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## Dayton proclaims October Domestic Violence Awareness Month

**By Justin Jaech | THE TIMES**

DAYTON – Mayor Michael Smith opened the Dayton City Council meetiing to order at 6 p.m. on October 13, 2026. Council members Shannon McMillen, James Su'euga, Glenn Hagfeldt, Kyle Anderson, Jeff Keating, Joann Patras, and Dave Harvey were present at City Hall.

Shakira Collins, a domestic violence advocate for the YWCA, made a statement concerning domestic violence. October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, which honors survivors, victims, and raises awareness about relationship abuse.

Collins said that in a small community like Dayton, it is easy to presume that domestic violence and sexual assault happen elsewhere. She said SA does not recognize geographical boundaries, income levels, educational background, or family structures. It can affect anyone.

Collins said the YWCA helps families find safety, support, and resources. The Council voted unanimously for the proclamation declaring October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the city.

The Council opened a public meeting to discuss Ordinance 2025, addressing the direct petition submitted by Steve and Dawn Radebaugh to annex real property from Columbia County into Dayton's city limits. The annexation covers approximately 2.7 acres, adjoining a 6.06-acre city parcel owned by the Radebaughs. The Council approved the petition after returning to the regular meeting.

Next, council members approved Resolution 1598, approving the Municipal Services Agreement between the city and the Dayton Chamber of Commerce on lodging tax-funded activities.

Resolution 1599 was approved authorizing November 12 as the Dayton City Council's discretionary holiday.

Mayor Smith said Basin Disposal, will increase rates by 2.34 percent, which accounts for 80 percent of the city utility Consumer Price Index for 2027.

Smith said the Dayton Planning Commission needs two new members. Commission meetings are held at 2 p.m. on the last Tuesday of every month.

City Hall is preparing next year's budget for the council to review in depth during November and December meetings.

The next city council meeting is scheduled for November 3, 2026, at 6 p.m., and the monthly workshop meeting is scheduled for November 17, 2026.

## COURAGE TO BELIEVE: YWCA'S PARTY WITH A PURPOSE

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WALLA WALLA — On Wednesday, Oct. 28, the Walla Walla YWCA will host Courage to Believe: Creating Safe Tomorrows, a night of inspiration, connection, and purpose. This event wraps up National Domestic Violence Awareness Month by recognizing the courage of survivors and the community that stands with them.

Salted Mill's Chef Ian Williams will prepare the dinner. Tickets will include two drink tickets and the opportunity to bid on creative live and silent auction packages and gift cards on the popular Dine Wall.

The YWCA organizers invite you to come for the fun, stay for the mission, and leave knowing you've helped create safer tomorrows for survivors in our community.

Tickets and information are available at https://tinyurl.com/yryvxhn7 or using the QR code on the right.

## New businesses at Blue Mountain Station

*Port commissioners put the Touchet Valley Trail back on the Comprehensive Plan*

**By Justin Jaech | THE TIMES**

DAYTON — The Port of Columbia County Commissioners met at 5 p.m. on October 14, 2026, in the Port's newly remodeled boardroom. Commissioners Mike Spring and Scott Hudson attended in person; Johnny Watts could not attend. Executive Director Jennie Dickinson and Economic Development Coordinator Shane Laib were also present.

The commissioners reviewed and approved the monthly budget report. Due to rising utility costs, this year's utility budget is already 98 percent spent.

The commissioners reviewed the draft of the 2027 Budget and Capital Facilities Plan. Dickinson noted that the commissioners added the Touchet Valley Trail to the plan at their request. The 10-million-dollar cost was based on the design completed a few years ago.

The commissioners will discuss and vote on the 2027 Budget and Capital Facilities Plan at next month's meeting. Hudson pushed to budget money for tourism promotion funds for local businesses. Dickinson seemed inclined to believe the Chamber of Commerce should promote tourism for downtown businesses.

Dickinson said the sale of the Lyon's Ferry RV and Marina concession was imminent. The planned construction of new RV pull-through sites awaits completion of the cultural resources study and final approval by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

The commissioners approved Resolution 2026-02, which is a grant project to expand the boat launch facility and replace the C-Moorage.

Mainstem Malt may not be able to move forward due to financing. A milling business is interested in the same site.

DarVincii, a new take-home meal business, opened in Blue Mountain Station on September 30, 2026. Its website describes the menus as a colorful fusion cuisine designed with affordability in mind. Visit darvincii.com for more information. In addition, Benchstone Estates, a winery owned by winemaker Dana J. Lammers, has signed a lease for Suite H.


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The railroad lease remains uncertain, as the operator is still waiting to see how the trial of moving grain in coordination with Union Pacific resolves. The operator wants a few more weeks to commit to a new lease.

The Rail Tourism Committee posted a Request for Proposal from consultants, and Dickinson is currently fielding inquiries from potential bidders.

At the end of the meeting, the commissioners took up the comprehensive plan update, which they have worked on at the end of each monthly meeting. This meeting focused on the Economic Development Plan. A public hearing is scheduled for the next Board of Commissioners' meeting on November 10, 2026.

# NEWS BRIEFS

## NEWS BRIEFS & LETTERS

## AT THE LIBERTY:
*"Sense and Sensibility"*

**THE TIMES**

DAYTON — "Sense and Sensibility" follows the Dashwood sisters as they leave their Sussex estate for a modest home, navigating love, financial challenges, and societal expectations in Regency England. This adaptation features a strong cast including Daisy Edgar-Jones and Esmé Creed-Miles. It offers a fresh yet faithful take on Jane Austen's classic. Early buzz highlights its charm, wit, and emotional resonance, making it a promising watch for period drama fans. It is rated PG for thematic elements, partial nudity, and brief violence, and runs 132 minutes.

Opening weekend audiences rated "Sense and Sensibility" at 90%. An enthusiastic audience member said, "The film was an absolutely amazing adaptation of the book. Combining the best parts of the 1995 version and of the 2005 'Pride and Prejudice.' The film wraps its audience in a dreamy and romantic lens that keeps the audience wanting more." One critic wrote, "This wistful take on the sisters has much to say about girlhood and coming into one's own. Edgar-Jones and especially Creed-Miles are excellent as two young women discovering their place in a confusing world." The Historic Liberty Theater is a perfect place to watch this timeless story.

Trick or Treat at The Liberty Theater Friday, October 30, during Main Street Trick or Treat from 3 to 5 p.m. Come show off your costumes.

2026 Fall Production of "The Wizard of Oz" will run November 13 through December 5. Tickets are on sale now. Brenda Henderson directs this year's show, with Assistant Director Stephanie Snyder. To add to the charm of this production, some of the original Dayton production's yellow-brick cast and crew are clicking their heels for a third time, bringing that classic emerald magic back to our stage. Over 60 local cast and crew are participating in this production. Tickets are available on our website, libertytheater.org, or at the Box Office Tuesday and Friday, 2- 5 p.m.

## ENDORSEMENT FOR SCHRAM TO LEAD SHERIFFS OFFICE

Richard Schram has outlined not only his vision for the Walla Walla County Sheriff's Office, but also the meaningful improvements he's already helped accomplish. From achieving state accreditation for the first time to strengthening training, developing leadership, modernizing equipment, securing grants, and improving services, his record demonstrates experience, dedication, and a commitment to making a good department even better.

When I first endorsed Richard, it was based on the respect and confidence I developed while working with him during my years with Walla Walla County. I knew him as a capable, professional, and dependable leader.

Throughout this campaign, however, I've had the opportunity to get to know Richard better, not just as a colleague, but as a person. My respect for him has only grown.

I've come to appreciate not only his experience and accomplishments, but also his integrity, sincerity, humility, and genuine concern for the people he serves.

Leadership isn't simply about promises. It's about character, experience, relationships, and a demonstrated ability to get things done.

I was confident in my endorsement when I first made it. Today, I'm even more certain that Richard Schram is the right person to lead the Walla Walla County Sheriff's Office.

Liz Jessee
Walla Walla, Wash.

## VOTE YES ON COLUMBIA COUNTY PROP #1

Letter to the Editor

Vote "YES" on Proposition NO 1 when you receive your upcoming ballot.

A public swimming pool enriches the quality of life for our community. This Proposition helps finance operations & expenses to have a public swimming pool again.

It's been almost 10 years that citizens of Columbia County have been without a public swimming pool. Not everyone has access to public pools at other locations. A generation of local children are growing up without learning basic water safety skills and the joy of playing, or swimming in the water. Teenagers don't have swim related jobs for summer work. Adults don't have the joy of exercise classes or swimming in a pool. Everyone loses out on the friendships & companionship of a public swimming pool.

The Columbia County Parks & Recreation Pool District Commissioners have been working hard to raise money for a pool. They have applied for numerous Grants, Many require matching funds. They have conducted fund raising events. They have studied various styles of pools to select one that would best suit the needs of our community. The Pool District Commissioners have hired professionals to confirm the best long life location for a new pool. It will be constructed where the previous pool was. They also need funds to update the pool house and facilities to be compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Mechanical shop at the pool.

Proposition No 1 needs to be passed so the commissioners can continue their work and install a new swimming pool as soon as possible. A public pool enriches the quality of life for everyone in our community.

Carol Anderson
Dayton, Wash.

## BEST WAY TO VOTE: USE BALLOT DROP BOXES BY 8 P.M ELECTION DAY

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**Walla Walla County Ballot Drop Boxes that are open 24 hours a day until 8 p.m. on Election Day:**

- Walla Walla County Health Department
  314 W Main St. (in alley between Main and Rose)
- Walla Walla Fire Station #2
  170 N Wilbur Ave (corner of Wilbur and Tacoma)
- College Place City Hall
  625 S College Ave (drive up behind City Hall)
- Touchet School District
  90 Champion St (entrance to parking lot)
- Wallula – Walla Walla County Fire Protection District No. 5 – Station 52, 2nd St.
- Burbank – Columbia Elementary School
  977 Maple St (in front of school)
- Prescott School District
  207 S A St. (by the front doors)
- Waitsburg City Hall
  106 Main St (corner of 1st and Main)
- Dixie – Walla Walla County Fire Protection District No. 8
  10145 E Highway 12
- Courthouse Lobby
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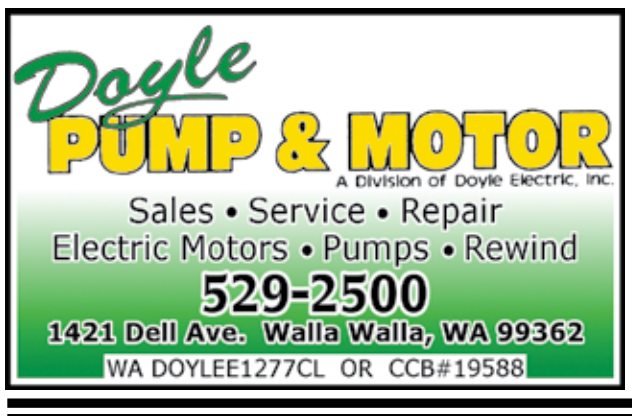
**Columbia County Ballot Box locations:**

- Auditor's Office
  115 East Main Street, Suite 3, Dayton
  Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., and until 8 p.m. on Election Day.
- County Office Building - Alley
  115 East Main Street, Dayton
  Available 24 hours/day, and until 8 p.m. on Election Day.
- Starbuck City Hall
  200 Main Street, Starbuck
  Available 24 hours/day, and until 8 p.m. on Election Day.
















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OBITUARY

# LaDeana Kay Hermanns Pettichord

*August 18,1934 – October 14, 2026*



Submitted photo

LaDeana Kay Hermanns Pettichord

LaDeana Kay Hermanns Pettichord (Kay) passed away on October 14, 2026, at the age of 92. She was born on August 18, 1934, in Spokane, WA to Vida Hargett and Edward Hermanns. She grew up in the Waitsburg/Prescott area surrounded by a large, extended family – lots of grandpas and grandmas - and eventually 3 siblings, Ernie, Charlotte and Dee. Her school years were spent in the Waitsburg schools and she graduated from Wait-Hi in 1952. While in school Kay played the saxophone in the marching band, was crowned May Queen, and loved making mischief with her friends!

On February 28, 1953, Kay married her high school sweetheart, Richard Pettichord. Together they were blessed with 5 children, Ricky, Cindy (Mike), Tim (Zoeann), Jamie (Casey) and Nancy (Chet). They were also blessed with 10 grandchildren, 30 great-grandchildren and 4 great-great grandchildren. She was known as Auntie Kay to numerous nieces and nephews. Kay lost her son, Ricky in 1956, husband, Richard in 1995 and daughter-in-law, Zoeann in 2023. Her family was her pride and joy and she loved spending time with them.

Throughout her life Kay held many jobs, starting in the 5th grade when she washed/put away hair curlers for her beautician/neighbor. She baby-sat, worked as timekeeper for the Green Giant cannery for many years and after Richard passed away became the local Avon lady. No matter what Kay was doing she worked hard and had a wonderful attitude. We will all miss her example!

There will be a graveside prayer and dedication at 11:OO a.m. on Saturday, October 24th at the Waitsburg Cemetery followed by a Celebration of Life at noon at the Waitsburg Christian Church. The service will also be livestreamed on the church's FB page.

NEWS

# Walla Walla Election Office information

WALLA WALLA — All ballot testing, processing, tabulation, and canvassing meetings take place at the Elections Office, 315 W. Main St., Walla Walla. Accessible voting is also available at this location.

- Ballots were mailed by Friday, October 16, 2026. (Military & Overseas ballots were mailed on Friday, September 18, 2026). If you do not receive your ballot this week, check your voter registration and ballot status at voter.voterwa.gov.
- The Walla Walla Voting Center is at the Walla Walla County Elections Office. It is the county's only office that can issues ballots, replacement ballots, or provisional ballots. Election Office hours are weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on Election Day from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- The ExpressVote accessible voting unit to assist voters with marking their ballot will be available at the Elections Office on weekdays, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on Election Day from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m.
- Observers are welcome during ballot preparation, testing, processing, tabulation, and Canvassing Board meetings. The WW office allows only one authorized observer from each party at a time. Observers will be required to read and agree to the rules for observers.
- Ballot processing will begin at the Walla Walla County Election office on Tuesday, October 20, 2026, and continue weekdays through Tuesday, November 24, 2026, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Ballot processing will also be livestreamed on the Auditors' website.
- Early ballot tabulation will begin on Monday, November 2, 2026, at 8:30 a.m. However, preliminary election results will not be released until after 8 p.m. on Election Day.
- The Canvassing Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 23, 2026, at 8:30 a.m.
- Walla Walla County will certify the General Election on Tuesday, November 24, 2026, at 2:30 p.m.




# Columbia County Voter information

Accessible voting in Columbia County is available by calling the Auditor's Office to schedule an appointment to use an accessible voting unit. Appointments are available through the close of voting on Election Day at 8 p.m.

Anyone who has not received a ballot or needs a replacement should call (509) 382-4541 or visit the Columbia County Auditor's Office. Replacement or reissued ballots cancel the first ballot. The replacement ballot becomes your current ballot.

Please vote for only one candidate per race. When finished, place your ballot in the security sleeve. Place the security sleeve in the return envelope, then read, sign, and date the Voter's Declaration on the return envelope. The envelope must be signed for the ballot to be counted. Voters unable to sign should make an identifying mark (such as an "X") and have two people sign as witnesses. A power of attorney is not acceptable for the voter declaration.

Ballots may be returned at a ballot drop box or sent by mail (no stamp required) to the Columbia County Auditor's Office. Drop boxes are now open and close at 8 p.m. on Election Day, November 3, 2026.

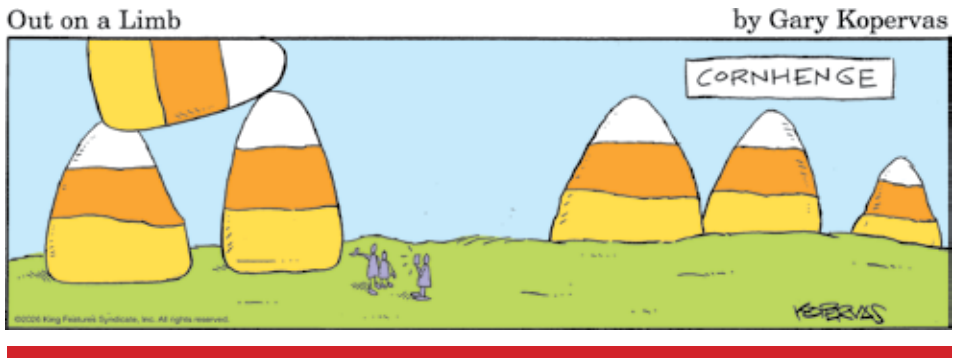
If you choose to return your ballot by mail, the USPS recommends that you mail your ballot at least one week before Election Day. Ballots postmarked after Election Day, November 3, 2026, will not be counted.

There is still time to register to vote in Washington State. There are three ways to register:

1. Online registration is available at votewa.gov and must be completed no later than eight days before 8 p.m. on election night.
2. Mail-in registration applications are available online at votewa.gov or by calling the Columbia County Auditor's office at (509) 382-4541. Completed mail-in applications must be received by election officials no later than eight days before election day. After that time, registration must be done in-person at an auditor's office.
3. In-person registration can be done at any County Auditor's Office in the state. Columbia County office is at 115 E. Main St., Suite 3, Dayton, Washington. It is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and is open until 8 p.m. on election night.




Out on a Limb by Gary Kopervas




## BIRTHDAYS

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

**October 23:** Tim (TJ) Hofer, Dana Demaris, Cherie Hinchliff, Tom Richardson.

**October 24:** Selina Mercado, Tyler Linderoth, Janet Anderson, Betty Elder, Caitlin Durkee.

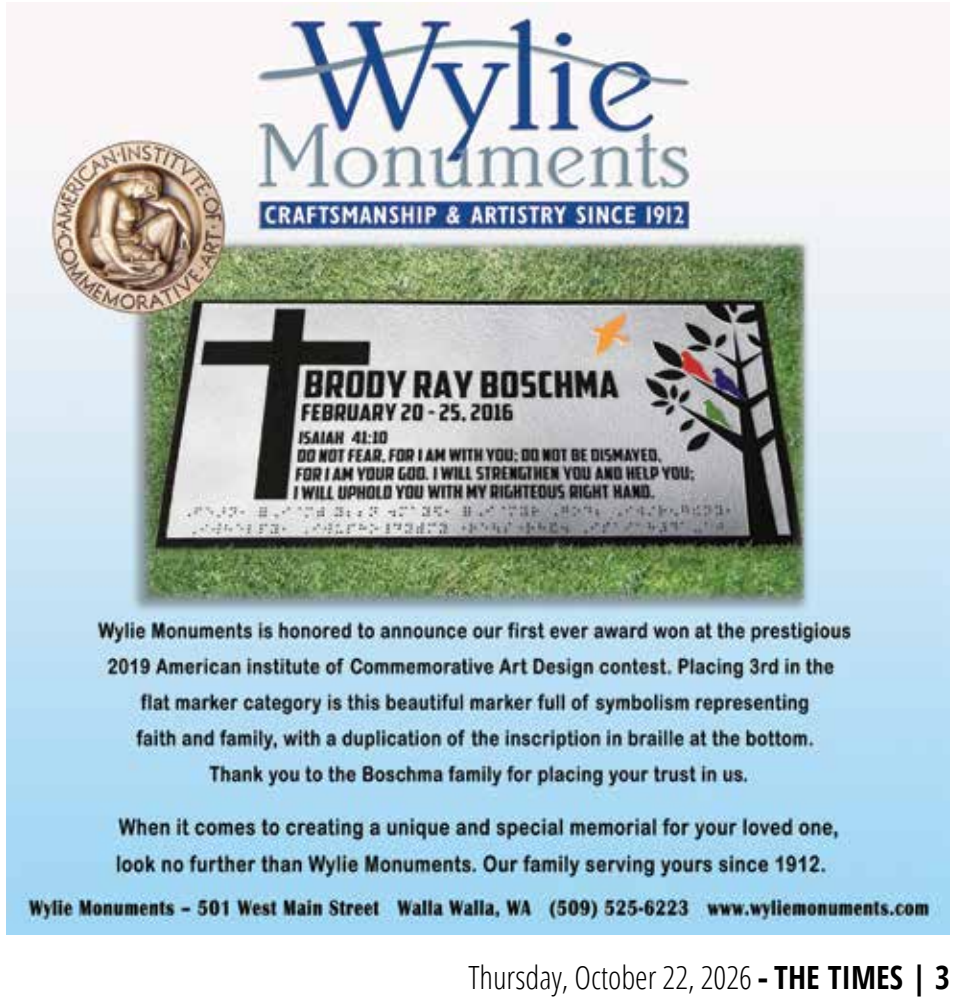
**October 25:** Judy Skillings, Jacqueline Glover, Jody Peck, Christine Penner, Debbie Moore, Alfred Ritter, Al Peters, Lizzette Crawford.

**October 26:** Paul Wolfe, Ed Bird, Payton Ng, Dick Buerstatte, Dennis Averill, Jackie Brock, Daniel Pettichord, Jason Delp.

**October 27:** Nichole Zuger, Rod Bailey III, Quincy Larsen.

**October 28:** Mary Senter





# SPORTS

**CARDINAL SPORTS with Karen Huwe**

## Little Spikers: Future Cardinals

WAITSBURG — Stephanie Cole organized the Little Spikers volleyball program for area youth in kindergarten through fourth grade in the Waitsburg High School gym. The six week program is now a project of Rural Youth Enrichment Services (RYES).

Tia Hays, Kelsy Klingenstein, and Heidi Ely assisted Cole, who taught about twenty girls basic volleyball skills through fun drills.

The program began with its first practice on September 17 and will end with the Little Spikers being recognized at the Waitsburg High School volleyball match on October 22.



Karen Huwe

Coaches and players at a practice on October 15 (back row l-r): Coaches Stephanie Cole and Tia Hays - (standing l-r): Ember Adams, Kaidence Wilcox, Elizabeth Hays, Violet Watkins, Alyssa Cole (front row l-r): Blake Lambert, Rylan Lambert, Lillian Cole, Lauren Kaehler, Jane Ely.

## WHS FOOTBALL AT SJE

The October 16th high school football game at St. John-Endicott was a fun game to coach, Waitsburg Coach Gabe Kiefel said.

Waitsburg led 20-0 after one quarter, 32-6 at halftime won 52-6.

"The energy for this game was high the entire game, and our players played up-tempo all four quarters. One of the volunteers running the chain gang on our sidelines said we were the loudest team he's heard all year. This was a reference to the players and coaches getting ball, pass, and run calls from the sideline. This may not seem like a significant achievement, but with a team that's been struggling with discipline, it was a great thing to hear," said Kiefel.

Sophomore Liam Kiefel excelled in his first game as starting quarterback. Kiefel completed 26 of 37 passes for a 60% completion rate, 550 yards, and seven touchdown passes. He ran the ball 6 times for 28 yards and one touchdown on the ground.

Senior JJ Gleason caught the ball 11 times for 296 receiving yards and four touchdowns. He returned one kickoff for 20 yards and a fumble for 28 yards. Gleason finished with 344 all-purpose yards.

Sophomore Uriah York had seven receptions for 152 yards, two touchdowns, and two conversions. Junior Bryer Paul ran the ball eight times for 101 yards, and senior Landen Henry caught the ball five times for 81 yards and one touchdown.

Defensively, the Cardinals forced four fumbles, recovered fumbles six times, returned two of those fumbles for 28 and 20 yards respectively, and intercepted the ball twice.

Gleason led the team with 15 tackles, including one sack for a six-yard loss and one recovered fumble. Uriah York had fourteen tackles; one caused fumble and one recovered fumble. Jake Lynch made 12 tackles, a forced fumble, and recovered two fumbles. Henry had six tackles and two interceptions.

"It was the game our team needed. I think we had lost sight of how fun the game of football can be. Every player got to experience that joy and the potential," said Kiefel.

Waitsburg has one more regular season game on Saturday, October 24, in Tekoa at 6 p.m. If the Cardinals win, they will take 3rd place in the SE1B Wheat league. As the 3rd-place team, they will then face the 3rd-place team from SE1B Grape in the Wheat/Grape crossover game: either Sunnyside Christian or Touchet.

The crossover game winner will earn the 5th-place seed from our district and take on the 3rd-place seed from the NE1B district.

"We have not yet made it past the second crossover game since we started playing 8-man football. I hope these last two league games will give us the confidence and vigor needed to make it to the state playoffs," said Kiefel.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL TEAMS WIN AT TOUCHET

Waitsburg Middle School junior varsity and the varsity volleyball teams won their matches at Touchet on Wednesday, October 14.

In the JV game, the Cardinals lost the first set 25-12. In set two, Dakota Creeley served for three points, giving the Cardinals a 10-8 lead. After falling behind, Emma Langford served to tie at 16-16. Kaylee Harrison brought the Cardinals back to within one at 20-21. Creeley served to put the Cardinals ahead, and Grace Eastman served the game point to win, 25-23.

Avery Spring served for four points to start set three, and Shylo Hedges served three aces to keep the Cardinals in the lead. Touchet served for seven straight points to take a 17-12 lead. Behind 24-22, Eastman and team kept the serve and won 26-24 in an exciting finish for the match win.

The Cardinals finished the game with 22 aces. Spring led the team with six aces, Harrison and Eastman each had five, and Hedges four. Harrison served 80% in the match.

Eastman was named Player of the Game.

In the varsity game, Jaylynn Gleason and Rylee Cole combined in the first set to give the Cardinals a 7-1 lead. Serving errors brought Touchet back into the game, and the Redhawks took an 11-9 lead. Cole served to win back the lead for the Cardinals, who won the set 25-19.

In the second set, Touchet took an early 5-0 lead before Gleason stepped behind the service line and put her team up 6-5. Cardinal passing errors took over, and Touchet won the set 25-17.

After trading point for point in set three and falling behind 15-11, Gleason served nine straight to put the team up 20-15. Ava McCaw served game point to give the Cardinals the 25-23 match win. Adalin Acevedo led the team with strong serve receive, passing, and digging. Gleason finished with 92% serving, 12 aces, and 4 kills. McCaw served 83%, and Cole served 82%.

Acevedo was named Player of the Game.

On Monday, October 19, the middle school girls dropped both the JV and varsity matches to Liberty Christian of Richland.

The JV team lost the first set 25-15 and the second set 25-19 before winning the third set 16-14. Spring served 92% with six aces. Vaida Langford served 86% with three aces, and Long kept the Cardinals in the game with hustle and saves.

Long was named Player of the Game.

Waitsburg varsity dropped all three sets to a hard-serving LC team: 15-25, 17-25, 4-15.

"We struggled receiving their hard serves," said coach Karen Huwe.

Arya Hillman finished the match at 88% on serve, with one ace. Cole served 83%, and Gleason served 80% with four aces. Cole, Hillman, Gleason, and Haven Henry each had one kill in the match.

## MS FOOTBALL ENDS SEASON WITH WIN

Playing an entire football game with only six players is not an easy task, yet that's what the Waitsburg Middle School football team did against Tekoa for a 14-6 win. They played the game at home on Thursday, October 15.

It was the last game of the season for the young Cardinals, and finishing the season was a testament to the toughness and commitment of the entire group.

"I was proud of the resilience and determination the boys showed. They continued to battle through adversity and found a way to get the job done," said coach Chris Andrews.

## YOUTH FOOTBALL

Waitsburg's youth football team traveled to Athena-Weston on Saturday, October 17, and lost 24-8.

"We had a couple of key players absent, which really hurt us," said coach Daniel Watkins.

The coaches are proud of how the team played and were impressed with the its ability to rotate positions in almost every play. The team committed no penalties in the game.

Offensively, Julian Gillentine finished with 80 rushing yards. Charlie Reger had 55 yards, Gavin Watkins 29 yards, and Rodney Gonzalez rushed for five yards.

Reger led the team with eight tackles. Gillentine and Sawyer Harvey each had 1.5 tackles, and Clive Bye contributed with a tackle assist.

The youth football team and coaches are looking forward to playing Pomeroy on the Waitsburg field on Wednesday, Oct. 21; kickoff at 6 p.m.

## HS VOLLEYBALL'S BUSY WEEK

Waitsburg High School's volleyball team played four matches last week.

On Tuesday, October 13, the Cardinals won one out of four sets against Dayton at home on Kison Court. Jemma Anderson served 100% with two aces in the 5-25, 19-25, 27-25, and 22-25 loss.

Katy Allen, Ellie Teal, and Audrey Kiefel served well for the Cardinals. Rylie Coates was credited with a kill.

The Lady Cardinals also won one set out of four when Tekoa-Rosalia came to Waitsburg on Wednesday, October 14.

Anderson, Teal, Kiefel, and Shaunna Hilton all served 100%. Anderson had three aces, Hilton and Kiefel each had one ace, and Teal had two aces and a block in the 11-25, 10-25, 25-18, 17-25 loss.

Allen had two kills, and Olivia Kiefel and Cheri Mathews contributed strong serves. Mathews had four aces.

Traveling to Pomeroy on Thursday, October 15, the Cardinals lost in three straight sets; 8-25, 11-25, 12-25.

Anderson, O. Kiefel and Teal served 100%. Kiefel had a block, Teal had two and a kill, and Allen had one block and one kill.

The Cardinals ended the week playing at La Crosse on Saturday, October 17. Waitsburg won the second set out of four, 25-27, 13-25, 25-23, 17-25. Coates served eighteen out of twenty with three aces, one block, and six kills. O. Kiefel served eleven out of fourteen with three aces and a block, and Hilton served nineteen for twenty with five aces.



Karen Huwe

All eyes are on Cheri Mathews as she plays the ball. (l-r): Jemma Anderson (#2), Joslin Nodine, Cheri Mathews, Olivia Kiefel (#5), Emerson Underwood, and Rylie Coates (#14).

# Portraits of Nature

**By Lane Gwinn | THE TIMES**

WAITSBURG — Waitsburg resident Dave Tipton grew up in Western Montana and has traveled extensively. He began photographing landscapes and wildlife in the 5th grade. Since then, he has photographed in Yellowstone, the Grand Tetons, and Glacier National Park.

After moving to Waitsburg, Tipton opened his gallery, "Portraits of Nature," featuring a wide selection of his stunning photography.

He developed his art by focusing on the subjects he loves and working with photographers from National Geographic, Outdoor Photography Magazine, and Getty Images.

He has taught photography for over twenty years and has continued his education through classes and photo tours. He offers classes in Outdoor Photography, Night & Low Light, Portrait, and lighting techniques.

In addition to his photography, Tipton attends community events, volunteers at fundraisers, and provides beautiful images to "The Times."

The holidays are coming, and a visit to Portraits of Nature Gallery is a great place to find unique gifts for the outdoor lovers in you life.

Portraits of Nature is located at 106 Main Street, Waitsburg, Washington.



Dave Tipton

A bull elk is the focus of this image, highlighting the textures of the animal's fur, eyes, and antlers..



Dave Tipton

A row of low flying male Nortern Shovelers.

# COOKIE DOUGH TO ICE CREAM SUNDAE

**By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES**

WAITSBURG — This year's Waitsburg Elementary's Otis Spunkmeyer Cookie Dough fundraiser was a huge success. Thirty-seven students met their goal, and their messy reward was helping transform Principal Monty Sabin into a human ice cream sundae. Luckily for Sabin, October 16 was a warm Friday afternoon.

Achievement was labeled by color: white, yellow, green, pink, and blue, signifying the level of sundae-making the students earned.

Beginning with white, all thirty-seven participating students laid the sundae's foundation by putting ice cream on Sabin. The 28 students in the yellow group raised $150 or more and added syrups and marshmallows. The 24 students who raised $350 or more formed the green group and added whipped cream and Fruity Pebbles to the growing sundae. The ten students who formed the pink group raised over $450 and added cookie crumbles and cherries. The top earners, the five blue group students, raised more than $900 and topped the sundae with sprinkles before each popped confetti over it to the delight of everyone attending the event.

Student participants were: Cash Grende, Chloe Abel, Charlie Reger, Greyson Moore, Vera Ahler, Alayna Dean, Avery Janovich, Kaidence Wilcox, Gemma Pennington, Maverick Dean, Waylon Cole, McKenna Board, Brooklynn Board, Jane Ely, Bode Brannock, Ember Adams, Ehtan Hays, Willa Noble, Dax Scoles, Cash Noble, Alyssa Cole, Lillian Cole, Ashlynn Cerda, Gracie Compton, Aiden Donovan, Grace Quigg, Jesse Jadin, Cian Ledford, Jace Jadin, Scarlett Scott, James Watson, Kennedy Henze, Mason Day, Bridger Abel, Emmett Kibler, Everleigh Watson, Maddox Lachowicz, Pierce Henze, Flint Abel, Lowden Henze, Kashton Lachowicz, Talen Kibler, Axel Lachowicz, Tucker Brown, Azaliah Flores, Izellah Flores, Elena Strak.

"Waitsburg School District is proud to announce that our elementary school's recent Otis Spunkmeyer fundraiser was a tremendous success, raising a total of $14,819," said Sabin, the good-natured Ice Cream Sundae.

"We want to recognize our top student sellers for their outstanding efforts: Waylon Cole ($1,080), Jane Ely ($973), Cash Grende ($967), Brooklyn Board ($965), and McKenna Board ($932)," said Sabin. "Every student who participated helped make this fundraiser a success, and we are grateful for their hard work. We sincerely thank the families, businesses, and community members who purchased items and supported our students. Your generosity reflects the strong partnership between our schools and our community.

"The funds raised will allow us to provide engaging educational activities that enrich our students' learning and create memorable experiences throughout the school year. Thank you, Waitsburg, for continuing to support our kids," said Sabin.



Photos by Karen Huwe

(above right) The top five fundraisers (l-r): Brooklyn Board, Cash Grende, Alyssa Cole, McKenna Board, and Waylon Cole adding the finishing confetti topping..
(below) The 37 qualifying elementary school students posing with Principal Sabin before turning him into a human ice cream sundae with all the toppings.



# LEGALS & FUN




## LEGAL NOTICES

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON**
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA
No. 26 4 00193 36
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS
In re the Estate of
WILLIAM NICHOLAS HEISER,
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 by RCW 11.40.070 by serving or mailing to the personal representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty (30) days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) Four (4) 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 bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.
Date of first publication: 8 October 2026
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Walla Walla County Superior Court
Cause No.: 26 4 00193 36
/s/ Virginia Ann Heiser
Personal Representative
The Times
October 15, 22, 29, 2026
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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON**
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA
NO: 26-4-00175-36
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS
RCW 11.40.030
In re the Estate of:
JAMES JEFFREY HICKSON, also known as JAMES HICKSON,
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 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.
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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON**
IN AND FOR WALLA WALLA COUNTY
CAUSE NO. 26 4 00198 36
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS
RCW 11.40.030
In re the Estate of:
NORMA ALONA SEWELL,
Deceased.
The Personal Representative named below has been appointed as Personal Representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the Personal Representative, or the Personal Representative's attorney at the address stated below, a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty (30) days after the Personal Representative served or mailed the Notice to the Creditors as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) Four (4) months after the date of first publication of the Notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and non-probate assets.
Personal Representative:
Shelley R. Sewell Guzik
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P.O. Box 1757
Walla Walla, WA 99362
Court of Probate Proceedings and Cause Number:
Walla Walla County Superior Court
Cause No. 26 4 00198 36
Date of First Publication: October 15, 2026
/s/ Shelley R. Sewell Guzik,
Personal Representative
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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON**
IN AND FOR WALLA WALLA COUNTY
NO. 26-4-00144-36
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS
RCW 11.40.030
In Re the Estate of:
LARENCE L. SMITH,
Deceased.
The Administrator named below has been appointed as administrator of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the Administrator or the Administrator's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty (30) days after the Administrator served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) Four (4) months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and non-probate assets.
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By: /s/Carol Irwin,
Administrator of the Estate of Larence L. Smith
Dates of Publication:
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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON**
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA
No. 36 4 00178 36
PROBATE NOTICE OF CREDITORS
In Re the Estate of
LUETTA HUFFMAN,
Deceased.
The Personal Representative named below has been appointed as Personal Representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the Personal Representative or the Personal Representative's attorney stated below a copy of the claim and filing of the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the Personal Representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice.
If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.
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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON**
IN AND FOR WALLA WALLA COUNTY
NO. 26-4-00194-36
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS
RCW 11.40.030
In Re the Estate of:
NANCY BOWES,
Deceased.
The Administrator named below has been appointed as administrator of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the Administrator or the Administrator's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty (30) days after the Administrator served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) Four (4) months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and non-probate assets.
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Date of First Publication: October 22, 2026

By: /s/ Janet Kuhlman,
Administrator of the Estate of Nancy Bowes
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**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-1103**
ORDINANCE 2026-1103
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WAITSBURG, WASHINGTON, AMENDING VARIOUS SECTIONS OF TITLE 12, CHAPTER 3A, AND TITLE 10, CHPATER 1T, OF THE WAITSBURG MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO PARKING AND MANUFACTURE HOUSING USE IN THE RESIDENTIAL AREAS
The full text of Ordinance 1103 is available for examination on the City's website www.cityofwaitsburg.com or at the City Clerk's Office, 106 Main St., Waitsburg, WA, during normal business hours.
Adopted the 19th Day of August 2026.
Marty Dunn, Mayor
The Times
October 22, 2026
10-22-b

## PIONEER PORTRAITS

**Fifteen Years Ago**

**October 27, 2011**

The Waitsburg-Prescott Cardinals dominated the Asotin Panthers last Friday night for a 48-20 Homecoming victory securing the League Championship for the third consecutive year. The Panthers took first possession of the game, only to punt the ball away after just one first down and a WP Greg Stearns sack. The Cardinals opening drive began on its own 26-yard line with a carry from running back Billy Brown. Brown was stopped after just a two yard gain but WP quarterback Zach Bartlow connected with Dalton Estes for 10 yards and a Cardinal first down. The Panthers were caged for an encroachment call, which Bartlow followed up with a 43-yard keeper that sailed the birds to the Panther 11 yard line.

**Twenty-Five Years Ago**

**October 25, 2001**



[Photo Caption] The 2001 W.H.S. Homecoming Court was recognized during ceremonies at halftime. The court included, from left, Miles Hubbard, Jessie Winnett, Holly Robinson, James Richardson, Missy Pietila, Tylor Abel, Ryan Meier, Sarah Henze, Callie Hulce and Curtis Johnson. Jessie Winnett was crowned Homecoming Queen and James Richarson Homecoming King at the formal dance Saturday night.

**Fifty Years Ago**

**October 21, 1976**

Waitsburg's jayvees won their first game of the 1976 season here last Monday, downing the Pomeroy team by a score of 14-12. Walter Miller, hard-charging back for the baby birds, accounted for both touchdowns and ran for the game-winning two points. Waitsburg scored first early in the game and took the early 8-0 lead. Then Pomeroy fought back with two touchdowns but could not convert for the extra points. The first Buc score came on a 60-yard pass play and the second on a 55 yard run. With time running out in the game, Walter got loose at the 50 and ran in for the final TD.

**Seventy-Five Years Ago**

**October 26, 1951**

Hollis Hawks didn't have any luck on a recent deer hunt but he did shoot a 300 pound bear on his way home. The bear is being butchered at Bloor's and he intends to treat the Commercial Club to a feed of bear meat on Tuesday, Nov. 6.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Knotgrass just returned from Valley, Wa. Fifty miles north of Spokane, where Mr. Knotgrass purchased a purebred ram for his flock.

Bob Settle who is with the Merchant Marines on the SS Purple Star, writes an interesting letter from Alexandria, Egypt where the recent news reports tell of the riots in that country.

**One Hundred Years Ago**

**October 29, 1926**

Phil Heinen of near Huntsville returned Saturday from a six-months trip abroad which took him to his old home in Germany. He was accompanied home by his daughters who left here with him in the spring and had since been visiting relatives in Missouri.

Master Charles Sutton had the misfortune to cut a deep gash in his forehead while playing about the yard when he ran into a tree. It was necessary to take several stitches to close the wound.

Word has been received that Miss Nellie Harding and Mr. Roy Stimmel were recently married at Bellingham.

**One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago**

**November 1, 1901**

Mrs. John Kruchek and five children arrived in this city Saturday from Grove, Iowa to join Mr. Kruchek. They will make their future home in this section.

Ira Chew came home from Pullman Saturday and will do some work on his homestead near Starbuck before returning. Ira has a position at the Palace Hotel at Pullman.

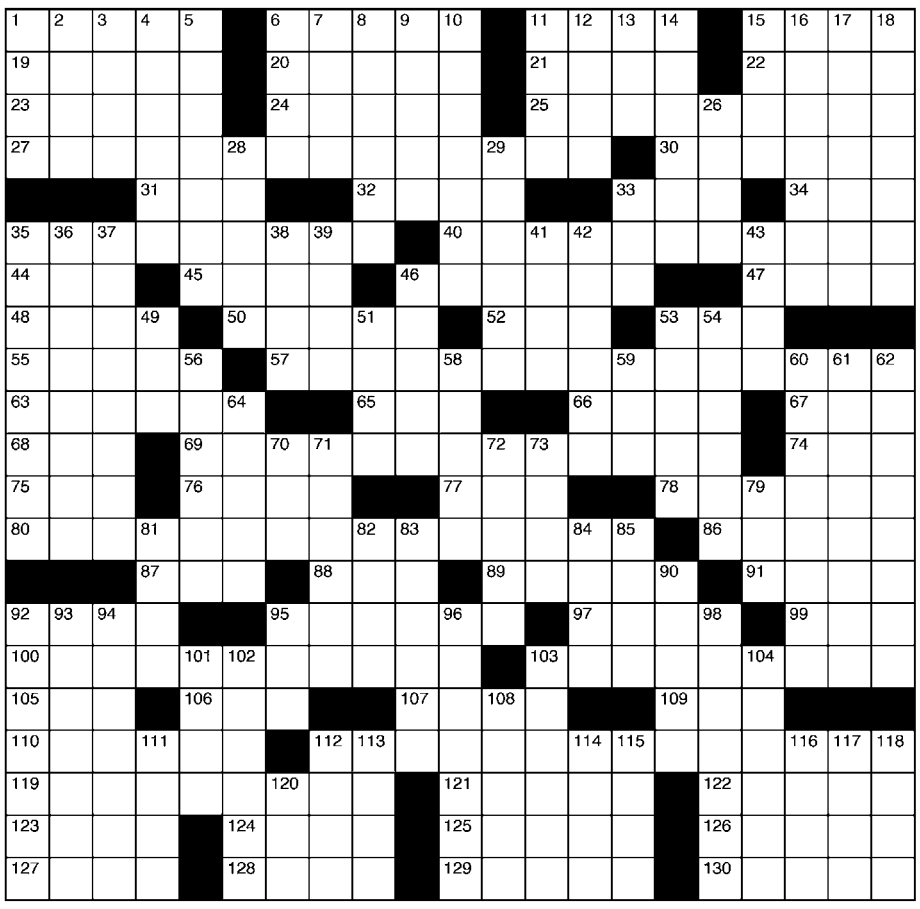
O. M. Haynes and John Backus have just opened an oyster parlor in the south room of the J. H. Morrow building on Main Street. The parlor will open at all times of the day or night and you will find on hand fresh oysters and clams.

# PUZZLES & LIFESTYLES

## Super Crossword — TITLEHOLDERS

**ACROSS**
1 Perp's excuse
6 Bee-related
11 Lipids
15 In addition
19 "Cheers!," in Spain
20 Cousin of largo
21 Concept
22 Geometry, e.g.
23 Photo-sharing app, casually
24 Be finished by
25 "Shakespeare in Love" Oscar winner
27 "A Pocket Full of Rye" novelist
30 Device connecting to a computer port
31 "Alley —!"
32 High mountain peaks, in Italy
33 "J to — L-O!" (2002 album)
34 Put on
35 Portrayer of Emma Peel on "The Avengers"
40 Longtime editor-in-chief of Vogue
44 Purported psychic gift
45 Reebok rival
46 One-celled swimmer
47 — 500 (auto race)
48 Ren or Stimpy, e.g.
50 "Peanuts" blanket toter
52 Cherry-hued
53 "Dr." of rap
55 Gazes at creepily
57 "Rebecca" novelist
63 Fee-free, as a mutual fund
65 Come — halt
66 Succotash ingredient
67 Kung — chicken
68 12-month period, in Rio
69 Longtime Royal Ballet luminary
74 Sick-dog link
75 Levy
76 Conical-bore woodwind
77 Wed.-Fri. link
78 Kind of gas that's banned for autos
80 Best Actress winner for "BUtterfield 8"
86 Large-eyed primate
87 — jiffy
88 Cattle call
89 Presley called "The King"
91 Morning TV's Kelly
92 Trotsky of Russia
95 Copier clogs
97 Free-for- — (melees)
99 Eggy drink
100 "The Good Apprentice" novelist
103 1986 Grammy winner for Best Jazz Vocal Performance
105 La Paz's country: Abbr.
106 Tee preceder
107 See 53-Down
109 Cut the lawn
110 Old Jewish ascetic
112 With 119-Across, "South Pacific" song ... or a declaration about the nine women featured in this puzzle?
119 See 112-Across
121 Mann of pop
122 Apple drink
123 Pernicious
124 British trolley
125 Atlantic, e.g.
126 Siri's cousin?
127 Bears' lairs
128 1980s Dodge
129 Quickness
130 Catnaps, e.g.

**DOWN**
1 China's home
2 Singer k.d. —
3 "Casablanca" woman
4 Part of a blouse or a mouse
5 Boise native
6 A Baldwin brother
7 Phnom —, Cambodia
8 How RuPaul performs
9 "Garfield: — of Two Kitties" (2006 film)
10 "Move to inbox" email phrase
11 Pacific island nation
12 In unison, in music
13 TV coach Lasso
14 Voiced a quick greeting
15 "That's for sure!"
16 "Arnie" actress Sue Ane —
17 City NW of Minneapolis
18 Classic chocolate candy bar
26 — about-face (flip-flop)
28 May preceder
29 Unrefined source of element #50
33 Pan Am rival
35 Explode, as a bomb
36 Having equal angles
37 Moon-landing mission
38 "Just jokin' with you"
39 Actress Rowlands
41 Must-have
42 Carry off illegally
43 Arena level
46 Take — at (try)
49 Prefix with colonial
51 As many as
53 With 107-Across, he had many hit songs with John Oates
54 Small stream
56 Apia native
58 Three-nation pact of '94
59 Skier Tommy
60 Small tablet from Apple
61 De-intensify
62 Driver's fit of anger
64 "Yabba — doo!"
70 Fish eggs
71 Become irate
72 "That's for sure!"
73 — and void
79 — Lingus
81 California wines, in brief
82 — sapiens
83 "Ooh, good comeback!"
84 Circle relative
85 Irritate
90 Replay mode, for short
92 Defamed in print
93 Causing to wear down
94 Raincoat fabric
95 Srs., last year
96 Ancient Egyptian king
98 Toy racer
101 Actress Suvari
102 In the habit of
103 Regions, weatherwise
104 For a bit
108 Camera brand
111 Morays, e.g.
112 IRS guy, e.g.
113 Half: Prefix
114 Chair part
115 Hawaiian goose
116 — of March
117 Following
118 Mardi —
120 Chair part



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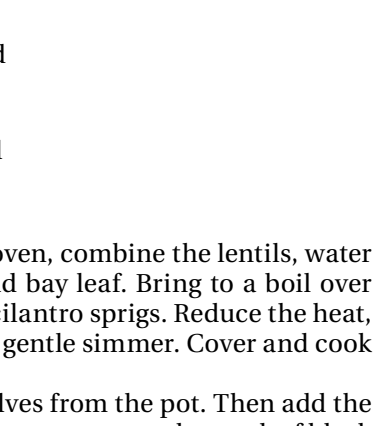
**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆**

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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MY RECIPES
*Luke Chavez*

# SPICED LENTIL & PUMPKIN SOUP



Luke Chavez
Spiced Lentil & Pumpkin Soup

The beauty of autumn is all around, and I couldn't be happier. The first flashes of changing colors have been spotted in some of the trees around town, and the star-filled nights have been the perfect backdrop for cozy bonfires. On top of pulling out all my favorite flannels, I have been searching through my recipe collections for satisfying and seasonal soups. At the same time, we harvested some gorgeous pumpkins and Hubbard squash from the back yard this week, a perfect inspiration for the soup pot. Here the earthiness of black lentils, is balanced with the sweetness of pumpkin. This gorgeous soup, which is an adaptation of a Moroccan recipe, is enlivened with warm spices like golden turmeric and ground ginger. A dollop of tangy herbed yogurt adds a bright and cool flourish to the top.

**Ingredients:**
½ pound (1 heaping cup) black or brown lentils, rinsed
6 cups water, vegetable stock or chicken stock
1 onion, cut in half lengthwise root end attached
2 garlic cloves, peeled and smashed
1 bay leaf
1 teaspoon turmeric
20 sprigs fresh cilantro, tied in a bunch
Salt
1 teaspoon ground ginger
1 teaspoon ground coriander
2 carrots, peeled and cut into ¼-inch dice
¾ pound pumpkin (or other winter squash), peeled, diced ¼-inch
3 tablespoons tomato paste
Fresh ground black pepper
½ to 1 teaspoon sweet paprika
3 tablespoons fresh parsley, chopped
3 tablespoons olive oil
½ cup plain Greek style yogurt
2 tablespoons fresh cilantro, minced
Juice of half a lemon

**Directions:**
In a large heavy stock pot or Dutch oven, combine the lentils, water or stock, onion halves, garlic cloves and bay leaf. Bring to a boil over high heat. Stir in the turmeric and the cilantro sprigs. Reduce the heat, season to taste with salt, and bring to a gentle simmer. Cover and cook for 30 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Next, carefully remove the onion halves from the pot. Then add the ginger, coriander, carrots, pumpkin, tomato paste, and a crack of black pepper to taste. Return to a simmer, stirring gently. Cover and simmer until the lentils and vegetables are tender, about 20 to 30 more minutes. When done, remove the cilantro stems, and the large garlic pieces. Stir in the paprika then taste and adjust seasoning, adding more salt as needed. Just before serving stir in the parsley and olive oil, then remove from heat.

While the soup is cooking make the yogurt sauce. In a small bowl combine the yogurt, cilantro, and lemon juice. Season to taste with salt and black pepper. Set aside. When ready to serve soup, spoon a dollop of the herbed yogurt on top of the soup and garnish with fresh ground pepper.

**Notes:**
This flavorful and nourishing soup makes a complete meal. A wonderful option for a vegetarian feast when made with vegetable stock. You could omit the yogurt sauce to make it vegan, finishing with just a squeeze of lemon juice over the top. While cooking with chicken or turkey stock adds a little more richness.

If you don't have pumpkin, you could use butternut or acorn squash. Sweet potatoes or yams would also be a delicious and colorful substitution.

To elevate the North African inspired spice notes you could crumble some saffron in with the turmeric during first step of the lentil cooking. Ground sumac would also be lovely added at the end as a bright finishing garnish.

Serve this comforting soup with plenty of warm crusty bread for dipping, and perhaps a crisp green salad on the side. Enjoy.

## LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

### Super Crossword — Answers

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## Community Calendar

**WAITSBURG MONTHLY MEETINGS**



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

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

**Waitsburg Parks and Recreation Public Meeting**
First Thursday of the month, 6:30 p.m. @ Waitsburg City Hall
Info email: info@waitsburgparks.org

**Waitsburg School Board**
Third Thursday of every month @ 6 p.m. at the Waitsburg Elementary School Library.
Zoom info is available at Waiatburgsd.org by emailing waitsburgcc@icloud.com

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

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

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



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

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

**Waitsburg Commercial Club**
Quarterly meetings, second Tuesday of January, April, July, and October. At noon. Zoom info is available by emailing waitsburgcc@icloud.com.

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

**Waitsburg Christian Church**
Drop-off and pick-up Clothing Donation Center upstairs at 604 Main Street.

**DAYTON & COLUMBIA COUNTY MEETINGS**

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

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

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

**DHS Alumni Meeting**
Every Third Thursday @ 6:30 p.m. @ Dayton High School Library

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

**Columbia County Public Hospital Dist. Board of Commissioners**
Fourth Wednesday of the month @ 9 a.m. Call (509) 382-2531 for information.

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

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

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

**PRESCOTT MEETINGS**

**Prescott Joint Park & Rec District** (PJPRD) Monthly meetings for 2026 are 2nd Thursday of each month, @ 6:30 p.m.
**Prescott School District Board of Directors Meeting**
4th Thursday of each month, @ 6 p.m. @ Prescott School Multi-Purpose, room 401, and on Zoom, Meeting ID: 846 7687 9995

**STARBUCK MEETINGS**

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


Church Directory

St. Mark Catholic Church
405 W. Fifth, Waitsburg
Confession
Tuesday, 4 p.m.
Mass
Tuesday, 4:30 p.m.
Sunday, 4 p.m.
382-2311
Father John Kibombo

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

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

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


## Lunches

### WAITSBURG SENIOR CENTER

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

**Tuesday, Oct. 27**
Salisbury Steak
Cookie
MOW: Vegetables,
Potatoes,
Fuit,
Bread
IN HOUSE: Salad Bar

### WAITSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT

**Thursday, Oct. 22**
Breakfast
French Toast & Sausage
Lunch
Chicken Nuggets
Mac & Cheese
House Salad, Green Beans
Fruit Choice

**Friday, Oct. 23**
Breakfast
Yogurt, Cereal, & Eggs
Lunch
Turkey Sandwich
Chips
Cucumbers
Fruit Choice

**Monday, Oct. 26**
Breakfast
Banana Split Parfait
Lunch
Sloppy Joe
Baked Potato
House Salad
Fruit Choice

**Tuesday, Oct. 27**
Breakfast
Biscuits & Gravy
Lunch
Chicken Enchiladas
Cucumbers
Peppers
Fruit Choice

**Wednesday, Oct. 28**
Breakfast
Cinnamon Roll & Eggs
Lunch
Hot Dog
Jojos
Baked Beans
Fruit Choice




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## Events, Film, Performance, Live Music

### WAITSBURG

**Satuday, October 24**
**Octoberfest Block Party and "One of a Kind" Waitsburg Car Show at Whiskey Canyon Restaurant and Bar**
701 Preston Ave • Waitsburg, Wash.

Car Show: 10 a.m.–3 p.m.
Free Entry • No Judging • Just for Fun

And the party doesn't stop there!

Three Chefs • Live-Fire Cooking
Burgers on the Block with Executive Chef Ryan Tull
Authentic Mexican Pop-Up with Guest Chef Efren Cano
Santa Maria Live-Fire with Sous Chef Will Watson

Beer Garden • Oktoberfest Beers • Local Brews




ROYAL BLOCK
WAITSBURG

**TONGUE + GROOVE @ ROYAL BLOCK**
**Saturday, October 24, 2026**
**4 p.m. to 8 p.m.**
4-7pm Food special : Japanese Street Food
6-8pm Live Music: Michael Kelly Band
The Royal Block
222 Main Street, Waitsburg
21+

**Online Art Auction Fundraiser for the Weller Public Library in Waitsurg**



The Friends of the Weller Public Library's online auction is now open. Each 24"x36" oil painting is being sold with its namesake book and a Weller Public Library tote bag. Proceeds benefit the Friends of the Weller Public Library. Though November 7, 2026. Online auction is at https://tinyurl.com/4h-pd278s or go to the Weller Public Library Facebook page.




### WALLA WALLA

**MYTHICAL/MOVABLE**
**BLUE MOUNTAIN BLUEGRASS JAM**
Marriot Hotel
550 W Rose St., Walla Walla
Friday, October 23, at 7 p.m.

