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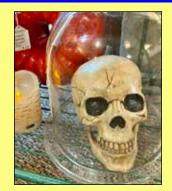
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Seniors were honored before the October 11, 2025 football game, their last home game. (back row l-r) - Isa Reyes, Graycen Teal, Jarod Hankins, Brenton Segraves, Koyen Fortune, Martin Vasquez, and Tucker Hamilton. (front row I-r) - Kyle Lindsey, Sarah Daves, Hope Adkins, Mattilynn Carter, Karissa Potts, and Victor Whitmore. Read the full story on page 3.

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Port negotiating new lease with Columbia Rail

By Justin Jaech | THE TIMES

DAYTON - The Port of Columbia Commissioners held their regular meeting at 5 p.m. on October 8, 2025. Commissioners Johnny Watts, Mike Spring, Executive Director Jennie Dickinson, and Economic Development Coordinator Shane Laib were present. Chair Seth Bryan attended via Zoom.

During public comment, Skip Mead expressed frustration that he was speaking for the third time on the same issue and asked, "How many times do I have to say it? Don't sell the railroad.

Commissioners handled several administrative items, including setting a public hearing on next year's budget for the November 12 regular meeting.

Dickinson presented renderings for the Mainstem Malt facility. The lease is still being negotiated with Mainstem Malt.

The lease with Columbia Rail must be negotiated, and Dickinson said that both the port and the rail operator want to keep operating the railroad service. The commissioners agreed to allow Dickenson to hire a consultant with expertise in complex negotiations.

Until a new lease for the railroad is approved, the port and the rail operator will continue under the current lease. After it expires, it will move to a month-to-month agreement under the current terms, unless terminated by either party or by signing a new lease agreement.

Lyon Ferry projects are still moving forward as the port works on permitting. The port will release more information to the public by December 2025.

Dickinson said the lower Snake River Wind Project was expanding, and larger blades to generate more power would replace the current blades on some of the existing towers.

Dickinson shared some photographs from the past weekend's 150th anniversary (sesquicentennial) of Columbia County and said the port received many positive comments from the community. Laib thanked the Sesquicentennial Committee for its

Laib spoke about the port's support for the Touchet Valley Community Showcase, to be held on Saturday, October 18, 2025, at the Fair Pavilion from 12 to 5 p.m. Harvest and Harmony is organizing the event, which will showcase nearly 30 local businesses and a variety of practical demonstrations.

Laib said that, according to Katie Leid, the public pool will cost three million dollars, be built at the site of the former pool, and include retrofitting the former shower and changing house. The pool will have appropriate markings for swim meets.

During the second public comment period, Phil Newman from Mainstem Malt thanked the port for its support during the planning process. Chuck Ketterman asked if the commissioners could officially vote to put the sale of the railroad to rest.

The next meeting of the Port of Columbia Commissioners is 5 p.m., November 12, 2025, at the port office conference room and

NOTICE OF STARBUCK BRIDGE CLOSURE

THE TIMES

STARBUCK, WA. — The Starbuck bridge will be closed from 7:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. on October 21, 2025, for routine inspection. Motorists should use alternate routes or may be delayed up to

Dayton pool district making progress on pool project

CCP&RPD seeks voter approval of property tax levy on November ballot

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

COLUMBIA COUNTY — At the Port of Columbia's Economic Development Steering Committee meeting last week, Katie Leid provided an update on progress made by the Board of Commissioners for the Columbia County Parks and Recreation Pool District (CCP&RPD) to build a community pool.

Leid, board Treasurer, told the committee about the plan to build a new pool at the site of the old Dayton Community Pool and to upgrade the existing pool house.

She said Lyle Smith, CEO of WMS Aquatics, met with the pool district's five-member board of commissioners in July 2024 to talk about a pool project his company did for the Community of Kettle Falls. In August, Leid and commissioners Lisa Naylor and Terri Hessler, visited Kettle Falls and liked what they saw and heard about the pool, which is a Myrtha pool.

Based in Ellensburg, WMS Aquatics is the northwest distributor of Myrtha pools.

According to WMS Aquatics, Myrtha pools don't require a significant maintenance schedule. They are not subject to variation between intended and actual dimensions during manufacture, and the structure will not suffer cracks or be susceptible to leaks. The pools are also not affected by the aggressive action of chlorinated pool water.

Leid said all five commissioners agree that a Myrtha pool is the best fit for this community.



Courtesy Photo

The Kettle Falls Community Pool is an example of a Myrtha pool being considered for Columbia County.

The current estimate for the pool is around \$3 million: \$200,000 for demolition and removal of the old pool, \$2.65 million for the pool itself, and \$100,000 to upgrade and update the existing pool house, including updates to the mechanical room. The cost of lane lines, starting blocks, a lifeguard stand, and a pool cleaner is about \$50,000. Readying the concrete for possible future use as an indoor pool will cost an additional \$50,000.

This year, roughly two-thirds of the 2023 levy property tax collection has been collected, Leid said. The funds paid for the district's share of the November 2023 and November 2024 General Election costs, attorney fees from the fourth quarter of 2024 through the third quarter of 2025. Budinger and Associates were paid for their geotechnical engineering report. WMS Aquatics has also been paid for the site plan with the POOL - PAGE 2

NEWS BRIEFS

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AT THE LIBERTY:

"Hamilton"

THE TIMES

DAYTON — The musical "Hamilton" is a Tony, Grammy, Emmy, and Pulitzer Prize-winning hit on stage and in the cinema. The movie version combines the best elements of live theater and film with a blend of music from hip-hop, jazz, R&B, and Broadway.

The story of one of America's founding fathers, Alexander Hamilton, was a revolutionary moment in theater. It tells the story of America then, told by America now. The cast includes writer and director Lin-Manuel Miranda, Daveed Diggs, Renee Elise Goldsberry, Jasmine Cephas Jones, Anthony Ramos, Phillipa Soo, Leslie Odom Jr., and Ariana DeBose.

The movie "Hamilton" was rated 98% by Rotten Tomatoes critics, and the audience came in at 99%. Rated: PG-13 for language and suggestive material and a runtime of 180 minutes. There will be an intermission.

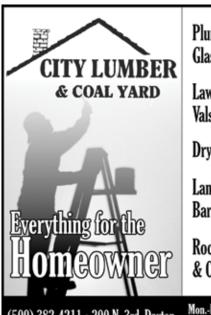
Announcing our 2025 Fall Production, "A Christmas Carol." The Liberty Theater production is based on the works of Charles Dickens and O. Henry. "A Christmas Carol" will be performed from Nov. 13 to Dec. 6, 2025.

"A Christmas Carol" combines the beloved story of the same title published by Charles Dickens in 1843, and the well-known short story, "The Gift of the Magi," published by O. Henry in 1905. Woven together, these two beautiful stories become one tale, in which the hard-hearted Ebenezer Scrooge must choose between a self-imposed hell and a redeeming, selfless love. The strength of charity, mercy, forbearance, and benevolence is the focus of this reimagined stage play, written by Mike Ferrians and Brenda Henderson, who have also collaborated on new music and lyrics to help bring the story to life.

Produced by Touchet Valley Arts Council Productions and directed by Mike Ferrians and Brenda Henderson. Tickets will be sold online at libertytheater.org, at the Box Office on Tuesdays and Fridays between 2 and 5 p.m., or by phone at (509) 382-1380.

Upcoming Movies: "Hamilton" Oct. 17-21, "Roofman" Oct. 24-28 (subject to change), 30th Anniversary of "Casper" Oct. 31-Nov. 2, no movies from Nov. 4 to 11, "A Christmas Carol, a live production from Nov. 13 to Dec. 6.





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BIZ NEWS

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Fiesta En Jalisco

After 12 years of delicious service in Dayton, the owners of Fiesta En Jalisco are closing the restaurant on October 25, 2025. They expressed appreciation to the community where their kids were students at Dayton schools, participated in 4H, the county fair, and sports.

"It is with heavy hearts that we say goodbye to this wonderful community. You will always be in our hearts, and we will always be so grateful for the years that you supported us," the family posted on Facebook.

Hotel Hardware

Hotel Hardware and The Cocktail Shop are hiring cocktail barbacks, a wine server, a housekeeper, and a barista to work at the boutique hotel with a coffee bar, cocktail lounge, and wine bottle shop.

Applicants should be customer service-oriented and take pride in themselves and their work. Willingness to learn new skills/knowledge is a plus.

- Barback: Wednesday-Saturday 5 p.m. to 10:15 p.m. (no experience necessary)
 Wine server: Sunday-Tuesday 5 p.m. to 10:15
- Wine server: Sunday-Tuesday 5 p.m. to 10:1 p.m. (knowledge of natural wine is a plus)
- Housekeeper: Daily 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. (experience preferred)
 Barista: Daily 8:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. (experi-
- ence preferred but will train the right candidate)

 "Cross-training opportunities for staff with an aptitude to grow their knowledge base about hotel

management, specialty coffee, craft cocktails, and natural wine. We are building something special in Dayton," said HH owner Padraic Slattery.

Send a resume and letter of interest to Hello@Ho-

telHardware.com. Gaudy Gals on Main

New hours are Thursday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Visit sisters Kim Bruzas and Lori Davis to find Halloween and seasonal gifts from among their ecclerctic finds.



Something creepy at Gaudy

Wolfling Coffee

Activity at Waitsburg's newest coffee shop, Wolfling Coffee, is ramping up as the opening date is nearing. Electrician, plumbing, flooring, and contractor trucks have been lined up in front finishing the total remodel of the space.



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SUPPORT THE POOL

Letter to the Editor:

Good people have been working to promote the Waitsburg swimming pool. Many generous people have already contributed money and time to this cause, and they are greatly appreciated. However, this generosity isn't enough. We need to support the pool by passing the pool levy.

I grew up swimming with friends at the Waitsburg pool. Besides the fun, everyone needs to learn to swim, not to mention the exercise and health benefits for our whole community.

Thus, I ask again, please support the kids and the pool levy.

Ann Ähler

Waitsburg, Wash.

POOL - FROM PAGE 1 required setbacks and 3D renderings of the pool area and pool house.

In addition, the tax collection helped build a web page.

"Using social media to reach our constituents in Columbia County is a vital tool to inform our voters of what the CCP&RPD has been doing. Building the website now will help pool users get used to the site where, eventually, they will be able to purchase pool passes, pay for lessons, etc," Leid said.

In November, the CCP&RPD is asking voters to approve a 20-cent-per-thousand property tax levy for 2026.

"We will be using the funds for required expenses such as annual audits by the state, election expenses every year a levy is run, for professional services including retaining an attorney, setting aside one-third of money collected for capital project matching funds as grants are written and awarded, and for hiring a part-time bookkeeper."

The CCP&RPD budget is broken into four areas: personnel (\$33,000), administration (\$32,000), professional services (\$73,000), and capital projects (\$62,000), for a total of \$200,000, which is the amount of levy tax dollars collected in 2025 and expected in 2026.

The board has begun a capital campaign to raise additional money for the pool project. A consultant and grant writer was hired by the board in August, and the Friends of the Pool are seeking grants and helping with fundraisers. Leid said plans for the 2026 Duck Derby are now underway.

The community can help by donating to the Friends of the Pool at P.O. Box 192, Dayton, Wash., specifying how the donation should be used. This could be for the purchase of the pool cleaner, one or more of the lane lines, the reel to hold the lane lines, or the pool cover and reel.

CCP&RPD meetings are at 5 p.m. on the last Thursday of the month in the conference room at Fire Dist. No. 3. Information is also online at www.daytonpool.com.

BIRTHDAYS

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

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

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

October 20: Owen Lee Cole, Rochell Duncan.

October 21: Steve Ahler.

October 22: Sofia Mercado, Gary Greenwell, Donna Hempel, Holly Kinart, Susan Duckworth.





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SENIORS HONORED AT THEIR CARDINAL'S **LAST HOME GAME** FOR THE SEASON

By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — Thirteen Waitsburg seniors were recognized before the start of the high school football game between the Cardinals and Garfield-Palouse on Saturday, October 11.

Cardinal cheerleaders, football players, and their families lined the football field with posters and bal-

Cheerleaders Matti Carter, Sarah Daves, Hope Adkins, Karissa Potts, and football players Isa Reyes, Kyle Lindsey, Graycen Teal, Jarod Hankins, Brenton Segraves, Koyen Fortune, Martin Vasquez, Tucker Hamilton, and Victor Whitmore played in their last home game of the season.

Waitsburg and G-P were tied at halftime, 42-42. The Vikings outscored the Cardinals 16-0 in the second half to win 58-42.

(right) Muddy Wolf Creative dancers (l-r) Scarlet Scott, Amelia Nesje, Olivia Long, Adeline Brock, Annika Botts, Holly Hamilton - Coaches are Ashley Hamilton and Lynley Mickelson.

(below) Seniors and their families on the sidelines.

During halftime, a dancers from Muddy Wolf Creative Dance entertained the crowd with a choreographed routine.

"Tonight's loss was a tough one. Gar-Pal came to compete. We were neck and neck in the first half, then a variety of things totally changed the momentum of the game," said Coach Gabe Kiefel.

The Cardinals could not make anything happen on offense. Two Cardinal fumbles and the Vikings getting quarterback sacks led to Waitsburg only having possession of the ball three times in the second half. The Vikings ate up a lot of time on the clock by running the ball, and Waitsburg ran out of

The Cardinals will play at Pomeroy on Friday, October 17, with a 7 p.m. kickoff.



Karen Huwe

Center Victor Whitmore and Guard Koyen Fortune block the Vikings.





LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF PRELIMINARY BUDGET & OF PUBLIC

BUDGET HEARINGS Notice is hereby given that the preliminary budget for the City of Prescott for 2026 has been prepared and is on file at City Hall, 108 D Street, Prescott, WA. A preliminary public hearing on the budget will be held October 13, 2025, at 6:30 pm at City Hall, 108 South eet, during the regula City Council meeting. Copies of the preliminary budget will be available to the public on November 11, 2025. A final public hearing on the budget will be held on December 8, 2025, at 6:30 pm. at City Hall, during the regular City Council meeting, or at such later time as continued by the City Council Dated this 23rd day of September 2025

Tammy Johnson, City Clerk/ Treasurer The Times October 16, 23, 2025 10-16-a

NOTICE is hereby given that the Board of Directors of Prescott School District No. 402-37, Walla Walla and Columbia Counties, Washington,

will hold their REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD meeting on Thursday, 23 October 2025 at 207 S. A Street, Prescott, WA 99348. The meeting is being called to discuss and act upon regular monthly school business. The meeting will follow the guidelines of a Regular Board Session. To ensure compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act (Chapter 42.30, RCW), the Board will treat the meeting on 23 September 2025 as a regular meeting and provides notice as required by law. This meeting will include a public hearing held by the Financial Oversight Committee on options for dissolving the school district. This Board meeting will, also, serve as a public hearing for the sale of real property owned by the District. The Times October 16, 2025

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IN THE SUPERIOR **COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON**

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA NO: 25-400221-36 NOTICE TO INTERESTED **PERSONS** In re the Estate of: GERLINDE ZITTERKOPF, Deceased NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative. All persons having claims against the

estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached. to the undersigned personal representative at: c/o Christine M. Wallace, 801 South Main, Milton-Freewater, OR 97862, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be All persons whose rights may

be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the personal representative, or the attorney for the personal representative. Christine M. Wallace DATE OF FIRST PUBLICA-TION: October 16, 2025 /s/ Trevor Ryan Hall Attorney for Personal Representative: Christine M. Wallace 801 South Main Milton-Freewater, OR 97862 (541) 938-3379 The Times October 16, 23, 30, 2025 10-16-c

The Financial Oversight

Committee for Prescott School District has determined that the Prescott School District is financially insolvent and will hold a public hearing on options for dissolving the school district. The public hearing will be held as part of the Prescott School District's Board meeting on October 23, 2025 at 6pm at 207 South A Street, Prescott WA 99348 Room #120. The Times September 25, October 2, 9, 16. 2025 9-25-d

IN THE SUPERIOR **COURT OF THE STATE OF** WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA NO: 25 4 00222 36 PROBATE NOTICE TO IN-TERESTED PERSONS RCW 11.40.070 In the Matter of the Estate of: LOIS M. FULLER, Deceased

tives named below have been appointed as Co-Personal Representatives of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the Co-Personal Representatives or the Co-Personal Representatives attorney at the addresses stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the Co-Personal Representatives served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(3); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of this notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This is against both decedent's probate and non-probate assets DATE OF FIRST PUBLICAT-ION: October 16, 2025 Co-Personal Representatives: Jana Hartzheim and Jill Webster Tubbs Attorney for Co-Personal Representatives: Christine Wallace 801 South Main, Milton-Freewater, OR 97862

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF

WALLA WALLA

NO: 25-4-00195-36

PROBATE NOTICE TO **CREDITORS** RCW 11.40.070 In Re the Estate of: William J. Pancake, Deceased. The Personal Representative pointed as Personal Representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the Personal Representative or the Personal Representative's attorney stated below a copy of the claim and filing of the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the Personal Representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1) (c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets DATE OF FIRST PUBLICA-TION: October 2, 2025 By: /s/ Kim Marie Pancake-Berley

Personal Representative of the Estate of William J. Pancake Attorney for Personal Representative: Steven C. Frol Minnick-Hayner, P.S. P.O. Box 1757 249 West Alder Walla Walla, WA 99362 (509) 527-3500 The Times October 2, 9, 16, 2025

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Walla Walla County Fire Protection Districts No. 1, 3, & 7

are each placing a proposition before the voters on February 10, 2026, ballot authorizing the dissolution of the Fire Districts. Fire protection and emergency medical services are now provided to the Districts by the voter approved Walla Walla North County Fire, a Fire Districts are accepting names of people interested in participating in voter pamphlet statement pro and con committees

The deadline for appointing the committees is November 12 2025 Citizens interested in participating or that have any questions, please contact the department at wwfpd3@pocketinet.com or call (509)629-2353 no later than November 5, 2025 The Times

October 9, 16, 2025 10-9-a

Prescott School District #402-37

will hold a public meeting on the sale of real property located at 202 W. 1st Street, Prescott WA 99348. The public hearing will be held as part of the Prescott School District's Board meeting on October 23, 2025 at 6pm at 207 South A Street, Prescott WA 99348 Room #120. The Times September 25, October 2, 9,

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Prescott Joint Park and Recreation District Board of Commissioners

VACANCY: Position #2 Term Expires 12/31/2025 Position #4 Term Expires 12/31/2025 Serving on the Board of

Commissioners is an active year-round responsibility, overseeing the operation of the rious aspects of the Distr Commissioners will work on several sub-committees (Budget Maintenance Information Grants, & Policy/Procedures). Attend 12 monthly meetings, and between 5 to 8 special meetings. Spend 3-5 hours per month during off season: 15-30 hours per month when things ramp up in Spring. Please submit a letter of interest to: Prescott Joint Park & Recreation District, PO Box 30 Prescott WA 99348. If you would like more information, please contact the office at 509-849-2314, Monday thru Friday, 9 to 1 pm. The Times September 18, 25, October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 2025 9-18-е



FUN & GAMES

The Friendly Forest

By Jimmye L. Turner



Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

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Friday, Oct. 17 Breakfast

Scrambled Eggs & Bacon

Chicken Alfredo

Caesar salad Breadstick, Fruit choice

Monday, Oct. 20

Breakfast

Fruit Parfait

Hamburgers

Fresh toppings, French fries Fruit Choice

Tuesday, Oct. 21

Breakfast

Biscuits & Gravy

Lunch

Taco salad-Lettuce, tomato, olives Refried beans

Fruit choice

Wednesday, Oct. 22

Breakfast

Breakfast Sandwich & Hashbrown Lunch

Turkey sandwich

House salad, Fruit choice Something crunchy



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PIONEER PORTRAITS

Fifteen Years Ago October 14, 2010



[Photo Caption] Mike and Kelly Stephenson of Kennewick and their group of silent investors have signed an agreement to purchase Ski Bluewood from Stan and Nancy Goodell. They will use the business office on Main Street in Dayton.

Twenty-Five Years Ago October 12, 2000

Dozens of local children participated in National Children's Day last Sunday at Waitsburg Elementary. Kenny Hull, Lillian Banie, Gracie Eastwood, Nicole Eastwood, Mariah Hill, and Paige Lutz were all enjoying having their faces painted by Linda Kehr, an exchange student at W.H.S. this year.

Fifty Years Ago October 16, 1975

Don Thomas was one of five owners who exhibited their mules at the Washington Draft Horse Extravaganza held in Monroe, Washington, on Sept. 26 and 27. The Thomas team took second place in the four-hitch tandem class. His mule, "Mable," was named Reserve Champion. "Kate" and "Kit" placed second and third in the females, 3 years and older class. "Mable" was first, "Doc" second, and "Molly" third in the 2-year-old, either sex class.

Seventy-Five Years Ago October 20, 1950

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Denney, Mrs. Harold Denney, Mrs. Oakley Kendall and son Billlie, and Mr. and Mrs. Orville Fullerton attended the family reunion at Thornton Sunday.

Don Kon, K.K. Kinenart, Byron Busse, and Ted Nelson returned Sunday from a week's hunting trip at Twin Buttes. They brought back two deer.

4-H Livestock Club members met at the Pete Hermanns home. Ted Collins was elected president; George Wood, vice-president; Penny Jones, secretary-treasurer; Sereta Patton, song leader; Marilyn Collingwood, reporter; Dessie Witt, recreation; Bob Collins, parliamentarian.

One Hundred Years Ago October 23, 1925

The old wooden flume at the Preston-Shaffer Milling Co. has been replaced with a new and larger flume. The flume is about 300 feet in length, and it took a number of cars of lumber to construct it.

The packing house force at the John Schiltz packing house was treated to a very pleasant surprise on Monday of last week, when Mrs. Gertie Pollard served a most delicious fried pheasant dinner to the whole

On Tuesday of this week, fifty "apple knockers" in the J. D. Taggard orchards picked five carloads of Rome Beauty apples, according to the checkers.

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago October 26, 1900

Sing, our Chinese gardener, leaves tomorrow for China to visit his family. His brother arrived in this City a few days ago and will take charge of the garden during Sings' absence.

Married – In Columbia County, Saturday, Oct. 20, 1900, Wm. Hinchliffe and Olive C. May.

Clemins Keve brought two monster turnips to this office Thursday morning, which he raised on his place on the mountains. Seven pounds and five ounces was the larger, and the other was not far behind.

PUZZLES & SPORTS

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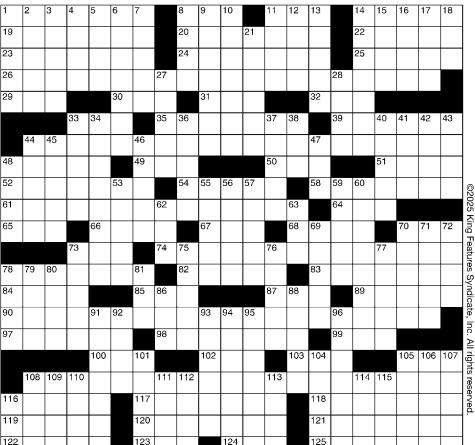
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lisbury Steak

searching for this column, I like to search through my vintage cookbook collection for inspiration. It can be amusing, and sometimes a little frightening, to imagine what home cooks were putting on the table 60 or 70 years ago. So much JELLO. However, there are some homey favorites that deserve a fresh look, like this



recipe for tender Salisbury Steak, smothered in a rich mushroom gravy. While some may only imagine the compartments of TV dinner trays, this updated version makes an impressive and satisfying weeknight meal.

Ingredients:

For the steaks: 1 medium yellow onion

3 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce

3 tablespoons ketchup

1 teaspoon packed brown sugar

1 large egg

Salt and fresh ground black pepper

1 pound ground beef

½ to ¾ cup panko bread crumbs Olive oil

For the gravy:

8 ounces cremini mushrooms, thinly sliced

1 tablespoon all-purpose flour

1 cup beef stock

½ cup whole milk

Fresh parsley or chives, chopped for garnish

Grate one quarter of the onion into a large mixing bowl (should yield about ¼ cup of onion pulp). Set the remaining onion aside for now. To the grated onion add Worcestershire sauce, ketchup, brown sugar, and egg. Season generously with salt and black pepper, then whisk with a fork to combine. Add the ground beef and panko, mixing until just combined. Don't overmix. With your hands, form the mixture into 8 small, oval-shaped patties about 1-inch thick. Place patties on a plate and set in the refrigerator to chill for at least 20 minutes.

Meanwhile, finely dice the remaining onion and set aside for the

Heat a large skillet over medium heat. Add enough olive oil to lightly coat the bottom of the pan. When the oil is hot, cook the patties in batches, until browned, about 2 to 3 minutes per side. Transfer to a plate and set aside.

To the same skillet, add the onion and mushrooms with a pinch of salt, and raise the heat to medium-high. Cook, until deeply browned, about 8 to 10 minutes, stirring occasionally. During the first half of the cooking time the vegetables will release a lot of water, then they will start browning. Be careful not to burn and add more oil to the pan if it looks too dry.

Sprinkle the flour evenly over the browned mushrooms, then stir to incorporate. Cook for about a minute, stirring constantly. Stir in the beef stock and milk, scraping up any browned bits, and bring to a simmer. Season the sauce with salt and pepper then reduce the heat to medium-low to maintain a gently simmer. Taste the gravy at this point and adjust seasoning. Add more Worcestershire or ketchup to build a rich flavor.

Add the seared steaks in a single layer to the skillet along with any accumulated juices. Baste gravy over the tops of each steak. Continue to simmer, basting the steaks a couple of times, until the gravy has thickened, and the steaks are cooked through, about 5 to 10 minutes. Serve with a garnish of parsley or chives.

For a little more depth, try adding a splash of balsamic vinegar while the gravy is simmering. You could also try using a mix of wild mushrooms to create an elevated version of this dish.

In keeping with the mid-century theme, I served this with scalloped potatoes and buttered peas. This dish would also be wonderful served with mashed potatoes, buttered egg noodles, or steamed rice. A crisp green salad on the side would be a lovely way to balance out the rich-

Enjoy.

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Community Calendar

WAITSBURG MONTHLY MEETINGS

Waitsburg City Council

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

Planning Commission

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

Waitsburg School Board

Third Thursday of each month @ 6 p.m. Zoom info is available by emailing waitsburgcc@

Waitsburg Home and School Association

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

Waitsburg Parks and Recreation Public Meeting

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

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

the Weller Public Library, 212 Main St. Friends of the Weller Public Library

Second Tuesday of the month, @ 7:15 p.m.

Waitsburg Commercial Club Last Thursdays of the month @ Ten Ton Art@noon. Zoom info is available by emailing waitsburgcc@

Waitsburg Resource Center Community Food Bank

Thursdays, 2 – 4 p.m. Food donations at the Resource Center 106 ½ Preston Ave.

Waitsburg Christian Church

Drop-off or Pick-up Clothing Donation Center 604 Main Street, upstairs, Thursdsays, 2 – 4 p.m.

DAYTON & COLUMBIA COUNTY MEETINGS

Board of Columbia County Commissioners

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

Dayton City Council

Second Tuesday of the month @ 6 p.m. Call-in information available at:

https://www.daytonwa.com/54-inside-city-hall/city-council

Dayton School Board

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

DHS Alumni Meeting

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

The Coalition for Youth and Families

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

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

Dayton Memorial Library Board of Trustees Meeting

Third Monday of the month @ 7 p.m. Delany room and Zoom Meeting ID: 852 3836 3787

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85238363787

Columbia County Parks and Recreation Pool District

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

Dayton Kiwanis Club Meeting

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



PRESCOTT MEETINGS

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



STARBUCK MEETINGS

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

Events, Film, Performance, Live Music

WAITSBURG

Whiskey C's First Anniversary Saturday, October 18 @ 5 p.m. **Outdoor Lot Party**

No Cover

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Live music from the Whiskey Creek

Dress warmly and prepare for \$3 Keg Cups of Coors Light and bar

Music moves inside at 9 p.m.

Trifocals Band

Sunday, Oct. 19, 2025 @ 2 p.m.

Waitsburg Christian Church is hosting The Trifocals Band on Sunday, October 19, 2025. The live music event is free and will begin at 2 p.m. at 608 Main St. Waitsburg.



ART! at Weller Public Library Saturday, October 18 @ 10-11a.m. **Painting Contemporary Art Pump**kins inspired by Japanese artist Yayoi Kusama with a book reading

of "Yayoi Kusama: From Here to

Infinity" by Sarah Suzuki.

Tongue and Groove Michael Kelly Band The Royal Block @ 6 p.m. No Cover, 21+





DAYTON

Harvest & Harmony The Touchet Valley **Community Showcase** Saturday, Oct 18 Noon to 5 p.m.

Columbia County Fairgrounds Health & Wellness Local Artisans Skill Sharing & DIY

Over 30 businesses, organizations, and craftspeople sharing their products and expertise at a community building event hosted by Harvest and Harmony.





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Court House 315 W. Main Street

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Meeting at Walla Walla

405 W. Fifth, Waitsburg

Mass

Friday, 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, 5 p.m.

382-2311

Father O'Leary

Waitsburg

Church

504 Main

Sunday School 8:45 a.m.

Worship 10 a.m.

337-6589

Pastor Heidi Lum

Waitsburg

Sunday School 9:45 a.m

Worship 11 a.m.

Evening Worship 6 p.m.

Bible Study

Wednesdays 7:30 p.m.

337-6235

Rev. Jimmie Daves

Waitsburg

604 Main St

Worship 10:00 a.m.

Each Sunday

337-8898

Pastor Cameron Hedges

Sunday School 9:00 a.m 😽



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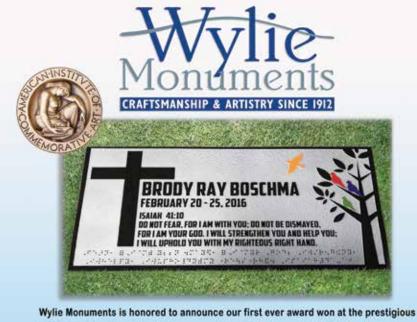
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- Four Star Supply, 2255 Villard St., Pomeroy To verify store hours, call 509-843-3693 or email pomeroyfourstarsupply@hotmail.com
- Circle K, 426 W. Main St., Dayton To verify store hours, call 509-382-1042

For more information, contact 509-382-2043





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