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Paul Gregutt

A powerful wind storm hit the Touchet Valley this last Monday and Tuesday with winds reaching up to 60 mph. This tree was pulled from the roots and fell across Highway 124 in Waitsburg on Monday, April 4.

## THIS WEEK



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## American 35 opening new chapter

Waitsburg Commercial Club is holding its Annual Awards Dinner at the new restaurant on April 12.

By Lane Gwinn | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—A pizza maker and a Bloody Mary mix master walk into a bar. No joke, the bar was the empty Anchor Bar located in the American Legion, post 35, building on Main Street in Waitsburg.

Tom and Judy Bennett have embraced the building's history and want to incorporate the essence of the American Legion post and what it once was; good company and good food to their new business American 35.

The couple relocated to the Walla Walla Valley in 2016. Tom relocated for his work as a business management consultant. Judy had just opened her Portland Bloody Mary Mix company in Portland and began work as a physical therapist in Walla Walla.

You never know where life will lead you. The Bennetts took a trip to Italy that would lead them to a new culinary adventure.

"The short version of the story is that we went to Italy and encountered pizza in a way we had not seen. Our first impulse was to buy a place in downtown Walla Walla and do a pizza place."

Not able to find a suitable location, the Bennetts took advice from their son with restaurant experience and opened Fiasco Pizza as a food truck. And what a food truck it is. Working with a partner in South Carolina they created a beautiful wood fired pizza kitchen on the back of a vintage red firetruck.

Fiasco focused on providing pizza to wineries in the Walla Walla valley and providing catering for private events. With a great crew, the food truck has built a loyal following who love wood-fired pizza.

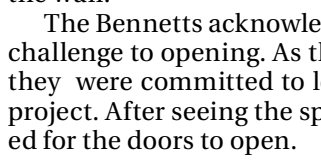
Now the Bennetts bring their success in business and wood-fired pizza to the new building in Waitsburg. The new multi-functional space will allow the couple to expand their hospitality and provide

Residents have been watching as the building with the black and white flag transforms into the American 35. Two glass roll-up doors have been installed on the front of the building, bringing in light and the public's curiosity. Inside there have been big changes as well. The custom pizza oven has been delivered and installed, floors refinished, and a soapbox racer hung on the wall.

The Bennetts acknowledged that the building was the biggest challenge to opening. As they have been working on the space, they were committed to letting the building have a say in the project. After seeing the space empty for years, the city is excited for the doors to open.



Photos Beka Compton  
Judy and Tom Bennett



Soapbox racer ready for the opening

## Chicken Bills is back is back at TVGC

Bill and Teresa Ayotte have brought the beloved cafe back to Dayton

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

DAYTON—After more than a year, Dayton-area golfers and foodies alike can finally enjoy their favorite Chicken Bill burger, breakfast, or chicken fried steak once again.

Returning to the Touchet Valley Golf Course after taking a pandemic-year off, Chicken Bill's Cafe had its soft opening on March 31, and owners Bill and Teresa Ayotte have been busy ever since.

"It's been so busy!" Ayotte said. "So many familiar faces are back."

During their time off, the Ayotte's added a few new menu items, including bison burgers, chicken wings, and the famous Carolyn's Cafe cinnamon rolls.

Fan favorites are also back on the menu. Chicken fried steak, which seems to be the most popular dish amongst die-hard Chicken Bill fans, is making a regular appearance. Sizzling breakfast items, including the thick and juicy sausage links, premium bacon, and sweet cream hotcakes, will be on the menu.

"I had wanted to add bison to the menu before, but the way it is marketed in our business, it's in frozen patties," said Bill.

Wanting the best, he explained how he found the bison burger for their menu, "I know the Seney, and when I saw Byron at the Chamber dinner, I mentioned to him that I wanted to buy some bison."

The next morning, Van Seney, who owns Eckler Mountain Bison, was at the cafe, ready to make a business deal. Their bison are raised and processed locally, allowing Ayotte to buy freshly ground meat that they shape and season for burger patties at the cafe.

"It's not coming from Wyoming or somewhere like that," he said. "We try and buy local as much as possible."

Chicken Bills offers catering and take-out, as well. Ayotte explained that he prefers to do on-site catering because the facilities at the golf course are so versatile, and you can't beat the view. However, off-site catering is an option, and interested parties should contact the cafe for further information.

Did I mention that he smokes his brisket, chicken, and pork?

The cafe is without a deep fryer, so there are no French fries. They more than make up for it with fresh house-made salads. Teresa's coleslaw, Madi's potato salad, Maeci's macaroni, and Mac's smoked bbq beans are all available, made fresh each day. The pride radiating from Ayotte made it clear that Teresa's coleslaw is a must-try!

"We have a great staff," Ayotte said of his wait staff and kitchen staff, Tracey Heeter, Sandy Smoot, and Danette Burnett. "They are all very experienced."

Chicken Bills is open seven days a week, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Green fees and other golf-course-related needs can be handled in the cafe, with the Pro Shop, snack shop, and to-go drinks available from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. each day.



Times Archives  
Bill and Teresa Ayotte in 2018 at the first Chicken Bills. Welcome Back!





# NEWS BRIEFS

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### AT THE LIBERTY:

#### *The Lost City*

THE TIMES

DAYTON—Brilliant, but reclusive author Loretta Sage (Sandra Bullock) has spent her career writing about exotic places in her popular romance-adventure novels featuring handsome cover model Alan (Channing Tatum), who has dedicated his life to embodying the hero character, “Dash.” While on tour promoting her new book with Alan, Loretta is kidnapped by an eccentric billionaire (Daniel Radcliffe) who hopes that she can lead him to the ancient lost city’s treasure from her latest story. Wanting to prove that he can be a hero in real life and not just on the pages of her books, Alan sets off to rescue her. Thrust into an epic jungle adventure, the unlikely pair will need to work together to survive the elements and find the ancient treasure before it’s lost forever.

Rotten Tomatoes critics rate this comedy-adventure at 75% favorable, but audience ratings are slightly higher at 84%. This movie is rated PG-13 for violence and some bloody images, suggestive material, partial nudity and language (with some crude sexual innuendo). Runtime is 112 minutes.

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### LOCATION CHANGE FOR APRIL 13 PORT COMMISSIONERS MEETING

DAYTON—The Port of Columbia has changed the location for the April 13 regular meeting of the port commissioners. Anticipating an increase in the number of community members who will attend, the port moved the meeting to the Youth Building at the Columbia County Fairgrounds. The meeting will still begin at 5 p.m.

The meeting will also be held on Zoom to encourage further community involvement.

One reason for the increased public interest is that the Touchet Valley Trail is on the agenda, and the port commissioners will most likely be voting on the project’s future.

The port held a workshop on March 21 to provide the community with information from extensive studies and design work on the trail. The commissioner’s workshop on the Touchet Valley Trail is available on YouTube at <https://tinyurl.com/3b-74fv3w>.

Those interested in attending may find it helpful to watch the workshop video and review information regarding the project at <https://tinyurl.com/yckj4dv5> before the meeting.

The port will post the meeting’s agenda at <https://tinyurl.com/5n6s6499> on Monday, April 11.

## LETTERS

### COMMENTS IN FAVOR OF THE TOUCHET VALLEY TRAIL

To the Editor,

I am writing to express my support for the building of the trail. I have reviewed the plans and am encouraged by what the engineers and designers have envisioned – and the accommodations that have been made to address the concerns of community members that live along the proposed trail. Dedicated bike and hike trails are so much safer for those of us that at times choose alternative means of transportation. The trail will make it much safer for young and old alike to get about parts of town and the valley.

The fact that the building of the trail will not result in an increase in my taxes is also a big plus. It is my understanding that this type of funding has been federally allocated for alternative transportation in the federal budgets since 1977. Why shouldn’t it be used to enhance the Waitsburg/Dayton area? Maintenance costs appear to be small in relation to project outlay. It was pointed out at the last meeting I attended that by the time the trail would be constructed, the Port would be free of much of its debt service and able to budget an estimated \$10,000 /yr. for maintenance costs with no problem. There are also groups that have expressed interest in volunteer trail maintenance.

Funding is available this year that would, if granted, fund ½ of the trail without costing the Port additional dollars as one grant could act as the match for the matching requirements of the other grant. Monies for completion of the second half would be available in two years. Columbia County does not have any public parks (there is at least one city park) so it is time that such a facility was developed, and this would count towards that goal.

I understand that the trail as currently proposed would build approximately one-half mile of new train tracks when the rail is relocated. It is also my understanding that some Port Commissioners want to rebuild the railroad as it exists now. This would be a great start to that and, if that project is undertaken, it would mean that fewer dollars would have to be found to do that. It’s a good start and approximately 1/20th of that project would get completed. This could also show serious intent to other agencies that the Port reaches out to for funding for that project.

Having reviewed the document labeled ‘Expressed Concerns and Questions from Landowners and the Public Regarding the Proposed Touchet Valley Trail’ that the Port has posted on the Trails’ webpage it appears that concerns have been addressed in the design/build. Most of these issues have been dealt with on the other major Washington trails – the Bill Chipman to Palouse Trail, The Palouse to Cascades State Park Trail – they are not unique. Initially, those trails too had strong opposition but the communities have since discovered what an asset they are.

The possible economic benefits to the Waitsburg and Dayton communities are encouraging and within the mission of the Port. It is disheartening to see all of the vacant storefronts in Dayton. This project could help facilitate small business development at both ends and make Dayton and Waitsburg more of a day or week-end destination.

The Port Commissioners swore in the oath of office that they took when they became commissioners to be impartial, and the new ones promised when they ran for election that they supported economic development. Therefore, voting for the Touchet Valley Trail and the potential economic benefits it would bring, fulfills the vow and obligation they have undertaken for the entire community. The trail should not be politicized. And the building of the trail is an example of how government should serve the people.

Respectfully,  
JL Goldsmith  
Dayton, Wash.

To the Editor,

I have volunteered and worked in many capacities in Columbia County. In those positions, I have attended many workshops and conferences in other small communities in the Pacific Northwest and have met many community leaders who touted the benefits of recreation in their own communities. They knew the positive impacts. I’ve always dreamed of a Columbia County filled with brown signs directing locals and visitors to hike, bike, fish, swim, camp, etc. We have so much to offer.

How does it benefit our community? Studies show that having recreational opportunities in your own community boosts productivity and lowers healthcare costs. Furthermore, it draws tourism which leads to attracting new businesses, lowering unemployment, and enhancing property values.

I participated in the annual Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) meetings in Columbia County for a number of years. These meetings are publicized for attendance by the entire community and new, thoughtful input was always greatly appreciated and respected. In these meetings, the state of the County’s economy is presented, there is a review of the ongoing economic development efforts, and the group reviews and prioritizes the ongoing short and long-term economic development goals. The CEDS results in a document which isn’t put on a shelf to get dusty, it is used to drive efforts by all parties involved in the county’s economic development. Because of this ongoing work, many goals have been achieved which have benefitted the community, including the recent development of assisted living which had been a community goal for many, many years.

In the last CEDS meeting I attended, the trail idea was brought to the group’s attention, placed within the CEDS document and voted within the top five priorities. Many involved were surprised, but as a result, sprang into action to pursue this. Many, many hours were put into writing the original federal grant which allowed us the opportunity to pursue the interest and feasibility of a system of regional, interconnected trails. Upon receiving this grant, community input was essential and required. There were many meetings publicized in and held in Columbia County (and neighboring Waitsburg) in which concerned and interested citizens alike, came together. City and County leaders and staff, past and present, also participated and offered professional input.

I urge community members and leaders to trust in the work of so many individuals and professionals who spent countless hours pursuing this trail, only having the wellness of the community in their heart.

Brad McMasters,  
Columbia County homeowner

To the Editor,  
What is freedom?

It is defined as ‘the absence of necessity, coercion, or constraint in choice or action’ -

For most of us it means the right and privilege to live our lives OUR WAY without others telling us what we can or cannot do. And if we do that without causing harm to others, that is exactly what should be happening in our community. However, it feels less and less free as we deal with the consequences of recent elections.

We have ideology driven elected officials that hold a world view that isn’t based on freedom, yet they wave our national flag as if they believe in true freedom. But then also use that flag, like the point of a gun, to threaten to withhold OUR tax dollars from an after-school program unless they consider hanging that flag in their building. They use THEIR ideology to tell our community that THEIR personal, political, and religious views on child rearing and childcare will be what is used to deny the building of a childcare facility on Port property. They use the eternal ‘communist’ boogeyman to create fear of change and of people that look, worship, think and vote differently than they do. My grandmother was born in the late 1800’s and joined a new-age religion back in the 20s – they were terrified of the communists back then too. They had chants and prayers to keep them from attacking the shores of the US. We saw the fear of communism roll through again in the late 40s/50s with the McCarthy Era. And it seems we have entered another fear cycle.

Fear is not a good place to lead from. It is an inhibitor in making thoughtful, well-rounded, and logical choices that serve the entire community. Fear inhibits freedom. It restricts it and if leaders are leading from fear, they will begin to restrict the freedoms of those they are here to serve. And that seems to be the direction we are headed.

As a Republican and a firm believer in personal freedoms, it concerns me that people who once ran under the Republican banner and are now CCC members and elected officials, are, through their words and deeds, threatening the personal freedoms of our county citizens by making decisions based on ideology that isn’t freedom-centric. None of us need them to decide for us how to raise our children, how we should display our patriotism, or how we should do ANYTHING in our personally free lives. It’s not any of their business. And frankly, moral busybodies have no place in leadership.

Vicki Zoller  
Dayton, Wash.

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## Val Norman Woodworth

October 11, 1955–March 26, 2022

Val Norman Woodworth passed away at age 66 at his new mountain cabin in the Blue Mountains, peacefully, in his most favorite place on Earth on March 26, 2022.

Val was born weighing five pounds on October 11, 1955, in Dayton, Wash., to Harley Norman and Geraldine Francis (Hermanns) Woodworth. He was the “baby” of the family. Harley said: “He was so small and gangly, he barely got his seed back.”

But Val grew in stature to 6’ 7”, proving to his father that from little seeds grow mighty trees.

His father named him Val after a fellow soldier and dear comrade he’d lost in the Army, a name of honor and valor.

Val had a passion for the Blue Mountains, especially the Burnt Fork area, as from the age of 3 years, he remembered many special times with his family and Grandma Carrie Woodworth at the little cabin Harley built.

He often said he “would seek solitude and relaxation there, taking long walks and clearing his thoughts.”

At the age of 5, his folks bought the Pink O’Neil place at Fudge Flats, and a whole new world opened for a little boy. He spent endless hours exploring the nearby Touchet River, and when he could finally ride a bike, that opened up the entire Huntsville community and grocery store to a rangy, young boy.

In his early teens, he had vast opportunities on his motorcycle, sometimes including a Winnett or Abel in his travels. He would ride into the Blues via Bundy Hollow to Jasper Mountain and down Thayers Grade to Burnt Fork, spending the weekend at the hunting cabin.

He loved fast cars, especially a black Dodge Charger and was very mechanically inclined.

Val attended Dayton Elementary and Waitsburg High School, graduating with the Class of 1973. He played basketball in his high school years and continued that “love of the game” on town teams for many years.

He worked at the Green Giant Co. and Danforth Farms in high school and through college in the summers.

Val earned an Associate of Arts degree from Walla Walla Community College, attended Yakima Valley Community College, Big Bend Community College, and finished at Eastern Washington University in Cheney with a degree in Civil Engineering.

Val then decided he needed to be home, helping his father in the family business, Cropland Air Service.

He and Harley purchased a training airplane and Val began flight training with a local flight instructor, Loyal Baker, finishing his Private Pilot certificate in a speedy 86 days. Shortly after, Val completed Commercial Pilot training, added tail wheel training and began his “apprenticeship” with Harley.

He purchased Cropland Air Service after his father retired, having flown 42 years for producers in the Touchet Valley. The responsibility of debt fueled and pushed him daily, and Val was determined to continue his father’s well-earned legacy and fulfill his obligations.

During his 30-year career as a crop duster, he had three off-airport incidents: one at the Lower Hogeeye airstrip, one on the Shanty Zuger place, but the worst one was in Ring Canyon where he caught a wing tip on the BPA powerline and sustained a badly injured left foot and crushed three vertebrae in his upper back. Val freed himself from the burning wreckage and started hiking to town. Someone had seen him go down and had called it in. Dan Culley was the first person that came, loaded Val in his pickup and headed for Dayton General Hospital.

Val said “His father told him to put on his leather lace-up boots and get back at it, that foot would heal, but farmers were waiting.” Val put off foot-repair surgery until retirement.

He sold the business in 2014 then took a position with Wilbur-Ellis Company in Huntsville as manager/field man for two years before retiring for good.

He had many interests to keep busy at the Bramhall Road place and his mountain property.

In 2016 he started a life-long dream to build a cabin, hired a contractor and spent many days and weeks helping see the project to completion in October, 2021.

He was talented and handy, like his dad, at carpentry and if he didn’t know how, he would search on the internet and learn by himself.

He was a member of the Waitsburg Lions Club, serving as president, and Waitsburg Rural Fire Volunteer.

Val was recovering from knee-replacement surgeries in 2021 and looking forward to traveling and spending time at the cabin.

Val is survived by his precious Mother, Geraldine, nearly 95; his sister, Connie Dobbins; two sons, Grant Andrew (Andrea) of Walla Walla, and Tyler Hayden (Katie) of Olympia; grandson Aidan and granddaughter Nadia; numerous nieces, nephews and extended family.

He was preceded in death by his valiant father; sister Terry Lee Woodworth; grandparents Andrew and Dorothy (Strahm) Hermanns; and Hayden and Carrie (Palmer) Woodworth.

He was a “Gentle Giant” and will be missed by ALL who loved him.

A Celebration of Life and graveside service are planned for a later date.

Memorials may be made to the Waitsburg Lions Club in Val’s name or a charity of the donor’s choice.

Arrangements are under the care of Corbiell Funeral Home, Dayton.



Val N. Woodworth

## Janice B. Cronkhite

June 13, 1934 – March 26, 2022

Janice B. Cronkhite 87 of Waitsburg passed away on March 26, 2022, after a long struggle with Alzheimer’s. Jan was born June 13, 1934, in Tacoma, WA, the only child of Edward and Katherine Sproule. Jan lived her early years in the San Francisco Bay area where she attended school and graduated from Jefferson High School in 1953. In 1955, she married Lonnie Hamann and together they raised three sons. One of Jan’s favorite memories was their time spent living in the University Village while Lonnie attended the University of California, Berkeley. It was here that she assumed one of her most-beloved roles as Head Resident of Married Student Housing, making lifelong friendships and enjoyed raising her young sons in a free-spirited environment.



Janice B. Cronkhite

Many moves following Lonnie’s work with the federal government took their family to California, Arizona, and Idaho. They divorced in 1975 while living in Winchester, Idaho. At this point she began her new career as a Librarian at the Lewiston City Library. It was here that she met Robert Cronkhite and they married in 1977. Shortly after, Bob’s employment led the family to the Walla Walla Valley, where, after touring all the small towns in the area, Jan visited Waitsburg and intuitively knew that she had found her forever home.



Jan took her new love of being a librarian to both the Walla Walla Public Library and the Weller Public Library in Waitsburg. She retired from Walla Walla in 2000, however she continued to serve as the Head Librarian in Waitsburg, until 2012, retiring with 32 years of service. Throughout these years, hundreds of local children enjoyed her Summer Reading Program and animated weekly story-times.

Jan began participating in theater during her high school days and remained active in community plays. She performed in dozens of productions at the Walla Walla Amphitheater and Liberty Theater in Dayton, often with her grandchildren by her side. Jan was a huge supporter of the Waitsburg youth and rarely missed a school or community event. She had a soft spot for animals and bugs of all kinds and would take in any stray cat, dog, or spider. She enjoyed working in her garden and spending time with her family and beloved friends of Waitsburg.

Jan is preceded in death by her husband, Bob Cronkhite; first husband, Lonnie Hamann; and her parents.

Jan is survived by her sons Bill Hamann (Laurina) of Cottage Grove, Oregon; Ross Hamann (Vickie) of Waitsburg, and Fred Hamann of Waitsburg; grandsons Billy Hamann (Amy), Nathan Hamann (Angelique) and granddaughters Melissa Hamann, Val Hamann (Kalen) and Kimmie Hamann (Joe); great grandchildren Jayden, Lance, Kevin, Astrid, Alex, Theo and Ben; sister and brother-in laws Delmar and Roberta Hamann and Barb Clegg numerous nieces and nephews, many good friends and her kitty, Butch.

A Celebration of Jan’s Life will be held April 30th, 2022, at 5:00pm at the Waitsburg Town Hall. Memorial contributions can be made in Jan’s name to the Friends of the Weller Public Library or the Touchet Valley Arts Council.



### BIRTHDAYS

**April 7:** Griffen Hinchliffe, J. W. Clayton, Carla Gritman and Jo Polumsky.

**April 8:** Rita Green, Harlan Hulce, Lori Holmes, Carol Groom, Kris Griffin, Kassi Nix and Alan Kysar.

**April 9:** Harold A. Oliver, Becky Huwe, Josh Stewart, Amanda Crawford and Wesley Hilton.

**April 10:** Bob Wardrip, Larry Loundagin, Dwight Penner, Mike DeCoria, Jennifer Mathews, Kelly Cook, Paul Green, Lauren DeRosier.

**April 11:** Ray Compton, Bill Huston, Mrs. Dale Rodgers, Lavonne Hamilton and Jessica Robinson.

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

**April 13:** Kris Halley, Teresa Abel, Charlie Flanigan, Teresa Allen, Justin Land and Jocelyn Leid Erikson.



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Rev. Jimmie Daves

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337-8898  
Rev. Cameron Hedges



# NEWS BRIEFS

## EFFECTIVE ANTI-COVID DRUG AVAILABLE FOR ELIGIBLE PATIENTS

THE TIMES

OLYMPIA—Thousands of doses of a potentially life-saving COVID-19 drug are available in the state of Washington, potentially benefitting those at highest risk for hospitalization and death from COVID-19.

Evusheld (tixagevimab co-packaged with cilgavimab) is a monoclonal antibody treatment that can provide protection against COVID-19. An injectable, it can be given to adults and children 12 years and older before infection with COVID-19. At present, those eligible to receive Evusheld include people who are moderately to severely immunocompromised or have had a severe allergic reaction to a COVID-19 vaccine.

Individuals interested in this treatment should talk to their health care provider to determine if they are eligible for Evusheld. If they are, they can work with their providers to find a facility where they can receive the injection.

“Statewide, our cases and hospitalizations are moving in the right direction, but there are still deaths from COVID-19 every day, and a rise in cases caused by new variants is always a possibility,” said Tao Sheng Kwan-Gett, MD, MPH, Chief Science Officer. “We want to make sure patients who are immunocompromised know about treatments like Evusheld. It could be a game-changer for those who need extra protection.”

People at high risk for severe disease from COVID-19 who are not eligible for Evusheld should ask their health care provider about other antiviral and monoclonal antibody treatments for COVID-19 available by prescription only and must be given within the first few days of COVID-19 symptoms to be effective.

Evusheld was first released for use in December 2021 and was initially very difficult to access due to limited supply. Additional information on Evusheld for patients, parents and caregivers can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/2ekjshn>

More information on COVID-19 therapeutics can also be found at Washington State Department of Health’s website <https://tinyurl.com/ycks73c8> and information for health care providers including a listing of sites where COVID-19 therapeutics are allocated can be found <https://tinyurl.com/4cyd666y>.

The DOH website at <https://doh.wa.gov> is your source for “a healthy dose of information.”

Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/WADepthHealth/> and follow on twitter at <https://twitter.com/wadepthhealth>. Sign up for the DOH blog at Public Health Connection at <https://medium.com/wadepthhealth>.

## WWCDCH ANNOUNCES FOUR COVID-19 RELATED DEATHS

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—Walla Walla County Department of Community Health confirmed four COVID-19-related deaths last week. County health officials were notified that a woman in her 70s, two men in their 80s, and a woman in her 100s that tested positive for COVID-19 passed away. Our sincere thoughts and heartfelt condolences go out to the individuals’ families and friends during this difficult time.

### Case Overview (as of 4/5/2022 @ 3 p.m.):

- Confirmed Cases: 15,882
- Recovered: 15,716
- Deaths: 136
- Active: 30
  - o Home Isolation: 29
  - o Hospitalized: 1

Case counts frequently change as new cases go through county case investigation and tracing. More information about cases, including the community of residence, age, and gender, can be found on the Walla Walla County COVID website. DCH would like to remind everyone that there are resources available for anyone in our community who may feel the stressful impacts of COVID-19. Those looking for help can visit [www.covidwwc.com/struggling-to-cope](http://www.covidwwc.com/struggling-to-cope) or email [health@co.walla-walla.wa.us](mailto:health@co.walla-walla.wa.us). Both English and Spanish language assistance are available.

## TICKETS ON SALE FOR WALLA WALLA FAIR HEADLINER, BROTHERS OSBORNE

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—Tickets for the Walla Walla Fair & Frontier Days’ headlining concert, Brothers Osborne, are now available. Tickets start at \$54 and go to \$114. Purchase your tickets online at [www.wallawallafairgrounds.com/tickets](http://www.wallawallafairgrounds.com/tickets), by phone at (509) 527-3247, or in person at the WW Fairgrounds Ticket Office located at 363 Orchard St. The country music duo will be performing on opening day, August 31st, at 7 pm, in the PIFCU Arena on the Walla Walla Fairgrounds.

Brothers Osborne, a popular music duo whose sound is a mix of southern rock and outlaw country, is best known for their 2015 song “Stay a Little Longer,” which became a top-five hit on Billboard Hot Country Songs and Country Airplay charts. In 2021, their song “Younger Me” from their Skeletons album was Grammy-nominated for Best Country Duo/Group Performance. The duo is also known for “It Ain’t My Fault,” “Shoot Me Straight,” and “All Night.”

The 2022 Walla Walla Fair & Frontier Days theme is “Comin’ in Hot.” The annual event will run from August 31st through September 4th.

## INNOVIA FOUNDATION AWARDS \$1 MILLION TO REGIONAL ORGANIZATION PARTNERS

THE TIMES

SPOKANE—Innovia Foundation has awarded \$1,011,665 in grants to 124 organizations in Eastern Washington and North Idaho through the Community Grant Program. Nine organizations in Asotin, Columbia, and Garfield counties received grants.

A \$10,000 grant will help the First Christian Church in Clarkston serve as many free meals as possible to those individuals and families with the greatest need. Grant funds will go to food, program costs, and other supplies.

Also, \$7,912 was awarded to Tri-State Memorial Hospital in Clarkston to be used for establishing a post-Covid-19 care program.

The Community Grant Program at Innovia Foundation supports innovative programs addressing specific challenges and opportunities throughout the region to improve access to education, promote health and wellbeing, support arts and culture, create economic opportunity, and enhance the quality of life.

Innovia Foundation awarded grants to other organizations in Asotin, Columbia, and Garfield counties.

- Asotin County Library Foundation | \$7,000 *1,000 Books Before Kindergarten*
- Blue Mountain Artisan Guild | \$10,000 – Garfield County – *Building Improvements*
- Columbia County Community Network | \$15,000 – Columbia County – *Community Assessment Grant*
- Interlink, Inc. | \$10,000 – Asotin County – *Safety Program Support*
- Project Timothy | \$5,000 – Columbia County – *General Fund*
- Touchet Valley Golf and Recreation | \$10,000 – Columbia County – *Irrigation Project*
- Valley Community Center | \$4,000 – Asotin County – *Support the Senior Meal Program*

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## YES, THE STREETLIGHTS KEEP TURNING PURPLE

THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—This year, residents across the country have noticed some streetlights are turning purple. There have been theories that they scan for COVID-19 vaccinations, wards off vampires, or are just better for the environment. None of this is true. We still have to take our chances with vampires.

The change to purple is due to a manufacturer’s defect. It could be an issue with the coat or a

chip in the LED bulb.

There are quite a few in this area. The power company has replaced some only to have others go purple.

To replace the defective bulbs, residents should take the pole number of the affected light. And contact Waitsburg City Administrator, Randy Hinchliffe who will contact the power company.

There will also be street maintenance throughout the city next week. Please be careful and keep our city workers safe as they work. Hinchliffe said the crew would be working next week, Monday through Thursday, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.



Lane Gwinn  
This light is outside the Waitsburg Elementary School on Main Street.

## The Times

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*The Times was founded in 1878 by C.W. Wheeler and has been produced every week since then. It is one of the oldest newspapers in the state of Washington.*

The Times publishes news and information about Walla Walla and Columbia counties and their communities. We have offices located in both Waitsburg and Dayton.

The newspaper welcomes news tips and information about community activities. An independent newspaper, *The Times* welcomes expressions of opinion and commentary in Letters to the Times column.

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*The Times* welcomes Letters to the Editor and invites readers to share their ideas, concerns and thoughts on matters of importance on our Opinion Page. Letters to the Editor can be emailed to [editor@waitsburgtimes.com](mailto:editor@waitsburgtimes.com), or mailed to The Times at P.O. Box 97, Waitsburg, WA 99361. Letters can also be hand-delivered to our office or submitted to our [waitsburgtimes.com](http://waitsburgtimes.com). The deadline for letters is Tuesday at noon.

Letters may be no more than 400 words long. All letters must be signed by the writer(s) using their actual name, and complete contact information for each writer, including address and phone number must be included.

We reserve the right to decline to publish any letter that we deem inappropriate for our readership. Letters may be rejected for libel and objectionable material.

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**Due to volume during election season, *The Times* is unable to print all letters received. We strive to print as many as possible on a first come, first served basis. Letters that don't fit are moved to the following week.**

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# CALENDAR

## Community Calendar



### Waitsburg Monthly Meetings

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

### Waitsburg School Board

Third Thursday of every month at 6 p.m.  
Zoom meeting information is available at <https://www.waitsburgsd.org/o/waitsburg-school-district/page/school-board--272>

### Waitsburg Commercial Club

Last Thursday of each month  
April 28, noon  
Ten Ton Coffee, 216 Main Street, Waitsburg  
Zoom info available by emailing waitsburgcc@icloud.com

### Waitsburg Gun Club

TBA-General Membership / Board Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.

### Walla Walla County Commissioners

Every Monday and Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m.  
Call-in information is available at [https://www.co.walla-walla.wa.us/government/commissioners/2020\\_agendas.php](https://www.co.walla-walla.wa.us/government/commissioners/2020_agendas.php)



### Friends of the Weller Public Library

4th Monday of each month at 7 p.m.  
Weller Public Library,  
212 Main Street, Waitsburg

### Waitsburg Parks and Recreation Meeting

First and third Thursdays, 6:30 p.m.  
Lions Club, Waitsburg Fairgrounds  
For more information email: waitsburgpr@proton-mail.com

### Weller Library Book Club

Third Tuesday of each month, 7:00 p.m.  
at Weller Public Library

### Waitsburg Celebration Days Meeting

TBA  
Location to be announced

### Dayton & Columbia County Meetings

#### Board of Columbia County Commissioners

First and second Monday of each month at 9 a.m.  
**Board of Columbia County Commissioners work session meetings** Second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 9 a.m.  
Call-in information available at <https://www.columbiaco.com/114/County-Commissioners>

#### Dayton City Council

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

#### Dayton School Board

Third Wednesday of every month at 6 p.m. at the Dayton High School auditorium



#### Columbia County Public Hospital District Board of Commissioners

Fourth Wednesday of every month at 1:30 p.m. Call (509) 382-2531 for information.

#### Dayton Memorial Library Board of Trustees Meeting

Every month on the Third Monday at 7:00 PM  
Zoom Meeting ID: 852 3836 3787  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85238363787>

#### Dayton Memorial Library

Discovery Kids  
Every Wednesday, 10 a.m.

#### Dayton Kiwanis Club Meeting - Online

Second and Fourth Thursday at Noon  
Zoom Meeting ID: 559 815 3650  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5598153650>



#### Starbuck City Council

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

## Events, Film, Performance, Live Music

### WAITSBURG

#### Commercial Club

Tuesday, April 12  
Annual Awards Dinner  
at American 35  
Tickets at:  
<https://tinyurl.com/778hza9y>

#### Eagles Dinner

Chicken Fried Steak at  
Waitsburg Town Hall  
April 8

#### Mythical / Movable

**Blue Mountain Bluegrass Jam**  
**Upcoming Jams**  
(All Jams - 7:00PM)

4/8 at 7:00 p.m. Big Red Barn  
Lower Waitsburg Road  
For more information email  
Kate Hockersmith at TVAMP1@charter.net

#### Open Mic Night - Solo Players

Royal Block  
222 Main Street, Waitsburg  
First Thursday in April  
April 7  
For more info: Paul Gregutt  
paulgwine@me.com

### DAYTON

#### Dayton Memorial Library

**Gardening workshops**  
April 4, 12- 1 p.m. (Full)  
April 18 6-7 p.m.

#### Computer skills classes

April 6, 12- 2 p.m.  
April 9, 9 - 11 a.m.  
April 25, 12 - 2 p.m.

**Book signing with Carla Giger, author of**  
**Starbuck: The Little Town that Could**  
Dayton Historic Depot  
April 9, 2 - 3 p.m.

#### Mobile Market

Free Food Distribution  
Homestreet Bank, Dayton  
April 13  
11 a.m.- 1 p.m.



#### Home Street Bank

427 E. Main Street,  
Dayton, WA 99328

**Wednesday, April 13th**  
**11:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

Drive-Thru event up to 250 families

### WALLA WALLA

#### Gesa Powerhouse Theater

Live Cinema presents  
Verdi's *Rigoletto*  
Wednesday, April 13, 6 pm



#### Understanding Your Grief

Session 1  
Walla Walla Community Hospice  
April 12  
5:30 p.m.  
In-person and online

#### Fort Walla Walla Museum

Living History: The Baker Boyer Flour  
April 17, 2-3 p.m.



### VIRTUAL



**Blue Mountain Land Trust Presents the Wild & Scenic Film Festival**  
Wild & Scenic Film Festival- Currents of Hope  
Thursday, April 14th  
Virtual lobby opens at 6:00 p.m. -  
Films start at 6:30 p.m.  
Tickets start at just \$25  
[www.bmlt.org/wild2022](http://www.bmlt.org/wild2022)

### PRESCOTT

**Frog Hollow Band at The Tux**  
April 16, 8 p.m.



Join Us for an Author's Presentation  
Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup> 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.  
at the Dayton Historic Depot  
"Starbuck: The Little Town That Could"  
Carla Giger will share historic photos and anecdotes from her recently published book.  
The book is available for purchase in our museum gift shop  
This is a Free community event- Come one come all!

**STARBUCK SCHOOL DISTRICT OPEN HOUSE**

For Pre-registration of Four- and Five-Year Olds for Transitional Kindergarten 2022-23 School Year  
**Come Visit - Ask Questions - Pre-Enroll**  
Families of K-8th graders who are interested in the Starbuck School District for the 2022-2023 school year are also welcome to attend!  
**April 14, 2022 - 6 p.m.**  
**509-399-2381**  
**717 Tucannon St., Starbuck, WA**

Library Appreciation Week  
April 3 - 9

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**Starting at 6 p.m.**  
**Tickets are \$35**

Tickets are available at  
Waitsburg Grocery  
Banner Bank - Waitsburg  
Pioneer West - Dayton  
NW Grain Growers - Dayton  
Pearson Dental - Walla Walla  
Walla Walla Electric  
And online through [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com)



## Slow down on South Touchet Road

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

DAYTON—Drivers, prepare for a speed limit change on South Touchet Road in Dayton. Columbia County Commissioners voted to lower the speed limit from 50 to 35 miles per hour for certain sections of the road, and down to 40 mph for others.

The need to reduce the speed limit is in part due to the density of driveways, intersections, cyclist, pedestrian, and other non-motorized transportation in the first mile of S. Touchet Rd., according to county engineer Jeremy Weiland.

During the public comment at the Monday evening meeting, residents of the S. Touchet neighborhood voiced support for the limit reduction. Some speakers, including Wayne Bell and Steve Tapio, who both live on the road, expressed that they would like to see the speed limit reduction extended past the first mile.

Sue Bell, who lives on S. Touchet Road, expressed that she would like to see the speed limits consistent with the road to the Ski Bluewood resort.

The road is considered ‘unposted,’ and in accordance with state law, the speed limit had been changed from 35 mph to the current 50 mph. The speed limit reduces to 40 mph closer to the gravel section as the road makes its way up the mountain. Both recreational and residential cabins and homes continue along the road.

According to Weiland, the 35 mph limit was selected to increase response time to objects on the side of the road, including cyclists, animals, and pedestrians.

In proposing the new limit, Weiland said in his personal driving experience, 35 mph still feels like forward progress, while speed limits as slow as 25 can be frustrating for drivers.

After discussion, Commissioner Charles Amerein made a motion to lower the speed limit to 35 mph from Milepost 0 until Harding Grade Road, and then lower the speed limit to 40 mph from Harding Grade to the end of the pavement. The commissioners approved the motion.

## LEGAL NOTICES

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

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA  
NO: 22-4-00052-36  
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
RCW 11.40.030  
In re the Estate of:  
ROBERT C. PHELPS,  
Deceased.

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

Personal Representative:  
ALAN H. ASHMORE  
Date of First Publication:  
March 24, 2022  
/s/ ALAN H. ASHMORE,  
Personal Representative of the Estate of CHARLES D. LENFESTY  
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  
Court of Probate Proceedings and Cause Number:  
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### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS S 3RD STREET, J STREET, AND PEARSON STREET OVERLAY AND SEWER REPLACEMENT

City of Dayton  
111 S First Street  
Dayton, Washington 99328  
City of Dayton, Washington (Owner) invites bids for the construction of the **S 3rd Street, J Street, and Pearson Street Overlay and Sewer Replacement** project. The work includes overlaying approximately 2,300 linear feet of street overlay and approximately 3,100 linear feet of sanitary sewer replacement, and other work. Sealed bids for the described project will be received by the office of the City Clerk at City Hall, 111 S 1st Street, Dayton, Washington, 99328 until 2:00 p.m., local time, April 28, 2022, and then publicly opened and read aloud. The Contractor is subject to all requirements related to Prevailing Wage Rates, EEO, and Washington State Contracting Laws, etc. The contract time for all work shall be 60 working days. The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is: Anderson Perry & Associates, Inc., 214 East Birch Street, Walla Walla, Washington 99362, (509) 529-9260, Adam Schmidt Gall, P.E., aschmidtgall@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 other locations listed below.

City of Dayton, 111 S 1st Street, Dayton, Washington  
Anderson Perry & Associates, Inc., 1901 North Fir Street, La Grande, Oregon  
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 \$25.00 by inputting QuestCDN eBidDoc Number 8174969 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.

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 5 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.

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Owner: **City of Dayton, Washington**  
By: **Zac Weatherford**  
Title: **Mayor**  
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### DAYTON CITY COUNCIL

#### PRELIMINARY AGENDA SPECIAL MEETING

Wednesday April 6th, 2022, 5:30 pm  
The April 6th, 2022, special meeting will be held at 111 S. 1st Street, Dayton, WA 99328

1. CALL TO ORDER  
A. Roll Call
  2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
  3. ITEMS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION/ACTION  
A. **Executive Session** - to review and discuss purchase of parcels of land for Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrade Project.  
B. **Consider Authorizing Resolution # 1489** - Authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Final Purchase Agreement with landowner, \_\_\_\_\_, for parcels listed \_\_\_\_\_, for fair market value of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.
- Next Regular Meeting is April 12, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at 111 S. 1st Street, Dayton, WA 99328.**  
City of Dayton is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.  
Topic: Special City Council Meeting  
Time: Apr 6, 2022, 05:30 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)  
Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89771631484>  
Meeting ID: 897 7163 1484  
Dial by your location  
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Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kz6YYBIK9>  
DAYTON CITY COUNCIL  
111 S. 1st Street Dayton, WA 99328  
ZAC WEATHERFORD, MAYOR  
The Times  
April 7, 2022  
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## SEATTLE ROCK ORCHESTRA RETURNING TO GESA POWER HOUSE THEATER APRIL 30, MAY 1

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—Seattle Rock Orchestra returns to Walla Walla in 2022 for two new concerts at Gesa Power House Theatre. On Saturday, April 30 at 7:00 p.m., Seattle Rock Orchestra will perform a concert of music by The Beatles. On Sunday, May 1 at 2:00 p.m. Seattle Rock Orchestra will perform a concert of music by Patsy Cline and Loretta Lynn.

For the April 30 concert which is sponsored in part by U.S. Bank, Seattle Rock Orchestra takes a deep dive into The Beatles discography, performing two classic 1967 albums, Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band and Magical Mystery Tour, are both renowned for their experimentation, innovation, and ambition in their use of recorded techniques. Never performed live during The Beatles' short career, Seattle Rock Orchestra will carefully bring these two studio masterpieces to life for a live audience. The concert will include the songs "Penny Lane," "Strawberry Fields Forever," "Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds," "When I'm Sixty-Four," and "A Day in the Life" and many more.

Saturday's concert of music by The Beatles is nearly sold out.

For the May 1 concert, Seattle Rock Orchestra pays service to two country music trailblazers: Patsy Cline and Loretta Lynn. Both friends and contemporaries, Cline popularized the "Nashville Sound" and reached new technical and expressive heights in country singing, while Lynn challenged audiences with lyrics that were fearlessly autobiographical and often controversial for the time. The concert will include the songs "Crazy," "Fall to Pieces," "Coal Miner's Daughter," "Don't Come Home A-Drinkin' (With Lovin' on Your Mind)," and many more.

"This is the first Seattle Rock Orchestra program that is dedicated exclusively to music made by women," says Scott Teske, Artistic Director and Founder of Seattle Rock Orchestra. "And it is also the first time we have entered the country music genre, which is such an important cornerstone of the popular music canon."

Sunday's concert of music by Patsy Cline and Loretta Lynn will feature Kate Dinsmore and Annie Jantzer on vocals.

Seattle Rock Orchestra doesn't hide behind a rock band ... it is the rock band! Utilizing strings, woodwinds, brass, percussion, and a rotating cast of exciting guest vocalists, Seattle Rock Orchestra delivers high-energy tribute concerts unlike any other. Each show offers a dynamic mix of possibilities: a classy night out at the symphony with the infectious energy of a dance party; searing rock solos with intimate orchestral moments of staggering beauty; and fan-favorite sing-alongs with lesser-known "deep cuts"—combining to create a fun, yet profoundly moving night out that honors the featured artist's lasting legacy.

Reserved seating tickets (\$50-\$45) are available online at [www.phtww.org](http://www.phtww.org) or by calling the box office at (509) 529-6500.

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#### LIBRARY ASSISTANT - COLUMBIA COUNTY RURAL LIBRARY

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# Palouse Outdoors: Escape to Gaviota State Park

By Brad Trumbo | THE TIMES

When winter settles into the Walla Walla Valley like it did this year, short days and frigid temperatures compound into cabin fever in a hurry. Luckily, southeast Washington is the center of the universe, making travel to warmer climes quick and easy.

Ali and I escaped to L.A. in mid-February and followed the coast north to Santa Barbara for a week of shorts and tees and walks on the beach. I was less than enthusiastic about making a trip to an unfamiliar major city, given my life's mission of fleeing human development, but Santa Barbara was worth the visit on its own merits. The food, breweries and wineries, beaches, and the simple beauty of Spanish Colonial style enshrouded in palm trees were worth every minute exploring downtown, but I would have been remiss to leave without venturing into the Santa Ynez Mountains.

Gaviota State Park was one of twenty-four parks within thirty minute or less drive from Santa Barbara. Beach access and approximately 1,700 acres stretching to the top of the Santa Ynez among the "Lower Montane Shrub and Woodland" ecoregion enticed Ali and me to hit the trail toward the park's main attraction - the "wind caves." The peaks in the Santa Ynez are comprised of porous sandstone layers, allowing water penetration. Over time, the prevailing wind off of the ocean causes salt crystals to form between and displace the sand grains forming the rock, eroding caves into the mountain peaks.

The hike through the chaparral was impressive as the scrubby arid-land brush grew over six feet high, enshrouding the trail that had worn into the soft sandstone. It was full-on spring, and the shrubs were flowering. A sweet fragrance wafted in the air, coming from the intriguing "California lilac" Ceanothus boasting hundreds of puffy blue flower clusters. Red stem Ceanothus in our Washington neck of the woods yields brilliant white blooms, but the blue variety was new and dazzling. Cause for a pause to snag a few photos and a snoot full of the plant's lovely fragrance.

Another eye-catching blue wonder darted about the shrubbery in the lower elevations - the California scrub jay. This peculiar jay sports a white underbelly, black eye mask, indigo back, and a gray saddle between its wings. Like a mix between the eastern indigo bunting, blue jay, and American robin, the medium-sized bird moved among the brush, choosing obvious perches atop tall branches and calling in a raspy jay voice. Had my Nikon been handy, I would have been content to photograph the stunning birds for hours.



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The California scrub jay

As the terrain steepened, intricately-patterned Sierra fence lizards scurried about cracks in rocks while giant black turkey vultures soared on the breeze like raptors probing the hillsides for a meal. A couple of miles and about 600 feet of elevation gain put us at the wind caves, worn smooth by erosion. Some were large enough to walk into, while others were just small holes worn completely through the peaks. Elaborate lines and pocks between sandstone layers provided sheltered nesting spaces for the swallows circling the mountaintop, snacking on airborne insects. Experiencing the caves was worth the climb, but the ocean view from the top was enticing, and we were eager to feel the sand between our toes.

Gaviota Beach is nestled between ocean cliffs and was carved by the



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The interior of a "wind cave" shows beautifully unique erosion patterns.



Brad Trumbo

The view down the coast across the narrow gap in the cliffs that is Gaviota Beach.

rush of water down the canyon below the caves. The canyon mouth with the narrow strip of sand is flanked by knife-edge rock intrusions with obvious sloughing layers. Sheer cliff walls stood holding the ocean back on either side of the beach, and we wasted no time scrambling across the rock slabs to explore further down the coast at low tide.

Slabs colored auburn, amber, emerald, and ash were scattered along the toe of the slope, clearly broken and moved by continual wave action. There were no seashells, but the rock appeared to be hiding fossilized secrets of the earth's past between its many layers. The wind whipped sand across the beach, stinging my bare legs. Suddenly, my mind wandered back nearly forty years to the same stinging of sand blasted against a child's legs on North Carolina's Nags Head Beach. The only difference between the experiences was some 2,900 miles, and my family was spared my whining on Gaviota Beach.



Brad Trumbo

The delicate blue flowers of the "California lilac" Ceanothus.

Ali and I picked through the rock slabs and inspected the layers clinging to the surface of the outcrops. Critters like bryozoans, mollusks, gastropods, and pecten were likely hidden between the sheets, just waiting for the right conditions to be exposed, but our brief look produced no clues of the past lifeforms.

As we turned for the car, a colony of brown juvenile California gulls bade us adieu as they floated on the breeze over the waves. Hunger and thirst were nagging at us, and a microbrew and fine Italian dining would round out the day. We had barely scratched the surface of the natural wonders within easy access of beautiful Santa Barbara. A superb winter escape that I suspect was only the beginning of a long-term love affair with the California coast.



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# Wine of the Week

By Paul Gregutt | THE TIMES

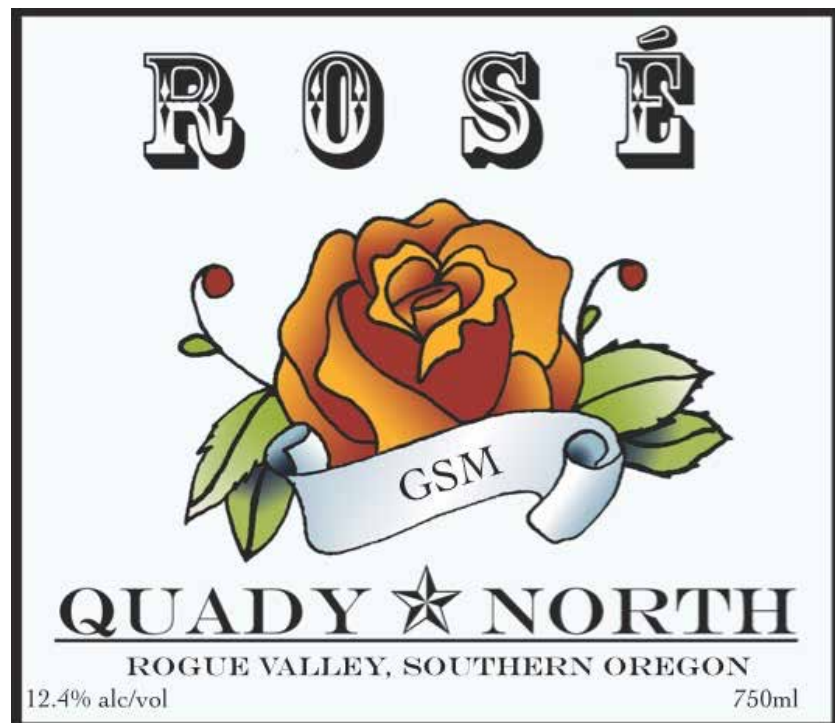


## Quady North 2021 GSM Rosé

This is one of a trio of superb dry rosés from Quady North, a winery in Southern Oregon's Applegate Valley. The blend is principally Grenache and Syrah with a splash of Mourvèdre, and its balance of fruit and acid strikes a perfect chord. The harmonious flavors mix juicy citrus, red apples, pie cherries and orange slices. Quady North is the project of Herb Quady, whose family is also known for dessert wines at the original Quady winery in California. Along with these rosés Herb makes outstanding Viogniers, Syrahs and other Mediterranean varieties.

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# SPORTS

## WOLFPACK TRACK TEAM COMPETES IN TWO MEETS

All D/W Sports by Karen Huwe | THE TIMES

DAYTON/WAITSBURG—DW track team traveled to Finley for the River View Invite on Thursday, March 31, and on Saturday, April 2, the Wolfpack track team traveled to Richland for the Clay Lewis Invite.

Thursday the Wolfpack competed at Finley against thirteen-2B schools and saw several athletes place in the top 10 and some set personal records (PR.)

In the men's events, Hudson Reser placed 6th in the 100-meter, 3rd in the 200-meter, and 10th in the long jump. Tony Halvorson set a PR and placed 8th in the 1600-meter, and Vaughn Walter set two PRs, placing 9th in both the high jump and javelin. Tristan Rennaker had two PRs, placing 5th in the 100-meter hurdles and 7th in the triple jump.

Marion Duncan placed 6th in the 400-meter in the women's events, and Julia Brooks placed 8th in the 100-meter hurdles and had a PR in the long jump. Teammate Addison Crenshaw had two PRs, in the 100-meter and the long jump events.

Coach Nechodom stated that watching Tony Halvorson and Alex Dahlby run the 1600 for the first time was fun. "They went out with maybe a little too much exuberance but held on for times that were higher than what they'd thought they could do." The coach was also happy to see his athletes grow in confidence and try new events.

On Saturday a light crew traveled to Hanford HS for the 4th Annual Clay Lewis Invite. DW competed against nine teams, a bunch of 3A and 4A schools. At a huge meet like this you don't worry about placing; rather use it as an opportunity to practice the preparation and maintenance required for a full day of competition. The athletes were able to watch some outstanding performances as they worked to set PRs of their own. Alex Dahlby set three PRs in the 1600-meter, the discus and the javelin. Cedar Stegall also set three PRs in the 100-meter, the shot put and the discus. Marion Duncan set a PR in the 400-meter, and both Trista Villaro and Addison Crenshaw set personal records in the javelin.

The Wolfpack's next meet will be Friday, April 15th in Umatilla, Oregon at the River's Edge Invite.



(left) Cedar Stegall puts the shot put at Richland  
(right) Alex Dahlby throws the discus at Finley

## MATBIRDS SEASON COMES TO A CLOSE

WAITSBURG—The Matbirds have been busy with a couple of recent tournaments. The Pomeroy Little Guy tournament was on Saturday, March 26 and Benton City hosted wrestlers on Saturday, April 2. It is the end of the season for most of the Matbirds as only five wrestlers will travel to Spokane on April 9 for the last tournament.

Fifteen wrestlers went to Pomeroy where Parker Winona, Jackson Hutchens and Koyen Fortune had three wins each. Auri Lindley, Connor Murdock, Wyatt Parrish, Ian Mertens, Monte Richie and Byron Collier had two wins each. Kane Culley, Raider Lindley, Jess Winona, Luke Collier, Riley Coates and Lydia Mertens had one win each.

At Benton City thirteen wrestlers worked to pin their opponents. Wyatt Parrish and Carter Barron had three wins each. Parker Winona, Jackson Hutchens, Jess Winona, Luke Collier and Koyen Fortune had two wins each. Participating also were Connor Murdock, Ian Mertens, JJ Gleason, Monte Richie, Lydia Mertens and Byron Collier.



Courtesy photo  
Carlos Norris, Carter Barron, Wyatt & Rob Parrish at Benton City

## WOLFPACK BASEBALL LOSE DOUBLEHEADERS TO WHITE SWAN AND KITTITAS

DAYTON/WAITSBURG—DW and White Swan were tied 7-7 after three innings in their first game on Tuesday, March 29, in Waitsburg until the Cougars took the lead for good in the fifth inning. The Wolfpack was down by five runs going into the bottom of the seventh inning but only scored three runs, a triple by Rueben Yutzy. In the 13-11 loss, Coach Crenshaw saw his players scatter 14 hits in the game. Yutzy and Clint Kuykendall had three hits each. Balian Walter and Keon Lindley had two hits each. The Wolfpack tore up the base paths with five players stealing at least two bases. Walter had four stolen bases. Jasper Morrow was on the mound for DW. Morrow is a righthander who struck out four and walked one in his pitching four innings. Levi Boudrieau threw two innings and Kuykendall one inning in relief.

The second game of the doubleheader with White Swan was called after two innings due to darkness.

Against Kittitas in Waitsburg on Saturday, April 2, the Wolfpack struggled to put runs on the scoreboard, and Kittitas got the win in the first game, 10-0. Defensively DW had a double play in the first inning when Levi Boudrieau caught a fly ball at his second base position and then threw back to first to pick off the runner. In the fifth inning, Evan Allen made a double play. Dylan Bledsoe was the starting pitcher, a righty who only walked one. Clint Kuykendall pitched in relief. At the plate, Allen had the only hit for DW.

It was another offensive game for Kittitas in the second game as they held DW scoreless to win 11-0. Jasper Morrow was on the pitcher's mound for three innings, striking out two and walking one. Kuykendall again came in to finish out the game on the mound. The Wolfpack were error-free in the field and connected on four hits; Zach Durham, Dylan Bledsoe, Keon Lindley, and Kaedance McCauley each had one hit.

The Wolfpack's next take on Riverview in Waitsburg on Saturday, April 16.



(above) Evan Allen slides in to score against White Swan

(below) Levi Boudrieau catches a pop fly and then throws to first to pick off Kittitas' #22



## WOLFPACK SOFTBALL GETS THE WIN VS. WHITE SWAN-LOSE TO KITTITAS

DAYTON/WAITSBURG—Tuesday, March 29, the high school softball team won both games of the doubleheader against White Swan in Dayton. Megan Forney started as pitcher; she struck out three, and the team won the first game 15-14. Forney hit a double and a triple to help her team offensively. Catcher Peyton Struckmeier hit a home run and a single. Jessie Atteberry and Hendrix Groom had two hits each. The team had thirteen hits in the game and, on defense, were hampered by committing five fielding errors.

Maddy Gallardo struck out seven White Swan batters in game two, and the defense committed only one error to lead the team to a 7-6 victory. Forney had a two-hit game along with Lila Hutchens and Teagan Culley.

The Wolfpack lost both games of the doubleheader against Kittitas on Saturday, April 2. No further details were submitted. DW will next play in Dayton against Riverview on Saturday, April 16.



Karen Huwe  
Hendrix Groom attempts to pick off a Kittitas baserunner from a throw from catcher Peyton Struckmeier.



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## The Lions Club Rib Feed and the Commercial Club Awards Dinner make up for lost time

### THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—Next week is the Waitsburg Commercial Club Awards Dinner on April 12, at American 35.

Since the club could not hold its annual event during the pandemic, it will be three times the fun this year. The club will be presenting awards for outstanding service from community members and businesses for the past three years. The last winners were awarded the 2019 Service Awards for their work in 2018. This year the honorees will receive 2020, 2021, and 2022 awards.

The 2022 dinner is dedicated to the memory of Walt Gobel, who, along with his wife Gwen, served the Waitsburg Community for many years. Walt was Mayor of Waitsburg and Chair of the Waitsburg Celebration Days Committee.

Attendees will be the first served in the new American 35 Restaurant and Bar before their official opening.



The menu will feature American 35's amazing artisan pizza and includes salad and your first wine, beer, or well drink. Entertainment will be provided by Waitsburg resident David Long, owner of Walla Walla DJ, LLC.

21 and older, please  
Tickets can be purchased through April 11 at <https://tinyurl.com/778hza9y>.

**AMERICAN 35**

The 12th Annual Waitsburg Lions Club All-You-Can-Eat Rib Feed is resuming an area favorite. This year it will be held May 7 at 6 p.m. at the Waitsburg Fairgrounds.

Over the years, the Lions Club has fine-tuned its ability to put on a mouth-watering event into an art. Days of preparation, including the construction of rows of BBQs, great side dishes and desserts, logistics, and ticket sales make this a major labor of love. Don't miss out on the great food and a chance to see old friends and meet new neighbors.

Tickets are available in Waitsburg at Waitsburg Grocery and Banner Bank, Dayton at Pioneer West and NW Grain Growers, Walla Walla at Pearson Dental and Walla Walla Electric. They can also be purchased online at <https://tinyurl.com/4p5cymcm>.



Lane Gwinn

In 2019, approximately 800 tickets were sold and 1100 pounds of ribs were grilled and served. All funds are returned to the Waitsburg community.

## STREAMING REVIEW: *Things are not always as they seem*

By Lane Gwinn | THE TIMES

### *Is it Cake*

Netflix, 2022

I love a good baking show. Baking is either magic or science, maybe both? And for me, it is usually disastrous.

This show challenges bakers to first identify baked goods from the actual items they are made to look like in the Find the Cake round. Three winners move on to choose one of the items to replicate in their own hyper-realistically decorated cake.

Each of the three bakers presents their creation hidden within a display of their mimicked items. The bakers use a variety of tricks that make sugar look like cellophane, fondant as wood.

The host Mikey Day from *Saturday Night Live* is funny and silly, perfect for a baking show that does not take itself too seriously.



Netflix

Host Mikey Day getting ready to reveal, is it cake?

This, like my other favorite baking show, *Nailed It*, is the television version of a social media trend during the pandemic. The former show takes amateur challenged bakers and challenges them to recreate adorable baked goods. Cartoon cake pops, circus tent sponge, and volcano cakes surrounded by cookie dinosaurs baked by kindergartner-skilled contestants range from frightening to hysterical.

The new show relies on some pretty competent bakers who also turn out to be personable and witty. They bring creativity backed by experience and skill as they create a cake that looks like steak, stacked red plastic cups, power tools, and vegetables.

They are also oddly supportive of each other, which is saying something since contestants can win up to \$10,000 an episode with a \$50,000 grand prize at the end.

Anyone who takes the challenge to create a hyper-realistic cake is welcome to share photos with *The Times*.

### *What About Pam*

NBC.com, Peacock, and Hulu, 2022

This six-episode true-crime series chronicles the activities of murderer Pam Hupp as she plans and murders her friend, sets up the innocent husband of the victim, and enjoys the limelight as the star witness.

Renee Zellweger plays the role of Pam, slurping soda from a giant plastic cup. Surrounded by a convincing fat suit, a ton of makeup, and bad hair, she transforms into the Missouriian murderer.

Zellweger makes acting despicable fun. She switches facial expressions effortlessly as she goes from doting friend to calculating murderer to zealous witness. After the first episode, I had to look up photos of the real Pam Hupp. Zellweger nailed the look.

*Nightline* did an episode on Hupp in 2016. The unmistakable Keith Morrison also narrates the series in a nice touch.

In the four episodes aired to date, Hupp proves she is capable of anything. And though I can look up the real-life case, I don't want to spoil the ride.



NBC.com

Pam Hupp (Zellweger) filling the endless Chill Chugz cup the character is never without.

## GOLF TEAM IMPROVES AROUND THE GREENS

by Karen Huwe | THE TIMES

DAYTON/WAITSBURG—Dayton/Waitsburg high school golf team played at Veterans Memorial in Walla Walla on Tuesday, March 29. It was a 9-hole par 36 course. Coach McGhan was pleased with how his team continues to improve around the greens.

Players from all schools are grouped into four-somes at the golf course according to ability. The players exchange scorecards and keep their opponents and their own score. The players are responsible for following the rules, getting scores correct, and making their own decisions. Coaches are available to answer questions but do not coach players through a round. College Place, Columbia Burbank, DeSales, Mac-Hi, Wa-Hi, and WWVA also golfed with Dayton-Waitsburg at Veterans.

Coach McGhan commented that Veterans could

be unforgiving if one misses the fairways, and that is where his players lost strokes. Caleb Barron finished the day with a score of 53 to lead DW golfers. Cayle Davis shot a 55, Theo Anderson 61, Garret Palmer 67, and Lucas VanHoose ended with a score of 69.

Lucas' performance was noteworthy, stated McGhan, as he started with four very rough holes but came back on the final five holes to finish with his best score this season.

The Wolfpack will next play golf on Wednesday, April 13, in the Tri-Cities at Sun Willows golf course.



Courtesy photo

Theo Anderson hits out of the sand pit at Veterans Memorial golf course



# FUN & GAMES

## The Friendly Forest

By Jimmye L. Turner



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## R.F.D.

by Mike Marland



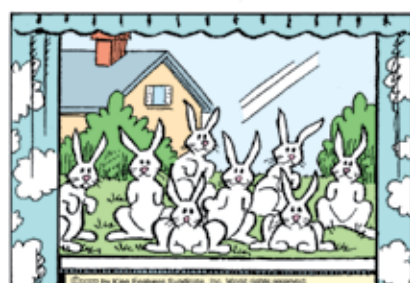
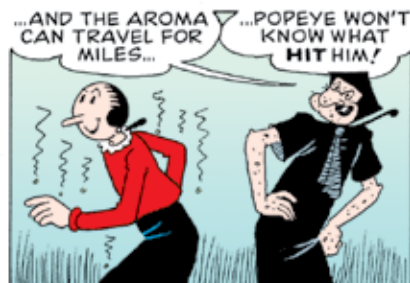
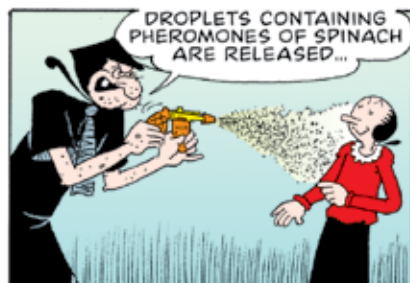
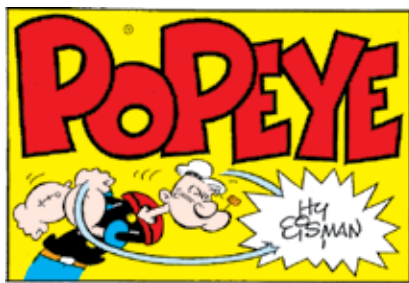
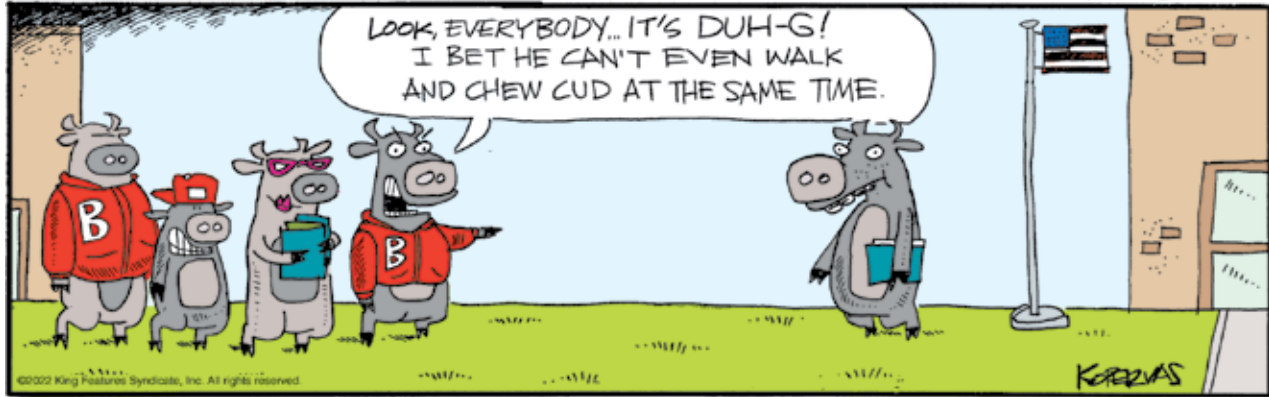
## Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



## Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



## PIONEER PORTRAITS

### Ten Years Ago

April 5, 2012

Ross Hamann was led to the Commercial Club meeting recently under false pretenses. Hamann was told his mother, Jan Cronkhite, was again to receive the club's annual Community Service Award. But, as Tom Baker was describing the recipient, Hamann realized his mother hadn't been the force behind the new press box and isn't serving on the Waitsburg School Board. He does those things. Robbie Johnson, the club's president, said as Hamann realized that indeed, the person they were describing was him, his whole face turned red. "They got me good," Hamann said with a laugh. "I was fooled."

### Twenty-Five Years Ago

April 10, 1997

In what was probably the largest turnout in city election history, Mayor Tom Baker and the four sitting City Council members vying for another year in office – and newcomer George Downing – were chosen by voters to serve in city government for the coming year. The advisory vote tipped toward contracting with the county sheriff by eight votes, 176-168. A total 363 votes were cast, as of unofficial results available Tuesday, with Baker receiving 222 votes to challenger Lynn Mings' 125 votes.

### Fifty Years Ago

April 6, 1972



[Photo Caption] Jim McDermott was in town last Tuesday morning, and discussed taxes and other government problems with several local citizens. Here he asks Sid Conner about the effect of the inventory tax on his business. McDermott is the Democratic candidate for governor.

### Seventy-Five Years Ago

April 11, 1947

Betty Baim, who ranks first in scholarship among the members of the 1947 senior class at Waitsburg High School, has been named valedictorian. Second place goes to Elsie Allman.

Dolph Egelston was elected mayor on Tuesday. Councilmen elected were John Egli, Howard Packer, Ernest Kison, Roy Reed, and Herman Gohlman. H. D. Mills was reelected treasurer.

Mrs. Ed Henley was entertained Wednesday evening at a surprise party by her daughters Edna and Bess, following her birthday, April 1st.

### One Hundred Years Ago

April 7, 1922

Fourteen Boy Scouts went to Walla Walla Friday evening to represent Waitsburg in the inter-troop tournament. Those who went were John Kingman, Harvey Stonecipher, Harold Price, Lester Archer, Roy Wills, Roy Wright, John Milligan, Donovan Harsh, Stanley Woodward, Blain Pasley, Richard and Samuel Moors, Forest Estey and Roscoe Williams. Dwight Howell, scoutmaster and J. R. Harkness, assistant accompanied them. Charles J. Schlitz, well-known orchardist of this city, concluded the deal this week whereby he becomes the owner of the Elmer Woods place at Bolles Junction. There is a total of 118 acres in the place and consideration is said to be \$32,000. There are 40 acres of young orchard.

### One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago

April 9, 1897

The great sport with the boys now is catching suckers, the water in the Touchet being too muddy for good trout fishing.

A party was given at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Abbey on last Saturday night in honor of Miss Gertrude Powell. Music and games were the principal features of the evening. A very pleasant time is reported.

The wheels for the fireboys new race cart came last week and Arthur Roberts took them to Walla Walla Wednesday where the frame is being made at the Robert's Foundry and Machine Shops. The boys think they will have a speedy race cart soon.

## Touchet Valley Weather

April 6, 2022

### Waitsburg's Seven Day Forecast

<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>
Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Few Showers	Mostly Sunny
High: 59 Low: 37	High: 74 Low: 47	High: 66 Low: 37	High: 54 Low: 33	High: 51 Low: 32	High: 54 Low: 36	High: 52 Low: 32

### Weather Trivia

What is the coldest recorded temperature in the United States?  
 Answer: Prospect Creek, Alaska was 80 degrees below zero on Jan. 23, 1971.

### Weather History

**April 6, 1987** - Rain and melting snow caused flooding from New England to Ohio. Flooding in the Merrimack Valley of Massachusetts was the worst in 50 years, causing 42 million dollars in damage.

### Local Almanac Last Week

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Precipitation
Tuesday	63	48	59/40	0.00"	0.39"
Wednesday	57	44	59/40	0.00"	Normal precipitation 0.54"
Thursday	54	38	59/40	0.00"	Departure from normal -0.15"
Friday	59	36	59/41	Trace	Average temperature 48.7°
Saturday	57	40	60/41	0.28"	Average normal temperature 50.0°
Sunday	59	35	60/41	0.00"	Departure from normal -1.3°
Monday	55	37	60/41	0.11"	

Data as reported from Walla Walla

### Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
First 4/9	6:23 a.m.	7:28 p.m.	9:06 a.m.	12:37 a.m.
Wednesday	6:21 a.m.	7:29 p.m.	9:47 a.m.	1:38 a.m.
Thursday	6:19 a.m.	7:31 p.m.	10:37 a.m.	2:32 a.m.
Friday	6:17 a.m.	7:32 p.m.	11:35 a.m.	3:19 a.m.
Saturday	6:15 a.m.	7:33 p.m.	12:39 p.m.	3:57 a.m.
Sunday	6:13 a.m.	7:35 p.m.	1:47 p.m.	4:28 a.m.
Monday	6:12 a.m.	7:36 p.m.	2:58 p.m.	4:53 a.m.
Full 4/16				
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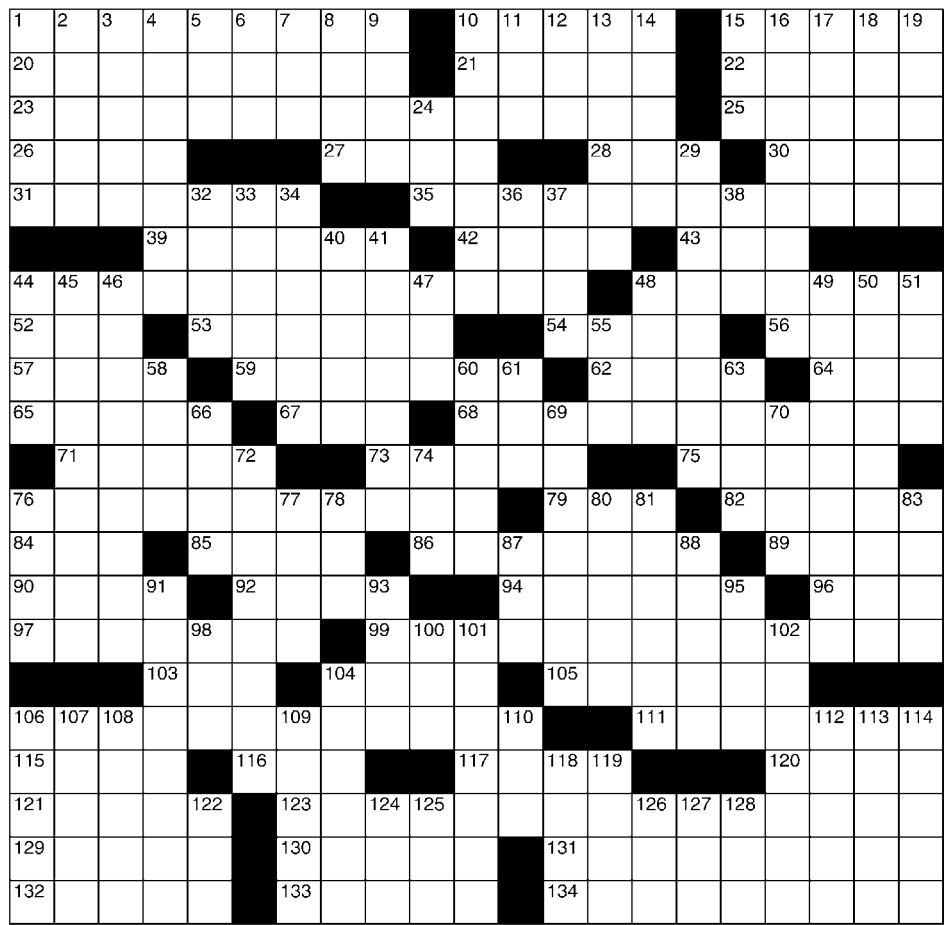


# PUZZLES & LIFESTYLES

## Super Crossword

### TRIP UP

- ACROSS**
- 1 Shoshone woman who accompanied Lewis and Clark  
 10 Hebrew holy text  
 15 Chicago hub  
 20 Rembrandt painted with them  
 21 You RSVP to it online  
 22 Tempos  
 23 Eton and Hogwarts  
 25 RAM units  
 26 Nastase of tennis fame  
 27 The sun, e.g.  
 28 Hooded viper  
 30 Get higher  
 31 Long-necked beast  
 35 Companies with cabbies  
 39 Give the details of  
 42 Kite's home  
 43 Suffix with human  
 44 Skilled thief, slangily  
 48 Adds on  
 52 Positive vote in Congress  
 53 "What's the —?" ("Care to explain that?," slangily)
- 54 Vow  
 56 Dried up  
 57 Weightlifting units  
 59 Cuddle (up)  
 62 "Stay" singer  
 64 Teensy  
 65 Bug B Gon's brand  
 67 Abbr. on an airport  
 68 Jacob Bronowski book about human history, with "The"  
 71 Platoon unit  
 73 German wine region  
 75 Equipper of horse hooves  
 76 Carnival vessels  
 79 Backpacker, maybe  
 82 "Chicago" showgirl  
 84 — polloi  
 85 "Toodles!"  
 86 Club get-togethers  
 89 Bleacher feature  
 90 PC brand  
 92 Part of DJ  
 94 Plant-based salve for bruises
- 96 Longtime CBS series  
 97 10th month, in German  
 99 Many golf hits onto the green  
 103 Comic actor  
 104 Sweetheart  
 105 Sitting Bull's tribe  
 106 Hoped-for result of a throw to a receiver  
 111 Frosty and the like  
 115 Face defacer  
 116 Tofu base  
 117 Negative votes in Congress  
 120 Green  
 121 Hornet's aide  
 122 Gut  
 123 Trip associated with the starts of seven answers in this puzzle  
 129 With 6-Down, boxing legend's daughter  
 130 Devilish grin  
 131 Native of the Raiders' home
- 133 Literature Nobelist  
 134 Event for unloading household items in an urban area
- DOWN**
- 1 Edna Ferber novel  
 2 Garlicky mayonnaise  
 3 "— de Lune"  
 4 Lot statistic  
 5 Jupiter, e.g.  
 6 See 129-Across  
 7 Took the gold  
 8 Units of work  
 9 Aide: Abbr.  
 10 Native of Iran's capital  
 11 — lacto diet  
 12 '16 Olympics city  
 13 Finally  
 14 Literature Nobelist  
 15 The sun, e.g.  
 16 Hoedown excursions  
 17 Stuffy story  
 18 Singer Della  
 19 Snaky curves  
 24 Tabby  
 29 Divine seers  
 32 Grub  
 33 Small flutes
- 34 — terrible (hellion)  
 36 Crosses (out)  
 37 Analogy part  
 38 Pooh-bah  
 40 Anklebone  
 41 Folding craft  
 44 Poi plant  
 45 Australian landmark  
 46 Stayed silent  
 47 Dress finely, with "out"  
 48 Oodles  
 49 Taos locale  
 50 Most bleak  
 51 Not hidden  
 55 Stein quaff  
 58 Feng —  
 60 Steer catcher  
 61 Japan finish?  
 63 Niels with a Nobel  
 66 Brewer's kiln  
 69 Revlon rival  
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## MY RECIPES

Luke Chavez

# Best Veggie Burger



As I am known to be a meat loving omnivore, some might be surprised to know that vegetarian meals are served several nights a week in our household. Being good for your family's physical health as well as being gentler on the planet are two big reasons to include more meatless dinners in your weekly menu planning. Despite common misconceptions, modern plant-based cooking is full of delicious, protein-rich, and satisfying dishes that could never be mistaken for "rabbit food". This week's veggie burger is a flavorful option made from nutritious ingredients that tastes better than any I've ever found in grocery stores. Wonderful as-is or with cheese, these burgers brown beautifully in a skillet, and are easy enough for a quick weeknight meal.

### Ingredients:

- 1/3 cup medium-grind bulgur
- 1 large beet (about 9 ounces), peeled and shredded
- 1 cup walnuts
- 1/2 cup fresh basil leaves
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 (15-ounce) can pinto beans, rinsed
- 4 ounces tomato paste
- 2 tablespoons whole-grain mustard
- 1 1/2 cups panko breadcrumbs
- 1/2 teaspoon paprika
- Salt and fresh ground black pepper
- 6 to 8 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 8 burger buns
- Favorite burger toppings and garnishes

### Directions:

In a small saucepan, bring 1 1/2 cups water and 1/2 teaspoon of salt to a boil. Take off the heat, stir in the bulgur, then cover and let stand until tender, about 20 minutes. Drain and spread on a tray to cool. While the bulgur is cooling, place the beets, walnuts, basil, and garlic in the bowl of a food processor. Pulse until evenly chopped, about 12 pulses, scraping down the sides with a spatula as needed. Next, add the beans, tomato paste, mustard, 1 1/2 teaspoons salt, 1/2 teaspoon black pepper, and paprika, along with 2 tablespoons of water. Pulse until well-mixed, about 8 to 10 more pulses. Mixture should stick together, however, you don't want it to be too finely pureed.

Transfer mixture to a large mixing bowl, then stir in the panko and cooled bulgur. Taste and adjust seasoning. Divide mixture into 8 equal pieces, then shape into burger patties, 3 1/2 inches in diameter.

Preheat oven to 200 degrees and set up a rimmed baking sheet with a wire rack. Heat 3 tablespoons of the oil in a large cast iron or non-stick skillet over medium-high heat. When pan is hot and oil is shimmering, cook 4 patties until crisp and browned on first side, about 4 minutes. Gently flip burgers and cook another 4 minutes or so, until browned. Add more oil to the pan as you go if needed. Transfer burgers to the baking sheet and set in the oven to keep warm. Add 3 more tablespoons of oil to the pan and repeat process to cook remaining patties. Serve on toasted buns with your favorite burger toppings.

### Notes:

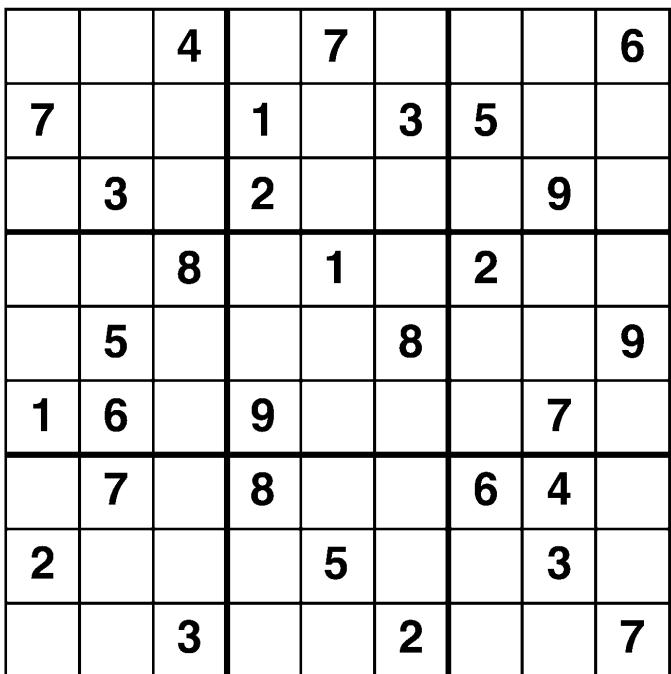
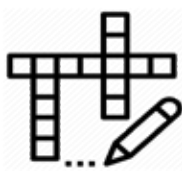
These burger patties are vegan as prepared above. To make a lacto-vegetarian friendly cheeseburger, add slices of your favorite real dairy cheese, (cheddar or pepper jack are favorites), to the patties after you flip the first side over. Then cover pan with a lid to steam and melt the cheese on top, as the patties cook on second side. To keep it vegan, try a soy or cashew cheese.

Bulgur is a cracked parboiled whole grain wheat. You can find it in larger grocery stores, or health food stores, often in the bulk foods section. The Bob's Red Mill brand is a wonderful source. It is also a lovely grain to use in salads, such as classic tabbouleh, or in hearty soups. If you can't find bulgur you could try using plain cracked wheat, quinoa, or amaranth. Adjust cooking times for different grains in the first step.

Uncooked patties freeze beautifully, layered between wax paper sheets, and stored in freezer bags. Thaw before using to ensure even cooking. They are a lifesaver to have on hand as an option when surprise dietary restrictions show up at your next barbecue. This week I served these as cheeseburgers on brioche buns, with Dijon, vegenaïse, red onion, lettuce, and avocado. No one missed the beef. Enjoy!

# Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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: ◆◆

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## Super Crossword

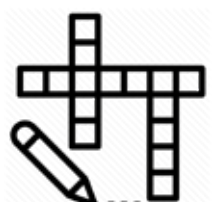
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## Weekly SUDOKU

### Answer

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## Around the Valley: with Karen Huwe

### Whitman Mission National Historic Site

How Does Learning a New Perspective Change How You View Things? Walking the grounds at Whitman Mission, you will see this question posted on the interpretive panels. The National Park Service will replace these panels at the end of 2022 or early 2023. Currently, on the panels it states that the information listed includes one-sided representations of history and perpetuates harmful stereotypes. These depictions were wrong when created and are still wrong today. Truthfully telling this history requires the inclusion of multiple perspectives. The panels will be updated in partnership with the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation.

Whitman Mission National Historic Site is located just west of Walla Walla, at the site of the former Whitman Mission at Waiilatpu. Waiilatpu means "people who sway like grass when they dance," a name given by the Nez Perce. Dr. Marcus Whitman and his wife Narcissa established a Protestant mission on the site in 1836. The Whitman's lost a daughter to drowning, adopted an orphaned family and in 1847 lost their lives in an attack. The Whitman Mission website asks, "Was killing the Whitmans justified legal retribution, an act of revenge, or some combination of both?"

At the Whitman Mission, you can watch a video about the Whitman's journey on the Oregon Trail to Waiilatpu, visit the museum, walk the trail along the former mission site, see the Great Grave, and hike up the hill to the Whitman monument. There is no fee to walk the trail where others walked in the early 1800s. Visualize what it might have been like at the mission at this educational National Historic site so close to where you live today. Decide if learning a new perspective will change how you view things!



Karen Huwe

(above) The museum at the Mission.



(right) An example of the covered wagons that made the trip along the trail.



Lane Gwinn



Luke Chavez

## BIG CHANGES ON WAITSBURG'S MAIN STREET.

(right) Earlier this week, the city removed the Waitsburg City Hall sign from the recently surplus building.

(left) This Tuesday, Tom and Judy Bennett started the first coat of primer covering the black and white flag left over from the Anchor Bar. Charles Smith painted the conceptual art piece on the building in 2009.



(above) Last year was a can of Silly String for each student who raised \$60; this year, it was a pie for every student who raised \$100. Judging by the condition of Mr. Pickel, the students were quite successful!

(right) Ryden Huxoll and Oaklee Adams compared (and played with) slime made from cornstarch and conditioner



Beka Compton

Katherine Roberts and Shylo Hedges show off their finished slime on the final day of the Cardinal's Nest Spring Break program.



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Carter Barron was one of a handful of fifth graders who joined in on the fun at Waitsburg Elementary on Tuesday.

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