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Fred Crowe

Dayton students lined up on the Y's pool edge during a swim lesson. The Friends of the Pool in Dayton, Walla Walla Y, and the Dayton School District worked together to support students in water safety. The season was a success and plans for next year include expanding the program through 5th grade.

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Spring swimming lessons completed; Duck Derby fundraiser approaching

By Lane Gwinn | THE TIMES

DAYTON — Dayton Elementary School's 1st, 2nd, and 3rd-grade students completed swimming lessons at the Walla Walla Y (formerly the YMCA) in February and March. The school provided transportation to the pool.

The Friends of the Pool Committee covered transportation and lesson expenses, supported by grants from the Innovia Foundation, Warren Foundation, Columbia County/Dayton Community Foundation, and the Exchange Club of Walla Walla.

Dayton School District pays reduced fees for the lessons through the Y's support for swimming lessons in outlying communities. The Dayton Parks and Recreation District and Friends of the Pool Committee believe the swim lesson program is essential for water safety among Columbia County children. Particularly as work to build a community pool is underway.

In the program's second year, the committee aimed to include students in 3rd through 5th grade. However, scheduling conflicts and state testing prevented 4th- and 5th-graders from participating. Funds remain available for these grades if future scheduling allows.

Friends of the Pool will also sponsor training for older, experienced county swimmers in lifesaving and water safety instruction through Red Cross-certified programs. Interested individuals should contact the Walla Walla Y directly. Several local youths have earned safety certifications over the past two years.

The Friends of the Pool Committee will allocate previously donated funds to support the upcoming Duck Derby fundraiser for the Columbia County Parks & Recreation Pool District. The district will host the Duck in a Truck event during Alumni Weekend in July. Numbered, pre-purchased plastic ducks will be released from a McKinley belly dump truck onto a target on Dayton's Main Street, with cash prizes awarded. Tickets will be available starting April 1 at the Chamber Office and from Parks and Recreation Pool Commissioners.



Petition for dissolution of Prescott School District rescinded

Community support was instrumental in the decision.

By Lane Gwinn | THE TIMES

PRESCOTT — In a letter to Superintendent Steve McCullough, Chris Reykdal, Washington's Superintendent of Public Instruction, informed ESD 123 that the petition to dissolve the Prescott School District had been rescinded. The decision was based on new financial resources identified and the Financial Oversight Committee's recommendation.

In the letter dated March 25, 2026, Reykdal summarized a series of events that demonstrate the district's financial viability through the end of the 2026-27 school year.

Between January 12, 2026, and March 25, 2026, these events include the passage of the district's supplemental levy, the district's sale of the Teachers Cottage, updated cash flow statements, and significant community support.

In addition, the state legislature passed SB 6065, sponsored by State Senator Perry Dozer, allowing the district to make interfund loans from its debt service and transportation vehicle funds to meet immediate financial obligations.

The bill also allows these interfund loans to be forgiven, provided the original funds remain financially strong.

Reykdal said there is still a lot of work to be done to ensure the district's path to fiscal sustainability continues over the next 12 to 18 months. The district will remain under enhanced financial oversight for the 2026-27 school year.

"Congratulations to the Prescott community on supporting the district during these challenging times," said Reykdal. "Without the local fundraising and the overwhelming support of the levy in February, we would not be celebrating this success."



Courtesy Photo

The community's support included Prescott Education Association's Brick Sale, Spaghetti Feed, Indoor Rummage Sale, and the Burger, Band, and Silent Auction at the Tuxedo.



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NEWS BRIEFS

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AT THE LIBERTY: "Project Hail Mary" Two weekends

THE TIMES

DAYTON — In "Project Hail Mary," a science teacher, Ryland Grace (Ryan Gosling) wakes up on a spaceship light-years from home with no recollection of who he is or how he got there. As his memory returns, he recalls the urgency of his mission: to solve the riddle of the mysterious substance causing the sun to die out. Using his scientific knowledge and unorthodox ideas to save all Earth's life from extinction, an unexpected friendship means he may not have to do it alone. Rated PG-13 for some thematic material and suggestive references, and it has a Runtime of 156 minutes.

Rotten Tomatoes critics wrote, "This is one of the first must-see blockbusters of the year, with stunning visuals, a hilarious but heartfelt performance by Gosling, and a non-human character named Rocky, who you're never going to forget." With a rating of 96% by the audience, one patron wrote, "I absolutely loved this movie. At first, I didn't think it would be for me because I'm not a huge sci-fi space type of movie watcher. But this movie was beyond exceptional. Definitely a must-watch."

The 2026 TVAC Variety Show, "Hello, My Name Is..." is coming to the theater on April 17-19 and April 24-26. This all-ages show will have the audience singing and clapping along to some of its favorite tunes, laughing to hilarious jokes and skits, and simply enjoying a variety of acts. Talented locals bring their choreography, singing, dancing, and acting skills to the show. Songs in the name-themed variety show include Billie Jean, Fate of Ophelia, Jolene, Good Golly Miss Molly, and others from a wide range of genres. Tickets are on sale now at libertytheater.org or at the Box Office on Tuesdays and Fridays from 2-5 p.m. Two weekends only.

Upcoming Movies: "Project Hail Mary" April 3-7 and April 10-14, "Super Mario Galaxy Movie" May 1-5. Schedule is always subject to change.

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EASTER EGG HUNT APRIL 4 AT PRESTON PARK

THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — Waitsburg's annual Easter egg hunt will be held in Preston Park on Saturday, April 4. The event starts promptly at 10 a.m. The city siren will signal the start of the hunt, and the kids will be off to find chocolate eggs and special plastic eggs with surprises inside.

The event is sponsored by the Waitsburg Grange and the Skip Carpenter family. The Easter bunny will be there early, so kids can get their photo taken before they line up for the starting siren.



The Easter bunny with 2025 WCD Royalty Jemma Anderson

CIVILITY LUNCHEON RETURNS APRIL 11 IN WALLA WALLA

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA — The Walla Walla Valley Civility Project is hosting its next Civility Luncheon at noon on Saturday, April 11, at the China Buffet, 1618 Plaza Way, Walla Walla.

The topic will be the United States' approach to war and dealing with foreign entities around the world. After a brief introduction, participants will break into groups of 2-4 to discuss the following questions. Afterwards, participants will have time at the end of lunch to share insights gleaned from their conversations.

- Should the United States use assassinations and other means to influence/change/remove other nations' leaders?
- What checks and balances, if any, should be required for such actions?
- What role should diplomacy play in such actions?
- What role should the U.N. or similar organizations play in the United States' foreign policy?

The last Civility Lunch on immigration policy and enforcement was well received and offered ample food for thought, demonstrating that we are still capable of finding common ground on divisive issues.

Please RSVP and plan to arrive early to purchase lunch before introductions begin at noon. The group's website is wwcivilityproject.blogspot.com, which provides information on practicing civility.

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STATE REACTS TO PRESIDENT'S EXECUTIVE ORDER TO CREATE LISTS OF VERIFIED VOTERS

By Lane Gwinn | THE TIMES

OLYMPIA — Trump issued an executive order on March 31, 2026, directing the creation of a national voter list and restricting mail-in voting. The order calls on the Department of Homeland Security and the Social Security Administration to make the list. It also instructs the United States Postal Service to send mail-in ballots only to verified voters.

Though Trump told reporters in the Oval Office that the order is legally foolproof, legal experts believe it is unconstitutional. A previous executive order on elections, signed a year ago, was blocked by federal judges who said the president lacked constitutional authority to set voting policy.

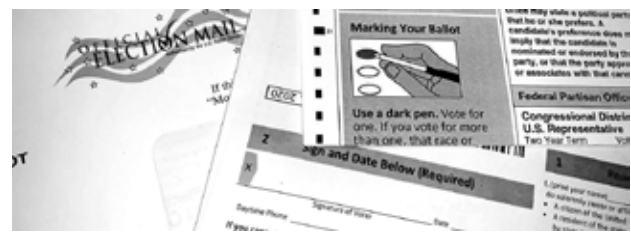
Washington Secretary of State Steve Hobbs issued a statement in response to the order, saying, "The President has no authority over elections; the United States Constitution grants that authority exclusively to states and Congress."

Hobbs said, "Washington's vote-by-mail elections reflect decades of secure and accurate elections, removing barriers to citizens who want to participate in our democratic process."

"Voting fraud is incredibly rare," said Hobbs. "There have been just 15 cases of noncitizen voting in Washington between 1982 and 2025, or 0.000006% of ballots cast. When issues do occur, our system is designed to identify and resolve them swiftly."

Washington ensures that elections are secure by regularly reviewing its voter rolls and makes voting easy by sending ballots to all registered voters. The President's attempt to prevent registered voters from receiving ballots is unconstitutional and unfair to voters.

In the 2024 general election, nearly a third of all voters nationwide cast mail ballots.



TIME TO MEET THE WAITSBURG SENIORS

THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — Twenty-three Waitsburg High School seniors are preparing for their graduation on Friday, June 5th. During the months of April and May, "Times" writer Karen Huwe will spotlight three to four seniors in each issue of the Times.

The community will get a glimpse of the young adults and their plans for entering the workforce, the military, college, continuing businesses they've started, or working in family businesses. These future WHS alumni are creative-learners, scholar-athletes, self-starters, and future leaders.

Waitsburg's seniors have deep roots in the community. As students, they participated in FA and 4H, helped stock the food bank, and raised money for Cardinal athletic programs. Many of these future alumni have family members who graduated from Waitsburg High School.

DEATH NOTICE

Virginia Rae Henze

Virginia Rae Henze, 79, passed away on March 29, 2026, in Burbank, Washington. Virginia was born in Walla Walla and resided in Burbank. She retired from a career in commercial lending.

Funeral arrangements will be made by Life Tributes Cremation Center.



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GUEST COLUMNIST

For the love of type at The Pressroom

By Sheila Hagar | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — What a dream—my grandies and their mom were arriving from Portland for a weekend visit that included Valentine’s Day and a 14th birthday.

They love being at our Milton-Freewater farm-ranch, officially called “The Franch.”

The donkeys entertain, the cows embody bovine contentment, and Grandpa gives the youngsters driving lessons on the ATV and tractor. There’s plenty of room to spread out, play games, and cook meals together.

But a visit over four days with two celebrations calls for a little “extra” fun.

I’m out of practice finding kid-friendly activities. My grandkids benefit from their mother’s excellent parenting. As a former teacher turned social worker, she keeps them engaged through field trips and adventures, plentiful in Portland.

Never one to discount the Walla Walla Valley, I found plenty of experiences to try on for size. When I spied a post about learning to make Valentine’s Day cards on an antique press in Waitsburg, the yes vote was unanimous.

Our little group can present some challenges, however. My grandies are in middle school, so activities can’t seem “babyish” but not so complex that the fun is lost.

The twins, Alistair and Cyra, are 12. Ali, who has Level 2 autism, is easily overstimulated, frustrated, and exasperated by fine-motor tasks. His communication also requires extra time to understand.

Cyra, the other half of the twin combo, was born with art in her blood. Her artistic vision often leaves the rest of us feeling we’re not measuring up.

Their older brother, Malcolm, is a very serious 14-year-old, whose gaze is now fully inward. He has the soul of an engineer and the brain of a gifted mathematician. His world leaves little room for adult error.

There have been times in the past when we’ve had to end activities due to these family dynamics. It can be very painful.

Walking into the Pressroom at Duke & Remington to make our cards started off well. The shop has a sense of stepping through a time portal.

Sunlight flooded through large windows, glittering with dust motes, washing over stained glass, warming old metal and wood.

We felt as though we’d entered a children’s book from 300 years ago.

We had stepped into the world of owner Suze Wood.

I’m making the bold assumption that most folks in Waitsburg know Suze, so there is no need to describe her joyful spirit. But you may not have witnessed it the way we did.

Suze first gathered Malcolm and Cyra, putting



Sheila Hagar

(above) Suze Wood works with Alistair to make the perfect card for his teacher.

(right) Cyra designing her card.

(below) Love greater than bacon expressed in type.



them to work picking letter types that fit their imagination. Gloves and trays in hand, they were free to pick through every tiny drawer to collect the tools for their masterpieces.

Cyra became one with the shop and Suze. She immersed herself in the environment, completely at peace as she recognized an artistic soulmate in Suze.

Mac dove in, choosing the perfect metal type from the many fonts in Suze’s collection. He also attempted to display a superior knowledge (there wasn’t any) to his sister.

Suze brought Ali to the old-style treadle press. The C-P Pilot was set up to print a simple card, using red ink on heavy cardstock to spell out “LOVE.”

Suze was unfazed by our boy’s traits; instead, she embraced Ali’s joy in trying new things. Suze patiently explained that she would demonstrate and that he must keep one hand behind his back when he applied pressure.

She trusted Ali to know what he wanted and communicated directly with him. This is unusual, as most people are fearful of not understanding him and usually rely on us to interpret.

Even better, Suze spent every clock tick it took for Ali to ensure our boy would be proud of his work.

After all, his card was going to his amazing teacher, Mrs. Bright.

On a side note, Mrs. Bright loved her card.

Suze returned to the pre-press activities in the other room, gently taking Mac out of his self-imposed authority and establishing who was in charge.

Suze helped our grandkids create beautiful cards on the old press. The cards proclaimed a Valentine’s love even higher than the hunger for bacon.

There was no hurry or rush to steer us out. All the time spent with Suze and her helper has woven a forever memory for our family.

My daughter said, “It was a bespoke and golden childhood moment. We were all apprentices, not just in letterpress, but in a past chapter of history.”

Waitsburg, thank you for all you do to support businesses like this. This was historic for us, an experience pure and free from issues. We will treasure it forever.

Sheila Hagar is a freelance journalist and marketing writer. She has been a reporter and columnist for the “Walla Walla Union-Bulletin” and “East Oregonian” newspapers. She lives in Milton-Freewater, Oregon, with her spouse and Honey, the best rescue dog ever.

An open house for Atelier Waitsburg

By Lane Gwinn | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — Todd and Carrie Alexander are opening Atelier Waitsburg in the small town in the Walla Walla Valley. The atelier will offer a tasting room for Todd’s wines and an event space featuring guest chefs.

On Saturday, April 4, the couple invites their new neighbors to an open house from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. They will be serving wines and small plates and sharing their vision for the building on Main Street, which has been empty since the closure of Whoop ‘em Up Hollow Café.

The couple has found ways to integrate their creative interests into their communities. Previously, they owned Atelier Freewater in an historic 1906 bank building in Milton-Freewater’s Historic District. The venue was regarded as an intimate, unique wine-tasting experience in the Walla Walla Valley.

Alexander’s wines include Grenache, Pinot Noir, and Chardonnay from their vineyards in Roussillon, France, the Willamette Valley, and the Rocks Dis-



Courtesy photo

Alexander’s wines include Holcene, Clos Lointain, and Beatus, a mostly old-vine Grenache grown and made in the Chateaufeuf du Pape AOC in France.

trict in Oregon.

With Atelier Waitsburg, the Alexanders will join Waitsburg’s business owners in continuing the city’s One-of-a-Kind spirit. Be sure to attend the open house to welcome Todd and Carrie, taste their wines, and experience the new space firsthand.

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SPORTS & LEGALS

DAYTON SOFTBALL LOSE TO LIBERTY CHRISTIAN IN DOUBLEHEADER

THE TIMES

DAYTON — The Bulldogs played Liberty Christian in Richland on March 26, 2026. The location was changed due to weather and field conditions.

The Bulldogs lost 9 – 2 in the first game of the doubleheader against the Patriots. Errors plagued the Bulldog's defense throughout the game. It is still early in the season, and they will face strong competition. In the game, pitcher Janie Howard went the distance, striking out 4 and only allowing 4 free passes.

Game 1								Runs	Hits	Errors
Dayton	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	5	7
LC	0	1	3	0	3	2	-	9	10	1

Dayton battery: Janie Howard and Kyla Thurston
Dayton hits: Cindi Howard 2, Marissa Tupling, Thurston, Janie Howard.

HR: Thurston

In the second game, the Bulldogs competed well in the first four innings before LC pulled ahead, scoring 12 runs on 10 hits in the final two innings. Cindi Howard led the Bulldogs with 2 hits, including her first home run of the season, and batted in 2 runs.

The Patriots won 4 – 0 in six innings.

Game 2								Runs	Hits	Errors
LC	2	2	2	0	8	4		18	16	5
Dayton	3	2	1	1	0	0	7	5	3	

Dayton battery: Thurston, Tupling (5) and Alexa Jones

HR: Cindi Howard and Thurston.

CARDINAL SPORTS with Karen Huwe

CARDINAL TRACK COMPETED MARCH 28

Waitsburg High School's track team traveled to Valley Christian School in Spokane on Saturday, March 28, to compete in the Icebreaker Relays against sixteen other schools. All the Cardinal athletes competing recorded either a personal best (PB) or season best (SB) mark in at least one event.

The event order is clarified below:

First, Addison Crenshaw placed 10th in the discus with a PB of 70' 7". In the next event, the shot put, she achieved an SB of 21' 4.5". Olivia Duncan then secured 7th in the shot put, setting a SB mark of 25' 10". Emerson Crenshaw earned a PB in the discus, throwing 55' 5".

Next, in the field events, Olivia Kiefel recorded PBs in the javelin (62' 0") and long jump (11' 9.5"), followed by a PB in the 200-meter dash (32.14). Audrey Kiefel notched a PB in the long jump (12' 3") and then in the 100-meter dash (15.05). Cheri Mathews placed 11th in the javelin with a throw of 74' 10" and then posted a PB in the 100-meter dash (15.14).

Finally, in the jumping and running events, Liam Kiefel placed 4th in the triple jump, achieving a PB of 34' 3". He also finished 10th in the 300-meter hurdles with a PB time of 53.82, and had a PB in the discus with a throw of 73' 6".

Summing up the day, coach Hunter Wallace remarked, "Everyone competed well and is continuing to improve."

The Cardinals will compete on April 2nd at Clarkston High School.

WAITSBURG GOLF SEASON TEES OFF

The Waitsburg golf team played nine holes at Pomeroy on Friday, March 20. Victor Whitmore, Blake Benevides, Gavin Mikesell, Landen Henry, Jake Lynch, Cody Coulston, and Carter Barron played for no score, enjoying a fun day on a golf course for the first time this season.

On March 23, the team competed in nine holes of golf at Wine Valley Golf Club in Walla Walla. Three players played well for their first varsity match. Lynch shot a 43, Barron shot 51, and Blake Benevides ended the day with a score of 52.

"They did great," said

Coach Caris Lynch.

The team competed at Bryden Canyon Golf Course in Lewiston on Monday, March 30. Barron scored 108 in 18 holes and qualified for sub districts. Benevides had a 107, and Lynch and Coulston each shot 111. Henry, Whitmore, and Mikesell completed nine holes.

The Cardinals will play the course at Columbia Point in Tri-Cities on Thursday, April 2.



HS BASEBALL DROP SEASON OPENER TO REDHAWKS

WAITSBURG — Isa Reyes started on the mound in the Cardinal's first game of the season on Wednesday, March 25. Reyes pitched four innings, struck out nine, and did not give up a walk.

Rollin Carpenter relieved Reyes in the fifth, struck out two, and issued one walk. Rowdy Cole pitched the seventh inning in the 12 – 3 loss to the Touchet Redhawks. Trace Nesje was the catcher. The Cardinals committed nine errors in the game, and the Redhawks had two.

Carpenter and Reyes each had three hits with Reyes recording a triple. Tyler Coulston hit a double to score two runs.

Game One								Final
Touchet	0	0	1	4	2	1	4	12
Waitsburg	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	3

In the doubleheader's second game, the Cardinals struggled on defense, committing eleven errors and lost 14-5.

Carpenter started on the mound, pitching three innings, striking out three, and walking three. He had three hits and one RBI. Nesje relieved Carpenter in the fourth inning, striking out two and walking one. At the plate, Nesje had two hits. Bryor Paul pitched the last two innings of the game, striking out three and walking two. Reyes hit his first home run of the season and had two RBIs. Colt Boudrieau was the catcher in game two.

Game Two								Final
Touchet	1	5	2	0	1	2	3	14
Waitsburg	2	0	0	0	2	0	1	5

"I thought the kids played well. Clearly, we had some first-game jitters. We should continue to improve as the season progresses," said assistant coach Randy Hinchliffe.

The Cardinals will play at Garfield in a doubleheader on Friday, April 3.

CARDINAL HS SOFTBALL SHOW POTENTIAL IN SEASON OPENER LOSS.

Waitsburg High School softball opened its season at Pomeroy on March 26. Opener nerves may have gotten the best of the Cardinals during the 23-2 loss.

Eighth grader Madyson Potter took the mound for the Cardinals, showing great poise by tallying six strikeouts. With the starting catcher absent, freshman Kayla Kuykendall stepped in and demonstrated remarkable grit behind the plate. In her first game, freshman Shaunna Hilton made an impression, smacking a double to left field.

Coach Tracy Daniel said, "We struggled a bit at the plate as we worked through nerves during our first game. However, I am very proud of the girls. We'll continue working with different combinations on the field to find our best lineup."

The team is scheduled to play Tekoa-Rosalia on Friday, April 3, in Waitsburg. First pitch is at 4 p.m.

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LEGAL NOTICES

THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA
DOCKET NUMBER: 25-5-00018-36

AMENDED SUMMONS

In re the Welfare of: I.L.E. dob 1/16/18
TO ADAM WAYNE STOUT, the Respondent:
A Petition has been filed in the Walla Walla Superior Court requesting that the Court terminate your parental rights as to the above-named child permanently. You are hereby summoned to appear and respond to this Petition within sixty (60) days after the date of the first publication of this Summons, exclusive of the date of first publication, to appear and defend against the Petition. You must timely answer the Petition and serve a copy of your answer upon Carman Law Office, Inc. at the address listed below. Failure to timely respond to the Petition may result in the termination of your parent-child relationship with respect to the above-named child without further notice. You have the right to appear, respond, and be heard in this matter. You have the right to be represented by a lawyer in this proceeding. Counsel will be appointed for an indigent person who makes such a request and qualifies as indigent. If you wish to request a court-appointed attorney, you should contact the Clerk of the Superior Court in Walla Walla County. A copy of the Petition for Termination of Parental Rights may be obtained from the undersigned attorney.

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IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF COLUMBIA
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RCW 11.40.030

In the Matter of the Estate of: JACK MELVIN MCCAW, Deceased.
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Palouse Outdoors: A Timely Turkey Hunt

By Brad Trumbo | THE TIMES

4:30 a.m. – I awake to the sound of crickets. “Thank God!” The classic iPhone alarm releases me from a fitful night of what felt like daggers being twisted in my lumbar spine. “Par for the course,” I think, groaning as I stretch; my lower back straps begrudgingly limbering up. The concrete floor is cold beneath my feet as I shuffle toward the bathroom, flicking on the coffee pot, which Jack had thoughtfully prepped last night.

4:35 a.m. – I shuffle back to the futon and rummage through an oversized camouflage duffel that I found lying in the middle of the forest one long-ago grouse hunt. Today, it carries my turkey hunting and rain gear.

The coffee pot dribbles out the oil-tinted secretions of black, acidic beans, flooding the room with the intoxicating aroma of modern American lifeblood. Jack emerges from his room, completely dressed except for his Crocks. He shoots me a glance that says, “We’re about to make this hunt look easy.” He then hands me a cup of coffee and asks, “Want to bet on how long it’ll take to fill your tag?”

“Well, I assumed we would leave a couple for the neighbors. Wouldn’t want them to feel envious of all the toms we kill at first light,” Jack says with a cackle.

“Yeah, well, I hope the birds play along. We’ll have a serious case of swamp-ass if we sit in that heavy grass for too long this morning,” I offer, noting the steady overnight rain.

4:59 a.m. – “It’s getting light out. We’re already too late,” I say, tipping my mug and sucking down the dregs.

Jack jumps to his feet, throws on his coat, grabs my jake turkey decoy, and heads for the door. “I plan to be back here before the coffee pot shuts off,” he says. The door latch clicks shut behind us.

We’re but a few hundred yards from our ambush above a little two-track road that winds up the canyon bottom, surrounded by open slopes speckled with blooming canary-yellow biscuitroot, hummocks of rose, and random trees. The deciduous shrubbery glows chartreuse with fresh bud break. The thin layer of eroded granite soil crunches underfoot as we walk the road to the edge of the canyon. Here, we watched a half-dozen toms go to roost in the distant ponderosas last night.

Stepping off the road into the calf-high grasses sparked instant gratification in my decision to wear rain pants. The lush vegetation soaks our boots and pants immediately, but makes for a quiet descent. It’s not far to our hideout behind a cluster of roses, and I’m feeling confident that we’ll be set up just in time.

5:10 a.m. – Jack gets settled and sets up the video camera as I drop down near the road to set up the decoy. I’m 30 yards below my cover in the wide open, and birds are coming off the roost. It’s still too dark to see the giant black birds sailing out of the ponderosas, but the wind whistling through their wings is evident as they glide toward the next canyon.

“Damn. Too late,” I mutter to myself, shaking my

head in frustration. “Those birds would be on the ground in this general area if I were already hidden,” I thought. I snap my head up at the next rush of wings to see a big tom gliding toward the next canyon.

5:17 a.m. – The decoy is finally set, and I’m settled about 10 yards below and to Jack’s right. Gobbles erupt from the distant hills, sending a wave of relief throughout my body. The birds that dropped from the roost appear as black specks as they crest the hill about 600 yards out. The sight of them leads me to scratch out a few hen yelps on my box call. The screeching yelps are cringeworthy, but to my surprise, five toms stop in their tracks, return excited gobbles, then sprint in our direction.

“I’ll chalk that up to the decoy,” I think.

The box call thumps into the grass as I ready the shotgun across my knee. I’ll have a narrow shot window and want to be prepared well ahead of time. I’ve forgotten that it’s wet out with a humid chill in the air. My heartbeat thumps in my ears, and my hands begin to tremble.

Wings rush in so close that I fear an attack as a hen piles into the hillside not 20 feet to my right. I’m wide open on all angles but in front. My heart rate spikes, and my face flushes.

BUSTED! She must see me trembling and hear the jacket fabric raking across my beard stubble. “Just be still,” I tell myself.

I refocus on the toms that have stopped at 200 yards to cast a skeptical eye on this hillside. “Certainly, the gig is up,” I think. They’re all similar in size and beard length, but one bird appears to be one season older with a slightly larger beard and body. Surprisingly, he and two other toms peel off toward the decoy.

5:34 a.m. – Legal shooting light. The trio of toms hit the road below the decoy and stroll directly toward it, delaying only for a quick gobble and strut. The show was so mesmerizing that I nearly failed to notice they entered shotgun range. Once below the decoy, it’s apparent that they aren’t coming up to meet it. I’ll have to shoot while they’re on the road.

5:40 a.m. – The toms are mere steps from being safely concealed behind the brush between us when the older bird stutter-steps, separating himself from the other two. My right hand tightens on the cold, black, synthetic shotgun stock. Pursing my lips, I make a “kissing” sound, stopping all three. They raise their heads in alarm, while my index finger squeezes the trigger. The old tom collapses beneath a cloud of mist jolted from his feathers. The other toms beat feet back toward their roost, shock-gobbling along the way.

The hen that landed nearby was unsuspecting. I heard her wing beats in the echo of the shot. “How many mistakes had I gotten away with? Did I actually make mistakes, aside from setting up? Maybe the birds are just naïve. It’s opening weekend.” Analytical thoughts roll through my mind at the conclusion of the hunt, broken by Jack’s laughter.

“Got ‘er done just like we planned, eh?” Jack says with a smirk.

“Oh, absolutely! It takes skills to navigate all those land mines and still punch a tag. Only professionals could have made it happen this morning,” I return, fighting to keep a straight face.

“Had those birds been any earlier, we wouldn’t have been able to shoot,” Jack says, provoking a nod



Brad Trumbo

Trumbo inspects the old Rio Grande turkey’s beard length while marveling at its beautiful plumage.

of agreement.

“How’d the video look?” I ask.

“Looked good to me, but we’ll find out soon enough.”

5:46 a.m. – I kneel beside the stunning old bird that fell within the 150-yard circle of all my spring turkeys. His beard is about 10 inches long and scraggly, like most others I have hunted here, but his spurs are longer and sharper. He’s the oldest tom I have hunted yet.

The iridescent ruby and emerald hues gleaming from their plumage reveal the secret beauty that these birds carry. Unassuming from a distance, yet magnificent up close. As if the bird’s true splendor can only be seen in death. My throat tightens as I give thanks for the riches of wildlife, wild places, and the friends that I am blessed to share these experiences with. I then notice the red light of Jack’s video camera.

“Another 10-minute turkey hunt,” I exclaim, hoisting the grand bird.

“Ten minutes? Couldn’t have been that long,” Jack says.

“Yeah, well, I want the viewers to think we worked for him,” I say with a laugh.

6:11 a.m. – The turkey is tagged and hanging in the barn as the sun peeks through the clouds. Jack pushes open the basement door to the house and turns around with a smile. “The coffee pot is still on.”

4-H Groups Donate to Waitsburg Food Bank

By Karen Huwe | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG — Two Waitsburg 4-H groups combined to collect food for the Waitsburg food bank. The Corral Wranglers, led by Katie Knighton, and

Pen Pals, led by Tiffany Bannerman and Amber Pope, held their annual food drive on Monday, March 23. This year, the members competed in four groups.

At eight p.m., the four teams met at the food bank to weigh their items. The winning team donated 142 pounds. The total from all four groups was 365 pounds. This was the tenth year the two 4-H groups collected items for the food bank.



Karen Huwe

The Corral Wranglers and Pen Pals 4-H members, their leaders, and adult volunteers delivered 365 pounds of non-perishable food items to the Waitsburg Food Bank.

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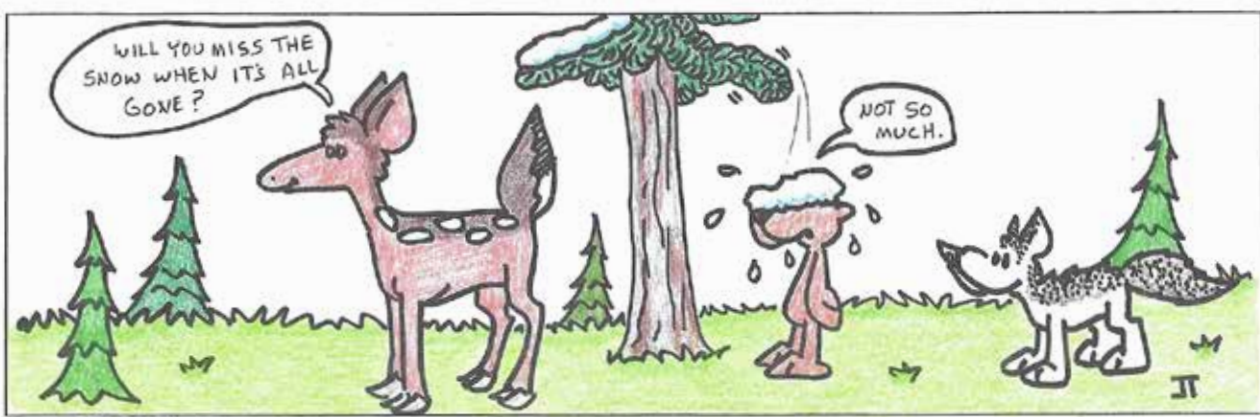
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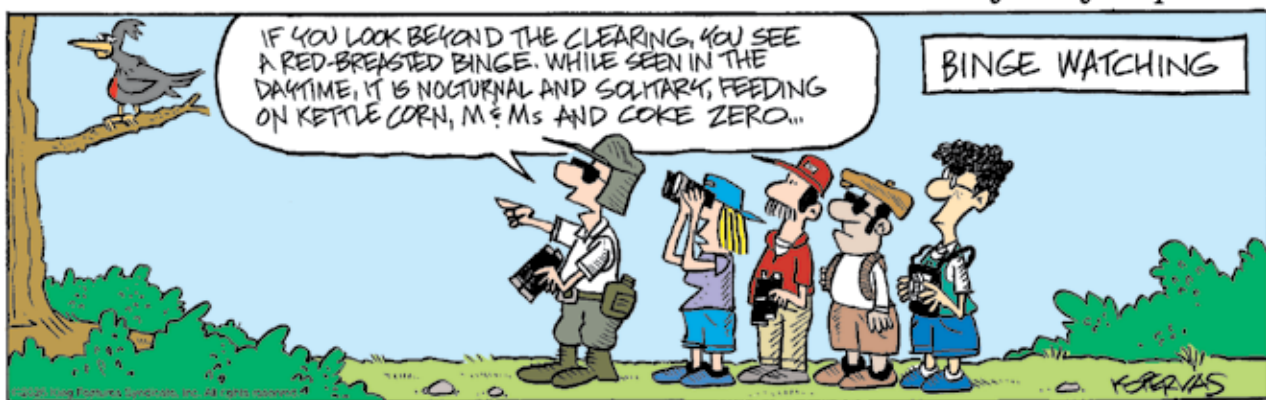
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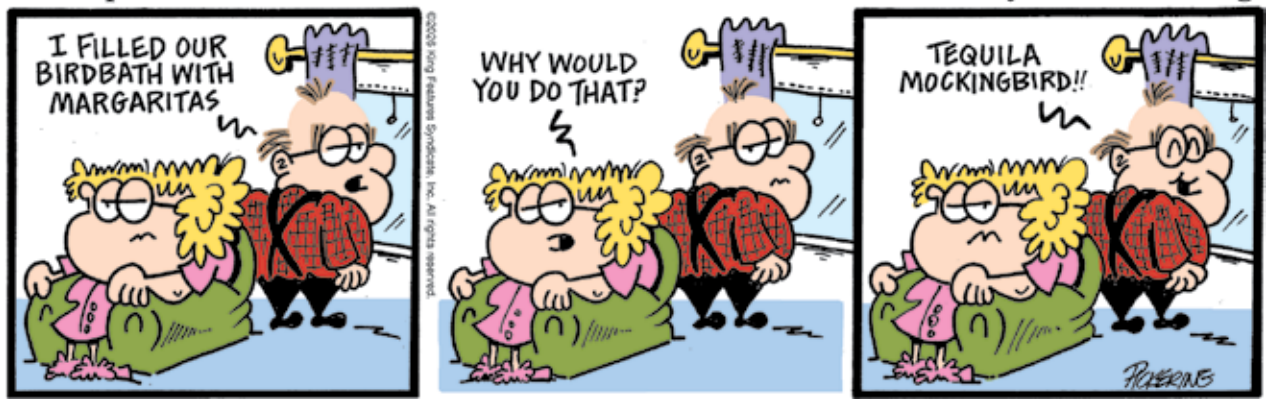
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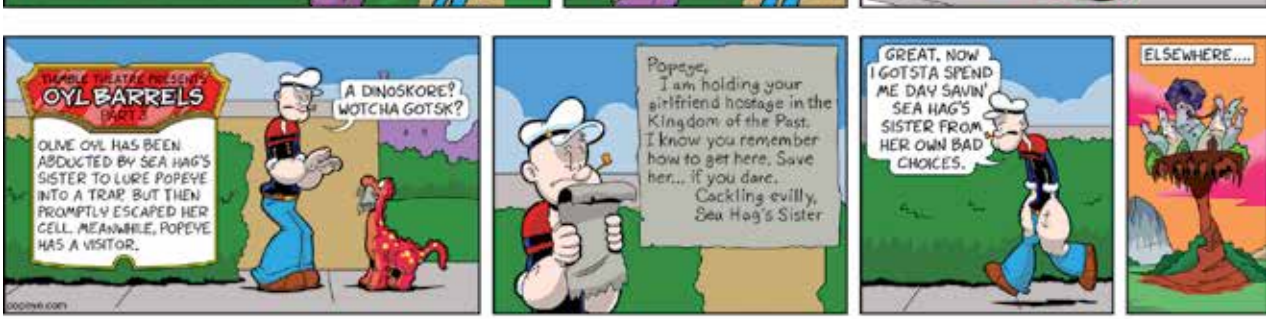
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PIONEER PORTRAITS

Fifteen Years Ago

March 31, 2011

Dubbed the "Hee-Haw Honies," Columbia County Fair Board Vice President Debbie Bailey, Secretary Christine Broughton, volunteer LeeAnn Literal and President Miranda Bowen perform a skit during Saturday's kick-off.

Leroy Cunningham, founder of Rural Green Youth Enterprises talks to construction worker Carmen Castaldo outside the first-ever space for the socio-economic youth program: the former Nothing New Antiques store on Waitsburg's Main Street.

New Sheriff John Turner meets with Waitsburg area residents during last week's Roundtable at the elementary school's library.

Erin Horan plants seeds for the 2011 CSA season at the Montillet farm near Dayton.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

April 5, 2001

Mike and Joanne Dunham received a Gold Medal for their 1998 Dunham Cabernet Sauvignon IV at the Dallas Morning News Wine Competition. Dunham Wine was one of 79 Gold Medals awarded out of 2,500 wines from 12 countries and 25 states within the U.S.

The annual Odako Spring Luncheon and Fashion Show was enjoyed by a number of women from Waitsburg and surrounding area last Sunday. Carol Weir models a lively spring outfit from Becky's Pendleton of Dayton while visiting with Olivia Leid.

Waitsburg schoolchildren are out of school for Spring Vacation and rose to snow flurries Monday and Tuesday morning this week. By Tuesday, late afternoon, clearing skies erased almost all traces of Mother Nature's spring-time transgression.

Fifty Years Ago

April 1, 1976

Carl Sandburg said that little children can be more thankful for small things than grownups are for everything we have. And here is a case in point, Sandy Cox was really enjoying this helium-filled balloon at HASA Carnival here last Saturday night.



[Photo caption] Queen's Dance Saturday, April 3rd, 1976, at Waitsburg Legion Hall. Live music by "Pacific Trails" from 9:30 p.m. to 12:30 p.m. Buy a ticket from your favorite Candidate - Admits you to the Dance. Admission: \$1.00. Coronation at 11.

Seventy-Five Years Ago

April 6, 1951

May Day festivities have been cancelled this year except for a May Dance to be held in the gym. The hours spent by students and faculty takes them from class work which should be more important than the hour program presented each year.

Ernest Kison attended a meeting of the Silver Beavers in Pendleton Wednesday evening. This is an honorary group of Scouters who have done outstanding work in the Scout program.

Miss Jane Carson and Thomas B. Hobgood were married Saturday, March 3 at the Presbyterian church in Vancouver.

One Hundred Years Ago

April 9, 1926

H. P. Smith completed his summer fallow plowing Wednesday of 540 acres. He used three teams - two teams pulling 3-bottom gang plows and one team on a 2-bottom gang. The weather has been so favorable that but two half days have been lost since plowing began.

A surprise party was given in honor of Laurence Fullerton's 12th birthday last Thursday, April 1st. About 25 of his friends were present.

Miss Dorothy Harris entertained the girls of the senior class Saturday night at her house. There were fifteen present.

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago

April 12, 1901

The iron front for the Morgan brick arrived Monday morning so that the work is now progressing rapidly.

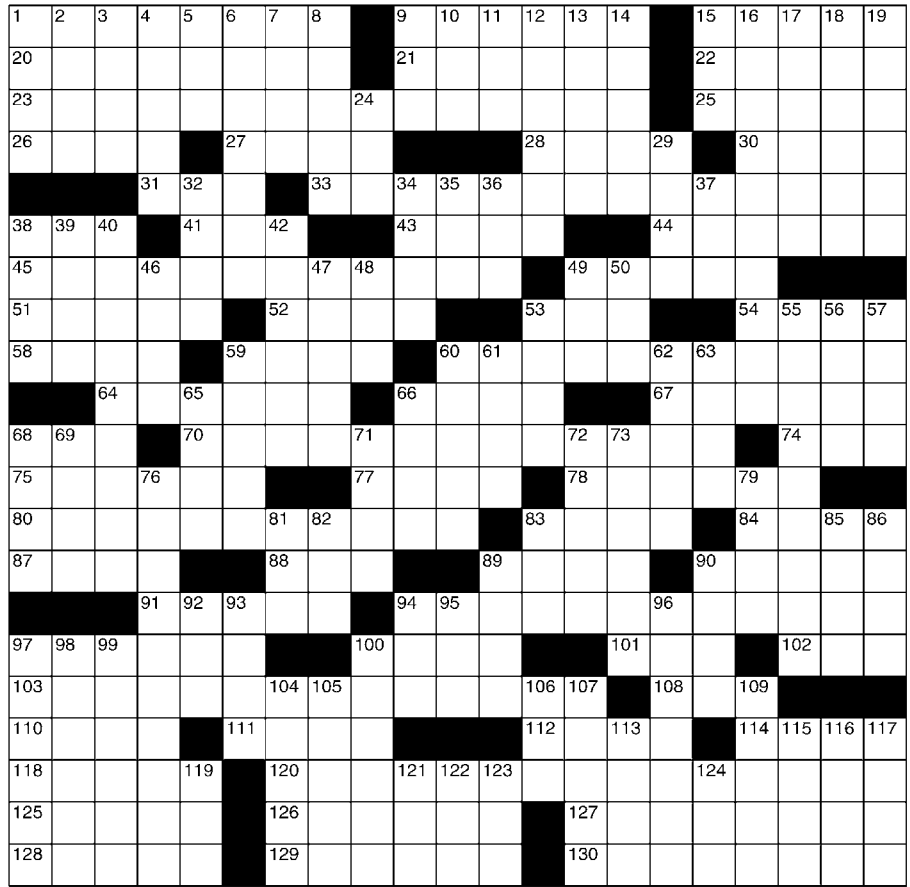
Jesse Duncan and Verne Hubbard returned home last Sunday from a trip to Harrison, Idaho where they went to secure work. They found about two feet of snow in that place.

It is reported that the fine team of Gustan Vollmer broke loose from a hitching rack on Preston Avenue Wednesday and ran away, damaging the hack to which they were hitched.

PUZZLES & LIFESTYLES

Super Crossword LANGUAGE GROUP

- ACROSS**
- 1 Knee, elbow or shoulder problem
 - 9 Pop's Easton
 - 15 Koranic faith
 - 20 Make hostile
 - 21 "Omoo" writer
 - 22 Cheese, in Chihuahua
 - 23 Instruments such as maracas and congas
 - 25 Slow-moving mollusk
 - 26 "Little" girl in "Hairspray"
 - 27 Comment just after waking
 - 28 Certain Fed "Nuts!"
 - 30 "Nuts!"
 - 31 Angry rock subgenre
 - 33 Loose-skinned citrus fruit
 - 38 Upper-left PC key
 - 41 Anxious condition, for short
 - 43 Tranquility
 - 44 City in Ohio
 - 45 Famed ethnic fighters
 - 49 Uncool character
 - 51 Big melees
 - 52 Pop's Celine
 - 53 See 130-Across
 - 54 Gas brand in Canada
 - 58 Speller's clarifying words
 - 59 Mrs., in Essen
 - 60 Rembrandt, Vermeer or Hals
 - 64 Hush-hush
 - 66 Horse father
 - 67 Like galaxies
 - 68 "Well now!"
 - 70 Alternative to Kool-Aid or Hi-C
 - 74 One or more
 - 75 Israelites
 - 77 Makes illegal
 - 78 To a great degree
 - 80 The
 - 83 "Ask — questions ..."
 - 84 Self-motivation mantra
 - 87 Snow vehicle
 - 88 Bumped into
 - 89 "Je t'—" ("I love you," in Paris)
 - 90 Tranquility
 - 91 Skip off to the altar
 - 94 Adar, Nisan and Tishri
 - 97 Flax-colored
 - 100 Precious
 - 101 Pine- (disinfectant)
 - 102 Match unit
 - 103 5 and 10, but not V and X
 - 108 Rejections
 - 110 Short note
 - 111 Bandleader
 - 112 LAX listings
 - 114 Gp. for people 50 and up
 - 118 Intermingle
 - 120 Apt directive for solvers of this puzzle
 - 125 Debate topic
 - 126 "Pata Pata" singer
 - 127 Frat party dispensers
 - 128 Make fun of
 - 129 Mystery
 - 130 With
 - 53-Across, section of the northern Atlantic
 - 7 Bullet point
 - 8 Blood fluid
 - 9 Mu — shrimp
 - 10 "— So Fine"
 - 11 Lifesaving sites, in brief
 - 12 Political exile
 - 13 2020 U.S. Open winner
 - 14 Former U.N. chief
 - 15 Mensa stats
 - 16 Most fancy duds
 - 17 Found out, to Brits
 - 18 Italian cheese
 - 19 Liquefied by heat
 - 24 IRS hiree
 - 29 Central point
 - 32 Cuts, as a lawn
 - 34 Sign gas
 - 35 — es
 - 36 Pack-carrying equine
 - 37 Actress Issa or Charlotte
 - 38 Blogger
 - 39 "Je —" ("I am," in Paris)
 - 40 Decorative enamelware
 - 42 "Celebrity Rehab" host
 - 46 — Reader (magazine)
 - 47 Rodeo lasso
 - 48 Debt note
 - 49 Jan. precoder
 - 50 Infant's cry
 - 53 Stair part
 - 55 Lost tabbies
 - 56 Oscar winner
 - 57 Paris airport
 - 59 Swiss money
 - 60 Entertainer
 - 61 Ross or Rigg
 - 62 PC shortcut
 - 63 Tennis' Arthur
 - 65 Indian tea
 - 66 Old Thailand
 - 68 Folkie Phil
 - 69 Hard rain
 - 71 "Likely story!"
 - 72 "I volunteer!"
 - 73 "I haven't gotten word yet"
 - 76 Extra benefit
 - 79 Legal claim on property
 - 81 Little demon
 - 82 Originally named
 - 83 Former space station
 - 85 Nagging pain
 - 86 Bird's refuge
 - 89 "— -Ca-Dabra" (1974 hit song)
 - 90 Sport played on horseback
 - 92 Maui gift
 - 93 Like much music of the '90s
 - 94 Bit of a giggle
 - 95 Corn serving
 - 96 Godzilla or Grendel
 - 97 Stratagem
 - 98 Ultimatum ending
 - 99 City near San Diego
 - 100 Mendelev who created the periodic table
 - 104 Self-description after a lifestyle change
 - 105 Runner Bolt
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MY RECIPES

Luke Chavez

Hollandaise Sauce and a Spring Eggs Benedict

With the warmer days and the first flowers blooming, my mind has turned to planning some spring-time entertaining. A decadent weekend brunch with friends, full of lively conversation, and hopefully a mimosa or two, is a favorite daytime option. Here, my recipe for a classic hollandaise sauce is poured over a seasonal variation of eggs benedict, featuring cured salmon and fresh asparagus in place of the Canadian bacon.



Ingredients:

For the Hollandaise:

- 4 egg yolks
- 1 tablespoon fresh squeezed lemon juice
- ½ cup (1 stick) unsalted butter, melted
- Pinch of cayenne or paprika
- Pinch of salt

For the Eggs Benedict:

- ½ bunch fresh asparagus
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 4 English muffins, split
- 8 eggs
- 2 teaspoons white vinegar
- 4 oz thin sliced salmon lox
- Salt and fresh ground black pepper
- Fresh tarragon, minced, for garnish

Directions:

Make the Hollandaise. Place a saucepan of water over medium heat and bring to a simmer. In a metal mixing bowl, vigorously whisk the egg yolks with the lemon juice until the mixture has thickened and doubled in volume. Next, place the bowl over the saucepan, turning the temperature down to keep water just barely at a simmer. The water should not touch the bottom of the bowl. Continue to whisk rapidly, being careful to not let the eggs get too hot, or they will scramble. Now, slowly pour in the melted butter, in a steady stream, while continuing to whisk, until the sauce has doubled in volume. Sauce should be velvety smooth, and a thick pourable consistency. If sauce is too thick, whisk in warm water in tablespoon additions. Take off heat and whisk in the salt and cayenne. Taste and adjust seasoning. Cover and set aside in a warm spot.

Prepare the ingredients for the benedicts. Bring a pot of salted water to a boil. Break off the tough ends of the asparagus, then cut spears in half, making about 3-inch segments. Toss asparagus in the boiling water and blanch for 3 minutes. Drain and rinse under cold water. Asparagus should still have a crunch to them. Heat olive oil in a skillet over medium-high heat. Add asparagus and sauté until heated through and edges start to lightly brown, about 4 minutes. Take off heat and season with salt and pepper. While asparagus is cooking, toast the English muffin halves, and keep warm on a plate.

Meanwhile, fill a high sided skillet halfway with water and the white vinegar. Set over moderate heat and bring to a slow boil. Stir water rapidly clockwise, to create a little whirlpool. Gently break one egg into the water, being careful to keep white and yolk intact. Repeat with the remaining eggs. Reduce heat to maintain gentle simmer, and poach eggs for 3 ½ minutes, until the whites are set, and the yolks are still soft. Remove eggs with a slotted spoon and drain on a plate lined with a paper towel.

Now assemble the benedicts. Arrange asparagus spears over half of the English muffin halves, then slices of lox over the other half. Place a poached egg on top of each, seasoning with a dash of salt. Then spoon hollandaise sauce over each, allowing sauce to cover egg and drip down sides. Sauce can be gently reheated, whisking the entire time, before serving over a gentle steam if needed. Garnish tops with a pinch of cayenne and a sprinkle of the tarragon. Serve one of each, asparagus and salmon, to each guest.

Notes:

While cooking, do not leave sauce over simmering water unattended, as this could cause the sauce to "break" or separate. Do not panic if your sauce breaks. Quickly take the bowl off heat, then rapidly whisk in a few tablespoons of cold water, until texture smooths out. Be patient and keep whisking, adding more water as needed, until the sauce is saved. Return bowl to the pot of simmering water to reheat.

Hollandaise is one of the five classic "mother sauces" of French cuisine, so named because they are used as the base for countless other sauces and variations. A crucial step in the formal training of professional chefs, mastering these sauces can also help build kitchen confidence for home cooks.

Best known in America as a key component of eggs Benedict, hollandaise also makes a gorgeous sauce to serve with seasonal vegetable side dishes, such as asparagus, or with poached fish entrées. Fresh herbs or a spoonful of Dijon can be whisked in for added flavor. Bon Appetit!

Super Crossword

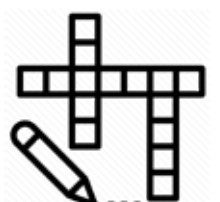
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Weekly SUDOKU

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Community Calendar

WAITSBURG MONTHLY MEETINGS

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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



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

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

Waitsburg Resource Center Community Food Bank
Thursdays, 2 - 4 p.m. Food Donations @ 106 1/2 Preston Ave

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

DAYTON & COLUMBIA COUNTY MEETINGS

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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



PRESCOTT MEETINGS
Prescott Joint Park & Rec District (PJPRD) Monthly meetings for 2026 are 2nd Thursday of each month, @ 6:30 p.m.

Prescott School District Board of Directors Meeting
4th Thursday of each month, @ 6 p.m. @ Prescott School Multi-Purpose, room 401, and on Zoom, Meeting ID: 846 7687 9995

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

Church Directory

St. Mark Catholic Church
405 W. Fifth, Waitsburg Mass
Friday, 4:30 p.m.
Sunday, 5 p.m.
382-2311
Father O'Leary

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

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

Lunches

WAITSBURG SENIOR CENTER

504 Main Street
11 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Tuesday, April 7
Lasagna
Garlic Bread
Fruit
MOW: Vegetable
Coleslaw
IN HOUSE: Salad Bar

WAITSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT

Thursday, April 2
Breakfast
Pancakes & Sausage
Lunch
Chicken Nuggets
Breadstick
Mashed Potatoes, Corn
Fruit Choice

Friday, April 3
Breakfast
Breakfast Pizza
Lunch
Nachos w/ Choice of Beef and/or Fresh Toppings
Refried Beans
Fruit Choice

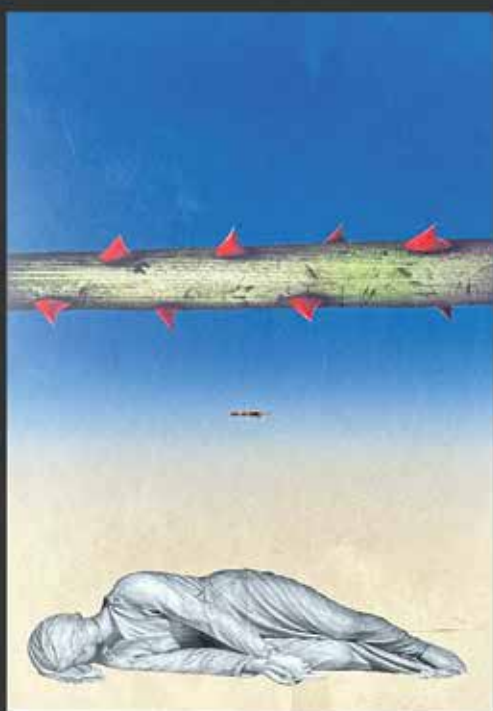
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WAITSBURG

Easter Egg Hunt at Preston Park
Saturday, April 4
10 a.m. when the siren sounds

Pancake Breakfast Easter Morning
Waitsburg Town Hall
8 to 9:30 a.m.

Atelier Waitsburg Open House
Saturday, 1 to 5 p.m.
Wine and small bites

DUKE & REMINGTON

VINTAGE MARKET 2026

FRIDAY & SATURDAY 10 to 4
SUNDAY 10 to 2

MAR 6-8
APR 3-5
MAY 1-3
JUN 5-7
JUL 31-AUG 2
SEP 4-6
OCT 2-4
NOV 6-8
DEC 4-6

DAYTON

Easter Egg Hunt at Dayton City Park
Saturday, April 4, at 10 a.m.

Mythical/Movable Blue Mountain Bluegrass Jam at Hotel Hardware
299 E. Main St, Dayton
Friday, April 3, at 7 p.m.



THE MONARCH PROJECT

FOOD & BEVERAGES PROVIDED

COMMUNITY PLANTING EVENT

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY
MAY 1ST & 2ND (BYOT - Bring Your Own Tools!)

11:00 - 3:00

TRANSFORMING OUR COMMUNITY LOCAL POLLINATOR WAYSTATION

BLUE MOUNTAIN STATION
700 ARTISAN WAY