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THIS WEEK

DAYTON



PROMOTION

Steve Martin is promoted to governor's salmon recovery office.

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PRESCOTT



FAITH

Broetje Orchards makes giving back a part of every day business operations.

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SPORTS



FOOTBALL

This will be a rebuilding year for DW football with the loss of 17 graduated seniors.

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GEARING UP FOR BACK-TO-SCHOOL



Photo by Dena Martin

Waitsburg School District staff gathered together Monday and Tuesday to engage in professional development focused on relationships and serving students.

McArthurs to Sell Concessionaire Business at Lyons Ferry Marina

KOA owner, Steven Klonz, would like to take over

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

COLUMBIA COUNTY - At their August meeting, Port commissioners heard from Lyons Ferry Marina KOA managers Jim and Angela McArthur about their plans to sell the business at the marina.

The McArthurs told the commissioners they will leave at the end of the 2017 season, and they are sorry to leave, because they see a lot of potential for growth, with the news about the Columbia Pulp mill.

The McArthur's have recommended to the Port that a personal friend, Steve Klonz, take over from them.

Klonz is a campground broker and owner of a KOA in Redmond, Ore. as well as a "terrific" KOA in Carlsbad, New Mexico. He is looking for an investment such as this for his family, said Jim McArthur.

"The McArthurs' lease is up at the end of December," Port Manager Jennie Dickinson told the commissioners. "They have the right to sell their business in the lease."

Klonz is seeking a 24-year lease with the option to renew, she added.

Jim McArthur said, "We have operated it like we own it, not as concessionaires. We don't want to see it deteriorate. We know we're getting stale after 10 years. We want nothing but success for whoever takes over."

The McArthurs said they are leaving for personal reasons, and they intend to take some time to reflect on their next move.



Photo by Michele Smith

Above: Angela and Jim McArthur stand outside Snake River Grill at Lyons Ferry Marina. The couple are looking to sell the business when their lease ends in December.

Grandstands Quandry Continues

RESIDENTS AIRED OPINIONS ON DEMOLITION VS RECONSTRUCTION AT LAST COUNCIL MEETING

By Dena Martin | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG - Even though Waitsburg's City Council was one member short of a quorum at their Aug. 16 meeting, they opted to go ahead and hear testimony from those in attendance who had come to share their opinions on the reconstruction vs. demolition of the grandstands at the Waitsburg fairgrounds.

At least two council members had sent out emails urging anyone who had used the grandstands or had feelings on the issue to attend the meeting. Just under a dozen people were in attendance specifically for that purpose.

Barb Jaksa spoke first, saying she had been requested to represent Friends of the Fairgrounds Committee chair Lane Hill who was unable to attend. Jaksa requested that the council table the issue

for six months or a minimum of 90 days to gather further information and clarification.

Jaksa asked several questions: Has a specific agency or official designated the grandstands as condemned or unfit for occupancy? Are there compelling reasons for the removal of the grandstands? Are there legitimate costs for the renovation to meet code and occupancy regulations? Does the city have a proposed future use of the fairgrounds property should the grandstands be removed?

Jaksa listed several "pros" for retaining the grandstands including comfort and protection from the elements while watching events; branding, because the grandstands can be seen from Highway 12; and that they are an aesthetically pleasing historical landmark.

Jaksa said the future of the grandstands is being pressured by economic and government issues but other factors, such as personal memories and stories rooted in the old fairgrounds hold rich historic value. She commented that numbers for reconstruction and demolition are "in the same ballpark."

BOCC SCRUTINIZES BUDGET

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON--The Columbia County commissioners continue to look at additional ways to streamline departments and budgets.

At last week's regular meeting of the BOCC, Commissioner Norm Passmore said talks are underway to create one county-wide maintenance department.

The county does not plan to replace Parks and Recreation Manager Roger Trump when he retires at the end of 2017, so money for his wages and benefits would go directed to the newly created maintenance department, according to Passmore.

Having a maintenance department will increase efficiency and productivity and represents a cost savings to the county, as well, he said.

Talks continue about lessening the county's financial burden at the fairgrounds and at the golf course, as well.

The county now subsidizes 75% of fairground and golf course operations, Commissioner Norm Passmore said.

"We have to look at a different business model," he said.

Two possibilities are renegotiation of the 25% fee the county collects for the Dayton Country Club and raising yearly membership greens fees.

The state auditor has input into what the county should, or should not, be doing with regard to subsidization, according to Commissioner Mike Talbott.

The commissioners have approved a 2017 Fairgrounds Facilities Fee schedule for rentals at the fairgrounds. Fees will no longer be waived for groups using the Youth Building because the state auditor considers that as the gifting of county funds, Talbott said.

TOUCHET VALLEY LIFE

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE



Photo by Michele Smith

Shannon Kinsella, Principal Engineer from Reid Middleton, Inc., provided several different design options for moorages, docks, boat launches, walkways, tent sites, RV spots, etc. at a Port-sponsored public hearing, at the Lyons Ferry Marina restaurant last week. A new master facility plan will help the Port in seeking funds toward updating and modernizing the aging infrastructure at the marina. The marina was constructed in the early 1970s.

EVENT

DAYTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE, AUG. 29

DAYTON – Dayton Elementary School students and parents are invited to an open house at the DSD multipurpose room on Tues., Aug. 29. Students are invited to bring school supplies and see their classrooms.

Dinner is at 5:30 p.m. followed by introductions at 6 p.m. and a meet-and-greet at 6:15 p.m.

PIONEER PORTRAITS

Ten Years Ago September 6, 2007

Seventeen-year-old Daniel Wies, the son of Joe and Kathy Weis of Waitsburg, was one of 26 individuals from the Spokane Dioceses to make an early August sojourn to Mississippi to contribute to Katrina relief efforts.

With fingers crossed that a forest fire won't break out in the next couple of weeks, plans for the 50th Annual Commercial Club Salmon Bake are coming together for the event on Saturday, September 22. Last year the feed moved to McGregor Co. because firefighters were using the DRS grounds as base camp, but this year the event returns to the familiar site, the Don Thomas Community Building.

Twenty-Five Years Ago September 3, 1992

High school class enrollment surged 27 percent this fall, from 77 to 98 students in grades 9 through 12, and school officials say they are short of desks. "Our classrooms are full," Burton Dickerson, superintendent of schools in Waitsburg told the members of the school board Aug. 26.

Berger Chase, who delighted readers of The Times with his witty "Berger Sez" column has died. He was 79.

Members of the Waitsburg Lions Club are becoming "roadies" for the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band, scheduled to play at the Columbia County Fair on Sept. 11. Sixteen Lions are being asked to help set up and dismantle the popular musical group's equipment before and after the show, Waitsburg Lions Scott Johnson said.

Fifty Years Ago August 31, 1967

Gilbert Hundleby, Waitsburg's nonagenarian philosopher, will be 92 years old at 2:00 a.m., August 31. Gilbert claims that he is the oldest law student that ever slept in Waitsburg. Living in a house by the side of the highway, just watching the world go by, Gilbert has words of wisdom to dispense to any passing person who wishes to take the time to hear.

There will be a meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 6 at 8:00 in Ginny's Grill dining room of the Waitsburg Mixed Couples Bowling League. This meeting is open to any interested bowlers. The purpose is to set up league play for the fall season. Bowling will start at Dayton on Tuesday, September 12 beginning at 9:00 p.m.

Forty-one Waitsburg Cardinals have turned out for varsity football this season, reports coach Dick Kinart.

Seventy-Five Years Ago September 4, 1942

The wedding of Miss Maxine Dunn to Mr. Guy Atteburty took place last Thursday, Aug. 20 at the Methodist Church parsonage in Walla Walla.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Hawks left Thursday morning by auto for Reno, Nevada, where their daughter, Miss Helen, will become the bride of Mr. Clarence Hall. Following the wedding, Mr. and Mrs. Hawks will vacation in San Francisco.

A beautiful piece of handwoven linen has been presented to the Home Economics Department of the Waitsburg Hi School by Leona Southard Franklin who graduated from the school in 1914.

Bobbie Bill Wright celebrated his seventh birthday Wednesday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wright, on Main. Guests were Marilyn and Janet Veatch, Linda Harris, Rodney Dilts, Connie Hill, Walter and Willie Pasley, Bruce and Dickie Brunton, David and Rosemary McConnell, Bobbie Bill and Judy Wright.

One Hundred Years Ago September 7, 1917

We are able to announce this week that the City has purchased the right of way on the John Miller place to the four big springs originating on this ground, and all the rights owned by Mr. Miller; to 500 gallons per minute of the Coppei water.

Mrs. Smith Hoops has purchased part of the stock of goods of the Cash Bazaar from Miss Viviane Ernstberger and will at once increase the stock by adding new and novel lines of goods.

Today will mark the 75th day without rain in the Walla Walla Valley.

The Dahl Jones harvesting crew completed a 25-day run in the valley Wednesday and moved up onto the mountains where the grain is now ripening fast and where the crew will have a 10 or 12-day run.

Miss Fleeta Kinder has been hired to teach the school on Jasper Mountain. There are 15 pupils enrolled with all grades represented except the 8th.

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago September 9, 1892

The jute mill at the penitentiary has suspended operations for a few days owing to a lack of raw material for which there is lots on the way. Already 170,000 sacks of superior quality have been made there this season and sold at 6 1/2 cts. The Statesman adds "The day of high priced grain and wool bags in the northwest is a thing past."

Next Sabbath morning, the pastor of the first Presbyterian Church will preach on Education with special reference to the opening of our schools and the subject of the evening sermon will be "what the Cholera scourge may teach us."

The Misses Ingraham gave a pleasant "spider web" party on Wednesday evening.

Touchet Valley Weather

Aug. 30, 2017

Waitsburg's Seven Day Forecast

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Mostly Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny
High: 97 Low: 60	High: 88 Low: 60	High: 92 Low: 65	High: 94 Low: 67	High: 95 Low: 67	High: 93 Low: 65	High: 92 Low: 64

Weather Trivia

Did Columbus encounter any hurricanes?
Answer: Yes, records indicate that he did encounter hurricanes during his voyages.

Weather History

Aug. 30, 1982 - A tropical depression brought torrential rains to portions of southern Texas. Up to 12 inches fell south of Houston and as much as 18 inches fell southeast of Austin. The tropical depression spawned 14 tornadoes in three days.

Local Almanac Last Week

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Precipitation
Tuesday	90	62	87/59	0.00"	0.01"
Wednesday	87	71	86/59	0.01"	0.14"
Thursday	86	62	86/59	0.00"	-0.13"
Friday	82	52	86/59	0.00"	75.1°
Saturday	92	53	85/58	0.00"	72.1°
Sunday	94	59	85/58	0.00"	+3.0°
Monday	98	64	85/58	0.00"	

Data as reported from Walla Walla

Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Wednesday	6:11 a.m.	7:34 p.m.	3:18 p.m.	12:06 a.m.
Thursday	6:12 a.m.	7:32 p.m.	4:09 p.m.	12:48 a.m.
Friday	6:14 a.m.	7:30 p.m.	4:56 p.m.	1:35 a.m.
Saturday	6:15 a.m.	7:28 p.m.	5:38 p.m.	2:27 a.m.
Sunday	6:16 a.m.	7:27 p.m.	6:16 p.m.	3:25 a.m.
Monday	6:17 a.m.	7:25 p.m.	6:50 p.m.	4:26 a.m.
Tuesday	6:19 a.m.	7:23 p.m.	7:22 p.m.	5:30 a.m.

Full 9/6, Last 9/13, New 9/20, First 9/27

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on Street, Dayton Washington, or on our web site www.ccptransit.org.

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TOUCHET VALLEY NEWS

CHRISTMAS KICKOFF MEETING

DAYTON - The Christmas Kickoff Committee would like to extend an invitation to anyone who would like to participate, to attend a planning meeting on Thurs., Sept. 14 at noon at Fiesta En Jalisco.

Anyone interested in contributing to the planning and production of Christmas Kickoff is encouraged to attending this informational and brainstorming session.

Church Directory

Waitsburg Presbyterian Church
504 Main
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m.
337-6589
Rev. Bret Moser

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

Waitsburg Christian Church
604 Main St
Worship 9:30 a.m.
Each Sunday
337-8898
Rev. Matthew Wyatt

New River Fellowship
121 Main St. (Town Hall)
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m.
www.newriverfellowship.org
520-5676

WEEKLY CALENDAR

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Dayton Senior Round Table
Senior Center (403 E. Patit St.)
12 p.m.
Tuesdays and Thursdays. Call 382-2836 to RSVP by the day prior.

SEPTEMBER

1

Prescott Library Story Time
Prescott Library
11 a.m.

Community Gratitude BBQ
Dayton First Congregational Church
6 p.m.
Bring a side dish to share. Hamburgers and hot dogs provided.

Open Studio Bluegrass Jam
145 1/2 Main Street, Waitsburg (entrance on side)
6:30 p.m.
Area musicians and music lovers are invited to participate or just enjoy listening.

2

School Lunch Menu

Breakfast listed first. Fruits & vegetables, non-fat chocolate milk and 1% white milk are offered with every meal.

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Waitsburg Resource Center
106 Preston Avenue (side of Banner Bank)
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4

Celebrate Recovery, Dayton
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Dinner 6 p.m.; Meeting 7 p.m.

LABOR DAY

5

WAITSBURG FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

Waitsburg Senior Round Table
Waitsburg Presbyterian Church
11:30 a.m.
Join local seniors every Tuesday for lunch. \$4 suggested donation for those over 60. \$7 charge for guests under 60. Meals on Wheels are available. Call 337-8541 for more info.

Dayton Senior Round Table
Senior Center (403 E. Patit St.)
12 p.m.
Tuesdays and Thursdays. Call 382-2836 to RSVP by the day prior.

Family Story Time and Dinner
Dayton Memorial Library
6 p.m.
Takes place the first Tuesday of each month through December.

6

Dayton Story Time
Dayton Memorial Library
10 a.m.

Dayton School Board
School Board Room
6 p.m.

Waitsburg Home and School Association
Elementary School Library
6:30 p.m.

7

Dayton Senior Round Table
Senior Center (403 E. Patit St.)
12 p.m.
Tuesdays and Thursdays. Call 382-2836 to RSVP by the day prior.

Waitsburg Resource Center
106 Preston Avenue (side of Banner Bank)
2-4 p.m.

Prescott School District Open House
7 p.m.

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Aug. 27

Report of an injured person on Preston Ave. transported to Dayton General Hospital. Injury possibly self-inflicted.

Aug. 24

DUI investigation on Lewis Peak Rd. Bicycle found abandoned on W. Third and Bruce St. in Waitsburg.

NEWS BRIEFS

FAIRGROUNDS IMPROVEMENT PLAN PUBLIC HEARING

DAYTON - The Columbia County Planning Commission will be holding a public hearing on the Columbia County Facilities Improvement Plan for the fairgrounds and the Touchet Valley Golf Course, in the Columbia County Courthouse, Superior Courtroom, on Sept. 11, at 5:30 p.m.

The draft document is available for review on the county website at: www.columbiaco.com/index.aspx?NID=433, or at the Planning and Building Office at: 114 S. 2nd St. Dayton, WA 99328

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BIRTHDAYS

Sept. 1: Leslie Yancey, Allison Huwe, Janis Huwe, Todd Hawkins, Ronald William Winnett, Travis Roberts, David Mahoney, Mathew Witt, Donna Thomas, Mrs. L.O. Gardner.

Sept. 2: Bob Wright, Marjorie Lowe, Kirk Huwe, Sherry Cook, Jordan Ely, Darlene Damm.

Sept. 3: Delbert Mock, Glenn Bickelhaupt, Alice Mercer, Michael Adams.

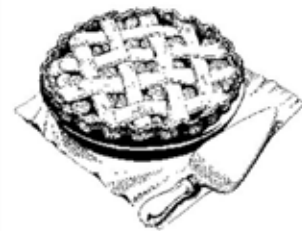
Sept. 4: Rosella Bains, Doris Worden, Ray Russell, James Laughery, Blaine Bickelhaupt, Katy Broadhead, Gil Sharpe.

Sept. 5: Corinne Baker, Fred Singer, Linda Marshall, Lowell Houtchens, Ellen Webster, Linda Mercer, Scott Zuger, Garrick Sampson, Margaret Brown, Edua Cheshire.

Sept. 6: Summer Wood, Caris Cole, Ed Larson, Jeanette Hansen, Robert Henze, Nancy Wittman, Orrin Anderson.

Sept. 7: Scott Rarick, Nancy Crowe, Maxine Mercer, Kristi Kiefel, Bob Danforth, Chris Pearson, Jeff Pierson, Justin Reedy, Joy Lindsey.

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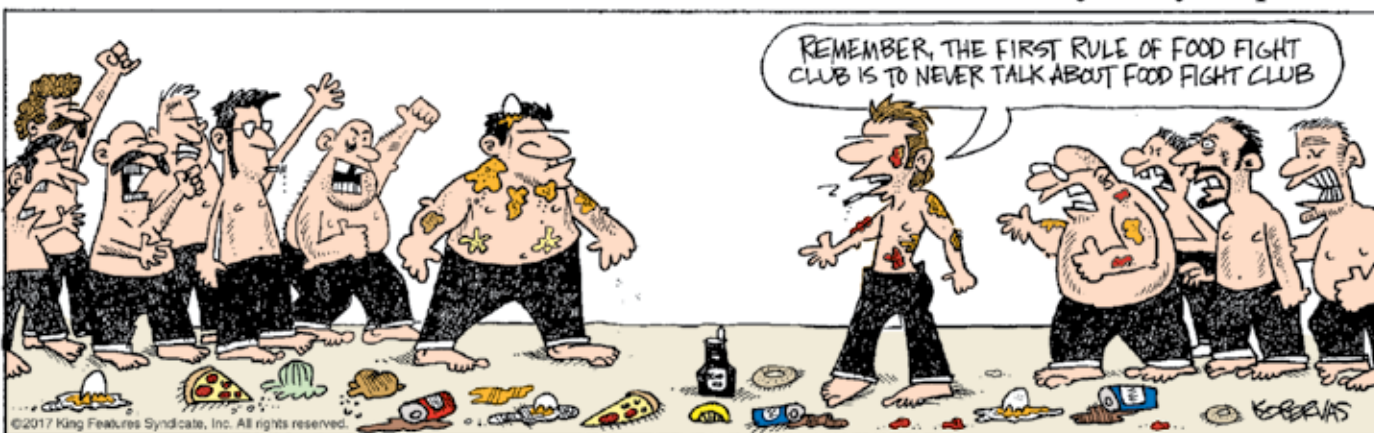
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Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



KEN GRAHAM: FROM THE PUBLISHER

BACK TO SCHOOL: BACK TO THE GRIDIRON

Yes, that's right. Don't let the near-triple-digit temperatures fool you; summer vacation is over.

Kids in Dayton and Prescott are back in school already, and Waitsburg's kids will hit the books next week.

Every year at about this time, newspapers everywhere write optimistically about the excitement of the upcoming new school year. They also give a stern warning to all of us drivers: "Watch out for kids!"

Let me add my voice that. Our kids are a grade older, but they're still kids. And they're now gathering in one place once again.

(And kids, for goodness sake, watch out for cars! Us drivers are getting older too.)

Let's also give a warm welcome back to the hardworking adults who work in our schools and help our kids learn. From the superintendents and princi-



pals, to the teachers, and right on down to the cooks in the kitchen. The people working in our local schools are dedicated to helping our kids grow into mature, hardworking adults, just like they are.

These people could work in other jobs where they could build things with tools that don't talk back and misbehave. But they've chosen instead to put up with the challenges of kids and parents and co-workers, because being around kids and watching them grow and mature gives them great satisfaction.

The rest of us should take a lesson from our school staff and try to set a great example for our kids. After all, they're watching us, whether we know it or not.

And back to school means back to the gridiron. Those awesome Huskies are starting their new season this weekend. So is that other team, the Cougars. (I can't help it, I went to Washington, so cut me a break.)

The Cougars host Montana State Saturday night, and the Huskies travel to New Jersey to take on Rutgers on Friday night.

It promises to be a great college football season this year in the northwest. Both of those teams are ranked in the top 25 in the nation to start the season - Washington at number eight, and Washington State at 24.

These two teams also field two of the top quarterbacks in the country in Luke Falk (WSU) and Jake Browning (UW). The Apple Cup will certainly be

another thriller.

The Seattle Seahawks finish their preseason schedule this week with a game against the Oakland Raiders Thursday night in Oakland. The Seahawks go on the road to start the regular season, traveling to Green Bay to take on the Packers. The Packers are always one of their toughest opponents.

Here in the Touchet Valley, the Dayton-Waitsburg football team, otherwise known as Valley Football, hits the field for the first time Friday night in Waitsburg, taking on Mac Hi.

DW had a great run last year, winning the Eastern Washington Athletic Conference championship and making it deep into the state playoffs.

All of the starters from that team are gone, but coach Troy Larsen and his staff are working with a very competitive bunch of kids, and they're looking forward to another winning season.

I talked to Larsen earlier this week, and you can read a lot more about our conversation in our sports section a few pages over.

Both schools feature excellent volleyball teams this year. And Dayton will field a soccer team, while Waitsburg will field a (small) cross country team.

We will provide lots of coverage of all of our local teams in action this fall of course, but we encourage our readers to go out and catch a lot of the action in person.

Hopefully the Dayton-Waitsburg combine will have an official mascot by this time next year, but until then: Go Bulldogs! Go Cardinals! And Go DW Combine Football Team!

MOMENTS IN TIME

The History Channel

* On Sept. 5, 1666, firefighters in London begin blowing up homes in a desperate attempt to halt the spread of a great fire through the city. By the time the fire was finally extinguished the following day, more than 100,000 people had been left homeless.

* On Sept. 9, 1893, President Grover Cleveland's wife, Frances, gives birth in the White House to the couple's daughter Esther. She remains the only child of a president to be born in the White House.

* On Sept. 6, 1915, a prototype tank nicknamed Little Willie rolls off the assembly line in England. Little Willie was far from a success. It weighed 14 tons, overheated, got stuck in trenches and crawled over rough terrain at only 2 mph.

* On Sept. 10, 1940, in light of the destruction and terror inflicted on Londoners by German bombing raids, called "the Blitz," the British War Cabinet instructs British bombers over Germany to drop their bombs "anywhere" if unable to reach their targets. One of them even landed in the garden of Joseph Goebbels, the Nazi Party's minister of propaganda.

* On Sept. 7, 1950, Julie Kavner, perhaps best known as the voice of Marge Simpson on "The Simpsons," is born in Los Angeles. Before taking on the role of the famously blue-haired housewife, Kavner played Brenda Morgenstern on "Rhoda."

* On Sept. 4, 1972, U.S. swimmer Mark Spitz wins his record seventh gold medal at the 1972 Summer Olympics in Munich. The record would stand until Michael Phelps took home eight gold medals at the Beijing Games in 2012.

* On Sept. 8, 1986, "The Oprah Winfrey Show" is broadcast nationally for the first time. Her daytime television talk show turned Winfrey into one of the most powerful, wealthiest people in show business.

Americanisms



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TOUCHET VALLEY NEWS



Broetje Orchards: Farming with Faith

BROETJES STRIVE TO PROVE THAT FARMING DOESN'T HAVE TO COME AT THE EXPENSE OF LAND OR PEOPLE

A column by Dena Martin

Like most anyone who has lived in the Touchet Valley for any length of time, I was vaguely familiar with Broetje Orchards and the work they do to help others. But when I learned that an upcoming Learning on the Land event called 'The Big Apple' included a tour of the orchards and the story of its founders I was quick to sign up.

The opening talk took place at the Vista Hermosa chapel, under a mural of a smiling Jesus, opening his arms to the orchard and community below. Vista Hermosa, located about about 30 miles west of Waitsburg, near Fishhook Park, is the community the Broetje's have spent years developing to provide resources and benefits to their workers.

Tyler Bairstow, head of corporate responsibility and human services (and married to one of the Broetje daughters), welcomed us with a brief overview of the Broetje story. In 1960, at age 15, Ralph Broetje attended a hunger retreat and left with the dream of owning an apple orchard that would help feed hungry children.

He married Cheryl Broetje in 1967 and the couple soon bought their first cherry orchard in Benton City, Wash. Bairstow said the first three years were disastrous with the first three years showing no yield. The couple was ready to throw in the towel but they had several strong supporters that encouraged them and the banks extended credit so they carried on. Year four was a success.

They became quite successful, expanded into apples, and purchased land along the Snake River in Prescott, Wash. where Ralph took a great risk by planting a huge block of Granny Smith apples.

The business hit another roadblock in the early 80's when the farm crisis hit and banks recalled outstanding loans and denied new ones. The Broetjes sold land, equipment, and even their home on Actinium Ridge in Yakima.

They ended up moving to the one property the bank couldn't find a buyer for, Prescott. The bank allowed Ralph to serve and manager with a buy-back option over five years.

Bairstow said a massive storm in the early eighties ended up being an almost miraculous event that put the Broetjes back on their feet. The storm traversed Washington State and wiped out the majority of the Red Delicious apple crop. Broetje Orchards was one of the few plantings that didn't get hit, and the event helped them get back on their feet.

For 25 years, Broetje Orchards has been one of the largest privately apple orchards in the Eunites States. Today they own 5,000 contiguous acres near Prescott., 625 acres in Benton City, an danother 550 acres in Wallula, Wash. that are devoted to organic fruit production.

Through their trials, the Broetjes were reminded of Ralph's vision of using their orchard to help others. However, they realized that Ralph's childhood dream of helping Indians far away would instead need to be manifested in helping the migrant workers in their very own orchards.

Bairstow said the first thing the Broetjes did was to change the nature of



Courtesy Photo

the work. Because farm work is seasonal, when the work goes away, the workers are let go, creating a boom-or-bust migrant cycle. He said it isn't unusual to hear stories of children who had attended 15 schools in their 12 years of schooling.

To help provide a sense of continuity the Broetjes maintained the same acreage with the same amount of work but hired fewer workers to stretch the work out as long as possible. They also looked for additional ways to keep people busy and built an on-site packing plant which allowed them to employ more people.

That was in 1987 when they wrote the mission statement they still follow today, "To be a quality fruit company

committed to bearing fruit that will last."

Many of the line workers were women, who tended to share more about what was going on inside the home, Bairstow said. They heard stories of kids being left home alone, multiple families being packed into small houses, leaky roofs and pipes, and more. Cheryl was deeply impacted and disturbed that such conditions could exist in our great nation, Bairstow said.

In 1988 the orchard established New Horizon Early Childhood Education Center at the orchard so that employees could leave their younger children on site during the day and older

Photos by Dena Martin

Clockwise from top left: A sweeping view of Broetje Orchards. This mural is painted on an upper wall in the community chapel.

The packing line can ideally pack 800 to 900 bins each shift. One bin holds 25 boxes.

Apples are bumped gently onto brushes that set them onto the conveyor belt for hand sorting

Apples, apples, everywhere. The warehouse and packing facilities add to Broetje's 11 million square feet of controlled atmosphere and cold storage space for a total of 12 million square feet of storage and packing.

Fruit that was on the tree in the morning is in a controlled atmosphere the same day. Fun facts: Prior to storage, apples are coated with the same wax that is used on M&Ms, for customer appeal. Costco is the orchard's largest buyer. Broetje Orchards bought exclusive rights to grow the Opal apple in North America. The apples is non-GMO and resists oxidation.

Bob Calvert of Wilbur-Ellis demonstrates how apples are tested in the field. Here he performs a pressure test.

Ralph and Cheryl Broetje pose in the playground of the on-site New Horizon Early Childhood Education Center that they established in 1988.

AJ. Broetje sprays apples with iodine test for starch.

A spectrum camera machines sorts apples by color, taking 16 images per apple, with a 90% accuracy rate. Apples are sorted three times; by eye, by the camera, and by size and grade.

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New Faces at the Dayton Library

SEBASTIANA RADEBAUGH, CHARLIE ORIBIO, AND SHAKIRA BYE JOIN LIBRARY STAFF

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—Dayton natives, Carlos “Charlie” Oribio, and Sebastiana Radebaugh, are now working alongside Shakira Bye and Vicki Zoller, Head Librarian Dusty Waltner, and pages Don Fulbright and Andrew Price, at the Dayton Memorial Library.

Dusty Waltner said Oribio learns quickly, has a lot of enthusiasm and has good customer skills.

“His last employer said he is the ideal employee,” she said.

Oribio said he was happy to be working at the same library he spent many happy hours in as a youth.

While in high school, Oribio taught a workshop in the art of origami at the library, and he is especially fired up about developing and teaching workshops now that he is employed at the library.

(The special word he has for workshop enthusiasm is “OhhYeeeeAAh”.)

Sebastiana Radebaugh is very meticulous, detail oriented and kind. She knows the community and has enthusiasm for the library, Waltner said.

She said that with Radebaugh at the library there has been an instant connection between her and library patrons, which is important, especially in light of recent staff turnover.

Until recently, Radebaugh was working at the Moose Creek Restaurant and Bakery. She said while she can no longer serve espresso to patrons, she can offer “espresso of the mind.”

Shakira Bye has been working at the library since March, following on the heels of employment as the Dayton School District After School Program coordinator.

Bye is no stranger to the library. She said she pitched in at the library as a volunteer for Story Time, when she was eight months pregnant.

Bye’s children are now 2, and 3, and it is her intention to be a part of creating an enriched environment for them and for others.

Looking down the road, Bye said, “My kids will be in school and I love the thought of them coming here.

Bye is in charge of adult programming and has several projects coming to fruition including a Washington State Humanities lecture titled Roots and Routes of Human Migration, and a possible visit from a poet laureate.



Photos by Vicki Zollar

Top: Charlie Oribio Center: Sebastiana Radebaugh Bottom: Shakira Bye

STEVE MARTIN PROMOTED TO GOVERNOR’S SALMON RECOVERY OFFICE

John Foltz assumes Martin’s role as executive director of the Snake River Salmon Recovery Board in Dayton

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—Steve Martin has a new job title. He is now the Executive Coordinator for the Governor’s Salmon Recovery Office.

Martin said he started his new job on Aug. 1, and he is currently traveling back and forth from his office in Olympia to, his home in Dayton.

“I have no plans to move. I am deeply rooted in our community,” said Martin, whose wife Jody and twin daughters are at home in Dayton.

Martin said he will be “mostly on the road”, as he has been tasked with building relationships with key partners across the state and region.

Martin said that when Governor Gary Locke saw the need for a different way to address the documented listing for salmon, in light of the controversy and trouble for timber communities on the coast when the Spotted Owl was designated an endangered species, he and the state legislature created seven regional recovery boards.

The regional recovery boards are comprised of local stakeholders, the state, the federal government, and the tribes, and they were given the authority to identify local goals and priorities, and implement recovery plans, Martin said.

“Funding is being guided by the organization, as are state, and federal dollars, for the purpose of recovering salmon, he said.

“Not everybody has a passion for salmon,” Martin admitted.



Steve Martin

But there are tremendous ancillary benefits including: increased summertime flow, which is good for fish and water users, improved water quality and reliability, greater opportunities for recreation, flood risk reduction, and the creation of local jobs.

Martin also said, “The science guys are at the table”

The data shows that, in southeastern Washington, recovery is going from flat, to slight improvement, he said.

“I’m excited for the opportunity to build this very effective program. Everybody has been a great partner,” said Martin.

We are doing what the plans say. If we want healthy water in streams for the future, we must act now,” Martin added.

Since 2002 Martin had been the Executive Director of the Snake River Salmon Recovery Board, out of the Dayton office. That position is now held by John Foltz, he said.

SEPT. AT THE DAYTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

The much anticipated return of Family Story Time and Dinner begins on Tues., Sept. 5. This event will be ongoing on the first Tuesday of each month, at 6 p.m., through December.

Book Chat, the “Not a Book Club Book Club,” returns on Sat., Sept. 16, at 6:00 p.m. We are looking forward to hearing what everybody has been reading, all summer. Plus, there is ALWAYS PIE!!

The Friends of the Library meeting is at 4 p.m. on Wed., Sept. 20.

Robot Club will meet on Sept. 22 from 3:15 – 4:30 p.m.

Micah and Me Children’s Music Show, a dance party for toddlers and families starring at-home dads is on Sat., Sept. 23, from 11 a.m. to noon.

‘Fully Funded Basic Education’ Brings Many Questions

SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND OSPI ARE TRYING TO DECIPHER REQUIREMENTS

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON--The Washington state legislature recently approved a four-year, 7.3 billion education package to satisfy a Supreme Court ruling requiring the state to fully fund basic education. The burden of basic teacher salaries will now be shifted to the state from local districts and salaries will be paid depending on regional housing costs.

The amount set aside from the package for 2018-19 biennium is \$1.8 billion.

Details about how funds will be disbursed and what the rules are, are being discussed by officials at the Office of State Public Instruction, and are causing headaches for local school district officials, including the Dayton School District Administration.

Superintendent Doug Johnson said the state is instituting a \$1.82 cent per \$1,000 of assessed value increase in the state property tax in 2018.

The tax rate for the M&O, in 2016, was \$1.74/1,000. In 2018 the tax rate for the M&O levy is projected to be \$1.82. However, local taxpayers, will see an increase in the state property tax of about \$0.88, making the total tax rate \$2.70, Johnson said.

“The total rate is expected to drop back to \$2.22 in 2019 and then increase slightly to \$2.35 in 2021,” Johnson said.

Theoretically, local school districts are still able to raise local taxes as long as the state gives those districts enough money to pay for their basic education

costs.

But before putting a levy on the ballot, districts will need to present a plan to the OSPI detailing how the money would be used.

Johnson said the formula for these “enhancement levies” has the rate dropping to about \$1.50/1,000.

There is additional state oversight, Johnson said.

“There is much more reporting to the legislature and OSPI regarding how each tax dollar is spent. There appears to be some very complicated rules and formulas around what money can be spent, and how much is for employee compensation and benefits. There are also funding sources which can only be spent in specific areas determined by the legislature,” said Johnson.

Identifying how much money Dayton School District will receive when the state tax goes into effect will be determined by student enrollment numbers, Johnson said.

“The state will provide \$12,500 per student to the district for basic education. There is still much to be learned about what exactly the state considers to be “basic education.” This is where much of the confusion is, at this time,” Johnson said.

Johnson said districts have received money per student at a much lower rate, but they also received funds for staffing.

“Now the state will provide just one lump sum,” he said.

The Dayton School District will receive \$944 more for each student in 2018, with a projected increase of \$2090 in 2019-20. An additional increase of \$2025 is projected for the 2020-21 biennium, according to figures released by the Washington State School Directors Association, said Johnson.

“What is interesting, is that there are only projections for potential increases, but no work has been

done to indicate what the potential is for higher expenditures, especially related to employee costs,” Johnson said.

The good news is the state has increased the special education allocation rate, which could provide more funds, depending on the number of students in the district who qualify for special education, Johnson said.

There will be additional funds to hire paraprofessionals in the Learning and Assistance Program as well, he said. And staff will likely receive salary boosts.

“But the state is eliminating the state salary schedule for teachers and each district will need to negotiate a salary schedule with its local association, around state designed parameters for minimum and maximum salary amounts,” Johnson said.

Johnson said the state is supporting three professional development days for teachers, which will be phased in, one day each year, until 2021.

And for better or worse, all education employees will be moved to a state health insurance benefit program in 2019-20, he said.

The OSPI and everyone else, including officials at the Dayton School District, are trying to get a handle on what all of this means, Johnson said.

At the Aug. 16 school board meeting Johnson commended Paula Moisis, the district business manager, for her significant years of experience and hard work for the district.

He said much of the work will be shouldered by school district business managers who will need to adjust to differences in the way accounting and reporting will be made.

“There is still a lot of interpretation and rule-making around some areas. It’s a work in progress, it seems,” Johnson said.



Times File Photo

Above: Auctioneer Gary Thomas (center) auctions off pies after last year's baking contest during the Pioneer Fall Festival. Thomas is joined by former Friends of the Pool president Jaimee Knudson (l) and pie judge Jack McCaw, holding the goods.

Friends of the Pool Needs Pie Bakers!

ANNUAL PIE BAKING CONTEST BRINGS IN FUNDS TO SUPPORT THE CITY POOL

By Dena Martin | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG – On Sept. 17, pies will once again be judged and auctioned in the third annual Laurette McCaw Pie-oneer Fall Festival Pie Baking Contest during Waitsburg's annual celebration. Bake a pie and help support the pool!

This will be the third year for Friends of the Pool to host the successful bake-off contest which raises funds to help support the operations of the city pool. In 2016, funds were used to purchase sun shades and seating. The money earned from last year's bake-off was used to reimburse lifeguards for training, to help purchase a new solar cover, and to sponsor a free Saturday family swim day, according to FOP president Trevor Johnson.

It is the participation of the community that makes the fundraiser a success. The contest is open to bakers of all ages, with prizes in three categories: under 12, ages 12-18, and 19 and above. Contestants will bake two identical pies; one for judging and one for sale. Health department guidelines require that pies be fruit-only, and contain no dairy or eggs in the filling. Both the filling and the crust must be homemade. Pies must be delivered to the judges table by 10:30 a.m. on Sunday.

Pies will be judged on appearance, taste, and creativity. Ribbons will be awarded in each category, and one pie will receive the coveted "Best of Pie" award.

"Waitsburg Pie Expert" Jack McCaw will return as judge, along with Waitsburg Christian Church pastor Matt Wyatt and Waitsburg Presbyterian Church pastor Brett Moser.

Fall festival attendees will be able to purchase bites or slices of pie and whole pies will be sold in a live auction in the afternoon. Judging will be completed prior to the auction and ribbons will be placed next to winning pies before the bidding is closed.

More bakers are needed to make this year's contest a successful event, and everyone is welcome. Registration forms and pie tins may be picked up at Waitsburg City Hall. The deadline for registration is Sat., Sept. 16.

Apple Detective Asks For Help

DAVID BENSCOTER IS SEEKING INFORMATION ON COLUMBIAN, TAGGARD, AND DICKINSON ORCHARDS

By Dena Martin | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG – "Apple Detective" David Bencotter will visit Waitsburg on Sat. Sept. 30 and is looking for some help in learning the location of the Columbian Orchards and Nursery (Babcock Orchard) and the Taggard and Dickinson orchards prior to his visit. The Columbian Orchards grew a variety of apple that Bencotter has been searching for.

Hockersmith and Bencotter have pieced together some information on the Columbian Orchard. The owner, Col. E.F. Babcock was born in New York on Jan. 8, 1831 and died in Orting, Wash. on June 17, 1996. He was an orchardist and nurseryman in Tennessee and Arkansas before the Civil War. He served the entire Civil War and ended up in Missouri after the war.

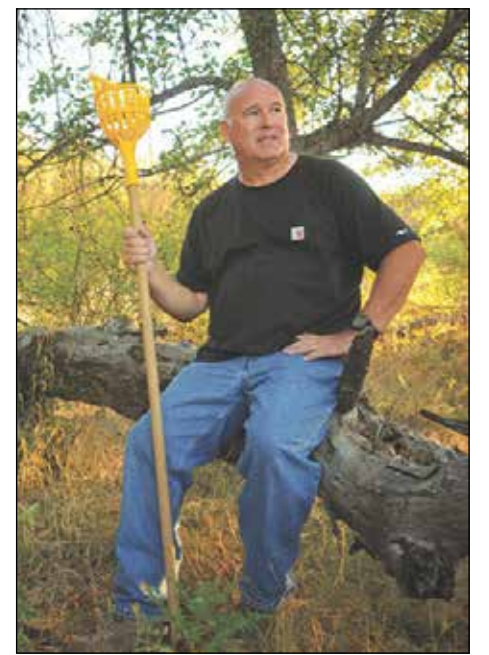
Babcock is said to have discovered Washington-grown fruit at the World's Fair Pomologist exhibition in 1893. He moved to Walla Walla County while in his 60s and established Columbian Orchards and Nursery near Waitsburg.

The orchard was 15 acres and had 1,000 trees. Babcock grew all kinds of

fruit trees but specialized in apples. He won second and third premiums on his apples at the Paris Pomological Exposition and won two gold medals for his fruit produced in 1900.

Bencotter is also seeking information on the Taggard and Dickinson Orchards here in Waitsburg, that first produced apples in 1907 and had about 20 acres of fruit trees.

Plans are still being finalized for Bencotter's visit but a rough itinerary has been set. A fundraiser will take place at Ten Ton Press on Main Street at 5:30 p.m. followed by a lecture at the Lion's Club Building at 6:30 p.m. The lecture location was moved from the elementary school library due to the large number of people who have expressed in attending. Tours of the area will also take place over the weekend.



Photos courtesy of Whitman County Historical Society



Top: David Bencotter sits among the apple trees on Steptoe Butte. He will make a visit to Waitsburg at the end of September.

Above: Bencotter has found several lost apple varieties at the base of Steptoe Butte in Whitman County. The grey trees at the base of the butte are apple trees.

GRANDSTANDS - FROM PAGE 1

"One one hand we'll pay maybe \$50,000 for the grandstands to be demolished and the wood carted off the site, along with any opportunity for future use, or we can put that towards the grandstand renovations," she said.

Former council member Jim Davison spoke next, saying that a fireman, who had cleaned the stands before events had commented on how much they moved when people walked around on them.

"So far, the figures I've seen show it will take \$180,000 to \$200,000 to restore and \$50,000 to demo. If you demo them are you going to put in portable grandstands for any events that come up, even though, so far, any suggestions for events out here all get shot down for one reason or another?" he asked. Davison suggested using portable grandstands and covering them with a pole building.

Former fairgrounds campgrounds manager Terry Hofer expressed frustration that the council has discussed tearing down the old horse barns, the racing rail, and the grandstands.

"When we end up there will be nothing but a parking lot or wheat field out here. What are the plans for the future of the area? This is a tremendous location with tremendous potential," he said.

"Is the pulp mill going to bring in extra demand here? There's a lot of potential if someone wants to do it," he added.

Fairgrounds committee member and former council member Denise Winnet suggested that if the city is not in the position to make a future plan for the fairgrounds that the former park



Photo by Dena Martin

The Waitsburg fairground grandstands were boarded closed to protect the city from possible liability last February when a structural engineering report deemed them unsafe. The discussion on whether to demo or reconstruct the building has been ongoing since that time.

and recreation department could be revitalized and allowed to run a levy or that the fairgrounds could possibly be managed by the historical society.

"There are venues that are wanting to happen here but they can't happen without the grandstands, like music festivals," she said. "I think we need to get creative and it may be time to turn them over to someone else to manage. At the last budget meeting I attended not a cent was put aside for the fairgrounds," she added.

"The least expense is to freeze it in place and to secure it so that no one goes on it. I believe, and have done significant research to know, that this town is really at a tipping point. There are a lot of young families, a lot of real estate growth and excitement for this

area," said former council member Karen Gregutt.

"Once we tear it down, it's gone. Let the dang thing freeze for a second so we can get our feet under us and decide what to do. It's time to get creative and turn it into something that can bring people to town," she added.

Council member KC Kuykendall said the question is whether or not the grandstands has reached the end of their useful life and if something can be done to extend that. He suggested continued intake of information regarding demolition, reconstruction, and looking at alternatives.

At the June council meeting, City Manager Randy Hinchliffe submitted reports from two engineers and a risk control representative, all stating that

the building is unsafe and that demolition may be the best option. Cost estimates from engineer John Raby listed options ranging from \$30,000 to \$500,000-\$750,000, with the last option being the only one that met code and public safety requirements.

Upon request of the council, Hinchliffe investigated demolition costs and submitted estimates to the council via memo prior to the August meeting. Harry Johnson Plumbing & Excavation, the contractor for the new Main Street Bridge, quoted \$13,962, less permit fees, to demolish and remove the structure. Salem Salvage and North Pacific Builders out of Albany, Ore. quoted \$16,750 to remove the structure and reclaim all salvageable wood.

"From my position with the city, I agree with the insurance company that it is a safety hazard and should come down with my preference being given to the salvage contractor to ensure the wood goes to something useful and not the landfill," Hinchliffe said in his memo to the council.

"I have lived here all my life, attending many horse races and sat in the grandstands as well as the portable bleachers for many of them. I understand the nostalgia associated with it and its part in the races, but sometimes, just because something is old, doesn't make it historic. I personally don't think horse racing is ever coming back, and if for some reason an event was to be held at the fairgrounds, we can accomplish the same thing with the portable bleachers we currently have," he added.

Audience members in attendance were encouraged to return to the Sept. 20 council meeting to share their opinions before a full council.

SPORTS

Lady Cardinals Looking Good

Coach Potts says this year's players are scrappy, aggressive and close-knit.

By Dena Martin | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG – Cardinal volleyball coach Angie Potts is looking forward to facing the upcoming season with a scrappy, aggressive and close-knit team. Waitsburg is fielding both varsity and JV teams this year, with two coaches and two volunteer assistants.

Potts has coached volleyball for 25 years and this will be her fifth year in Waitsburg. She is assisted by JV coach, Tammy Brown, who has been with her the last three years and was JV coach under Tracy Barron in years past. Jaidyn Brown is in her second year as a volunteer and Danielle Carpenter is volunteer coaching for the first time.

"The girls are getting a lot of good feedback and instruction from them," Potts said.

Key returning players Ariel Sandau (senior), Tayler Jones (senior), Devon Harshman (junior), and Kelsey Alleman (junior) will bring strength and continuity to the team.

"Ariel has been our starting setter the past three years and has shown a tremendous amount of growth, not just in her ability, but in her confidence and her ability to run the offense. She provides her team with the passion and excitement to play the game and be successful.

"Tayler is an outside hitter and really started coming on at the end of last year with her hitting. She's always been a consistent passer and solid on defense. She's picked up where she left off and will be counted on to be a leader both on offense and in the back row on defense.

"Devon spent last winter playing club volleyball while also playing basketball and the extra time on the court has paid off. She's got better control of her passing and setting and is in mid-season form already. We're looking to her put up a big block as well as provide the kills on offense.

"Kelsey was our libero and serving specialist last season and will undoubtedly fill that role again this year. She's consistent in the back row and has been working to be more aggressive in getting to balls. She's got a great float serve that doesn't look tough until you see the movement on it. She's getting better at placing her serve which will create problems for other teams," Potts said.

New players to the varsity team include Karlie Mathews (senior), Kailyn Lewis (sophomore), and Amy Farley (sophomore). Freshman Annaka Moreland and Leena Baker (junior) will swing between varsity and JV.

"Karlie is a senior who has been on JV for the past three years. She has worked hard, has a great attitude, and will be able to make some contributions in the middle. Kirsten, Kailyn, and Amy were brought up to



Photo by Dena Martin

Above: (Back row) Tayler Jones, Ariel Sandau, Karlie Mathews (all seniors)
(Front l to r) Sawyer Tardiff, Marley Ahler, Kelsey Alleman, Kirsten Miller, Teagan Larsen, Leena Baker, Devon Harshman, Kaylee White, Annaka Moreland, Amy Farley, and Makaila Wyatt
Not pictured: Kailyn Lewis, Anna Miller

varsity at the end of the season last year. All three are competing for positions as hitters and are aggressive in the back row. Amy is definitely our most vocal player and does a great job of communicating with her teammates," Potts said.

"Annaka and Leena are new to varsity but will also be swinging from the JV team. As they get just a little more experience and confidence for the varsity matches, they could very well see quite a bit of playing time," she added.

Potts said the Lady Cards were able to get in some practice over the summer playing several matches in June and attending a tournament in Pomeroy. She said the younger players provided the majority of the summer roster and won the majority of matches.

"We started practice on the 21st and the girls have had great attitudes and have been working hard during the long practices. This team seems like it will be one of the closer-knit teams we've had. They take care of each other like family which is great to be around," Potts said.

"I think our strength will be in our defense. This is a scrappy group and they're aggressive. It's fun to watch them fly around the court and make plays that are unexpected. They are learning to read hitters even better and that's helping them be able to move faster to the ball.

"As a weakness, we're still working on reaching and

getting on the top of the ball as hitters. Our older girls (Ariel, Tayler, Devon) are doing a great job of putting the ball down and will be effective. Our younger girls are getting there and will be counted on to provide their fair share of kills," she added.

The Lady Cards will attend a jamboree in Kahlotus on Sept. 2 which will provide the opportunity to get on the court in game situations and try girls in different positions while determining starting rotation and positions, Potts said.

The first league match is on Sept. 4 at DeSales.

"I have pretty high expectations based on what I've seen them do so far," Potts said.

Varsity Roster:

Ariel Sandau SR
Tayler Jones SR
Karlie Mathews SR
Devon Harshman JR
Kelsey Alleman JR
Leena Baker JR
Kirsten Miller SO
Kailyn Lewis SO
Amy Farley SO
Annaka Moreland FR

JV Roster:

Leena Baker JR
Makaila Wyatt JR
Anna Miller SO
Marley Ahler SO
Sawyer Tardiff SO
Teagan Larsen FR
Annaka Moreland FR
Kaylee White FR

2017-18 WAITSBURG VOLLEYBALL

Date	Opponent	Location	JV	Varsity
Sat. Sept 2	Jamboree	Kahlotus Jamboree	TBA	
Tues. Sept 5	Desales	Desales	5:00 pm	6:00 pm
Thurs. Sept 7	MacHi/Elgin	MacHi	TBA	TBA
Sat. Sept 9	Tournament	Waitsburg	5:00 pm	6:00 pm
Thurs. Sept 14	Prescott	Waitsburg	5:00 pm	6:00 pm
Fri. Sept 15	Tournament	Sundome	TBA	
Tues., Sept 19	Touchet	Touchet	5:00 pm	6:00 pm
Tues. Sept 26	Pomeroy	Pomeroy	5:00 pm	6:00 pm
Thurs. Sept 28	Oaksdale	Waitsburg	5:00 pm	6:00 pm
Tues. Oct 3	GarPal	Waitsburg	5:00 pm	6:00 pm
Thurs. Oct 5	SJE	SJE	5:00 pm	6:00 pm
Tues., Oct 10	Colton	Waitsburg	5:00 pm	6:00 pm
Thurs., Oct 12	LWK	LWK	5:00 pm	6:00 pm
Tues. Oct 17	Touchet	Waitsburg	5:00 pm	6:00 pm
Thurs. Oct 19	Alumni	Waitsburg	5:00 pm	6:00 pm
Tues. Oct 24	Prescott	Prescott	5:00 pm	6:00 pm
Mon. Oct 30	LWK	Waitsburg	5:00 pm	6:00 pm

2017-18 DAYTON VOLLEYBALL

Date	Opponent	Location	JV	Varsity
Tues. Sept. 5	Garfield-Palouse	Dayton	5:00 pm	6:00 pm
Thurs. Sept. 7	Weston-Athena	Dayton	5:00 pm	6:00 pm
Tues. Sept. 12	Wilbur-Creston	Dayton	5:00 pm	6:00 pm
Thurs. Sept. 21	DeSales	DeSales	5:00 pm	6:00 pm
Sat. Sept. 23	Border Battle	Pomeroy	8:00 am	
Tues. Sept. 26	WWVA	Dayton	5:00 pm	6:00 pm
Thurs. Sept. 28	Liberty Christian	Liberty Christian	5:00 pm	6:00 pm
Tues. Oct. 3	Tri-City Prep	Dayton	5:00 pm	6:00 pm
Thurs. Oct. 5	Mabton	Mabton	5:00 pm	6:00 pm
Tues. Oct. 10	White Swan	Dayton	5:00 pm	6:00 pm
Sat. Oct. 14	Kittitas	Kittitas	11:00 am	12:00 pm
Mon. Oct. 16	Davenport	Davenport	3:00 pm	4:30 pm
Wed. Oct. 18	WWVA	WWVA	5:00 pm	6:00 pm
Tues. Oct. 24	Liberty Christian	Dayton	5:00 pm	6:00 pm
Thurs. Oct. 26	Oakesdale	Oakesdale	5:00 pm	6:00 pm



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SPORTS

DW Football Full of Fresh Faces

No starters return from last year's league championship team, which graduated 17 seniors

By Ken Graham | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG – In sports lingo, they call it a “rebuilding year.” Dayton-Waitsburg head football coach Troy Larsen says he and his coaching staff still have a lot of decisions to make as far as which of his players will start at what positions.

But he's looking forward to seeing who takes on the strong leadership roles on the team, starting Friday night, when his team takes on Mac Hi in Waitsburg. The game starts at 7 p.m.

“We're going to have a new set of leaders this year,” Larsen said. “It'll be exciting to see who steps up.”

DW lost 17 seniors to graduation from last year's Eastern Washington Athletic Conference league-championship team. All of that team's regular starters, on both sides of the ball, are gone. On top of that, turnout is lower this year, with an expected roster of about 35 players, compared to just under 50 last year.

Larsen said he's been very pleased with the work his players have done in practice so far this month, and he's confident DW will field a competitive team as it begins its second year playing in the EWAC.

DW's new quarterback this season will be Brayden Miller, a senior from Waitsburg.

“He's more of a running quarterback than Jacob (Dunn) was,” Larsen said of DW's starting quarterback the last three years. “So we'll be seeing more read-op-



Times file photo

DW lineman Drake Lamere (74) and running back Chris Philbrook (30) celebrate a touchdown from the bench during a game last year. Lamere and Philbrook will see very little time on the bench this season, as they are both expected to be starters on both offense and defense for DW.

tion type plays. Our offense will definitely be run first.”

The running game will be led by Senior Chris Philbrook, who saw limited playing time last year. Philbrook will also likely start at linebacker on defense.

“We have a real competition going at the receiver position,” Larsen said.

Junior Helm, a Dayton senior, is playing football for the first time. He has played soccer in previous years. Larsen expects Helm to be the team's kicker/punter, as well as competing for a spot on the team's receiving corps and defensive backfield.

Other players looking to earn spots as receivers and defensive backs include Colton Johnson, Joe LaRue, Hayden Wooldridge and Chris Andrews. Jeff Dieu is expected to play slot back and linebacker.

Jared Williams is expected to join Philbrook and Dieu on the linebacker squad.

The offensive line is one area where players with experience will be returning. Seniors Cade Branson and Drake Lamere, along with junior Jack Willis, saw some action last year on the offensive and defensive lines. Willis will start at center. They will be joined on the line by Tavin Seeney.

Many more key positions are still up for grabs, Larsen said.

Larsen will have three assistant coaches returning from last year, including Al Wilson, Johnny Watts and Gabe Kiefel. Joining the staff for the first time this year will be Tracy Pearson, who is Dayton's new shop teacher. Marc Mairuri, who came to Waitsburg as a physical education teacher last year, will also

join Larsen's staff, and will serve as head coach of the DW middle school team.

Looking at the second go-round of the EWAC, Larsen says that most of the teams in the league are in a similar situation as DW.

“Most of the stronger teams lost a lot of seniors last year,” he said. Larsen feels that, even with their lack of playing experience, this year's DW team will be competitive and has a good chance for a strong EWAC finish.

“Tri-Cities Prep probably is our strongest competition this year,” he said. “They're really developing a good program over there, and have some strong players coming back.”

DW plays TCP in Dayton on Sept. 22. Larsen said that DeSales and Kittitas will also field strong teams this year.

“And you can't count out other schools, like Lyle and White Swan,” he said. “A couple of strong players coming into the program can turn a team around.”

We asked Larsen if DW has established a team mascot this year. “We've talked a lot about it, but we won't this year,” he said. Larsen said his players have discussed a number of possible names, including the Barnstormers, the Wheat Kings, the Threshers, and even a double-entendre name: “The Combines.”

Larsen said that with the full Dayton-Waitsburg athletic combine anticipated for next season, it'll be up to the student bodies of both schools to establish a new mascot for all of the teams. “It'll probably be up to the students to vote,” Larsen said.

“Right now, the kids like having both of the mascots (Bulldogs and Cardinals) on their helmets,” Larsen said. “And they're using both of them. Cardinals on offense, with their lightning speed and agility, and Bulldogs on Defense.”

2017-18 DW FOOTBALL

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Fri. Sept. 1	Milton-Freewater	Waitsburg	7:00pm
Tues. Sept. 5	JV-Milton-Frwtr.	Mac-Hi	5:00pm
Fri. Sept. 8	Col. Burbank	Columbia-Burbank	7:00pm
Mon. Sept. 11	JV- Clarkston	Clarkston	5:00pm
Fri. Sept. 15	DeSales	DeSales	7:00pm
Mon. Sept. 18	JV- DeSales	Waitsburg	5:30pm
Fri. Sept. 22	TC Prep	Dayton	7:00pm
Mon. Sept. 25	JV- Mac-Hi	Waitsburg	5:30pm
Fri. Sept. 29	Lyle/Wishram	Waitsburg	7:00pm
Fri. Oct. 6	Mabton	Mabton	7:00pm
Mon. Oct. 9	JV- Riverside	Riverside	5:00pm
Fri. Oct. 13	White Swan	White Swan	7:00pm
Mon. Oct. 16	JV-Asotin	Waitsburg	5:30pm
Fri. Oct. 20	Kitittas	Waitsburg*	7:00pm
Fri. Oct. 27	Liberty Christian	Dayton**	7:00pm
Mon. Oct. 30	JV-Royal City	Waitsburg	4:00 pm
Fri. Nov. 3	Crossover		

*Homecoming
** Senior Night

2017-18 DAYTON SOCCER

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Mon. Sept. 11	WWVA	Dayton	4:00 pm
Sat. Sept. 16	Priest River	Dayton	11:00 am
Tues. Sept. 26	WWVA	WWVA	4:00pm
Tues. Oct. 3	Prescott	Prescott	4:00pm
Sat. Oct. 7	Riv. Christian	Dayton	11:00 am
Wed. Oct. 11	Prescott	Dayton	4:00pm
Sat. Oct. 14	Trout Lake	Trout Lake	11:00 am
Sat. Oct. 21	Riv. Christian	Riv. Christian	11:00 am
Sat. Oct. 28	Trout Lake	Dayton	11:00 am

2017-18 PRESCOTT VOLLEYBALL

Date	Opponent	Location	JV	Varsity
Sat. Sept. 2	Jamboree	Kahlotus		9:00 am
Thurs. Sept. 7	DeSales	Prescott	5:00 pm	6:00 pm
Sat. Sept. 9	Tournament	Waitsburg		9:00 am
Tues. Sept. 12	LWK	LWK	5:00 pm	6:00 pm
Thurs. Sept. 14	Waitsburg	Prescott	5:00 pm	6:00 pm
Sat. Sept. 16	Tournament	Rosalia		TBA
Tues. Sept. 19	TC Prep	Prescott	5:00 pm	6:00 pm
Thurs. Sept. 21	Touchet	Prescott	5:00 pm	6:00 pm
Tues. Sept. 26	Colton	Prescott		6:00 pm
Wed. Sept. 27	Gar-Pal	Gar-Pal	5:00 pm	6:00 pm
Tues. Oct. 3	SJE	Prescott		6:00 pm
Thurs. Oct. 5	Pomeroy	Pomeroy	5:00 pm	6:00 pm
Tues. Oct. 10	LWK	Prescott	5:00 pm	6:00 pm
Thurs. Oct. 12	Oakesdale	Oakesdale	5:00 pm	6:00 pm
Tues. Oct. 17	Touchet	Touchet	5:00 pm	6:00 pm
Tues. Oct. 24	Waitsburg	Prescott	5:00 pm	6:00 pm
Fri. Oct. 27	Alumni	Prescott	5:00 pm	6:00 pm

2017-18 PRESCOTT SOCCER

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Fri. Sept. 15	St. George	St. George	3:00 pm
Mon. Sept. 18	Boardman	Prescott	4:00 pm
Thurs. Sept. 21	Lewiston	Prescott	4:30 pm
Fri. Sept. 22	Riv. Christian	Riv. Christian	4:30 pm
Tues. Sept. 26	Irrigon	Prescott	4:00 pm
Fri. Sept. 29	Lewiston	Lewiston	4:30 pm
Tues. Oct. 3	Dayton	Prescott	4:00 pm
Sat. Oct. 7	Trout Lake	Trout Lake	1:00 pm
Tues. Oct. 10	Irrigon	Irrigon	4:00 pm
Wed. Oct. 11	Dayton	Dayton	4:00 pm
Mon. Oct. 16	Boardman	Boardman	4:00 pm
Wed. Oct. 18	WWVA	WWVA	4:00 pm
Wed. Oct. 25	WWVA	Prescott	3:00 pm
Fri. Oct. 27	St. George's	Prescott	3:00 pm



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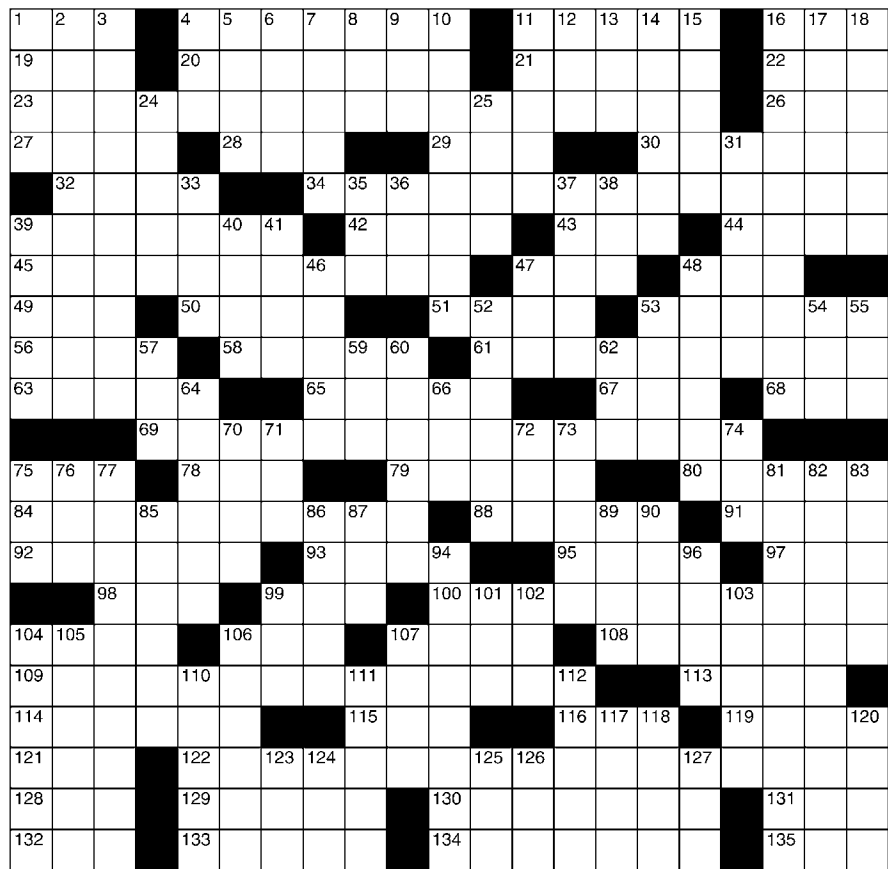
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Super Crossword

UP TO THE CHALLENGE

- ACROSS**
- 1 Plane takeoff guess, briefly
4 Tries to nip figurative language
16 Excessively Hawaiian yellowfin tuna
20 Running wild
21 Braga or Sotomayor
22 Eye, in verse
23 New drugs being studied, say
26 Coll. dorm overseers
27 Pede offerers
28 That, in Peru
29 G.P.'s gp.
30 Strong-arm
32 Altar locale
34 Put on a different station
39 In serenity
42 City in Oklahoma
43 Coop female
44 People
45 Many soufflé makers
47 Shuffle
48 Protrude
49 Carrere of film
50 "Greal joke!"
51 Israel's Abba
- 53 "—, ergo sum"
56 2014 British Open winner
61 Sunbathing furniture
63 See 104-Down
65 Taboo acts
67 Water, in Oise
68 Film director
69 Nauseating
75 "Angie Tribeca" network
78 Refrain bit
79 Expiate
80 Pagan priest
84 Securer of a pocket timepiece
88 Papal crown
91 Relative of -ette
92 Native Americans of Nebraska
93 Young fellas
95 "Othello" villain
97 Suffragist — B. Wells
98 Sun — -sen
99 "Platoon" war zone
- 100 Robed group in a loft
104 Wise — owl
106 24/7 source of 20s
107 Irishman, e.g.
108 Honchos
109 Product of alkalized cocoa powder
113 Little cut
114 Warm up again
115 Bit of a giggle
116 Regulation
119 Old Russian ruler
121 Groom's vow
122 Some Toll House morsels
128 Masc. counterpart
129 Grub, e.g.
130 Game to try something
131 After taxes
132 Taoism's Lao- —
133 Top-tier invitees
134 Parts of the solar system
135 Main character in "Despicable Me"
- DOWN**
- 1 Aural pair
2 Mel Gibson war film of 2000
3 Goes poof
4 Large snake
5 About
6 Tic — (some mints)
7 Moral climate
8 See
9 13-Down
9 Hot tub sigh
10 Discourse
11 Hall-of-Fame cager — Thomas
12 ENT or OB
13 With 8-Down, very shortly
14 Auto garage squirter
15 Brick dresser
16 Like deluges
17 Seer's shrine
18 Fixate (on)
24 German city
25 Cato's 2,400
31 Plenty
33 Per unit
35 Very little
36 Having one flat, musically
37 Beijing site
38 Witch's work
- 39 SAG- (performers' labor gp.)
40 Neighbor of Nigeria
41 Amp effect
46 Barbera's collaborator
47 West with one-liners
48 Cheerful
52 Pellets for air rifles
53 Latte option
54 Sports draw
55 Raw metal
57 "Definitely!"
59 Ad add-on?
60 Available
62 100 yrs.
64 To boot
66 Mo. in fall
70 Tolkien menaces
71 — -jongg
72 Prefix with brow
73 Broadcast anew
74 Test for college srs.
75 A pair of
76 "Whap!"
77 Not inclined to travel
81 Forming a labor group
82 Very thin material for book pages
83 Loved ones
- 85 Opportunity
86 Old Texas siege site
87 The "sum" of Descartes
89 Anlier pair
90 Turkish VIP
94 Increases
96 Folkie Phil
99 — degree
101 Jimmy Buffett's "Ain't — Genius"
102 Final: Abbr.
103 Intuitive inking
104 With 63-Across, floating freely on the ocean
105 Soft leathers
106 Real
107 Word after party of film
110 "No — español"
111 Swindle
112 "Levon" singer John
117 Lot unit
118 Very little bit
120 Post-Q string
123 Bi- plus one
124 Idiot boxes
125 Certain NCO
126 Out — job
127 Dollar divs.



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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
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LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS:

— King Crossword —
 Answers
 Solution time: 25 mins.

C	A	N	A	R	A	P	F	L	A	P
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— Weekly SUDOKU —
 Answer

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TEENY MCMUNN: MY RECIPE BOX

AMISH WHITE BREAD

I'm not sure if this is the recipe the Amish use, but its good and I make it often. This last batch, I added wheat germ and chia seeds.

It is not uncommon for me to have someone stop and tell me they love reading the recipes, but really haven't made them. I laughed when it dawned on me that is what I do with exercise tapes. I watch them, save them on Facebook, and somehow think that is the same as doing them.

For me, I'll start a recipe before I dust so you can see my priorities.



INGREDIENTS:

- 2 c. warm water (110 degrees)
- 2/3 c. white sugar
- 1 1/2 Tbsp active dry yeast

- 1 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/4 c. vegetable oil
- 6 c. bread flour

DIRECTIONS:

In a large bowl, dissolve the sugar in warm water and then stir in yeast. Allow to proof until yeast resembles a creamy foam.

Mix salt and oil into the yeast. Mix in flour one cup at a time. Knead dough on a lightly floured surface until smooth. Place in a well-oiled bowl, then turn dough to coat. Cover with a damp cloth. Allow to rise until doubled in bulk, about an hour.

Punch dough down. Knead for a few minutes, and divide in half. Shape into loaves and place into two well-oiled 9 x 5 inch loaf pans. Allow to rise for 30 minutes or until dough has risen 1 inch above pans.

Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes.

MY NOTES: Notice how many ingredients are in a homemade bread, now look at the ingredients in a store bought loaf of bread. I counted almost 25 compared to five or six with homemade bread.

Most bread recipes will have you dissolve the yeast in less water. The trick is to keep the water warm enough if you have to dissolve the sugar, then add yeast. So I used very warm water (1 cup) to dissolve the sugar, then added another very warm cup of water, add yeast, then used a whisk to work it in quickly. That seemed to work great. I have always used my wrist to judge the warmth.

Personally, since I have made a lot of bread, I don't worry about whether it has raised for one hour or one and half hours.

And lastly, don't cheat on the time. It's better to add five more minutes than to have a doughy center. If it looks like its browning too much on top, then put a piece of foil on them, but they should be nice and brown. When they have cooled a bit, I put butter on top as to keep the crust from getting dry.

ENJOY

NEWS BRIEFS

AMERICAN LEGION CELEBRATES PATRIOTS DAY

WAITSBURG - Waitsburg American Legion Post #35 will celebrate Patriots Day on Sept. 11 with a dinner and annual installation of officers. The dinner will take place at Town Hall at 6 p.m. and all veterans and their families are invited to attend. RSVP to Cindy Standing at (509) 520-9351.

Dinner will be followed by a retirement ceremony and celebration for Raymond Pope who is retiring from the US Navy Reserves.

The Legion will recognize Patriots Day by placing flags on Main Street. Anyone who would like to help should meet at the fire department at 8 a.m. to place flags and 5 p.m. to bring them in.

Legion members will also teach elementary school children about flag folding and handling at the school, before the start of classes. Anyone interested in helping should contact Ron Standing at (509) 520-9350

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S CONNECTION LUNCHEON

WAITSBURG - The September Christian Women's Connection Luncheon will take place on Sept. 13 at Waitsburg Town Hall from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. The cost is \$10 and the meal will be catered by Melissa Weatherford.

Speaker Wendy Cowell from American Falls, Ida will speak on the theme "Changing Garments." Wendy shares how her heart wore garments that were changed from filthy rags into a royal robe of honor and dignity. Monica Mitchell will share about Dayton's after school program and Switchgrass Delta will provide musical entertainment.

Reservations are needed by Fri. Sept. 8. Contact Judy at (509) 399-2005. Child-care is available by reservation.

TRIVIA TEST

By Fifi Rodriguez

1. GAMES: In Monopoly, what color is the property St. James Place?
2. LANGUAGE: What does the expression "carrying coal to Newcastle" mean?
3. TELEVISION: What was the name of the news director on "WKRP in Cincinnati"?
4. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which U.S. president was the target of the first assassination attempt?
5. ANIMAL KINGDOM: In the cat family, what are vibrissae?
6. MEASUREMENTS: How many grams are in a pound?
7. U.S. STATES: What state lies directly to the north of Kansas?
8. MEDICAL: What is happening if you experience borborygmi?
9. FIRS: When were the first license plates required for cars?
10. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What does an onomastician study?

ANSWERS

1. Orange
2. Something superfluous or unnecessary. Newcastle is a coal-mining city.
3. Les Nessman
4. Andrew Jackson, 1835. The gun misfired.
5. Whiskers
6. 454
7. Nebraska
8. You may be hungry. Borborygmi is stomach growling.
9. 1901, New York state
10. Names

STRANGE BUT TRUE

by Samantha Weaver

* It was 17th-century French philosopher Rene Descartes who made the following sage observation: "If you would be a real seeker after truth, it is necessary that at least once in your life you doubt, as far as possible, all things."

* Does the sight of a bald eagle inspire you with patriotism? If so, you can thank John Adams and Thomas Jefferson, who overruled Benjamin Franklin when deciding on the national bird. Had Franklin had his way, we'd be looking to find national pride in the somewhat more humble turkey.

* When you think of large tire manufacturers, the companies that immediately spring to mind are probably Goodyear and Michelin. You might be surprised to learn, then, that the world's largest manufacturer of tires is actually Danish toy company The Lego Group. It's true; they produce more tires than any other manufacturer. (Just don't try to put them on your car.)

THE LAST PAGE

BROETJE - FROM PAGE 5

children weren't pulled from school to watch younger siblings.

In 1990 they tackled the issue of inadequate housing and built over 120 single-family homes and apartment units to rent at low cost to year-round employees. Residents named the community "Vista Hermosa" which means "Beautiful View."

"We tried to do more than build roofs and walls. We tried to build a community to bring people to be nurtured and find their gifts and talents," Bairstow said.

As the business prospered, the Broetjes continued to expand the orchards and added new varieties of apples. In 1995 they built a cold-room and controlled atmosphere storage. Interestingly, during our tour, Tyler Broetje, explained that the apples we eat now are last year's crop, and that apples may be held in storage for up to three years.

In 2001 they purchased acreage in Wallula where they focus on organic growing and they added a second packing-line in 2003. The new line helped meet increased consumer demand but also served the community by eliminating the need for night shifts, allowing family members to be home together.

In 2005 they purchased over 100 acres of ground in East Pasco and created Tierra Vida community, which is modeled after Vista Hermosa, except that employees can buy homes rather than rent.

In 2010 the orchards obtained exclusive rights to grow the Opal apple, which is a naturally non-browning cross between the Golden Delicious and the Topaz apple. They are the first U.S. apple variety to be verified by the non-GMO Project in North America for non-GMO food.

Today, Bairstow said the orchard employs 1,200 year-round employees, with 2,200 working during harvest. He said they produce about 7% of the apples in Washington State, which produces 70% of the nation's apples.

"You could roughly estimate that one out of every 20 apples on the store shelves is one of ours," he said.

Bairstow said the two biggest challenges the orchard continues to face are immigration law and water rights. He noted that the orchard advertises hundreds of jobs each year that go unfilled, and they have a hard time believing immigrants are taking jobs from natural-born citizens.

While still being a big business, competing in a global economy, they strive to be more than just a paycheck for their employees, Bairstow said. They offer scholarships, grant programs, housing, daycare, and elementary school, a community center, and teach leadership and skills.

Bairstow said they focus on three pillars of philosophy. First, is teaching servant leadership.

"There are not enough leaders to mentor every single person in this company. For a better society we need everyone to be helping everyone. The basic test for us is, by our actions and our decisions are we making people healthier, freer, wiser and more likely to serve others," Bairstow said.

The second pillar revolves around avoiding "toxic charity," the type of giving that makes recipients dependent rather than independent.

Thirdly, they relate to children in their daycare, elementary school, and even their employees with an understanding of Trauma Informed Care. Adverse childhood experiences (ACES) can cause toxic stress and put people in a permanent state of fight-or-flight, which must be handled appropriately.

Bairstow said Vista Hermosa has had a successful partnership with the Prescott School District which was upset by recent changes in charter school law. He said that gave them the opportunity to talk with parents about needs. This year they will open their own small, private project-based Christian elementary school that focuses on the whole child.

Ralph and Cheryl Broetje have also been the catalysts in the creation of the Center for Sharing and Jubilee Leadership Academy, but those are two separate stories, entirely. The story of the Broetje family, and the way they have lived out their dream to impact their community for good is incredibly inspirational.

This tour was provided by the Blue Mountain Land Trust as part of their Learning on the Land education series, which covers a wide variety of topics and events. Some of upcoming events in September include 'Ancient Palouse' which explores the first human settlement in the region, a trip on the Eagle Cap Excursion Train, an introduction to painting watercolors with Joyce Anderson. Visit <http://bmlt.org/new-events/> to register for upcoming events. I highly recommend checking them out!



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Saturday September 9 – Jackpot Rodeo



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RAINBOW LAKE REHAB



Photos courtesy of Kari Dingman

Campground 3 and Deer Lake Access road will be closed longer than anticipated as work has just begun on Rainbow Lake. Culbert Construction of Pasco has been awarded the project to deepen the lake so it can be reconfigured. The goal is to open up more flood plain for the Tucannon River, improve water quality to the Tucannon Hatchery, and to improve fishing in the lake. The project is part of the 2014 W. T. Wooten Floodplain Management Plan.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

FOR ALL HUNTERS

Written permission is required to hunt at
Puget Sound Energy's

Hopkins Ridge Wind Facility

The wind facility is located within
Game Management Unit (GMU)
163 Marengo in Columbia County, WA

For safety reasons, hunting
within the Hopkins Ridge
Wind Facility is by written
permission only.

Maps and special access rules are
available at:

PSE.COM/HOPKINSRIDGE

For easy online registration
go to **PSE.COM/HOPKINSRIDGE**

Pick up permit at these locations:

- The Last Resort, 2005 Tucannon Road, Pomeroy
To verify store hours, call 509-843-1556
or visit www.thelastresorttv.com
- Four Star Supply, 2255 Villard St., Pomeroy
To verify store hours, call 509-843-3693
or email pomeroyfourstarsupply@hotmail.com
- The General Store, 426 W. Main St., Dayton
To verify store hours, call 509-382-1042

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