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Photo by Whitman County Sheriff Department

The town of Malden taken from a Whitman County Sheriff Department drone on Tuesday, September 8, 2020. The day before much of the town was destroyed by a wildfire that spread due to high winds. The Babb Road Fire started in Spokane County before spreading across the county line and raging through Malden and the neighboring town of Pine City. The fire quickly consumed thousands of acres of Palouse wheat fields, forcing Malden's roughly 200 residents to evacuate, according to officials.

Man arrested in Waitsburg for trafficking, assault

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—A Pendleton man is facing felony charges after being arrested last week in Waitsburg for sex crimes. Robert Miguel Aguilera, 37, was booked into Walla Walla County Jail on felony charges of sex trafficking, rape, and assault.

Court documents show Aguilera allegedly purchased a female under the age of 18, missing from Richland, Wash.

The documents state that Aguilera forcibly raped the victim at various locations in Walla Walla, Dayton, College Place, and Milton Freewater, threatened her with a rifle, and provided her with heroin, fentanyl, and methamphetamine. Records state that people known to Aguilera would inject the victim intravenously with the drugs, which she had not used before being allegedly trafficked. The victim's face, arms, and legs were covered in sores.

Initially, the victim provided a fake name but revealed her true identity when police officers were able to convince her to speak with a detective about her experience with Aguilera. The victim told police she felt compelled to go with Aguilera when she was 'sold' because two months before the deal, Aguilera had held a rifle to her head and threatened to shoot her. She stated that Aguilera had raped her before the deal took place.

The victim described an incident where she was 'gang-raped by four to five members of the 18th Street gang.' She stated that she complied with Aguilera's demands to avoid physical punishment.

Walla Walla Police Department arrested Aguilera at 329 Main Street in Waitsburg on Wednesday, September 2. He is charged with second-degree rape, first-degree sex trafficking, and first-degree assault. Aguilera's bail was set at \$50,000. The arraignment has been scheduled for September 14.

BACK TO SCHOOL BUS PARADE



Beka Compton

Prescott School District kicked off the start of school with a bus parade.

William Fletcher found guilty of assault in the first degree

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—Columbia County Prosecuting Attorney Dale Slack said it took jurors just 45 minutes to return a verdict of Guilty of Assault in the First Degree in the trial for the State vs. William Fletcher. Fletcher had been charged with First Degree Assault for allegedly beating Laura Romig, in her Dayton home, in Jan. 2019. Romig is wheelchair-bound, and the assault left her with substantial injuries requiring treatment in a Spokane hospital.

Slack said jurors agreed to a special verdict of Deliberate Cruelty of a Particularly Vulnerable Victim.

The judge can sentence outside of the standard range and up to the maximum sentence of Life in Prison, Slack said.

"We are still working on getting certified copies of his criminal history from California. California is notoriously difficult to get these records from, so I can't yet comment on the standard range, because I'm not sure what prior convictions I can prove."

Because this is a Class A felony and a Three Strikes offense, there will be a Dept. of Corrections presentencing investigation and report.

Sentencing will be set in Columbia County Superior Court on Sept. 16.

GLASBY EXTRADITED TO UMATILLA COUNTY

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—Skylar I. Glasby, 32, was extradited from Walla Walla County Jail back to Umatilla County Jail, where he awaits a retrial from an incident in 2016.

Glasby was convicted on charges of kidnapping, robbery and assault of a Milton-Freewater man in 2016. He successfully appealed the conviction on grounds that he was denied permission to either get new counsel or act as his own legal counsel during the trial. He was released pending a new trial scheduled for January 2021. Glasby faces felony charges of first-degree kidnapping, first-degree robbery, and second-degree assault for this incident.

On August 13, while awaiting the retrial, Glasby was arrested in Waitsburg for alleged unlawful imprisonment and domestic violence acts. Glasby faces second-degree assault, unlawful imprisonment, and fourth-degree assault charges. A trial is scheduled for later this year. Glasby was released on \$25,000 bail the following week.

Friday, September 4, Glasby was arrested, this time for driving with a suspended license and possession of drug paraphernalia, violating terms of his most release on the recent Walla Walla County arrest.

The Walla Walla Prosecuting Attorney Jim Nagle anticipates being able to proceed as planned and obtain Glasby's presence when needed.

Umatilla County has set Glasby's current bail at \$300,000.

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TOUCHET VALLEY LIFE

NEWS BRIEFS

FALL AGRITOURISM RESTRICTIONS UPDATED

THE TIMES

Pumpkin spice and almost everything nice will happen this Fall, as Governor Inslee continues to update COVID-19 agritourism guidelines. Activities including hayrides, animal viewing, and bonfires are permitted in counties that have reached Phases 2 and 3 of the Safe Start Washington plan.

Agritourism is defined as a commercial enterprise that links agricultural production and processing with tourism to attract visitors onto a farm, ranch, or other agricultural business for the purposes of entertaining and educating the visitors and generating income for the farm, ranch, or business owner. Businesses like Christmas tree farms, u-pick berry, and fruit farms, pumpkin patches, and corn mazes all fall under the agritourism category.

Agritourism businesses must require attendees to practice social distancing and wear a cloth face mask and are encouraged to have as many activities as possible outdoors, and covered areas must have optimal ventilation.

Businesses are also encouraged to use contactless forms of payment like debit or credit cards in place of cash. Cashiers will be required to disinfect counters and payment touchpads at least once an hour. Sanitation stations must be available for public use.

Corn mazes and haunted houses must have a one-way flow of traffic, and high-touch props should not be used. A transparent plastic barrier must be installed between actors/haunters and attendees. Reservations are encouraged to avoid congregating, and proper signage must be posted. On August 24th, the Walla Walla Corn Maze announced that they would not be opening for the 2020 season.

Activities like petting zoos, indoor haunted mazes, and high-touch activities like bouncing houses will not be permitted because they are not able to be sufficiently sanitized in between customers.

For full agritourism guidelines and restrictions, visit www.governor.wa.gov.

WAITSBURG CITY COUNCIL MEETING CHANGE

THE TIMES

The date for the Waitsburg City Council's September meeting has been moved up one day. The meeting will now be held virtually on Tuesday, September 15 at 7 p.m. The call-in number is (701) 802-5221 and the meeting access number is (509) 858-672.

TAGGART ROAD EXTENSION NEEDS ROAD NAME

THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—The Taggart Road Extension project is underway on the east end of town, and the City of Waitsburg is looking for name suggestions for the resulting road. The new road connects Taggart Road and Highway 12 by extending the straight stretch that already exists on Taggart Road. The new extension will connect with Highway 12 just before the speed limit change.

City Administrator Randy Hinchliffe is asking that suggestions be sent in by September 11, to administrator@cityofwaitsburg.com.

WAITSBURG GUN CLUBS ANNOUNCES NEW HOURS

WAITSBURG—The Waitsburg Gun Club switched over to their winter hours on Labor Day and wants to remind range visitors to 'think hunting hours.' The gun range will be open from 8 a.m. through dark. Tuesday night trap shooting practice will still happen under the lights every Tuesday from 6 p.m.-8 p.m.

For membership, event, and range information, visit www.waitsburggunclub.org or call (509) 386-9991.

DAYTON KIWANIS MEETING

THE TIMES

DAYTON—Kiwans Club of Dayton invites members and guests to this week's presentation, featuring Columbia County Sheriff, Joe Helm.

The public is invited to attend. The weekly meeting starts at noon via Zoom ("doors" open at 11:30 a.m.).

Signing in a few minutes early helps to get the meeting started on time.

Zoom Meeting: Kiwanis Club of Dayton bi-weekly meeting

Time: Noon, Thursday, September 10th, 2020

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5598153650>

Meeting ID: 253 439 9797

No Passcode Required

SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM MODEL EXTENDED

DAYTON—The Dayton School District has been approved for the Summer Food Service Program model through the end of December. All students 18 years of age and younger, are eligible to receive breakfast and lunch at no charge. Students who are enrolled in the distance learning program, as well as any child in the community who meets the age criteria, can pick up meals (breakfast and lunch) from 11-11:20 a.m. in the elementary school bus area, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays and no school days.

Preorders are appreciated. Let the school know if you are interested in picking up meals, so staff can have an idea of how many are needed. That will help them prepare enough meals to serve everyone, but at the same time, avoid wasting food and supplies by making too many. Substitutions can be made for some items on the menus.

For more information, contact Jana Eaton by email at Janae@daytonsd.org or by phone at (509) 382-2543.

TOUCHET RIVER HABITAT RESTORATION - VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING

The Columbia and Walla Walla County Conservation Districts would like your input on draft restoration actions identified for the Touchet River and its tributaries, as characterized in a draft conceptual restoration plan under development. The plan addresses an area from the headwaters of several Touchet River forks down to the town of Prescott as well as associated tributaries.

The public is invited to attend an upcoming virtual meeting Thursday, September 17th from 6 to 8 p.m. The first 30 minutes will be informal Q&A in a virtual open house format with a presentation of the draft restoration actions starting at 6:30 p.m.

Please email Aneesha below to be sent Zoom meeting invitation details if you plan to join by computer, tablet, or smartphone.

For those calling in by phone, dial: 1-253-215-8782 and then enter the meeting ID and passcode:

Meeting ID: 814 7581 3865#

Passcode: 263417#

For more information, please email or call Aneesha Dieu, Project Manager/Planner at Columbia Conservation District ad-ccd@daytonwa.net or on (509) 382.4273 ext. 4

Touchet Valley Weather Sept. 9, 2020

Waitsburg's Seven Day Forecast

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ALS ASSOCIATION FUNDRAISER STAYS CLOSE TO HOME

Organize a walk in your neighborhood

THE TIMES

The ALS Association Evergreen Chapter says there is no better time for partner walking and fundraising than September. On September 19, join the fight against ALS with A Walk in Your Neighborhood.

The Evergreen Chapter covers nearly one million square miles, the largest chapter in the Association, and has been helping families affected by Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis since 1999.

The ALS Association had 11 different walk events planned before the coronavirus pandemic struck, so this year they are hosting the #ALLWALKS1DAY event, asking that teams stay in their neighborhoods, at local parks, or on nearby trails to walk, run, ride or drive. So far, the Association has reached nearly 20% of its \$678,000 goal.

Teams will need to register online for the event to begin fundraising. Social media and email fundraising are accepted, as well as cash and check donations, and the Association has yard signs available for a \$25 donation.

Lanyard and key pickup for the Tri-Cities area will be Friday, September 11, at Badger Mountain Trailhead Park, from 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. This year, the ALS Association has added a Strava Club, where participants can log their routes and mileage and interact with other participants across the chapter.

For further information, team registration, or donations, visit web.alsa.org, or contact the Association at info@alsa-ec.org.

Wind, dust, and devastation

A historic wind event blew through across the state on Labor Day, sparking more than a dozen new wildfires

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

A devastating wind event swept through Washington on September 7, Labor Day. Weather experts said that a strong cold front moved down from Canada, creating wind gusts up to 50 miles per hour in some areas.

In Whitman County, the town of Malden was consumed by one of three wildfires. Whitman County Sheriff Brett Meyers estimated that nearly 80 percent of the town was lost to a fast-moving fire that started near Babb Road in Spokane County, leaving many of the 200 residents without homes. Homes in nearby Pine City were also damaged, according to Whitman County Sheriff.

"The scale of this disaster really can't be expressed in words. The fire will be extinguished, but a community has been changed for a lifetime. I just hope we don't find the fire took more than homes and buildings. I pray everyone got out in time," Myers said in a statement. Crews began searching the scorched area for possible victims early Tuesday morning.

Hundreds of residents in Okanogan, Douglas,

and Chelan counties were ordered to evacuate as the Cold Spring and Pearl Hill Fires, fueled by dry grass and timber, took off with the 40-45 mph gusts. As of Tuesday, the fires had crossed the Columbia River and burned more than 174,000 acres with zero percent containment. The amount of structural damage has not been assessed.

Closer to home, low visibility created dangerous driving conditions, eventually shutting down Highway 124 between Waitsburg and Prescott. Thirty-seven cars were stranded in a sandstorm near milepost 37. One Waitsburg resident recalled a dust event near Central Ferry along the Snake River.

"I was following a Toyota pickup when a wall of dust blew up out of nowhere," said the Waitsburg man, who wished to remain nameless. "The pickup just disappeared. I've never seen anything like it."

Across Walla Walla County, there were hundreds of reports of downed trees. The City of Walla Walla closed Pioneer Park around 2 p.m. over concerns of falling tree limbs and branches. Numerous reports of downed power lines were called in, with a handful of them sparking small grass fires. Thousands of residents were temporarily without power, according to Pacific Power.

Walla Walla area firefighters were dispatched across the western part of the county. Waitsburg High School alum Zach Hubbard headed to Northern California with a contract crew, and Dayton High School graduate David Lewis was dispatched to Yakima to

assist with the Evans Fire in Yakima, WA. Several other local firefighters helped with fires in Benton, Whitman, Yakima and Okanogan counties.

Most of Washington remains in a red-flag warning with 'critical' fire conditions. Fire bans are still in effect in Walla Walla and Columbia Counties. All fires, including charcoal grills, are prohibited. Air quality is still marked as poor and could cause breathing problems for sensitive individuals.



Dust and wind shutdown outdoor cafe seating in Downtown Waitsburg Monday morning.

Lane Gwinn

Columbia County counters City of Dayton's account of stalled ILA negotiations

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—On Tuesday of last week, Columbia County Commissioner Ryan Rundell reached out to *the Times* to present the County's side of the story regarding talks with the City of Dayton for law enforcement, dispatch, emergency management, and district court services, which have stalled.

The City has said the County has not been negotiating in good faith and has asked the County to enter into mediation to renegotiate the Interlocal Agreement or to draw up a new contract.

Rundell said the County informed the City of the intention to renegotiate the contract in late May, or early June of 2019, for the budget year, 2020. The County presented the City with new terms for the renegotiation of the interlocal agreement in April, of this year.

"We did our best to provide all the information we could and was asked for in the following months, but the City would not respond to our negotiator's calls or email requests to engage in negotiations. It was only after we stated that we were considering using the arbitration clause in the contract that the City engaged," he said.

Rundell said the City started engaging with the County a few weeks later and

began requesting more information.

He said the County continues to answer pertinent questions from the City but is finding the questioning to be increasingly redundant.

He said the County hopes to negotiate the ILA soon, so the City can continue to be served.

"We have what we believe to be a reasonable and generous offer on the table, and anxiously await either a counteroffer or an acceptance of that offer," he said.

Meanwhile, the City is being served at 2013 rates for another year, Rundell said.

He said all County departments had spent time and resources on services for the City. For instance, the City has received 61-percent of district court case services, but the County is only requesting the City pay 35-percent of total costs.

Rundell said if it takes mediation to get the City to move forward, the County will happily enter into that.

"The County wants to move forward and will continue to do our best to work with the City in these discussions, but we are growing more skeptical that the City is negotiating in good faith, or negotiating at all," Rundell said.

"The impasse we find ourselves in is most assuredly, not the desire of the County. We know that the City and County form a natural and symbiotic union, and are eager to work together with as much transparency, as we can," he said.

Dayton schools open smoothly

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—Dayton School District Superintendent Guy Strot presented updates on the opening of schools to the board of directors at their workshop last week.

"The beginning of the school year has been relatively normal. Teachers are teaching, students are learning, and there have been no real discipline issues since the start of school on Aug. 25.," he said.

Eighteen students at the elementary level, 17 at the middle school level, and 18 in the high school are currently in distance learning mode.

Elementary school students who are distance learning using Google Classroom have access to the same assignments as in-person students get in the classroom.

Specials teachers, who typically teach electives, are being deployed to help distance learners. Hannelee Farrel is working with elementary school students, paraeducator Carly Benavides and Math teacher Kristen Frankie are helping middle school distance learning students, while Kristine Warren is helping high school distance learners.

The District is working with Verizon Wireless and Inland Cellular to provide internet access for students who aren't connected.

Strot talked about developing centralized storage for teaching material and student assignments in Google Classroom. Teachers

are currently uploading three-minute instruction videos to Google Classroom, and he hopes teachers will continue to use that material even when the pandemic is over.

In addition to centralized online storage, Strot would like to standardize the online format for the district's meetings, using either Google Meet or Zoom.

Strot also discussed the importance of building school culture and recommended reading *The Five Pillars Critical to Building a Culture of Achievement* by Douglas Fisher, Nancy Frey, and Ian Pumpian.

Elementary students can now eat lunch in the cafeteria. There are 19 tables with three students at each, and they are being served hot lunch on trays.

School District Food Services Director, Jana Eaton, provided information about meal times. She said there are two elementary school lunch periods with time between to sanitize cafeteria tables. Space for meal service activity is measured for six-foot distancing, allowing staff to serve all the K-5 students in the cafeteria.

Grades 6-12 students come to the cafeteria at dismissal, either 12:30 or 2 p.m., and receive meals to take off-campus.

Students can receive free or reduced-cost meals until Dec. 31 through an extension of the Summer Food Program. The program provides breakfast and lunch for students 18 years of age and younger.

The board of directors has agreed to hold a workshop on Nov. 4 at 5 p.m. to discuss possible budget cuts and other items of concern.

DAYTON SENIOR ROUND TABLE LUNCH MENU

Dayton Senior Center
403 E. Patit St.
12 p.m.
Drive Up Only

Thursday, September 10
Salisbury steak
Mashed potatoes & gravy
Pickled beets
Salad, wheat bread
Cookies, milk, juice

Tuesday, September 15
Spaghetti
Green beans
Caesar salad
Garlic bread
Fresh fruit, milk

WAITSBURG SENIOR CENTER
504 Main Street
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Tuesday, September 15
Meatloaf
Mashed potatoes
Vegetable (chef's choice)
Broccoli salad
Bread
Cake

WAITSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT MEAL DELIVERIES

Starting September 8, Waitsburg School District will resume home meal deliveries for students. Staff will deliver meals Monday-Thursday. To sign up for meal deliveries, families must submit a Consent for Meal Deliveries form, and return it to Susan Wildey, Director of Nutritional Services. Susan can be reached at swildey@waitsburgsd.org.

The consent form can be found on the school's website, www.waitsburgsd.org.

Church Directory

Waitsburg Presbyterian Church
504 Main
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m.
337-6589
Pastor Stan Hughes

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
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Voting by mail should replace voting at the polls in its entirety. The two institutions that can definitely be trusted is the County Board of Elections and the United States Postal Service. The money saved by eliminating the need for poll workers could be used to offer free postage on the envelopes used to vote by mail. The person voting would also have more time to consider what they are voting for and would not be confined to the hours of the polling place. It would also prevent unwanted entry to schools and churches from anyone trying to harm someone. In addition the voter would not be harassed by someone trying to place unsolicited campaign literature into their hand. The additional revenue would boost the Postal Service and perhaps keep it afloat until we as a country are able to vote online. Voting by mail would solve the registered voter problem and guarantee safe passage of the ballots to the County Board of Elections. It might even prevent further spread of the COVID-19 virus.

Joe Bialek
Cleveland, Ohio



Reader photo

While confirming addresses for the 2020 Census, Joe Huether took a picture of this combine accident on Hatley Gulch Road. "I have no info on the accident, but the tire tracks tell the story all too clearly," said Huether.

Dayton struggles with lack of childcare options

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—Who is caring for the kiddos when mom and dad go back to work, now that there are only two licensed daycare providers in Dayton, Susan's Home Daycare and Demaris Daycare? Demaris Daycare is currently operating with only two students, a situation Sylvia Demaris hopes will change in the next month depending on her husband's health.

Port of Columbia Executive Director Jennie Dickinson talk about the lack of daycare options at a community round table conversation, on Aug. 13. She said enrollment in local daycare centers declined this spring after parents chose to keep their children home due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and they can't operate if slots can't be filled.

The manager of the Club, a grant driven after school recreation program for youth, has said they are not set up for childcare. Childcare centers have a whole host of rules and regulations they must follow, which The Club can't possibly meet.

The Columbia County Health System has historically had difficulty recruiting and retaining staff because of the lack of available childcare options.

Help is on the horizon at CCHS.

A committee has formed to study the feasibility of providing childcare for their employees, keeping in mind there are three shifts to be covered at Dayton General Hospital and in the Booker Rest Home.

CCHS Human Resources Manager Laura Stevens serves on the committee.

"We are excited about the possibility of offering this opportunity, but we need to ensure it is cost-effective and will benefit the health system, and service our community."

Paul Ihle, a CCHS community health worker, is also on the committee. Stevens said he is doing a fair amount of the legwork.

"There was no organizing idea of what childcare would best meet the needs of the Health System. It was our job to figure that out and make a proposal to the administration and board for their consideration," Ihle said.



Ihle said he was first made aware about issues regarding daycare and was connected with childcare licensing agencies in his former job with the Dayton School District, where he served as an Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP) teacher, and family services coordinator.

Ihle is concerned that when the pandemic is over, and people return to work, there will be insufficient "slots" where children can receive care. He is also concerned about the high cost of daycare.

He said he recently read a report citing infant care in Washington State being more expensive than state college tuition.

"How can that fit a single parent's budget?" he asked.

The committee has since learned it is legal to pro-

vide vouchers to offset employee's childcare costs, and there are tax free methods to set aside wages for childcare expenses.

This week, the committee will submit a grant application, to the Washington State Dept. of Commerce, in partnership with other Walla Walla agencies, and local governments for the purpose of assessing community needs and looking at assets to help guide any decisions that are made.

Ihle and CCHS CEO Shane McGuire are also speaking with the CEO of another rural critical access hospital, which partners with the YMCA for childcare, to understand how that type of arrangement would work for CCHS.

"Could we hire a provider to care for children of staff instead of creating our own center?"

"There are more questions than answers, at this point," Ihle said.

And the committee is nowhere near being able to say whether the child care they offer to CCHS employees, would be available for parents and their children who are outside the Health System.

Ihle has been checking out the former migrant Head Start program building on the east side of Dayton. He said the space is ideal for a daycare.

If he could wave a magic wand, he would secure a center where any child is welcome, and well cared for, and where staff made a decent wage, with paid time off, and had health care coverage. This would also be a place where parents could easily cover the cost of childcare and know with confidence that their child is happy and healthy while they are at work.

He said it would be nice if someone would look into the former migrant Head Start program building owned by the County and located east of Dayton, for a possible daycare center.

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Department of Corrections monitoring pandemic status, outbreak management

The DOC addressed transfer, testing concerns during a live-streamed call last week

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—Washington State Department of Corrections (DOC) has been diligently changing policies to safeguard employees and incarcerated individuals against the COVID-19 virus.

In Walla Walla, The Washington State Penitentiary has had 134 incarcerated individuals test positive for the coronavirus with zero deaths. Twelve staff members have tested positive. The outbreak was contained in one housing unit, and the facility continues to test all staff coming into the penitentiary, as well as regular tests for incarcerated individuals and testing and quarantine for all intakes. As of Friday, Washington State Department of Corrections had 4,972 tests completed for incarcerated individuals housed in prison and work release settings. As a whole, the department has had 449 positive tests.

Data from The Marshall Project shows Washington ranks number 35 in the nation for percent of incarcerated individuals who tested positive for the coronavirus.

“We are doing okay,” said DOC State Secretary Stephen Sinclair. “We always want to do better, but this is where we stack up against the national data.” The Marshall Project is a nonpartisan, nonprofit news organization that seeks to create and sustain a sense of national urgency about the U.S. criminal justice system.

Transferring incarcerated individuals between facilities has been significantly reduced in response to the coronavirus pandemic. By law, the department of corrections must continue to accept transfers into their jurisdiction.

“We still have individuals that are coming in from county jails,” said Arminda Miller, of Unified Command. “We still need to manage that population.” Miller went on to say that the department has received clinical review to determine if transfers are appropriate and when they are inappropriate.

Miller also said that the DOC is still honoring classification promotions, utilizing all screening and safety precautions when transferring classification transfers. ‘Classification’ refers to the custody level that an incarcerated person requires. Individuals can promote based on a number of factors, including behavior and time.

“If someone promotes from maximum custody to medium custody, that is their right. They’ve done what they needed to do to promote,” Janelle Guthrie,

Communication Director. “If they need to move to a different facility, we carefully screen and test before that process.” DOC classification transfers are contingent on resource availability, and if the individual were to test positive, they would remain at their current facility until safe to transfer.

Staff is required to participate in daily screening upon entering the facility, as well as wearing a face covering, frequent hand sanitizing, and distancing when appropriate. Personal protective equipment requirements differ from facility to facility, depending on outbreak status. Contact tracing is utilized for both staff and incarcerated individuals in the event of an outbreak.

Visitation has been restricted to legal visits only across Washington State, with exact restrictions varying slightly from facility to facility. Secretary Sinclair said that the DOC is exploring options for future visitation, even outdoors. One of the biggest obstacles, according to Sinclair, is creating a space safe enough to visit without spreading the virus.

The Department of Corrections will continue to update policies around staff and the incarcerated population’s safety and health. Up to date information on case counts, testing and policies can be found at www.doc.wa.gov/corrections/covid-19/default.htm.

Port of Columbia’s public broadband meeting a success

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—The Port of Columbia held a public information meeting last week to share the results of a broadband feasibility study with the public and to answer questions.

Fifty-seven people attended the meeting, along with the Port Commissioners, Port of Columbia Executive Director Jennie Dickinsons, and Lydia Caudill, who has been tasked by the Port to work on the broadband project.

Dickinson said, “I think it went very well.”

Internet service providers were well represented, along with a good cross-section of the community. The meeting was also attended by Port commissioners

from other districts, including Olympia and Coupeville.

Scott Hutsell, a Lincoln County commissioner who also serves as chair of the Washington State Public Works Board, and Giselle Hepker with PocketiNet talked about funding mechanisms and financial impacts.

Steve Mantle, CEO of Innov8 Ag Solutions, spoke of ways the Ag. Industry is using broadband to improve production.

Diana Ruchert, Manager of the Port of Garfield, discussed a broadband project currently underway in Pomeroy.

PocketiNet Communications CEO Todd Brandenburg CEO and Plant Director Wrandoll Brenes provided their input, as well.

Brandenburg said people would move to rural areas for a better quality of life if faster, and reliable internet service is available.

“By Dayton having this, it really puts you on the map,” he said.

The Port of Columbia contracted with PocketiNet to conduct a broadband feasibility study, which was completed in Feb. 2020. The result is a \$2 million plan to build the broadband infrastructure.

After last week’s meeting, the Port Commissioners adopted a resolution allowing Port officials to move forward with making an application to the Washington State Public Works Board for funding. The County qualifies for a 90-percent grant, with a ten-percent match. The grant application is due on Sept. 9.

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September 3

An abandoned vehicle was towed in the 300 block of Last Chance Road. Walla Walla Co.

September 4

Deputies responded to a call regarding suicidal ideations. Waitsburg

Vehicle prowl and theft of clothing, \$100 and ID card. Walla Walla Co.

A theft was reported on Brickner Road. Walla Walla Co.

September 5

Theft of 900 gallons of diesel fuel. Wallula

Male assaulted and damaged personal vehicle of roommate. Walla Walla Co.

September 6

A found drone was reported

BIRTHDAYS

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Sept. 11: Kathleen Johnson, Roger Becker, Justin Bergevin, Jason Crawford, Bonnie Olson.

Sept. 12: Jim Pearson, Glenn Hayes, Marshal McKinley, Mitch Gagnon, Chelsi Hermanns.

Sept. 13: Dave McKenzie, Sr., Jeffrey Hofer, Joey Garcia, Nadine Scoggins, Helen Rich, Claudia Hevel-Doty, Jeffrey Liebermann, Nancy Bickelhaupt, Christine Jenks, Brook Rasmussen.

Sept. 14: Jerry Harshman, Stan Pierson, Dan Jones, Doug Brown, Scott Ford, Mathew Kennedy, Bob Olson.

Sept. 15: Brooke Hoon, Bessie Tate, Sharon Merrow, Lynn Piersol, Gini Clarno Walters, George Gagnon.

Sept. 16: Lois Mettler, Kevin Steffanson, Bruce Harris, Jerry Mock, Pam Davis, Dan Bickelhaupt, Carter Henry.



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LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA
Case No. 20-4-00152-36
NOTICE TO CREDITORS (RCW 11.40.030)
In Re the Estate of FELIX S. DURAN Deceased.

The Personal Representative named below has been appointed and has qualified as Personal Representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the personal representative or the personal representative's attorney at the address stated below, a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the Court. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and RCW 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and non-probate assets.

Date of Filing Notice to Creditors with Clerk of the Court: August 28, 2020
Date of First Publication: September 3, 2020
Administrator: Randall S. Lewis
Attorney for the Personal Representative: JULIE E. KARL, WSBA #45950
Address for Mailing or Service: KARL LAW OFFICE
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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF COLUMBIA
NO. 20-4-00020-7
Notice to Creditors
RCW 11.40.030
In the Matter of the Estate of: MARILYN L. LEWIS, Deceased.
The personal representative named below has been appointed as personal representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the

claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the personal representative or the personal representative's attorney at the address stated below, a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.

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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON FOR CLARK COUNTY
NO. 20 4 00835 06
Estate of DONNA M. CHINN, Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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COLUMBIA COUNTY PUBLIC HOSPITAL DISTRICT NO. 1 SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

Notice is hereby given that a special meeting of the Board of Directors of Columbia County Public Hospital District No. 1 will be held on September 17th, 2020 at 12:00pm at Columbia County Health System's Administration Conference Room. The purpose of the meeting: Board Member training on Accountable Care Organization. Final disposition shall not be taken on any other matter at such meeting. Dated this 1st day of September 2020

BOARD SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA
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Accountable Care Organization Training
09/17/2020 at 12:00 p.m.
in the conference room of the Administration Building on the District's Dayton General Hospital Campus.

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Dated this 1st day
September 2020
AGENDA
Item Responsible
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Wes Leid, Chair
Accountable Care Organization (ACO) Training
Stephanie Carpenter, CNO
Adjournment

Wes Leid, Chair
/s/ R. Wes Leid
R. Wes Leid, Chairman,
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COLUMBIA COUNTY PUBLIC HOSPITAL DISTRICT NO. 1 BOARD MEETING VENUE CHANGE

Notice is hereby given that for the month of September 2020, only, the regular meeting of the District's Board of Commissioners originally scheduled at the Waitsburg Town Hall, located at 121 Main Street, Waitsburg, WA on September 23, 2020 at 1:30pm, will now occur at Columbia County Public Hospital District No. 1 Administrative Conference Room on September 23, 2020 at 1:30pm.

Thereafter, beginning with the month of October 2020, the regular meeting of the District's Board of Commissioners shall be held on the same day and time at the same place, as described in the Board's Bylaws: On the fourth Wednesday of each month beginning at 1:30 pm in the District administrative conference room in Dayton, Washington
Dated this 1st day of September 2020
Chairman, Board of Commissioners
Columbia County Public Hospital District No. 1
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September 10, 17, 2020
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA
NO. 20-4-00157-36
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In Re the Estate of NADINE M. GERKEY, Deceased.
The co personal representatives named below have been appointed as co personal representatives of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided by RCW 11.40.070 by serving or mailing to the co personal representatives' attorney, at the address stated below, a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were

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In the Superior Court of the State of Washington for the County of Walla Walla

Whitney Lynn Gonzales
Petitioner,
No. (15-3-00040-8)
Samuel Cusic Canham,
Respondent.

The State of Washington to the Whitney Lynn Gonzales
You are hereby summoned to appear within 90 days after the date of the first publication of this Petition to Change a Parenting Plan, after the 10th day of September, 2020, and defend the above entitled action in the above entitled court, and answer the complaint of the respondent, Samuel Cusic Canham, and serve a copy of your answer upon the respondent at the address below stated; and in case of your failure to do so, judgment will be rendered against you according to the demand of the petition, which has been filed with the clerk of said court. If you do not serve your written response within 90 days after the date this summons was served on you, exclusive of the day of

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Ordinance Amendments: Title 17 – Critical Areas Code
Notice is hereby given that the Dayton Planning Commission will hold a public hearing during their next regular meeting on September 22, 2020 at 6:30 PM. The hearing is to take testimony for or against the proposed amendments to Title 17 of the Dayton Municipal Code. Copies of the draft ordinance may be reviewed at Dayton City Hall, 111 S. 1st St., Dayton, WA 99328 or at www.daytonwa.com. The public hearing will be held via Zoom. Guidance on how to attend can be found online or by contacting staff at 509-382-2361 or info@daytonwa.com
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

2020 Comprehensive Plan Docket List
Notice is hereby given that the Dayton Planning Commission will hold a public hearing during their next regular meeting on September 22, 2020 at 6:30 PM. The hearing is to take testimony for or against the docket list of amendments for the 2020 Comprehensive Plan update for the City of Dayton. Copies of the docket list may be reviewed at Dayton City Hall, 111 S. 1st St., Dayton, WA 99328 or at www.daytonwa.com. The public hearing will be held via Zoom. Guidance on how to attend can be found online or by contacting staff at 509-382-2361 or info@daytonwa.com
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The four Wayang Golek puppets given to the Liberty Theater. Help give them their names by voting at <http://artco-op2020.wixsite.com/website>

Theater gifted with Indonesian “Wayang”

By Mike Ferrians | THE TIMES

Recently the Liberty Theater in Dayton received a message from a woman in Walla Walla: “My friend told me she was getting rid of some old puppets that belonged to her parents. She said she was going to give them to Goodwill. I thought, no, they need to go to a theater!”

These are Indonesian rod puppets, in the native language *Wayang Golek* which were procured by the previous owner’s parents sometime during the 20th century during a visit to that country. The age of the puppets is not known; however, they are in pristine condition.

These four characters, all carved by hand from light wood and hand-painted, represent a black cat, white horse, bluebird, and a cheeky monkey.

Indonesia, like many other countries, has a long and rich tradition of puppetry. *Wayang Golek*, rod puppets, and *Wayang Kulit*, leather shadow puppets, are the primary forms of traditional puppetry

Rod puppets are used all over the world; Kermit the Frog is a famous example of this type of puppetry. Like the Sesame Street star, the Liberty’s Indonesian puppets have two rods controlling their hands, hoofs, and paws. The figures are held with a stick that ascends through the torso and serves as the “neck,” al-

lowing the head to turn from side to side.

In a *Wayang* show, puppets stand in a “banana log” at the feet of performers who sit or stand in front of the audience. Indonesian puppetry tradition often focuses on gods and goddesses, members of royalty, and dark or evil characters acting out traditional myths and folklore.

An extensive search failed to identify any specific characters that the gifted puppets may represent. The closest may be the monkey-god, Hanuman.

To give life to the newest members of the Liberty Theater family, a contest has been posted on the organization’s Facebook page to help name each of the four puppets. In fact, Hanuman was one suggestion offered up as a name for our simian character. Once all four puppets are crowned with their new names, they will be ready to perform.

The time of COVID-19 is an opportunity for re-envisioning the theater’s programming, and the gift of these unique pieces of performance art suggests puppet theater may well be in our future. You can see more about them on our new virtual creative sharing site, “Touchet Valley Performing Arts,” found at <http://artco-op2020.wixsite.com/website>.

For now, the Liberty hopes to be ready to open around mid-October for a fun family movie event offered at no charge as our thanks for all the community support the theater has received over the last five



Lane Gwinn

Two *Wayang Kulit* puppets, or shadow puppets, are used in shows where the audience only sees the shadows of the puppets against a screen.

months. Stay tuned to our Facebook page and website, www.libertytheater.org, for updates. Here’s to the creative future!

Area Census response slowed to a crawl, advocates concerned

A small handful of enumerators and thousands of residents still uncounted

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

There are less than four weeks to respond to the 2020 Census, and the counts for the area are less than satisfactory for many area residents.

With just over three weeks left, Eastern Washington was about 35 percent away from being fully enumerated: Far below the national average and a likely representation of primarily rural communities, like Waitsburg and Walla Walla, across the nation.

Of 39 Washington Counties, Walla Walla ranks 13th with a response rate of 67.9 percent. In 2010, Walla Walla County had a 69.9 percent response rate. Columbia County is ranked 24th with a 58.1 percent response, and Garfield County is ranked 22nd with a response rate of 59.5 percent. In 2010, Columbia County had a 66.1 percent response, and Garfield County had a 55.1 percent response.

Those numbers would be great if it were May or June, but they are current as of Monday. This late into the year, advocates like Cindy Widmer, project coordinator for the Blue Mountain Complete Count Committee, are worried that Walla Walla, Columbia, and Garfield counties will miss out on funding for education, law enforcement agencies, health care, transportation, roads, emergency assistance, agriculture, food programs like SNAP and school meals, childcare, as well as grants and support to states. Walla Walla and Columbia County are at risk of being under represented for public services and programs residents depend on. There is roughly \$1,910 per resident per year that can be received if counted. The same amount is lost with each missed count.

In an email, Widmer expressed frustration with the US Census Bureau’s deci-



The results of the 2020 Census will determine the apportionment of seats in the U.S. House of Representatives for the upcoming decade. Above is an estimate of how many seats will be added after the census. Counties not being accurately counted may not see their representation adjusted accurately.

idents primarily use a post office box for their mail and have slower internet connections, will benefit greatly from enumerators in the area.

If you have not responded to the US Census yet, and would like to do so before enumerators approach your house, visit www.census2020.gov for the online survey, or call 1 (844) 330-2020 (Spanish 1 (844) 468-2020).

sion to not send personal surveys to post office boxes, resulting in the first Census notice being a knock on the door for many.

The area is also struggling to find enumerators, people willing to go door to door to try and collect missing Census responses. On August 28, a team of seven enumerators arrived in the area and the small team has their work cut out for them as they race against the clock to get as many missing counts as possible. Widmer said that small, rural communities, like Starbuck and Pomeroy, whose residents

Hey kid get me a Coke

By Eric Umphrey | THE TIMES

Baseball lost two Hall-of-Famers this week. Tom Seaver and Lou Brock passed within six days of each other. Tom Seaver was seventy-five years old, and Lou Brock was eighty-one. During their careers, they would face each other one hundred and fifty-seven times. Brock hit .250/.274/.362 off of Seaver with ten doubles and a home run. Seaver struck Brock out twenty-one times and walked him four times in all of those at-bats.

The two first met in a locker room before the 1967 all-star game. Tom Seaver told the following story during a SportsNet New York (SNY) interview many years ago. Seaver arrived at the park early and had to show his identification just to get in since he looked so young. He was walking around the locker room, and Lou Brock came in and said to him, "Hey kid, get me a Coke!" Seaver responded, "Get your own (bleeping) Coke! I'm on the team." Lou Brock "Who are you?" Seaver laughed and said they shared the line every year at Cooperstown. Lou Brock went hitless in two at-bats and was replaced by Willie Mays. Tom Seaver entered the game in the 15th inning and got the save as the National League won 2-1.

Lou Brock won World Series titles with the St. Louis Cardinals in 1964 and

1967. He had 3,023 hits in his career and held the all-time record for stolen bases with 938. How long the record stood before Lou Brock surpassed it is debatable. If you only consider "modern" after 1900, baseball records, then he passed

Ty Cobb, who finished with 897 stolen bases in 1928. If you want to look at recorded history, Billy Hamilton held the record with 914 stolen bases in 1901. Brock still has the National League record, but Rickey Henderson broke the major league record in 1991. Lou Brock was at his best in World Series games. In ninety-two plate appearances, he hit .391/.424/.655 with four home runs, thirteen runs batted in, and fourteen stolen bases.

Tom Seaver won his only World Series title in 1969 with the "Miracle" Mets. Throughout his career, he would win three hundred and eleven games, receive the CY Young Award three times, and be named to the All-Star team twelve times. Seaver hit twelve home runs and knocked in eighty-six runs during his career. But the most

impressive statistic is the 106 WAR he put up as a pitcher. That is good for seventh on the all-time list above Greg Maddox 104.8 and Randy Johnson 103.5. To put that in perspective for readers, it's like adding the careers of Sandy Koufax 53.1 WAR and Whitey Ford 53.6 together, both Hall of Famers themselves.



MLB American League Leaders

ERA		Batting Average		Strike Outs		Runs Batted In	
S. Bieber	CLE 1.25	T. Anderson	CHW .351	S. Bieber	CLE 94	J. Abreu	CHW 40
D. Keuchel	CHW 2.19	N. Cruz	MIN .329	L. Giolito	CHW 75	M. Trout	LAA 38
D. Bundy	LAA 2.49	F. Reyes	CLE .322	G. Cole	NYN 70	K. Tucker	HOU 37
L. Lynn	TEX 2.67	H. Alberto	BAL .318	T. Glasnow	TB 66	A. Santander	BAL 32
K. Maeda	MIN 2.77	J. Abreu	CHW .315	L. Lynn	TEX 63	K. Seager	SEA 30

Wins		Home Runs		Saves		Stolen Bases	
S. Bieber	CLE 7	M. Trout	LAA 15	B. Hand	CLE 12	A. Mondesi	KC 11
D. Keuchel	CHW 6	T. Hernandez	TOR 14	L. Hendriks	OAK 10	J. Villar	TOR/MIA 9
R. Dobnak	MIN 6	L. Voit	NYN 14	A. Colome	CHW 9	J. Ramirez	CLE 9
M. Gonzales	SEA 5	N. Cruz	MIN 13	T. Rogers	MIN 8	M. Margot	TB 8
D. Cease	CHW 5	J. Abreu	CHW 13	Z. Britton	NYN 8	D. Moore	SEA 8



STANDINGS

AL West	W	L	PCT	GB
Oakland	24	14	.632	-
Houston	21	20	.512	4.5
Seattle	19	22	.463	6.5
Los Angeles	17	25	.405	9.0
Texas	13	27	.325	12.0

AL East	W	L	PCT	GB
Tampa Bay	28	14	.667	-
Toronto	23	18	.561	4.5
New York	21	20	.512	6.5
Baltimore	19	21	.475	8.0
Boston	14	28	.333	14.0

AL Central	W	L	PCT	GB
Cleveland	26	15	.634	-
Chicago	26	15	.634	-
Minnesota	26	17	.605	1.0
Detroit	18	21	.462	7.0
Kansas City	14	28	.333	12.5



Mariners Hitting

	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	BB	BA	OBP	OPS	WAR
Dylan Moore	92	20	27	6	14	8	.293	.369	.934	+1.0
Kyle Lewis	145	32	45	9	23	23	.310	.402	.913	+1.5
Kyle Seager	138	24	39	7	30	18	.283	.377	.884	+0.6
Ty France	13	2	4	0	4	3	.308	.438	.745	+0.0
J. Marmolejos	58	5	13	4	11	4	.224	.274	.740	+0.0
Sam Haggerty	50	7	13	1	6	4	.260	.315	.715	+0.4
J.P. Crawford	147	26	35	2	12	21	.238	.339	.679	+0.9
Tim Lopes	100	10	24	1	10	4	.240	.283	.623	-0.3
Evan White	117	10	21	5	20	11	.179	.254	.613	-0.2

AB - At Bats, R - Runs, H - Hits, HR - Home Runs, RBI - Runs Batted In, BB - Base on Balls, BA - Batting Average, OPS - On Base Plus Slugging, WAR - Wins Above Replacement

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Old movies—life imitates art

By Vicki Sternfeld-Rossi | THE TIMES

When I'm not in the mood to watch one of the binge worthy shows on Netflix or Prime, I turn to TCM and watch old movies, some of which are art to me. Recently, I watched a movie that I hadn't seen in years, called *The Egg and I* with Fred MacMurray and Claudette Colbert. The movie is very old, in fact, it was released before I was born. It's the story of newlyweds; Fred MacMurray (the groom), has just announced that he has purchased a ramshackle old farm, and they are going into the business of raising chickens and selling eggs.



The Egg and I with Fred MacMurray and Claudette Colbert

I can relate. Although, I have no intention of raising chickens, even though I've become addicted to fresh eggs, our once ramshackle house has been in remodel mode since December 2018. We have replumbed the entire house and guest house, re-wired, added new lighting, new siding, three roofs, new bathrooms, flooring, HVAC, windows, doors, painting. We have planted vegetable and flower gardens, added inground sprinklers, and lastly, the kitchen.

We have finally succumbed to the fact that the house has its "quirks." There is nothing square or plumb, in any room. Some pictures are hung level with ceiling, others with the floor. The trim on the new kitchen cabinets is triangular, to accommodate the large spaces between the cabinets and wall near the ceiling, then narrowing towards the floor.

We've decided to live with the crooked kitchen window. If anyone comments on it, I will diplomatically suggest that maybe they had one too many drinks, or convince them, it's an optical illusion. And the toilet in the bathroom, it's not slanted, it's your imagination. Again, drinking too much?

In the movie, Claudette Colbert (the wife) has to refurbish an old stove which evidently has a mind of its own, as well as being antagonistic to her. I feel her pain. Fortunately, my appliances are new, but it did take four months of calling LG to replace the icemaker on my brand-new refrigerator. I bought ice the entire summer, it was fixed in the winter.

Old houses are money pits, they are frustrating, and certainly have their idiosyncrasies. But they have character, charm and have kept us challenged. We are now in the final stage of our kitchen remodel. Frustrating and challenging are just a few choice adjectives to describe this process.

It always seems, there is something that holds up the final, "we're done!" We have arrived at that point. Some of the trim is missing and some trim wasn't done properly (a redo is promised). The new cabinet doors have arrived, however, the glass hasn't. The glass inserts were promised to us last week, another promise not kept. The bright side, I don't have to open the cabinet doors to put dishes away.

In *The Egg and I* just as their remodel is completed and Fred MacMurray is attempting to forge a contract with an egg buyer, their house, chicken coop and barn burn to the ground. The people of the town unsuccessfully try to put out the fire. The next morning, their neighbors reappear at the burnt house with lumber, nails, paint, labor, chickens, etc., Because as one of their neighbors' comments "... it could have happened to any of us," and "...as a community we will always be there for one another."

After all the updated electrical work we have done, our house better not burn down! But, if it did, I would bet that our neighbors would be there for us, just as we would be for any of our neighbors. Waitsburg is just that kind of place!

Tech Talk: Gone Phishin'

By Brianna Wray | THE TIMES

WORLD WIDE WEB—It's not nearly as fun as getting out the rod and heading down to the lake, returning hours later with a cooler full of fresh fish. It's quite the opposite. Phishing is the fraudulent practice of sending emails purporting to be from reputable companies to induce individuals to reveal personal information, such as passwords and credit card numbers.



To appear legitimate, scammers will add counterfeit logos to the top of their emails sent from similar-sounding, but not-quite-right email accounts. The full email address in correspondence is often truncated and hidden to save space. Fully expand windows to see where messages come from before clicking any links.

According to The Federal Trade Commission (FTC), phishing emails and text messages often tell a story to trick you into clicking on a link or opening an attachment. They may

- say they've noticed some suspicious activity or log-in attempts
- claim there's a problem with your account or your payment information
- say you must confirm some personal information
- include a fake invoice

- want you to click on a link to make a payment
- say you're eligible to register for a government refund
- offer a coupon for free stuff

1. Protect your computer by using security software. Set the software to update automatically so it can deal with any new security threats.

2. Protect your mobile phone by setting software to update automatically. These updates could give you critical protection against security threats.

3. Protect your accounts by using multi-factor authentication. Some online accounts offer this extra measure of security, which requires two or more credentials to log in. The additional credentials you need to log in to your account with multi-factor authentication fall into two categories:

- Something provided—like a passcode you get via text message or an authentication app.
- Something of you—like a scan of your fingerprint, your retina, or your face.

Multi-factor authentication makes it harder for scammers to log in to your accounts if they do get your username and password, but it may also make it harder for you to access your information. Weighing the pros and cons of each credential method is essential.

For example, someone whose hands are exposed to elements may find that their fingerprints aren't consistent enough to pass. Passcodes are great but can be forgotten. If you're writing down passwords and leaving them on notepads all over the place, how secure is it really?

4. Protect your data by backing it up. Back up your data and make sure those backups aren't connected to your home network. You can copy your computer files to an external hard drive or cloud storage. Back up the data on your phone, too. You'll be glad you did.

If you get a phishing email or text message, report it. The information you provide can help fight the scammers.

Step 1. If you got a phishing email, forward it to the Anti-Phishing Working Group at reportphishing@apwg.org. If you got a phishing text message, forward it to SPAM (7726).

Step 2. Report the phishing attack to the FTC at ftc.gov/complaint.

www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/how-recognize-and-avoid-phishing-scams



#FINISHCANCER transformed into month-long fundraising event

Free virtual town hall on cancer care Sep. 16

THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—The Providence St. Mary Gran Fondo fundraiser for local cancer patients this year has been transformed into a month-long event that includes a free virtual town hall Sep. 16 sharing the latest advancements in cancer care.

"We can all do our part to help finish cancer together." That's the motto for this year's #FINISHCANCER fundraiser hosted by Providence St. Mary Foundation.

Annually in September, Walla Walla Valley residents traditionally unite to walk, run or cycle and join hundreds of others at the Gran Fondo to raise funds for Providence St. Mary Regional Cancer Center. With in-person events being canceled, organizers knew it was time to be creative and come back to the reason behind the event each year: to come together to #FINISHCANCER.

Instead of a single-day fundraiser, the event will take on a new name and look and will move online for a month-long movement. Now through Sep. 26, visit the #FINISHCANCER website at wasmf.give.providence.org/finishcancer and get involved by creating a fundraising page and rallying friends and co-workers, making a direct donation or a gift in honor or memory of a loved one. An honorary race bib with the loved ones' name will be displayed at Providence St. Mary. In recognition of the pandemic not stopping a single person from doing their part, those who donate or fundraise \$25 or more will receive a #FINISHCANCER face mask.

On Wednesday, Sep. 16 from 12 p.m. – 1 p.m., a free virtual cancer town hall will feature top Providence oncology experts who will share the latest advances in cancer care and how the center has responded to the pandemic. Sam Byrnes, Pilot Rock resident, and cancer survivor will also share his story. Please RSVP for the

free event by visiting wasmf.give.providence.org/FINISHCANCER, by calling (509) 897-2091 or emailing PSMFoundation@providence.org.

"I can't think of a single individual who has not been impacted by cancer personally or through a loved one," says Lindsey Oldridge, Chief Philanthropy Officer. "Canceling the in-person piece of this event was a must due for health and safety. However, canceling a way to support individuals who are currently in treatment, to celebrate survivors and honor those we have lost to this horrible disease was not in question."

Instead, organizers have expanded the fundraiser from Sep. 1 – Sep. 26 and have set a fundraising goal of \$50,000. As the song goes, they've already had a little help from their friends. Jackson Contractor Group is committed to supporting the cause, returning for the 3rd consecutive year as Title Sponsor. They are joined by Alaska Airlines, InCyte Diagnostics, Walla Walla Valley Honda, Pacific Power, Inland Cellular, Walla Walla Roastery, and Columbia REA.

"Your support has never been more important," says Cancer Center Director Hall Grimes. "I have a dedicated team of amazing staff who answer the call to care for people with compassion and service every day. Support from the community through Providence St. Mary Foundation helps my team do their jobs better and ensures we can deliver on our promise of providing the best care possible."

Over the years, millions of dollars in community donations have been invested in the latest technology and equipment, innovative clinical trials, and emotional and financial support to ease the burden of a cancer diagnosis.

Join us at wasmf.give.providence.org/finishcancer. To attend the Sep. 16 noon virtual cancer town hall, you must RSVP by calling (509) 897-2091 or emailing PSMFoundation@providence.org to receive a link.

Pottery from the ash of a volcano and a barbecue

DAYTON—The newest Art Event at Wenaha Gallery in Dayton features the pottery of Kennewick artist Pat Fleming. Fleming has been making and teaching art for 54 years and counting.

Fleming's pottery is unique in its use of local materials including clay dug from Othello, Prosser, and the Walla Walla River Basin.

His glazes also derive from local soil and ash, the latter from the 1980 Mt. St. Helens eruption and his backyard barbecue.

The gallery will be featuring both functional and non-functional pieces by the artist. In addition to one-of-a-kind pieces, Fleming also creates production pottery for commercial clients. Past clients include the Bon Marche, and numerous retail shops throughout the Pacific Northwest. Fleming's Art Event runs through October 3.



PIONEER PORTRAITS

Ten Years Ago

September 9, 2010

Last Classroom Speech: Recently retired elementary school teacher Pam Conover reaches for the microphone to thank those who came for her retirement reception on Aug. 29 at Waitsburg's Multipurpose Room. Conover served the district as an educator for 35 years.



[Photo caption] Races in the annual Tour of Walla Walla event enter Main Street via Bolles Road, After five years of hosting the tour, Waitsburg has built a reputation as a bike-friendly town.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

September 14, 1995

The 23rd annual Pioneer Fall Festival will get underway on Sunday, Sept. 17 at 11 a.m. at the Bruce House on Main Street in Waitsburg. Presentation of the Pioneer of the Year will be made at about 11:50. This year's honoree is Kenneth B. Gohlman of Waitsburg.

[Headline] Lightning strikes old pines at Lewis and Clark park, eight trees might be lost

The city swimming pool in Waitsburg is expected to be open for use next summer.

The "Yesteryear Players" were back at it last week. Who? These are the guys and gals who don old-West garb (that really chaps my hide) and perform shootouts and bank holdups that would make Frank James' little brother proud.

Six fires were reported this summer in the Walla Walla Ranger District of the Blue Mountains, officials reported.

Cherri L Mathews of Waitsburg has earned an associate in science, nursing, degree from Regents College of the University of the State of New York.

Fifty Years Ago

September 24, 1970

[Photo caption] Carl Nordheim presents the top beef carcass award to Lauri Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Smith of Waitsburg. This award is made each year after the show animals have been inspected in the locker.

Waitsburg will play the Pomeroy Pirates at Dayton on Friday evening, Sept. 25 at 6 p.m. This game was originally scheduled to be played in Waitsburg at 2:30 p.m.

[Photo caption] Salmon Bake Chairman Ernest Mikkelsen relaxes for a moment after the feed is over, and confers with Albert Land and Frank Bramlet. Mik and his trusty crew served nearly 750 people at the 1970 version of this popular feed, sponsored by the Waitsburg Commercial Club.

Many people get into debt trying to keep up with those who already are.

Seventy-Five Years Ago

September 28, 1945

Mrs. C.E. Shaffer who was born 80 years ago near Burnt River, Ore. on the Old Oregon Trail was honored Sunday by members of her family celebrating her 80th birthday at the Mount Shaffer home.

Mr. and Mrs. Dahl Jones are the parents of a son weighing 7 pounds 11 ounces born Sept. 14 at the Marine Hospital in Seattle. He has been named Danny Bruce.

The Dixie grade school began the fall term with Miss Mary Doty as the principal and also teacher of the first and second grades; Mrs. Turner third and fourth grades; Mrs. Ricks fifth and sixth grades; Miss Ruth Walker seventh and eighth. Fifty-three pupils are enrolled.

One Hundred Years Ago

October 1, 1920

Miss Zella Walker and Theodore Bachmann were quietly married at Pomeroy Saturday Sept. 25 according to word received at this office. Both are well-known young people of this locality. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marion Walker prominent farmers on the Coppei. Mr. Bachmann has been farming in the Coppei district for several years.

The young married women of the Christian Church met Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. G.C. Houtchens and organized a "Dorcas" society. The object of the society is to promote an interest in the church work among the younger women who are not affiliated with the Aid Society.

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago

October 4, 1895

Lewis Cox left at this office a fine sample of Early Rose potato but W.J. Duncan says he can beat it "all holler."

Kirby & Chenoweth have something new in mush material. It is called cream of wheat and is ahead of anything hitherto used.

Married in Spring Valley Oct. 1 Wm. H. Stonecipher and Miss Alta Winifred Gerking.

Conover and Roberts arrived home from the Palouse country with their threshing outfit on Tuesday. They report fine crops up there, some going as high as 65 bushels per acre.

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

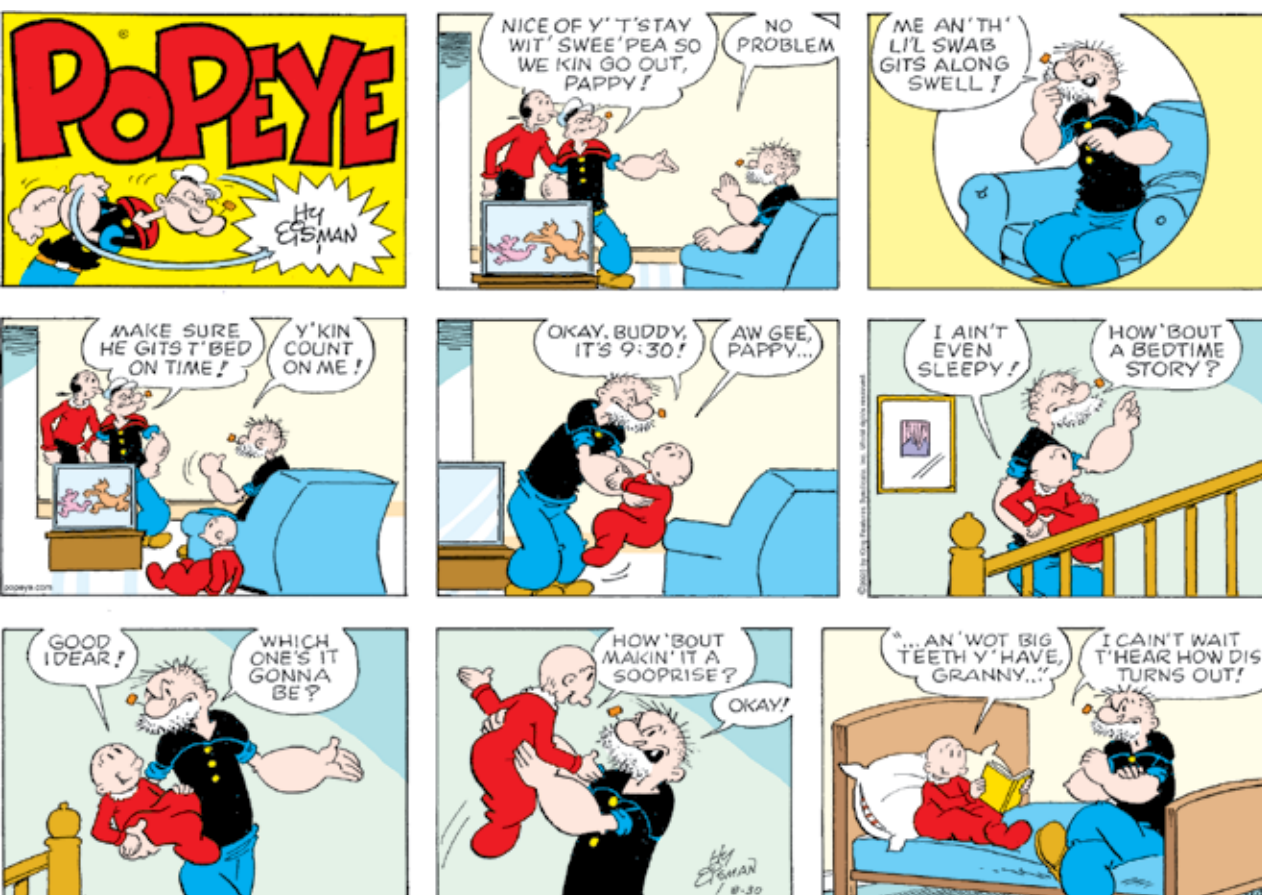
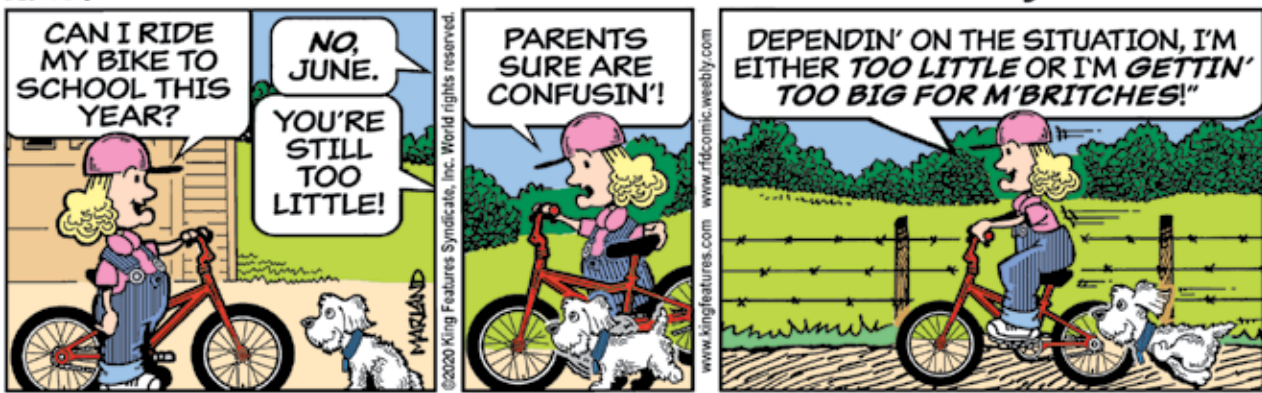


LAFF-A-DAY



R.F.D.

by Mike Marland

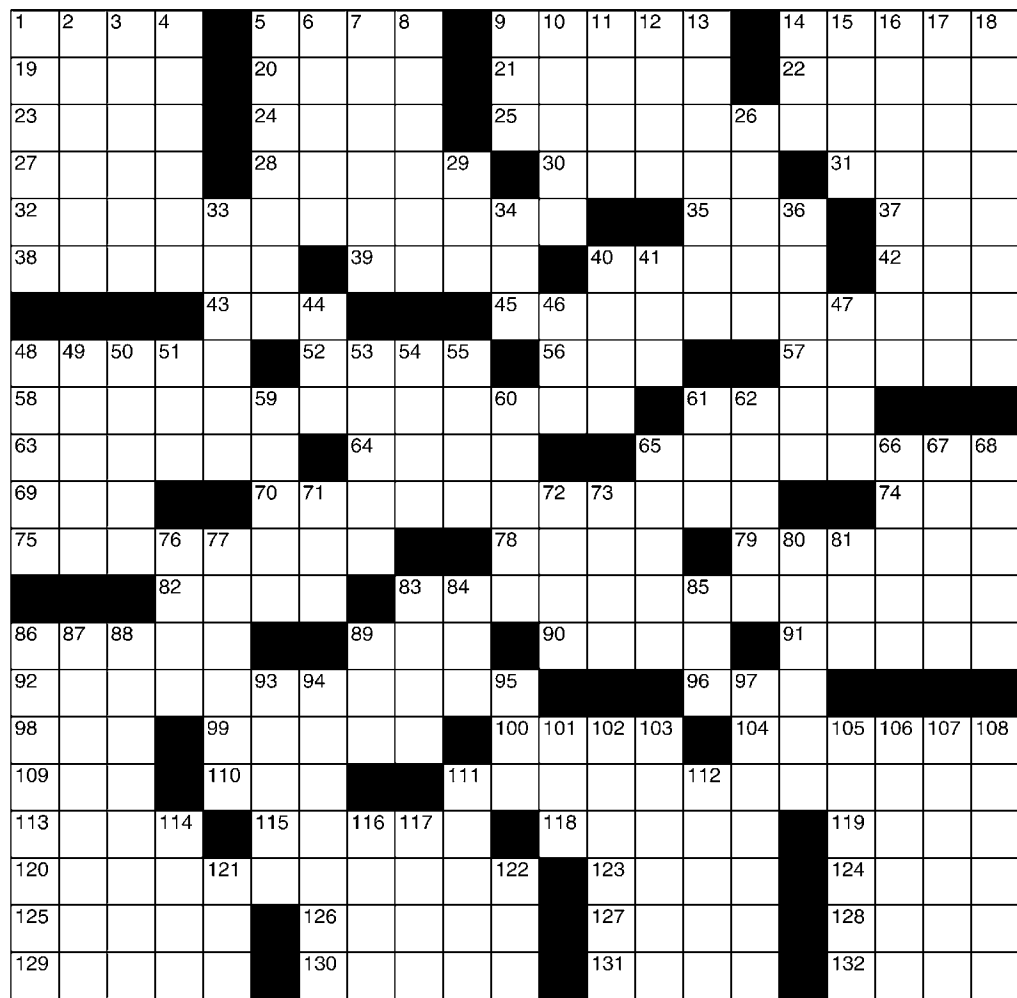


FUN & GAMES

Super Crossword

SONG SPAN

- ACROSS**
- 1 Neighbor of Niger
 - 5 Comical bits
 - 9 Work group
 - 14 PLO chairman Mahmoud
 - 19 Europe's "Eternal City"
 - 20 Blind as —
 - 21 Common typeface
 - 22 — Polo
 - 23 App-based ride option
 - 24 — fide (real)
 - 25 Grilled steak with thin, diagonal cuts
 - 27 Neighbor of Niger
 - 28 Alternative to toffee
 - 30 County in New Mexico or Colorado
 - 31 Aeneas' lover, in myth
 - 32 Link two disparate things
 - 35 Once — while
 - 37 Gp. backing firearms
 - 38 Has the helm
 - 39 Reversed one
 - 40 Terminated
 - 42 "Wild Thing" rapper
 - 43 \$20 dispenser
 - 45 "Really?"
 - 48 Natty scarf
 - 52 Palmtops, e.g., for short
 - 56 Internet ID
 - 57 Goggles
 - 58 Not breaking the rules
 - 61 Fast glance
 - 63 Lizard that may be a pet
 - 64 Terrible fate
 - 65 Refuses, as a chance
 - 69 "Norma —" (Field film)
 - 70 Initial amount required by a creditor
 - 74 Suffix of sugars
 - 75 Hold sacred
 - 78 Verse writer
 - 79 One dodging
 - 82 Slovak coin
 - 83 1969 Stevie Wonder hit
 - 86 "Geez!"
 - 89 — Paulo
 - 90 Crooner
 - 91 Exaggerated and
 - 92 Reasonable advance notice
 - 96 Facial locale
 - 98 Prefix with gender
 - 99 Ringlike isle
 - 100 Soda shop drink
 - 104 Sells virtually
 - 109 Surg. locales
 - 110 Vote in favor
 - 111 England's "Nine Days' Queen"
 - 113 Tel. or elec.
 - 115 Statesman
 - 118 High points
 - 119 Advance
 - 120 Watercourse associated with the starts of eight long answers in this puzzle
 - 123 Rabbit's kin
 - 124 Part of A.D.
 - 125 Attend
 - 126 Greek vowel
 - 127 Clear out of
 - 128 Marsh plant
 - 129 Elia piece
 - 130 "The Balcony" playwright
 - 131 Old flames
 - 132 Slips up
 - 1 Cookie bits
 - 2 Tasmania's capital
 - 3 2001 Audrey Tautou film
 - 4 Sneer at
 - 5 Rap session
 - 6 See
 - 7 76-Down
 - 8 India's Rajiv
 - 9 Like plays
 - 9 Mineo of movies
 - 10 Outpost unit
 - 11 "That — happenin'!"
 - 12 Get dimmer
 - 13 Ocala's state
 - 14 Envoy: Abbr.
 - 15 Verse writer
 - 16 Sib acquired via marriage
 - 17 Late-'60s music genre
 - 18 One-person bands, e.g.
 - 26 Nine-person band, e.g.
 - 29 Self-image
 - 33 Potatoes au —
 - 34 Frazier foe
 - 36 Folk sayings
 - 40 To be, to Fifi
 - 41 Flames' org.
 - 44 Car ad abbr.
 - 46 SPF part
 - 47 Ersatz
 - 48 Blazing
 - 49 Astronomer Carl
 - 50 Hints
 - 51 Schnozz or boff ender
 - 53 "Where — go wrong?"
 - 54 Auth. unknown
 - 55 Feed in a sty
 - 59 Low point
 - 60 Windows ad statement
 - 61 Frying vessel
 - 62 Perfumer
 - 65 — dish (lab item)
 - 66 City that Lot fled from
 - 67 Deplete
 - 68 Matthew of "Friends"
 - 71 Tokyo-born
 - 72 Pirate chant opener
 - 73 Run across
 - 76 With 6-Down, catch wind of
 - 77 Airport strip
 - 80 Clear out of
 - 81 Dr.'s gp.
 - 83 Postal stack
 - 84 Over there
 - 85 Mag. printing
 - 86 "Naturally!"
 - 87 Scrunchies
 - 88 Long letters
 - 89 TV inits. since 1975
 - 93 Vexed a lot
 - 94 Selfish driver of a sort
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TEENY MCMUNN: MY RECIPE BOX

Easy French toast casserole



Push the Staples Easy Button on this one!! I've done a few French toast casseroles, including a blueberry cream cheese one.

This casserole makes its own syrup on the bottom with brown sugar and butter, and lots of milk and eggs. For someone like me who's mainstay for breakfast is toast and fruit, this is perfect. I added blueberries and chopped apples. For a busy morning person, this would be ready to go for several days as it makes a large pan.

We actually had it for dinner because we wanted to see what it tasted like and again for breakfast the next day.

A bit on the snarky side, the recipe calls for a 8 ounce French loaf bread!!! I'm not sure who or where they measure bread by the ounce!! So I didn't put that in.

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 c. brown sugar
- ½ c. butter
- 1 loaf crusty French bread, cut into bite-size pieces
- 2 c. milk
- 6 large eggs
- 2 tsp vanilla
- 1 pinch cinnamon or to taste
- 1 Tbsp brown sugar

DIRECTIONS:

Grease a 9 x 12 pan.

Stir 1 cup brown sugar and butter together in a saucepan over medium-low heat until butter melts and sugar dissolves into butter, about 2 to 4 minutes. Pour into prepared baking dish and spread a 1½ inch to 2 inch layer of bread pieces over the top.

Beat milk, eggs, and vanilla together in a bowl: pour milk mixture over bread into the baking dish and move bread as necessary to ensure all bread is absorbing the liquid. Sprinkle cinnamon over the top. Cover the dish with plastic wrap and refrigerate 8 hours to overnight.

Preheat to 450 degrees. Remove and discard the plastic wrap from baking dish and sprinkle remaining brown sugar over the top of the bread mixture.

Bake until browned and bubbling, about 30 minutes.

MY NOTES:

As I mentioned, I put blueberries and apples over the brown sugar mixture. Caution—don't over cook the brown sugar and butter. I used too high of heat and took it off a bit before 2 minutes as it will want to caramelize. Also, this makes a sweet sauce so taste before you add syrup.

I covered it with foil the last 5 minutes. It does make a great crusty top and you don't want to under cook it.

Depending on the size of the French bread, if that is what you use, I used about ¾ of the loaf, and 1½ inch cubes.

I sprinkled the cinnamon on top (so the pinch is kinda stupid) and also sprinkled a bit of brown sugar as they suggested.

ENJOY ☺ Time for some apple recipes.



Peonies



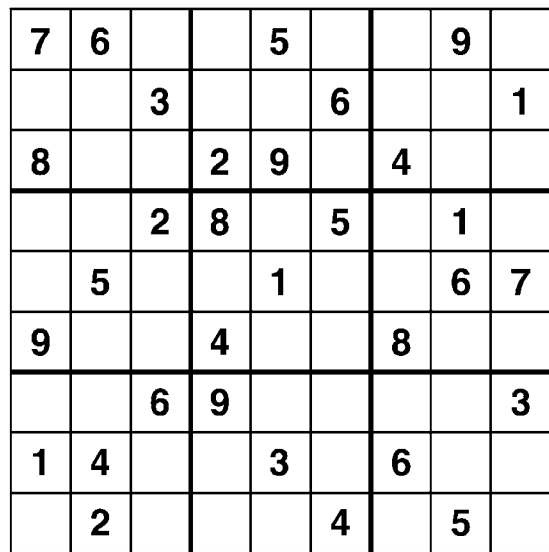
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- Brenda Weaver

These garden favorites are usually sold as bare-root tubers. For planting, pick a sunny spot with good drainage, and work some organic matter and a cup of bonemeal into the soil. Place the root in a hole about 2 inches deep (if planting in southern states, only 1 inch deep), and cover with soil, tamping gently. Water well. Plant peony tubers in late September or October, or about six weeks before the ground freezes. Peonies take years to fully develop, and may need support stakes.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

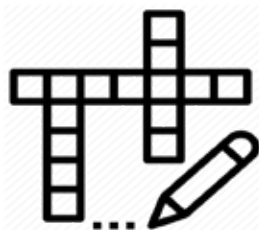


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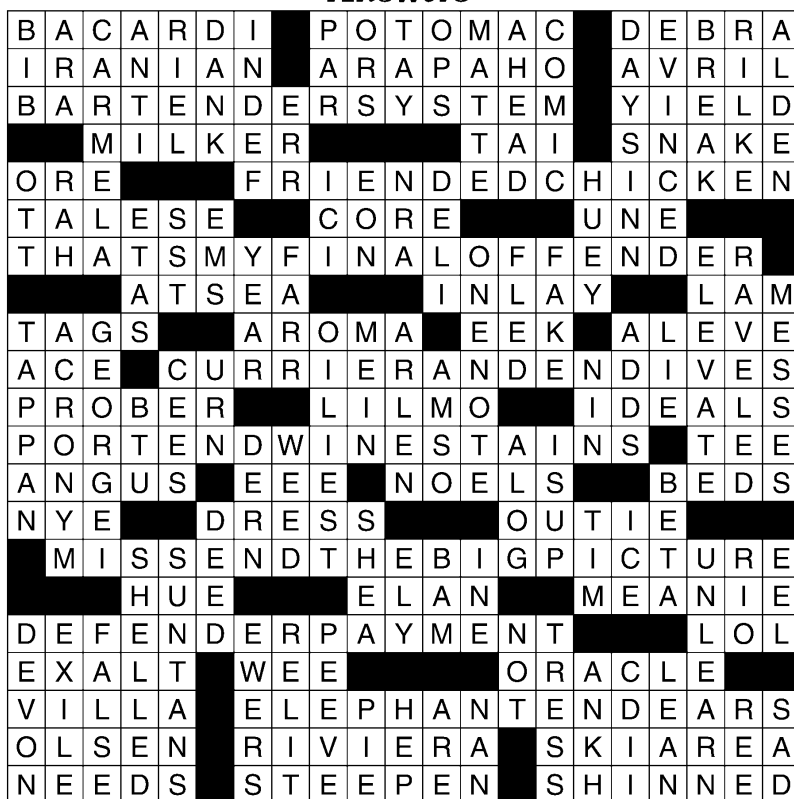
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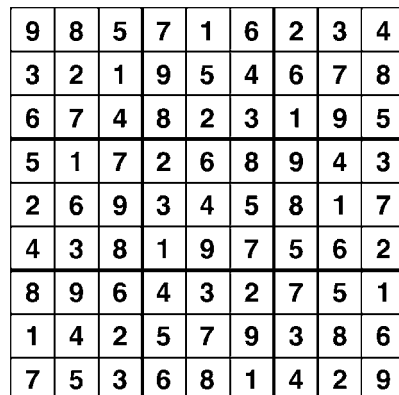
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THE LAST PAGE

Opportunity knocks for XO Alambic distiller

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON—Whiskey and brandy distiller “Rusty” Figgins has sold XO Alambic to a large distillery, in the Salem, Ore. area, and he is moving with his family to the Isle of Man, U.K., where he will be the master distiller and manager at Fynoderee Distillery.

Not only will Figgins continue the Fynoderee Distillery tradition of gin production, but he will be leading the way into Manx single malt whiskey production, from locally grown barley.

Figgins said the COVID-19 shut-down played a part in this decision.

“By April or May, I saw the handwriting on the wall.”

Into May, Figgins no longer had anything to distill, and he was not laying any stock down.

Figgins and vintner Dave Harvey of Red Band Cellars were partnering to make hand sanitizer for use in the community, when he received this job offer from one of his clients at Fynoderee Distillery, with whom he had an established a warm relationship.

One of the conditions of his employment is that he brings a Figgins Reciproca-tor distillation system to the Fynoderee Distillery.

Figgins is the inventor of this pot and column hybrid still. There are ten systems, in various locations, around North America.

The eleventh, an “ultra-spec” model, will be discreetly different from the others, Figgins said. It has the same operating volume but with more copper surface area and runs using heated mineral oil.

The still will be delivered to the U.K. distillery shortly after he makes landfall in mid-September. It will be placed alongside a 2,000 litre “Next Gen” still, and a range of copper pot alembics.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony for the opening of XO Alambic was held at the Blue Mountain Station on July 14, 2017.

The quality of the water is the primary reason Figgins located his business in Dayton. He said the Port of Columbia has been very supportive of him and has provided pathways he would not have had otherwise.

If he had wanted to map out the next chapter of growth for XO Alambic, he was going to need more space than the 1,600 sq. Ft. at the Blue Mountain Station afforded him. Then opportunity came knocking, and he accepted.

Figgins had everything moved out of the space he leased from the Port by midnight on Monday, August 31, and Red Band Cellars moved in the next day.

The distillery in Oregon has taken possession of all the equipment, including the Figgins Reciproca-tor still.



Michele Smith

Berle Figgins, Jr. “Rusty” standing next to the copper-clad Figgins Reciproca-tor distillation system. Figgins has sold XO Alambic to a large distiller in the Salem, Ore. area.

At-home wine tastings curated by the “9th Avenue Vineyard”

Grocery Outlet by any other name...

By Brianna Wray | THE TIMES

WALLA WALLA—I first learned of “Gross Out” in Seattle. My roommate Jeff, a produce guy to elite Seattle restaurant owners, had sous vide another delectable cut of meat. He was always in the kitchen, cooking up some chef-level deliciousness.

I wondered aloud how he was getting these amazing meat deals in a city so expensive, and he described to me a magical place where perishable and nonperishable foods alike, alongside plants and some truly random housewares, were all for sale at reasonable prices.

Still, the name he used sullied my first impression of the discount grocery paradise he was touting. “But why do they call it gross?” He then explained that “Gross Out” is short for Grocery Outlet. And there is more than meat.

Upon relocating to Walla Walla a few years ago, “Gross Out” was one of the only familiar shops and remains a favorite. Located at 910 S 9th Ave, in Walla Walla, it seems to be right around the corner from everything.

An incredible selection of local wine is right at our fingertips at the “9th Avenue Vineyard.” That being yet another name for Grocery Outlet, especially if you find yourself oohing and ahing at the deals on the wines.

Jason Wiley from Grocery Outlet’s wine department doesn’t have an exact number but says “wine sales are definitely up since the pandemic and our selection has grown.” Customers’ buying habits are changing due to COVID-19, and trips to traditional vineyards are not so easy.

For those attempting to recreate a wine tasting experience on a smaller scale, from the comfort and safety of home, a quick stop at the “9th Avenue Vineyard” is all that’s needed.

Wine-lovers can find a veritable smorgasbord of bottles to peruse. You’ll have to use your imagination for the faint scent of earth and envision the long-legged spiders that like to crawl through grapevines. With success, you’ll teleport into a great cellar filled to the brim with hidden gems.

The chain purchases wine wholesale at close-out prices. According to Wiley, in the last month, the top three red wines have been:

Columbia Crest H3 Red Blend \$6.99
Roza Ridge by Hyatt Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon \$6.99
Hyatt Vineyards Syrah \$5.99

Columbia Crest is a well-established winery from Paterson, Wash. Hyatt Vineyards is one of 11 wineries situated in the Rattlesnake Hills region located in Zillah, Wash. The Roza Ridge brand started with its first vintage in 2002.

Best selling white wines this month have been:

Columbia Crest H3 Sauvignon Blanc \$4.99
Browne Family Heritage Chardonnay \$7.99
Wilder Washington Chardonnay \$5.99

Browne Family Heritage Wilder Washington is from the Columbia Valley. Other favorites include the Gordon Estate located in Pasco. Try something new. You might be surprised.

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