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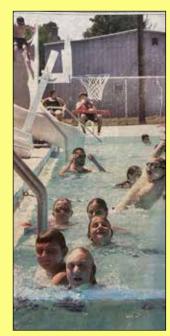


"I love this 'eyebrow', especially when the sky is filled with dramatic clouds. I noticed it a year ago, after having driven past it at least once a week for the past four years and have photographed it many times since then" - Bill Rodgers, June 2020

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## BMLT helps two unique community farms

By Lane Gwinn | THE TIMES

COLLEGE PLACE — The Blue Mountain Land Trust has helped secure the future of two local, community-focused farms in the Walla Walla Valley.

Hayshaker Farm offers a wide selection of organic produce, including vegetables, fruit, and herbs. As part of its commitment to values-based farming, Hayshaker utilizes draft horses for its fieldwork, including plowing, discing, harrowing, cultivating, and harvesting.

The farm has rented 11.53 acres of prime farmland at the edge of College Place. The property was at risk of being lost to residential development since Hayshaker Farm was not able to purchase the land.

To ensure the land would stay in agriculture, BMLT secured a low-interest loan to purchase the land. They will now partner with Hayshaker Farm to protect the community's food access to local, regional, and organic produce.

"Though Hayshaker Farm is just over 11 acres, its impact on our local food system is immense," said Amanda Martino, BMLT Executive Director. "Protecting this land proves what's possible when a community comes together to support the next generation of farmers."

Over 70% of the produce grown at the farm is sold locally. In 2024, Hayshaker distributed its produce to 380 families, 50 restaurants, schools, grocery stores, and food banks. Hayshaker also offers regional food and farm goods through its Walla Walla Food Hub Online Market at wallawallafoodhub.com.

In April, BMLT protected Welcome Table Farm, a 24.62-acre farm on the south side of Walla Walla, through a conservation easement.

The land has acquired over 20 conservation easements since its founding in 1999. Conservation easements are agreements between property owners and a land trust that permanently limit the uses of the land. It's a way for landowners to protect their



Victoria Wright

The Asmus Family at Welcome Table Farm.

property's natural, agricultural, or historical features while still retaining ownership.

Owned and operated by Emily and Andy Asmus, Welcome Table Farm is committed to regenerative agricultural practices. Their farm products, including vegetables, flowers, and pastured pork, are available through a subscription service, at an on-site farmstand, and at the Walla Walla Farmers Market.

Welcome Table Farm offers educational opportunities on the farm. School field trips can be arranged for groups of students ages five and up by contacting the farm directly.

During June, Welcome Table offers KinderSprouts, four-day summer camps for kids ages 4 and 5. Older kids aged 6 to 9 and 10 to 12 can sign up for five-day sessions of FarmKids summer day camps in July and August.

The Blue Mountain Land Trust is a nonprofit that protects the lands and waters of the Blue Mountain region. The trust strategically works to conserve the region's natural resources and working lands. They restore and provide stewardship to protected lands in perpetuity. The BMLT Blues Crew improves public access to outdoor recreation in the Blue Mountains through trail maintenance. The crew welcomes volunteers and works with regional agencies and the Umatilla Nation Forest Service.

For more information, please visit bmlt.org.

## **Dayton council** discuss wastewater treatment plant malfunction

By Justin Jaech | THE TIMES

DAYTON — Mayor Roger Trump called the Dayton City Council to order at 6 p.m. on June 10, 2025. Trump, council members James Su'euga, Michael Smith, Glenn Hagfeldt, Laura Aukerman, and Joann Patras were present. Shannon Mc-Millen and Kyle Anderson did not attend.

Sheriff Joe Helm said May was the busiest month of the year so far, with 665 incidents, 497 of those taking place within the City of Dayton. He said fourth-grader Cameron Montoya had been selected for the "Sheriff for a Day Program." The department will recognize the student at the Walla Walla Sweets game on June 26, 2025, and at the Dayton National Night Out on August 5, 2025.

Helm said the department is looking for citizens to volunteer for Blue Mountain Search and Rescue. Interested persons can contact the Sheriff's Office for more information.

The council approved administrative

items in the consent agenda. The mayor opened a public hearing on the annual extension of the six-year Transportation Improvement Program. There were no public or council comments or remarks.

The council authorized Resolution 1570 to execute an annual contract agreement with the Blue Mountain Humane Society for animal control.

Resolution 1571 authorized a renewal of a work crew agreement between the Washington State Department of Correc-

tions and the City of Dayton. The council designated The Dayton Chronicle as the city's official Newspaper of Record for the following year by authorizing Resolution 1572.

Under Resolution 1573, the council approved a professional services agreement with Anderson Perry to provide general on-call engineering, architectural, and land surveying services to the city.

A contract was also made with Anderson Perry for the temporary operation of the city's wastewater treatment plant. The company will provide an on-site certified operator to operate and train city employees. The contract is necessary

after the departure of the city-employed

certified operator. Trump said the city settled a lawsuit but did not provide details. He reminded board members that if they had questions, they would have to go into an executive session.

Ryan Paulson, the Public Works Director, said the communications system for the wastewater treatment plant, which is used for monitoring the plant, failed suddenly on the morning of June 10, 2025.

The failure caused the plant to shut down. Paulson said the system's components are obsolete, and replacements are not available. Steve Brenner of Dayton Electric was able to kludge together parts to restore operations to the plant.

To keep the plant operating until a new plant can be built, it will require repairs costing between \$300k and \$500k.

Council members considered a draft of the redesigned utility bill for city utility customers. The new design is an effort to provide a bill that is more informative and easier to read. Changes made would have to be approved by the contractor that prints and mails the statements.

The council meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 8, 2025, at 6 p.m.

## **NEWS BRIEFS**

#### NEWS BRIEFS

#### AT THE LIBERTY:

"Lilo & Stitch" *June 20-24* PROJECT Trio June 23

THE TIMES

DAYTON — The new "Lilo & Stitch" is a live-action reimagining of Disney's 2002 animated classic, telling the touching story of a lonely Hawaiian girl who befriends a runaway alien, helping to mend her fragmented family. The cast includes Christopher Sanders, Maia Kealoha, Billy Magnussen, Tia Carrere, Hannah Waddingham, Courtney B. Vance, Zach Galifianakis, and Sydney Elizabeth Agudong.

"Lilo & Stitch" was the #1 movie for three consecutive weeks. The critics on Rotten Tomatoes.com said, "Lilo & Stitch" recaptured the adorable charm of the original, if not quite matching its rambunctious sense of imagination; it emerges out of the crate as one of the better live-action remakes of a Disney classic. The audience gave this movie a 93% rating. One audience member wrote, "I enjoyed it, and it brought back wonderful memories!" Rated PG for action, peril, and thematic elements, and its runtime is 108 minutes.

The Liberty Theater's Summer Kid's Movie Series presents "Space Jam" on Friday, June 20 at 1 p.m., and "Tom & Jerry" on Tuesday, June 24 and Friday, June 27. The series runs for six weeks on Tuesdays and Fridays at 1 p.m., and admission is free. A special low price of \$2 for a small soda (or water) with a small popcorn with real butter.

PROJECT Trio — Monday, June 23 at 1:30 p.m. at The Liberty Theater.

This performance is part of the Walla Walla Chamber Music Festival. The tickets are free but must be reserved at https://projecttriolibertytheater.evenbrite.com.

PROJECT Trio is a dynamic and innovative ensemble known for its genre-blending performances and captivating stage presence. Based in NYC, the trio pushes the boundaries of traditional chamber music with their unique fusion of classical, jazz, hip-hop, and world music influences. Thanks to The Club for its sponsorship.





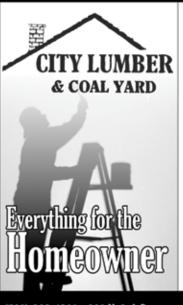
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#### PORT OF COLUMBIA UPDATES

By Justin Jaech | THE TIMES

DAYTON - The Port of Columbia Commissioners met at the Lyons Ferry Marina at 5 p.m. on June 11, 2025. Commissioners Seth Bryan, Johnny Watts, Mike Spring, and Executive Director Jennie Dickinson were present.

During public comment, Chuck Ketterman asked about the urgency to sell the railroad, expressed by Watts at the last meeting. He said the commissioners should seek carefully thought-out answers to questions concerning the sale of the railroad, as it is an important issue.

Watts responded, saying there was no urgency other than what existed two or two-and-a-half years ago when the issue was first discussed. He said he just wanted to know where the port was with the decision and had no hidden agenda.

Dickinson announced a lease renewal at Blue Mountain Station for Mast Year Cider and a new lease agreement with the new owner of Rey's Roast.

Tema Trucking is moving at the end of its lease at Rock Hill Industrial Park. Kyle's Demolition will lease building #4 for two years.

Dickinson told the commissioners that surplus moorage from the Columbia Park Marina in the Tri-Cities does not appear to be suitable as a replacement for the C moorage at the port's marina. She said the proposed moorage would not fit on the existing pylons.

Wally and Joanne Knouff, the owners of the franchise at Lyon's Ferry, introduced their staff. The couple said three parties were interested in purchasing the franchise for the marina and campground.

Dickinson shared recently completed preliminary plans for the construction of the Main Stem Malt facility. Dickinson said she is working with the Washington State Department of Commerce to seek funding for the Pasta Company, which could provide fourteen jobs in Dayton.

Shane Laib spoke on economic development, briefly addressed the issue of abandoned RVs on port property, and discussed plans for the City of Dayton's sesquicentennial (150th anniversary).

The next meeting will be on July 8, 2025, at the port's office and on Zoom.

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#### **CCHD TO BENEFIT FROM** STATE DIRECT-FUNDED **MEDICAID PROGRAMS AGAIN THIS YEAR**

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—The administration at the Columbia County Hospital District (CCHD) has received notice from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid that federal dollars are available again this year for Washington State's direct-funded Medicaid programs.

Fifty-seven state-wide public hospital districts, including CCHD, rely on the Washington State Safety Net Assessment and the Distressed Hospital Grant to maintain a satisfactory level of care. During the first quarter of this year, hospital administrators, concerned about the potential loss of federal dollars, began planning and implementing cost-cutting measures.

At that time, CCHD CEO Shane McGuire said there was no way to absorb any revenue cuts without cutting services, and the administration was poised to address a \$2.6 million budget shortfall.

The exact amount of federal funds the state will receive this year is still unknown; however, McGuire said he is grateful and cautiously optimistic.

"We very well may end up fighting for it again next year, but we'll take that as it comes," said McGuire.

#### A Message of Thanks from the Family of Mary Ellen Juris

We would like to extend our sincere gratitude for all the kind expressions of sympathy we have received during this difficult time. Your support, whether through attending the service, sending flowers, offering messages of condolence, sending cards, making donations, or providing food, has been a great comfort.

Special thanks to Mary Ellen's dedicated caregivers, Marion Mattern and Kathy Berg, and to the wonderful staff at Rivers Walk and Columbia County Health System.

Our appreciation also goes out to her long-time yard care provider Bill Clarys for his faithful service, and to Pastor Deborah Tyler for her spiritual support. Kris and Jay Takemura,

Kathee Juris and Rick Nettleton





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June 21: Gemma Pennington, David Dunn, Tawnya Nettles, Peggy Brookshire, and Anita Baker.

June 22: Andy Winnett, Michael Spidell, and Paul Cook.

June 23: John D. Langford, James Lehr, Teresa Mc-Connell, Debbie Shaeffer, Delbert Porter, Michelle Bergevin, Lynn Savage, Jon

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# Waitsburg Parks & Rec announces pool levy on November ballot

By Lane Gwinn | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG - On June 16, the Waitsburg Parks and Recreation District announced it is running a levy on the November General Election ballot to fund the district and facilitate the reopening of a Waitsburg community pool. The announcement took place at the proposed site of the new pool facility.

Waitsburg Parks and Rec and Friends of the Waitsburg Pool have raised over \$90,000, selected a new pool site, identified a builder, and had the site confirmed for viability through a 2-D hydraulic flood study.

"We are ready to jump in and build Waitsburg a new pool," said Bart Baxter, chairman of Waitsburg Parks and Recreation District. "Over the coming months, we will be facilitating community conversations about how we take this foundational work to get shovel ready and make our dream a reality. This includes a successful Waitsburg Parks and Rec levy on the November ballot.'

The levy rate proposed will be 89 cents per \$1,000 in assessed property value, and if passed by the voters, will contribute about \$200,000 per year to the Waitsburg Parks and Rec district to fund the district and facilitate the reopening of the community pool. This is the same amount, \$200,000 annually, as what was approved in neighboring Dayton for its pool last November.

Waitsburg Parks and Recreation is working to build a new lap pool, approximately 4,190 square feet in size, with a water depth ranging from 3 feet, 6 inches to 7 feet. It will feature six lap lanes with starting platforms and a zero-entry, shallow-water program area.

The estimated construction cost of a new pool ranges from \$2.1 million to \$2.5 million.

The current cost proposal does not include the bathhouse, mechanical rooms, site work, excavation, site drainage, utilities, decks, walkways, landscaping, lighting, and fences.



(left to right) Karen Huwe, Brian Richards, Wendy Richards, Court Ruppenthal, Bart Baxter, Wendy Carter, Jennifer Bishop, Eli, Tiffany Baxter, and Alex Marie Laposi.

The levy amount will not cover the entire cost of building the pool, which the district aims to keep at less than \$3 million. The Friends of the Pool will continue to work relentlessly to privately fundraise, write grants, and pursue larger

District commissioners anticipate being able to operate the pool within the annual \$200,000 budget based on the budgets of similar pools in neighboring communities.

"The Waitsburg Parks and Rec levy on the November ballot represents a vital investment in our future, with funds dedicated to building a new Waitsburg pool — a space for families, kids, and neighbors to gather, cool off, learn to swim and create memories for years to come," said Wendy Carter, Waitsburg Parks and Recreation District.

### **WAITSBURG FFA OFFICERS ANNOUNCED FOR 2025-26**

By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — The FFA Waitsburg Chapter officers for the 2025-2026 school year were announced at the Future Farmers of America end-of-the-year

Sarah Daves will lead the group as chapter president.

"I am incredibly honored and excited to be the newly elected President of the Waitsburg FFA Chapter," said Daves. "This opportunity means the world to me, and I am grateful for the trust placed in me."

Daves would like her peers to know that this chapter is yours! Her goal as President is to make sure every



Karen Huwe Sarah Daves elected the FFA President.

single one of the members feels welcomed, involved, and proud to wear the blue jacket, as she is looking forward to working with each member.

"Whether you are enthusiastic about public speaking, livestock, ag mechanics, or simply making new friends, there is a place for you here. Each of us brings something different to the table, and I believe that together, we will lead with strength, creativity, and unity," said Daves

Daves wants to thank Mrs. Abel and other FFA supporters for the guidance, time, and belief in everyone in FFA; you help make everything we do pos-

Daves said "Let us make this year one of growth, fun, service, and success. I am excited for what is ahead, and I cannot wait to lead, learn, and grow with all of you."

Joining Daves is Kayla Mikesell as vice-president, Sara Wilson as secretary, Emerson Underwood as reporter, Olivia Duncan as treasure, and Makaelyn Mikesell as sentinel.

#### **WAITSBURG NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTION**

By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — Waitsburg High School's National Honor Society (NHS) held its annual induction on Wednesday, May 28.

Current NHS officers and their families welcomed new member Bea Karl into the membership.

"National Honor Society is one of the few clubs that students must qualify for rather than just sign up and join. Our Waitsburg chapter is full of incredible students, and I am blessed to be a part of it all," said NHS advisor Shannon Schreindl.

Service projects the NHS completed this year included a food drive and a blood drive.

'We are already in the planning stages for next year's service activities. I am really proud of these kids," said Schreindl.



Karen Huwe

NHS members with new member Bea Karl - (I-r) Karissa Potts, Marion Duncan, Alyssa Hollingsworth, Jack Karl,



No Kings protestors gathered at the Walla Walla Courthouse at noon with signs, pets, and their voices. The event, hosted by the Walla Walla Activist Network, was spirited but peaceful with minimal counterprotest. Walla Walla City Council candidate Rodney Outlaw (center front) was the featured speaker, rallying the crowd before they set off on a march down Main Street.

# **LEGALS & NEWS**



#### **GIRLS SPRING SOFTBALL WRAPPED UP IN MAY**

By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — This spring, twenty-one girls, ages five to eight, from the Waitsburg and Dayton area joined the Blue Mountain Girls Softball League. The practices took place in Dayton, and the girls played games in both Dayton and Walla Walla.

The season kicked off on March 31st and wrapped up at the end of May. There were two teams, both sponsored by Elk Drug of Dayton. The team coaches were Chelsie Abel, Krissy Chapman, Michelle Jenkins, and Kent Jenkins. It was a fantastic season filled with fun, and each player made remarkable progress.

(above) Members of the Blue Mountain Girls Softball League.. Submitted photo

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Nature of Work: Under general supervision, performs a variety of work, including installation, inspection, maintenance, and repair of various water and wastewater system components. Performs water and wastewater sampling, monitoring, reporting, or other work as required to assure proper performance and conformance with program guidelines, criteria, and City specifications. Performs related work as required. Work hours are

varied and include overtime

work, including evenings and weekends. Essential Duties: A working knowledge of occupational hazards and safety precautions in connection with the operation of wastewater treatment plants. The ability to observe adequate safety precautions against such hazards. Operates and monitors the headwork screens, sprayers, motors and screw press; operates manual equipment to skim clarifiers; identifies problems and deficiencies and performs general maintenance, housekeeping and repair of pumps, equipment and related sewage facilities; operates all pumps associated with wastewater treatment; washes out clarifiers; performs fecal coliform tests; reads flow meters and records observations; checks flow loggers and makes adjustments as necessary: maintains ability to perform chlorine residual tests; cleans trash from clarifiers and screens; provides tours of the Wastewater Treatment Plant and explains its function and operation; assists the Wastewater Collections Division, checks and records weather data; has a thorough understanding of the WWTP Lab process and analytical testing. Ability to react quickly and competently in emergencies to correct any problems. Performs, interprets, evaluates, and records standard laboratory tests on wastewater samples to evaluate such factors as Biochemical Oxygen Demand, Chemical Oxygen Demand, Total Suspended Solids, Dissolved Oxygen Content, Fecal Coliform, and pH; prepares periodic and specialized reports following the results of laboratory testing

distilling apparatus, and incubators; collects wastewater samples in the treatment plant; performs, interprets, evaluates and records standard laboratory tests on bio-solids and composite samples; performs related work as assigned and possesses a thorough understanding of Plant Operations. The ability to deal courteously and tactfully with the general public at all times.

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written instructions and make brief reports on plant opera-

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The City of Dayton is an Equal Opportunity Employer Deadline for accepting applications is July 7, 2025 Questions, please contact Public Works Director, Ryan Paulson 509-382-2361 The Times June 12, 19, 2025 6-12-a

#### **DIXIE SCHOOL DISTRICT** 101 IS SEEKING BIDS FOR THE FOLLOWING:

PROJECT: Underground Sprinkler System with Controls DUE: Monday, June 23, 2025 at 12:00 pm. Notice is hereby given that sealed bids for UNDER-**GROUND SPRINKLER** SYSTEM WITH CONTROLS will be received at the Business Office, Dixie School District 101, 10520 E Hwy 12, Dixie, Washington 99329, until Monday, June 23, 2025, no later than 12:00 pm. Bids received after this time will not

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prevailing wage rates. Bids will

DIXIE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Attn: Underground Sprinkler System with Controls PO Box 40, 10520 E Hwy 12, Dixie, WA 99329 Bids may be dropped off in person at the Dixie School District Business Office Monday Friday from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. Pre-Bid Walk Through can be provided by appointment only. Please contact the district office. Estimated project start date: July 1, 2025 to be completed by July 15, 2025.

Time is of the essence for this Project. Bidders and sub-bidders should be prepared to take whatever action is necessary to complete the work in a timely manner, including but not limited to working overtime hours, all within the contract sum and at no additional cost to Dixie School District. Electronic project bid documents will be provided to bidders by contacting the Dixie School District by email at jbang@ dixiesd.org or asandness@ dixiesd.org or by calling (509) 525-5339. Dixie School District reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any irregularities or informalities. The right is reserved by Dixie School District to postpone contract award for the period of thirty (30) days after the bid opening. No bid may be withdrawn after the hour set for the opening thereof, or before award of contract, unless aid award is delayed for a period exceeding thirty (30) days. Dated this 12th Day of June 2025, by order of the Board of Education of the DIXIE SCHOOL DISTRICT 101, DIXIE, WASHINGTON The Times June 12, 19, 2025. 6-12-b

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**WALLA WALLA COUNTY** CAUSE NO. 25 4 00114 36 PROBATE NOTICE TO **CREDITORS - RCW** 11.40.030 In re the Estate of: JOYCE A. ADAMSON, Deceased. The Personal Representative named below has been appointed as Personal Representative

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

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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: LORETTA JOYCE PATTER-

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Attorney for the Personal Representative: Mona J. Geidl of Minnick-Hayner, PS Address for Mailing or Service: Minnick-Hayner P.O. Box 1757 Walla Walla, WA 99362 Court of Probate Proceedings and Cause Number Walla Walla County Superior Court

Dates of Publication: June 5, 12. 19. 2025 LORETTA JOYCE PATTER-SON Personal Representative /s/: Loretta (Laurie) Joyce Patterson Minnick-Havner, P.O. Box

Cause No. 25 4 00114 36

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CLEO E. FORGEY, Deceased. NO. 25 4 00656 06 NOTICE TO CREDITORS 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 attorney at the address 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 personal representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(3); or (2) four months after the date of the 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 as-

LORIN WENTLAND 85641 Winesap Road Milton-Freewater, OR 97862 Attorney for Personal Representative: David R. Duncan P O Box 5734 Vancouver, Washington 98668 Date of first publication: June 5. 2025 The Times June 5, 12, 19, 2025. 6-5-c

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# PALL WHEELS WEEKEND

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# All Wheels Weekend brought cars, food, and Elvis

THE TIMES

DAYTON — Elvis was a big hit at Dayton's All Wheels Friday night. He entertained the crowd for an hour and a half on the courthouse lawn.

Professional Elvis Tribute Artist Moses Snow performed as the rock and roll icon in his prime. Snow, from Fort Worth, Texas, was named Elvis Tribute Artist Champion at the 2024 Penticton Elvis Festival in British Columbia.

The young performer placed first in the 2025 Charlotte Motor Speedway Elvis Festival, which qualifies him as a semifinalist in the 2025 Ultimate Elvis Tribute Artist Contest to be held at Graceland Soundstage during Elvis Week.

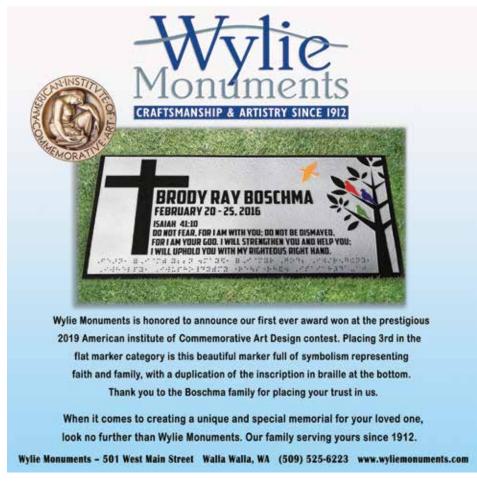
(above) The cool, windy weather did not keep the crowd from walking Main Street on Saturday morning to enjoy the show cars displayed at the Show-n-Shine.

(left) Elvis performs at Dayton's All Wheels Weekend Friday night.

(below) A golden beetle was parked by Caboose Park after the show.



Lane Gwinn



# **FUN & GAMES**

#### The Friendly Forest

By Jimmye L. Turner



## Lunches

#### WAITSBURG SENIOR WAITSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT CENTER

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

Tuesday, June 24 **Roast Beef Potatoes** Cookie Fruit roll





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#### LEGAL NOTICES (Cont.)

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

TS No.: 2024-00272-WA APN No.: 36-07-30-56-0430 Grantor(s): MAGDALENA ZAMORA

Current Beneficiary of the Deed of Trust: Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as Trustee for Asset Backed Securities Corporation Home Equity Loan Trust 2004-HE3, Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2004-HE3 Current Trustee of the Deed of Trust: Western Progressive -

Washington, Inc. Current Mortgage Servicer of the Deed of Trust: PHH Mortgage Corporation Reference Number(s) of the Deed of Trust: 2004-02202 Assessor's Property Tax Parcel Number(s): 36-07-30-

56-0430 I. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Trustee, Western Progressive -Washington, Inc., will on 07/18/2025, at the hour of

09:00 AM, at Main Entrance, Walla Walla County Courthouse, 315 West Main, Walla Walla, WA

99362, State of Washington, sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder, payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County(ies) of Walla Walla. State of Washington to-wit: LEGAL DESCRIPTION: LOT 19 AND THE EAST ONE HALF OF LOT 20 IN BLOCK

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ACCORDING TO THE OF-FICIAL PLAT THEREOF OF RECORD IN BOOK G OF PLATS AT PAGE 2, IN THE OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR OF WALLA WALLA COUNTY, WASHINGTON. SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA, STATE OF WASHINGTON. Commonly known as: 1350 DALLES MILITARY RD WAL-**LA WALLA, WA 99362** The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the above street address or other common designation. Which is subject to that certain Deed of Trust dated 02/18/2004, recorded 03/02/2004, under Auditor's File No.2004-02202, Book --- Page ---, records of Walla Walla County, Washington, from Magdalena Zamora, An Unmarried Woman As Her Separate Estate as Grantor, to First American Title Insurance Company, A California Corporation as Trustee, to secure an obligation in favor of Option One Mortgage Corporation, A California Corporation, the beneficial interest in which was assigned to Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as Trust-

ee for Asset Backed Securities

Corporation Home Equity Loan Trust 2004-HE3, Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2004-HE3 under an assignment recorded on March 4, 2013, under Auditor's File No. as Instrument No. 2013-01902, Bk. in Book ---, Pg. at Page ---, records of Walla Walla County, Washington. II. No action commenced by the Beneficiary of the Deed of Trust is now pending to seek satisfaction of the obligation in any Court by reason of the Borrower's or Grantor's default on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust.

III. The default(s) for which this foreclosure is made is/are as follows:

a. Failure to pay the installment which became due on 06/01/2024 and all subsequent installments, together with all late charges and advances plus all sums secured pursuant to the terms of the Note and Deed of Trust. All foreclosure fees and costs due. b. Delinquent real property taxes for the year 2025. Failure to pay when due the

following amounts which are now in arrears: \$31,297.81; (together with any subsequent payments, late charges, advances, costs and fees thereafter due)

IV. The sum owing on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust is: Principal Balance of \$151,150.23, together with interest as provided in the note or other instrument secured from 05/01/2024, and such other costs and fees as are due under the Note or other instrument secured, and as are provided by statute. V. The above-described real property will be sold to satisfy the expense of sale and the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust as provided by statute. The sale will be made without warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances on 07/18/2025. The default(s) referred to in paragraph III, must be cured by 07/07/2025 (11 days before the sale date), to cause a discontinuance of the sale. The sale will be discontinued and terminated **LOANS** 

if at any time on or before 07/07/2025 (11 days before the sale date), the default(s) as set forth in paragraph III is/ are cured and the Trustee's fees and costs are paid. The sale may be terminated any time after 07/07/2025 (11 days before the sale date), and before the sale by the Borrower, Grantor, any Guarantor or the holder of any recorded junior lien or encumbrance paying the entire principal and interest secured by the Deed of Trust, plus costs, fees, and advances, if any, made pursuant to the terms of the obligation and/ or Deed of Trust and curing all

other defaults.

VI. A written notice of default was transmitted by the Beneficiary or Trustee to the Borrower and Grantor at the following addresses: See Exhibit "A"

attached by both first class and certified mail on 01/15/2025 proof of which is in the possession of the Trustee; and the Borrower and Grantor were personally served with said written notice of default or the written notice of default was posted in a conspicuous place on the real property described in the paragraph I above, and the Trustee has possession of proof of such service or posting.

VII. The Trustee whose name and address are set forth below will provide in writing to anyone requesting it, a statement of all costs and fees due at any time prior to the sale. VIII. The effect of the sale will be to deprive the Grantor and all those who hold by, through or under the Grantor of all their interest in the above-described

property. IX. Anyone having any objections to the sale on any grounds whatsoever will be afforded an opportunity to be heard as to those objections if they bring a lawsuit to restrain the sale

pursuant to RCW 61.24.130. Failure to bring such a lawsuit may result in a waiver of any proper grounds for invalidating

the Trustee's sale. X. NOTICE TO OCCUPANTS OR TENANTS The purchaser at the trustee's sale is entitled to possession of the property on the 20th day following the sale, as against the grantor under the deed of trust (the owner) and anyone having an interest junior to the deed of trust, including occupants who are not tenants. After the 20th day following the sale the purchaser has the right to evict occupants who are not tenants by summary proceedings under Chapter 59.12 RCW. For tenant-occupied property, the purchaser shall provide a tenant with written notice in accordance with RCW

61.24.060; XI. NOTICE TO GUARAN-TORS OF COMMERCIAL

(a) If you are a guarantor of the obligations secured by the deed of trust on a commercial loan, you may be liable for a deficiency judgment to the extent the sale price obtained at the trustee's sale is less than the debt secured by the deed of trust.

(b) You have the same rights to reinstate the debt, cure the default or repay the debt as is given to the grantor in order to avoid the trustee's sale. (c) You will have no right to redeem the property after the trustee's sale. (d) Subject to such longer

periods as are provided in

the Washington deed of trust act, chapter 61.24 RCW, any action brought to enforce a guaranty must be commenced within one year after the trustee's sale, or the last trustee's sale under any other deed of trust granted to secure the

same debt. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the bid amount paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Trustor, the Trustee, the Beneficiary or the Beneficiary's attorney.

THIS NOTICE IS THE FINAL STEP BEFORE THE FORE-CLOSURE SALE OF YOUR HOME.

You have only until 90 calendar days BEFORE the date of sale listed in this Notice of Trustee Sale to be referred to mediation. If this is an amended Notice of Trustee Sale providing a 45-day notice of the sale, mediation must be requested no later than 25 calendar days BEFORE the date of sale listed in this amended Notice of Trustee Sale. DO NOT DELAY. CONTACT A HOUSING COUNSELOR OR AN ATTORNEY LICENSED IN WASHINGTON NOW to assess your situation and refer you to mediation if you are eligible and it may help you save your home. See below for safe sources of help. SEEKING ASSISTANCE Housing counselors and legal assistance may be available at little or no cost to you. If you would like assistance in determining your rights and opportunities to keep your house, you

may contact the following: The statewide foreclosure hotline for assistance and referral to housing counselors recommended by the Housing Finance Commission: Telephone: (877) 894-4663. Website: http://www.homeownership.wa.gov

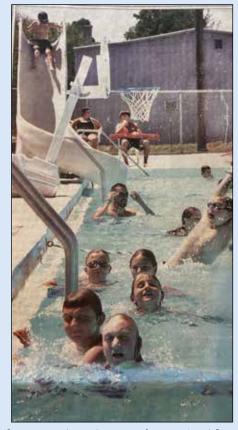
The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development: Telephone: (800) 569-4287

Website: http://www.hud.gov The statewide civil legal aid hotline for assistance and referrals to other housing counselors and attorneys: Telephone: (800) 606-4819. Website: http://nwjustice.org/ get-legal-help DATE: February 25, 2025 Trustee: Western Progressive Washington, Inc.

Trustee address: 3600 15th Avenue West, Suite 200C Seattle, Washington 98119 Trustee telephone number: 1-206-876-9986 Direct Line Telephone number: 1-770-612-7384 Signature/By Saundra White Trustee Sale Assistant The Times, June 19, July 10, 2025 6-19-a

#### PIONEER PORTRAITS

Fifteen Years Ago July 1, 2010



[Photo caption] Summer's Here! With school out and temperatures in the 80s, the Waitsburg swimming pool has been a good place to cool off for kids, families, and adult lap swimmers this week.

#### Fifty Years Ago

#### June 19, 1975

Weekend guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Abbey following the graduation of their daughter-in-law, Barbara A. Abbey, cum laude with a B. S. in Home Economics from W.S.U., were Mrs. Sophie Fisher of Seattle, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Hanson and Kathy, Burlington, and Scott Fischer, USAF, Las Vegas. The Bruce Abbeys are moving to the Jim Abbey farm home from Pullman. Bruce will be engaged in farming with his family, and Barbara will be teaching Home Economics at Pioneer High School in Walla Walla this fall.

Miss Becky Huwe of New York is home to spend the summer with her father, Burdette Huwe, and sister Patty.

Wheat supply and demand - This season's wheat carryover will be 285 million bushels - 50 million bushels higher than previously forecast - according to USDA projections released this week. A slow-down in end-of-the-year wheat shipments is behind the carryover boost, and the USDA has lowered its 1974-75 export target to 1,050 million bushels.

#### **Seventy-Five Years Ago**

#### June 23, 1950

Population for the City of Waitsburg is 1,008 according to figures received from the district office of the Bureau of Census at Yakima. This shows an increase but is questioned by county and city officials because of other sources such as water users and postal receipts. The population in 1940 was 936.

4-H Cooking Club members will bring notebooks and a plate of six biscuits, which they have made to the meeting at 2:30 on Wednesday, June 28, at the home of Miss Joan Carson. There will be table setting, demonstration, and judging. Attending the 4-H Encampment at Hidden Valley this week are Sereta Patton, Deana Land, Joann Carson, Judith Donley, Patsy Pettichord, Harvey Danielson, Dean Hermanns, and Richard Collingwood.

#### One Hundred Years Ago June 19, 1925

Merril Cox and Lewis Atkinson left Sunday morning for the Bend, Or. country for a week's fishing trip. We expect to hear some big fish stories when they return. Clemens Keve says he doesn't like the wet weather we have been having. Owing to the large amount of moisture on the ground, Mr. Keve was late getting his potatoes planted.

#### One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago

#### June 22, 1900

The Waitsburg Post Office has just received another increase in its salary. A raise from \$1200 to \$1300 has been announced. This is the most substantial indication we have that our city is progressing.

Milan Smith arrived home from the cattle ranch of John Neace near Billings, Mont., on Monday evening after a month's absence. Milan went out of Smith Bros. store for a months rest and recreation but say that "cow punching" is no snap and that he is of the opinion that there are other things harder than clerking in a dry goods

A. E. McLauglin purchased Chas. Sanders farm of 100 acres near Waitsburg this week, paying \$40.00 per acre. Waitsburg's Thirteenth Annual Horse Show opened last Friday morning with perfect weather.

# **PUZZLES & LIFESTYLES**

### **Super** Crossword

#### 'YOU'RE FREE TO GO"

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#### **DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ◆◆

Moderate ◆◆ Challenging HOO BOY!

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## Strawberries and Cream Pretzel Pie

Every June, I anticipate the first batch of ripe strawberries in our backyard. Checking the patch each morning I look for the bright red fruit, like little ruby gems, peeking out from under the shade of their leaves. In time for our family Fathers' Day celebration, we had a bounty of gorgeous strawberries ready to pluck last week. This delightful pie with a cloud of creamy filling in a sweet and salty pretzel crust, acts as the perfect vehicle for highlighting the beauty of sun-ripened strawberries. A celebration of the season.



#### **Ingredients:**

14 tablespoons unsalted butter, softened, plus more 2 cups plus 2 tablespoons un-sifted confectioners' sugar

3 cups (120 grams) mini pretzels, finely ground

1 cup all-purpose flour

1 teaspoon baking soda

1 teaspoon kosher salt

12 ounces cream cheese 1 ½ cups heavy whipping cream

1 pound fresh strawberries, hulled and thinly sliced lengthwise

Fresh mint or basil, thinly sliced for garnish

#### **Directions:**

Preheat the oven to 400 degrees. Prepare a 9-inch, deep pie dish by generously greasing with butter.

First make the crust. In a mixing bowl, combine the 14 tablespoons of butter with ½ cup of the confectioners' sugar. Use an electric mixer to beat the sugar into the butter, then add the ground pretzels, flour, baking soda, and salt. Continue to beat on low speed until just combined, then increase the speed to high and beat until a soft, cohesive dough is formed. Gather the dough and transfer to the prepared pie dish. Use your fingers to press the mixture into an even layer across the bottom and sides of the dish. Allow the edges to be thicker and crimp like you would a regular pie crust. Make sure the corners and bottom are not too thick. Place in hot oven and bake until crust is slightly puffed and a deep golden-brown color, about 12 to 15 minutes. Remove and allow to cool completely while you make the filling.

Next prepare the filling. With an electric mixer beat the cream cheese on high speed for 1 minute to soften. Turn the mixer off then add 1 ½ cups of the confectioners' sugar. Continue to beat on low speed until combined. Use a rubber spatula to scrape down the sides of the bowl, then beat on high speed until fluffy, about 2 minutes. Next, with the mixer on low, add the heavy cream, a splash at a time, beating the cream evenly into the mixture before each addition. Scrape down the sides of the bowl and then increase the speed to high. Beat until mixture is whipped and billowy, about 2 more minutes. Will resemble a firm whipped cream or merengue.

When the crust is completely cool add the cream mixture and spread with a spatula. Cover and place in the refrigerator to set. Chill for at least 2 hours, or overnight to allow the cream filling to fully firm up. Shortly before serving, combine the sliced strawberries and 2 tablespoons of confectioners' sugar in a small bowl. Set aside and allow to macerate for at least 30 minutes. When ready, remove the pie from the refrigerator and spoon the strawberries over the top. Garnish the top with chiffonade of fresh mint or basil leaves. Serve immediately.

This unique dessert perfectly balances sweet and salty flavors with creamy and crunchy textures. Look for the best quality local strawberries, at peak ripeness for this recipe. You could try using other seasonal fresh berries for the topping in place of, or in combination with the strawherries

This past weekend, I served this special pie as a festive sweet ending to a family barbeque. For ease of cutting, make sure to keep the pie chilled until ready to serve. Strawberries should be added on top just before serving.

Enjoy!

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#### **LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS**

**Super** Crossword Answers PADMA DRAKE N O L A A V E C ALLEYEZONME M I A E A R RAIGHTOUTTACOMPTON IREST HARRIS T|E|E|S|H|O|T D|O|N|E|O|K| | C|E|N|T | S|D|I THECHRONI RAYS E F S U P | | | N | O | | | L | | | | | | O | W | A | N | S LEGENDSNEVERDIE ARMED EARE DISNEYS PINKFRIDAY ASAN L A W B A D U G I T A N O DOCKAGE T H E M A R S H A L L M A T H E R S L RAY ION N|E|T|VERYNECESSARY

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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. room

#### **Waitsburg Parks and Recreation Public Meeting**

First Thursday of the month, 6 p.m. @ Ten Ton Studio 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 Li-

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

#### **Waitsburg Commercial Club**

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

#### Waitsburg Resource Center Community Food Bank

Thursdays, 2 – 4 p.m.

Food donations at the Resource Center

106 ½ Preston Ave.

Clothing donations at the Waitsburg Christian Church 604 Main Street, upstairs

#### **DAYTON & COLUMBIA COUNTY MEETINGS Board of Columbia County Commissioners**

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

#### **Dayton City Council**

Second Tuesday of the month @ 6 p.m.

Call-in information available at:

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



#### **Dayton School Board**

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

#### **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, Day-

#### 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

## 405 W. Fifth, Waitsburg Mass Sunday 5 p.m. 382-2311 Fr. Steve Werner Waitsburg Presbyterian Church 504 Main Sunday School 8:45 a.m. Worship 10 a.m. 337-6589 Pastor Heidi Lum Waitsburg 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. Sunday School 9:00 a.m 😽 Each Sunday 337-8898 Pastor Cameron Hedges

## Events, Film, Performance, Live Music

#### **WAITSBURG**

#### ROYAL BLOCK



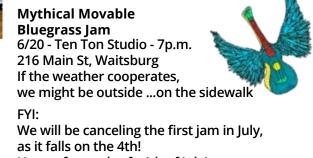
**Tongue & Groove @ Royal Block** Saturday, June 21

**Michael Kelly Band** 6 to 8 p.m.

Food special: Ramen 4 to 6 p.m. 21+

















Featuring PROJECT Trio, playing music in a variety of styles from pop to classical.

At the Liberty Theater 344 E. Main St, Dayton, WA Monday, June 23 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

A Walla Walla Chamber Festival Event presented free thanks to the generosity of Columbia REA.