woolever Attorney for the Personal Representative: Lenard L. Wittlake, PLLC, WSBA #15451 P.O. Box 1233 Walla Walla, WA 99362 (509) 529-1529
 Court of Probate Proceedings: Walla Walla Superior Court 315 W. Main Walla Walla, WA 99362
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 May 7, 14, 21, 2026
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
 IN AND FOR WALLA WALLA COUNTY
 NO: 26-4-00065-36
 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 RCW 11.40.030
 In re the Estate of: BENNIE ARTHUR SMITH, 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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 Personal Representative: /s/ Suzanne Marie Smith 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
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
 IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA
 NO: 26-4-00073-36
 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 RCW 11.40.030
 In re the Estate of: ARTURO LOPEZ, a/k/a Arturo Lopez Aguilera, 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 non-probate assets.
DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: April 23, 2026
 Personal Representative: Darin A. Lopez Attorney for Personal Representative: Courtney Lawless, WSBA #57415 Basalt Legal PLLC 6½ North Second Ave., Suite 200 Walla Walla, WA 99362 509-529-0630
 The Times
 April 23, 30, May 7, 2026
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COLUMBIA COUNTY PUBLIC HOSPITAL DISTRICT #1 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Special Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Columbia County Hospital District will be held:
 Date: Monday, May 11, 2026
 Time: 12:00 p.m.
 Location: Administration Conference Room Columbia County Health System 1012 S. 3rd Street Dayton, WA
 Remote Access:
 Join: <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/274447614632635?p=HOCVN49P6SIQ7LrDT5>
 Meeting ID: 274 447 614 632 635
 Passcode: mx3qb7dj
 Purpose of the Meeting: To vote on approval to engage a firm to pursue Employee Retention Credit (ERC) funds.
 No other business will be conducted.
DATE OF PUBLICATION: May 7, 2026
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
 IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA
 NO: 26-4-00082-36
 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 RCW 11.40.030
 In re the Estate of: SANDRA LEE KNIGHT, 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 timeframe, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and non-probate assets.
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 Personal Representative: Albert L. Sella, Jr. Attorney for the Personal Representative: Lenard L. Wittlake, PLLC, WSBA #15451 P.O. Box 1233 Walla Walla, WA 99362 (509) 529-1529
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PIONEER PORTRAITS

Fifteen Years Ago

May 5, 2011

At 2:00 a.m. in Joan Helm's home, the Waitsburg's Royal 'night-owls' gather around the television to watch the Royal Wedding ceremony of Prince William and Kate Middleton.
 Waitsburg PE teacher Jeff Bartlow shows his ninth-grade students how to practice their bicycle skills on the tennis court as part of a bike safety unit. The school recently received a grant to purchase 30 bicycles for safety instruction to grades 5-8 this fall.
 Tiger Tucket Alleman positions his glove to make a catch during his team's doubleheader against Dayton this weekend.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

May 10, 2001

Clean Up Day in Waitsburg was assisted greatly by six inmates from the Walla Walla County Jail, who joined local volunteers Skip Carpenter, Jim Burres, Cecil Webber and Ivan Keve, and the Waitsburg City Crew, in hauling 30-plus loads of burnable waste from people's yards. Carpenter donated his tractor-loader and a truck, and Burres also gave the use of one of his farm trucks.
 Holly Robinson, taking the baton from fellow Cardinal Haly Ingle, were on the relay team with Kate Ahmann and Jessica Huxoll that placed second in 4x200.

Robert White kept his pace up and moved into first position to win the 3,200 run in 12:16.10.

Gary Timms arches in the air to make the most of this long jump attempt, an event he placed second with a 17-2 effort.

Fifty Years Ago

May 6, 1976



[Photo Caption] Graduation for the Waitsburg High School class of 1976 will take place Friday night, May 28, in the high school auditorium. Highest honor speaker for the class is Robin Hutsell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Hutsell. Loyal Baker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Baker, has been selected as honor speaker of the class.

Seventy-Five Years Ago

May 11, 1951

Bob Patton exhibited the grand champion Hereford of the Junior Livestock Show in Spokane this week.
 Kenneth Smith located a den of five coyote puppies this month near the Harold Price farm and dug 20 feet into the ground to "bring them out alive."
 Jimmy Tuttle celebrated his fourth birthday Saturday when a group of little friends were his guests for ice cream, birthday cake and favors.

One Hundred Years Ago

May 14, 1926

Wednesday evening about forty-five of the Freshmen and Sophomores hid themselves to Rose Grove above Dayton for a most enjoyable picnic. They were accompanied by Frank Zuger, Mrs. Kruchek, Mrs. Fullerton, Mr. Pollard, Mrs. Harris and Ms. Sutton.
 Clarence Eaton, Chas. Neace and A. C. Garner left Tuesday morning for the Canadian Rockies where they will spend a few days on a bear hunt.
 Mr. and Mrs. George Samuel, in company with Dayton friends, spent Sunday at Palouse Falls. They report the falls a beauty spot this time of the year

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago

May 17, 1901

A large and well-built barn of C. A. Hales situated on Mr. Hales place a mile east of the city was burned to the ground last Sunday afternoon between one and two o'clock. A young son of Mr. Hales set fire to the structure by building a fire in the barn for fun.
 Why cook over a hot stove on Sundays when, for 25 cents, you can get an excellent dinner at the new hotel just opened by Mrs. D. L. Cox. If there are but two or three in a family, you can get dinner cheaper at this first-class hotel than if you cooked it yourself.
 The Waitsburg Military Band gave another of its popular open-air concerts on Main Street last Saturday afternoon. The day was very pleasant, and a large crowd was on the street.

PUZZLES & LIFESTYLES

Super Crossword

TRAPPED WATER

- ACROSS**
- 1 Spot's foot
4 Motorcycle maker
10 ATM output
14 Baffle
19 Driving hazard
20 Region in Spain
21 Actress Falco
22 Country singer Tucker
23 Kiting, e.g.
25 Is discovered doing a misdeed
27 Roomy auto
28 Bungle
29 Kind of pear
30 U.S. Shakers founder
31 Driving hazard
33 What a cyclist signals with an arm extended straight out
35 Attacked boxer-style
41 Boise is its cap.
42 Canon camera line
43 French assent
44 Been shut down, as a theater
- 47 Dropped a bit
50 Actor Davis
53 Focal point
54 Pull back (in)
56 Disney lion
60 Insulated drink cup
63 Bovine captured by Hercules
66 Actor Erwin
67 Chou En-
69 Railroad or bus terminus
70 Clean air org.
73 Loyalty program
78 Duet number
79 Rover's rope
82 Hugs, in texts
83 "Carte" start
86 "Super work!"
89 1985 Kentucky Derby winner
95 Like some questions long answers in this puzzle
99 Japanese fish dish
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6 She-horse
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13 The, in Tours
14 Tolerate
15 Tease
16 Detach by dissolving an adhesive
17 Cry to a rescuer
18 Eucharist-holding plates
24 Bistro's kin
26 Gondola path
29 "The View" co-host Joy
32 Comic's joke
33 Certain PC readout
34 Paid spots
35 Horn honk
36 "Be silent!"
37 Escalate
38 Sci-fi writer Frederik
39 "E pluribus —"
40 Cosmic cloud
45 Fun activities, in brief
46 White wine aperitif
48 Lacks being
49 "I call that as mine!"
51 Taxing gp.
52 Lifesaving pro
- 55 Carter of sitcomdom
57 Mongrel
58 Hard hit
59 Rival of lams
61 Special glows
62 Needlefish
64 Sorority "T"
65 Just — (equally undesirable)
68 Wedding vow
70 Nervous
71 Sweat source
72 Ripens
74 "C'— la vie"
75 Pummel
76 Distress call
77 Xerox product
80 Gangly
81 Alma mater of Wills
84 "Deck the Halls" syllables
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88 Winter illness
90 Dastardly
91 Ensnares
92 Maritime rescue gp.
93 Drink quickly
- 94 Baby foxes
97 Makes ready, informally
101 Fictional belle
102 Disallow
104 Pudgy
105 Educ. inst.
107 Coils
108 Biological subdivisions
109 Like live balls
111 Deity ruling the heavens
113 Brought up
114 Language of Islamabad
116 How clothes are tailored
117 Follower of "You'd think so..."
118 1986 Indy 500 winner Bobby
119 Pick — pace
123 BLT addition
124 Bit of news
125 "PDQ!"
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128 Final Four gp.
129 By way of, informally
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133 "See ya!"

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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MY RECIPES

Luke Chavez

Chicken Vesuvio

As with many famous Italian American recipes, the origins of Chicken Vesuvio are slightly shrouded in mystery. Named after Italy's infamous Mount Vesuvius, the dish shares many qualities to chicken preparations made around the Campania region for hundreds of years. Another possibility is that the recipe gets its name from Vesuvio, a famous restaurant in 1930s Chicago. Either way, it's clear to see why this homey dish of crispy roasted chicken and potatoes in a lemon laced white wine sauce has remained a classic.



Ingredients:

- 3 large russet potatoes
- 5 tablespoons olive oil, divided
- 1 ½ teaspoons dried oregano, divided
- 3 pounds bone-in, skin-on chicken thighs (about 6 to 8 thighs)
- Salt and fresh ground black pepper
- 4 tablespoons butter
- 6 to 8 garlic cloves, thinly sliced
- 1 cup chicken stock
- ½ cup dry white wine
- 1 cup fresh or frozen green peas
- Juice of one lemon
- Fresh flat leaf parsley, chopped, for serving
- Lemon wedges, for serving

Directions:

Preheat the oven to 425 degrees. Cut the potatoes in half lengthwise, then cut into 1-inch-wide wedges. In a 9-by-13-inch baking dish, toss the potato wedges with 3 tablespoons olive oil and ½ teaspoon of the oregano. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Spread the potatoes out in an even layer. Bake for 15 minutes then gently toss. Return to the oven and continue to bake until the potatoes are tender but still firm, and the edges are beginning to brown, about 15 minutes longer. They don't need to be totally done because they will finish roasting with the chicken.

While the potatoes are roasting, prepare the chicken. Season the chicken on all sides with salt, pepper, and the remaining 1 teaspoon of oregano. Heat the remaining 2 tablespoons of olive oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. When the oil is shimmering hot, add the chicken skin-side down, working in batches, until the skin is golden brown, about 8 to 10 minutes. The chicken will not be fully cooked at this point, you will just be searing and browning the skin. Transfer chicken to a plate and set aside.

Turn the heat down on the skillet to medium or medium-low. Add the butter and garlic to the skillet, cooking until very fragrant and just starting to turn golden, about 2 to 3 minutes. Add the chicken stock and the wine to the skillet, raise the heat and bring to a simmer. Cook for 2 minutes, then stir in the peas and take off the heat. Taste and adjust seasoning, adding more salt or pepper as needed. Pour the mixture evenly over the roasted potatoes, stirring gently to combine. Place the chicken on top of the potatoes, skin-side up, along with any of the accumulated juices from the plate.

Bake until the chicken is cooked through, and the potatoes are very tender, about 25 to 30 minutes. If using a thermometer, the thighs should reach about 170 to 180 degrees. If needed, you could turn on the oven's broiler, and broil for a couple minutes to crisp the skin more. Remove pan from the oven and squeeze the lemon juice over the top, and sprinkle with parsley. Serve with plenty of the flavorful pan sauce over the chicken and potatoes, and crusty bread for dipping on the side. Extra lemon wedges are also lovely served on the side.

Notes:

Be sure to use a baking dish that is at least 9-by-13-inches to allow room for all the chicken and the potatoes. If needed, you could divide the recipe between two baking dishes.

This week, I served this cozy dish with a side of sauteed spinach and a loaf of crusty, Italian-style bread.

Enjoy.

Super Crossword

Answers

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Weekly SUDOKU

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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
Last Thursdays of the month @ Ten Ton Art @noon. Zoom info is available by emailing waitsburgcc@icloud.com.

Waitsburg Resource Center Community Food Bank
Thursdays, 2 - 4 p.m. Food Donations @ 106 1/2 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 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, May 12
Spaghetti & Meat Sauce
Garlic Bread
Fruit
MOW: Coleslaw
IN HOUSE: Salad Bar

WAITSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT

Thursday, May 7
Breakfast
French Toast & Sausage
Lunch
Spaghetti
House Salad
Green Beans
Fruit Choice
Friday, May 8
Breakfast
Eggs & Yogurt

Lunch
Turkey Sandwich
Chips Carrots, Celery
Fruit Choice
Monday, May 11
Breakfast
Breakfast Sandwich
Lunch
Hot Dog
French Fries
Celery, Fruit Choice
Tuesday, May 12
Breakfast
Biscuits & Gravy.

Lunch
Beef & Bean Burrito
Frito Chips Peppers, Corn
Fruit Choice
Wednesday, May 13
Breakfast
Cinnamon Roll & Eggs
Lunch
Chili
Cornbread Carrots. Corn
Fruit Choice



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Events, Film, Performance, Live Music

WAITSBURG

Mythical/Movable
Blue Mountain Bluegrass Jam
at The Big Red Barn,
12241 Lower Waitsburg Rd.
Friday, May 8 at 7 p.m.



Greg Blake Concert
at the Plaza Theater
Tuesday, June 2
@ 7 - 9 p.m.
Tickets on Eventbrite



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Mother's Day Tea
at Wolfling Coffee
Sunday, May 10, 2026
3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Celebrate this Mother's Day with a special Afternoon Tea at Wolfling Coffee. From 3-5pm, Unlimited tea will be served alongside petite tea sandwiches and delicate pastries.

Seating is limited, so get your tickets now.



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