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Beka Compton

Alicia Walker, owner of Locally Nourished, chats with customers during her Monday morning opening. Now located at 217 E Main, the cafe features cookies, cupcakes, quiches and scones made with locally-sourced ingredients. They also offer espresso, smoothies, and boba.

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SWAT training at Waitsburg High School
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Alumni Weekend
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Burn ban announced for CWWFD2

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—Columbia-Walla Walla Fire District 2 announced that a burn ban will go into effect on Monday, July 25. The ban is in effect in the entire district, including the City of Waitsburg.

This is an annual precaution, interim fire chief Colter Mohny shared. This year, the ban will go into effect approximately two-weeks later than normal, as the area experienced unusual levels of precipitation earlier this year.

For further questions regarding the burn ban, contact CWWCFD2 at clerkfire2@hotmail.com.

WWCFD8 receives \$50,000 award

THE TIMES

DIXIE—Northwest Farm Credit Services has awarded \$50,000 to Walla Walla County Fire District 8 located in Dixie, Wash.

Northwest Farm Credit Services donates funds to non-profits through its Rural Community Grant Program. The program supports projects that improve a rural community's infrastructure, viability, and economic health. They strive to improve the lives of their customers and employees, the communities where they live and work, and the northwest agriculture, food, and fiber industries.

Walla Walla County Fire District 8 specified the need for a side-by-side 4x4 ATV emergency medical/ fire response vehicle. This vehicle will be equipped with snow tracks for winter access and wildland firefighting equipment to access areas that regular emergency vehicles cannot. The award will also fund some personal protective equipment (PPE) for volunteer firefighters.

WWCFD8 would like to thank Lori Stonecipher and Stonecipher Farms for their assistance and support of this award. Fire District #8 is a small rural fire district that serves the center of Walla Walla County.



Submitted photo
WWCFD8 volunteers, friends, and commissioners accepting the donation from Northwest Farm Services.

Dayton City Council meeting for July 12

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON--Diane McKinley, representing the Advisory Committee for the Friends of the Community Pool, was a special guest at the Dayton City Council meeting last week. The Advisory Committee is seeking a resolution from the council to place a proposition on the November ballot asking voters to approve the formation of a nonfunded county-wide Metropolitan Park and Recreation District.

If the proposition is approved, grants will be sought to build the pool, and the District will then ask voters to approve a special levy each year to pay for operations and maintenance. McKinley said the rate could be between 25 and 75 cents per \$1,000 assessed value, depending on what community members want to be featured in a pool. An elected board will oversee policies and procedures for the pool.

The Metropolitan Parks and Recreation District and the tax dollars generated through that could be used for other recreational activities throughout the county but are to be used initially for the pool.

Mayor Zac Weatherford said a special meeting with the resolution on the agenda would be called later in the month.

The committee for the Friends of the Community Pool was formed after the city's pool was shuttered in 2017 due to significant infrastructure issues. It had been estimated that costs would be around \$2.5 million to repair the pool. The old pool is currently being backfilled with dirt by the Public Works Department.

Shoreline Master Program

Sara Noland of Anchor QEA and Ben Floyd of White Bluffs Consulting presented the City Council with an overview of the Shoreline Master Program (SMP) Periodic Review.

Dayton's SMP was adopted in 2017. Since then, there have been changes in state regulations requiring input from the City of Dayton.

Floyd said for economic and efficiency reasons, Dayton is now partnering with Asotin, Columbia, and Garfield Counties and the cities of Clarkston, Asotin, and the Town of Starbuck in a regional process to update SMPs.

Nolan explained, "We are going to be helping the communities in southeastern Washington in what is called Limited Amendments to the Shoreline Master Program."

The consultants will prepare changes in a collaborative review process with the city and the state Department of Ecology.

The deadline for the update is June 2023. The consultants have just begun to meet with the other coalition partners. Public hearings will take place locally before the adoption of any amendments, Nolan said.

The purpose of the Shoreline Master Program is to prevent harm caused by the uncoordinated and piecemeal development of the state's major shorelines. This includes the Touchet River.

Wastewater treatment plant project

Mayor Weatherford said the City's response letter to the Washington State Department of Ecology (DOE) updating the wastewater treatment plan and asking for an extension to meet the surface water quality standards was received by the DOE before the deadline and acknowledged by the DOE on July 1.

Anderson Perry & Associates and the City's attorney are looking at a different location for the plant. Weatherford said a new Conditional Use Permit would

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NEWS BRIEFS

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AT THE LIBERTY:

Elvis

THE TIMES

The movie *Elvis* explores the life and music of Elvis Presley (played by Austin Butler), seen through the prism of his complicated relationship with his enigmatic manager, Colonel Tom Parker (Tom Hanks). The story delves into the complex dynamic between Presley and Parker, spanning over 20 years, from Presley's rise to fame to his unprecedented stardom, against the backdrop of the evolving cultural landscape and loss of innocence in America. One of the most significant and influential people in Elvis's life is central to that journey, Priscilla Presley (Olivia DeJonge).

This movie is rated 78% favorable by critics, and 94% by audiences, on the Rotten Tomatoes website. It is rated PG-13 for substance abuse, strong language, suggestive material, and smoking. It has a runtime of 2 hours 40 minutes.

Please see the theater's advertisement below or our website for movie dates and times. We have eliminated the seating buffering between groups, but online seat selection is still available. However, the incidence and spread of BA.5 variant of COVID are now high, so we highly recommend that you wear face masks in the theater. We appreciate your cooperation.

The Liberty Theater's children's film series of 6 free movies will conclude with *The Emoji Movie*, at 1 pm on Tuesday and Friday (July 26 and 29). We also have a small popcorn and a small drink (soda or water) combo available for only \$2.00.

Also, preregistration is July 26 and 29 (2-5 pm) for participation in the weeklong (Aug. 1-6) Missoula Children's Theater training and production of *The Jungle Book Live* (shows on Aug. 5 and 6).

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AMERICAN PICKERS TO FILM IN WASHINGTON

THE TIMES

WASHINGTON—The American Pickers are excited to return to Washington, where they plan to film episodes of the hit television series throughout the state in October 2022.

American Pickers is a documentary series that explores the fascinating world of antique "picking" on The History Channel. The show follows skilled pickers as they hunt for America's most valuable antiques. The pickers are excited to find sizeable, unique collections and learn the stories behind them.

As they hit the back roads coast to coast, the Pickers are on a mission to recycle and rescue forgotten relics. They hope to meet interesting characters who share exceptional items and stories along the way.

The Pickers have seen a lot of rusty gold over the years and are always looking to discover something they've never seen before. They are ready to find extraordinary items and hear fascinating tales about them. The pickers often give historically significant objects a new lease on life while learning about America's past.

American Pickers continue to take the pandemic very seriously and will follow all guidelines and protocols for safe filming outlined by the state and CDC. Nevertheless, they are excited to continue reaching the many collectors in the area to discuss their years of picking and are eager to hear their memorable stories.

The show is looking for leads and would love to explore the area's hidden treasure. The show only features private collections, so flea markets and antique businesses are excluded from consideration. If you or someone you know has an extensive, private collection or accumulation of antiques that the show's hosts can spend the better part of the day looking through, send your name, phone number, location, and description of the collection with photos to americanpickers@cineflix.com or call (646) 493-2184.

SUPERINTENDENT JUSTIN BRADFORD MAKES THE HONOR ROLL AT SCC

THE TIMES

PRESCOTT—Prescott School District Superintendent and Principal Justin Bradford doesn't just talk the talk; he walks the walk. Bradford has earned a place on the Spokane Community College Honor Roll for Spring Quarter 2022. Students on the honor roll earned a GPA of 3.0 or above.

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Justin Bradford

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WELLER LIBRARY LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

THE TIMES

WAITSURG—Due to staffing issues, the library will have a temporary schedule of hours of operation from the week of June 26 - August 30th. The Board of Trustees are in the process of searching for two part time Library Support staff.

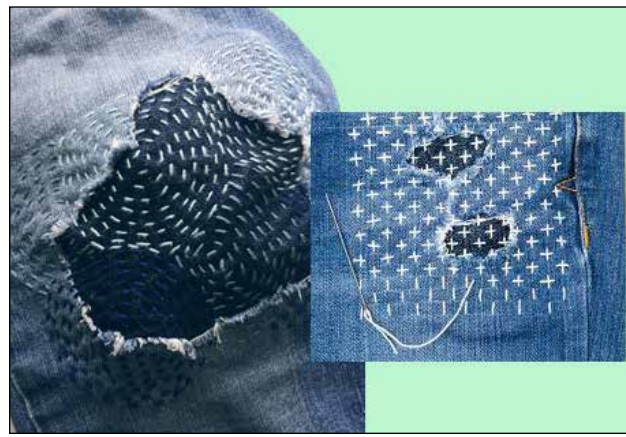
People will be encouraged to check the Weller Public Library Facebook page and the Friends of the Library Facebook page for update on hours or look for the OPEN sandwich board outside the library.

Beginning Saturday, July 30th, it will be open 9-5 and offer the first in a series of Workshops:

Sewing 101: Introduction to basic sewing skills. Ages 10 to adult can visit the library, get basic sewing instructions on how to use a sewing machine and create a Boho Book Bag or learn how to mend by using the Sashiko stitching method.

Materials will be provided.

Members of the Friends of Weller Public Library will be volunteering to offer other Creative Skills Workshops in the future.



BIRTHDAYS

July 21: Jill Wood, Andy Mays, Susann Anderson, Jackson Hogan.

July 22: Virginia Neace, Tom Keeney, Kathy Buroker, Kris-Lytle.

July 23: Inez Fletcher, Danielle Lehr, Chance Allen, Ashley Johnson, Thomas Reed, Dale Puckett.

July 24: Jo Ellen Watson, Jessica Duncan, Mason Palmer.

July 25: Karen Wilkins, Evelyn Singer, Tim Pettichord, Lester Doering, Brendan Hiatt.

July 26: Kay Witt, Susan Palmer, John Straley, Hazel Brown, Ross Estes, J.J. Dunleavy.

July 27: Charles Danielson, David Gauch, Phyllis Spidell, Jim Nettles, Brad Eaton.



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Joan S. Fiala

May 7, 1923 – June 23, 2022

Joan S. Fiala was born May 7, 1923, in Centerville, Washington, to Walter Thomas Hamilton and Ida Anne (Hinshaw) Hamilton. She received her eternal promotion on June 23, 2022, in the early morning hours at Parkview in Wheatland Village, Walla Walla, Wash., having completed 99 years, one month, and 16 days on this Earth. She was in good health until near the very end of her life and passed peacefully of natural causes after her children bid her farewell, at which time her son, James, blessed her by singing a song he had written as daughter, Julie, held her hand.

Joan always spoke of the privilege of having been raised by a village in Waitsburg, Wash., where her parents were entrepreneurial merchants, owning numerous businesses through the years, the last being Hamilton's Electric. She was an only child who learned her affable social skills at her parents' feet in the store beginning when she was very young. She attended elementary through high school in Waitsburg, WA, and continued her education at Washington State College (WSU) in Pullman, WA. While at WSC, she studied Home Economics, was a member of the Kappa Delta sorority, and was chosen Harvest Ball Queen. She was stricken with spinal meningitis and had to leave her studies to return home to recover.

On May 30, 1943, Joan married James A. Stonecipher, also from the Waitsburg area. World War II kept the newlyweds apart for three years while Jim fought with the army in Europe and Joan worked at her parent's store. When the war ended, they were joyfully reunited.

The couple spent the next many years raising their family and farming acreage in Spring Valley in an extended family operation including several properties. During harvest, Joan and her helper cooked up three scrumptious, hardy meals a day for her family and a good-sized crew. She was artful and creative in everything she did, giving astute attention to detail and always striving for excellence.

She was a dedicated partner with Jim in all that they undertook. They were both members of the First Christian Church in Waitsburg, WA, where Joan taught Sunday school to six-year-old children for 16 years, desiring that they receive the same underpinnings of faith that her children received at home while Jim served as Sunday School Superintendent. She was a member of the church Dorcas Society and DeNova Club, a women's community service group.

Over the years, Jim and Joan enjoyed annual family vacations to Priest Lake, Idaho. They took the family on an extensive tour of the western United States in 1960 and to the World's Fair in Seattle, Wash., in 1962. The couple went on many fishing trips with friends and numerous trips to Hawaii. They sojourned to Australia and Europe and cruised the inside passage to Alaska. During Jim's two terms as Walla Walla County Commissioner and tenure as the head of the Washington State Association of Counties, Joan traveled with Jim to every county in the state and often to Olympia. Their 38-year marriage ended on November 7, 1981, when Jim passed away.

Nearly a year later, after mutual friends spent their days playing Cupid between the two, Joan married Joseph (Joe) B. Fiala II on Oct. 2, 1982. His wife had passed only two days after Jim. Joan and Jim and Joe and his wife, Jane, had been dear college friends who often double-dated. The two soon came into agreement with their friends' vision of their future. Joan and Joe were married in Visalia, CA. There she became a member of Grace Lutheran Church, enjoyed becoming acquainted with her new family and community, and experienced the joy of swimming in her own pool every day. When Joe retired, they moved to Flathead Lake in Montana, wintering in Hawaii. In Montana, Joe and Joan



Joan S. Fiala
May 7, 1923 – June 23, 2022

were active in Trinity Lutheran Church in Kalispell. They participated in a computer club and enjoyed relationships with many friends and neighbors. It was their joy, as well, to receive numerous dear ones from afar who came to visit. Joan felt so blessed to add Joe's four children, seven grandchildren and five great grandchildren to her tribe. The couple enjoyed 33 years of marriage before Joe passed on December 17, 2014.

Joan returned to Walla Walla, WA and has spent the last eight years enjoying her family of three generations and reconnecting with old friends. Two weeks before she passed, she said to her daughter, Julie, "I've said everything I have to say." Her mission was complete. She "fought the good fight... finished the race... kept the faith..." (2 Timothy 4:7)

Joan is survived by her daughter, Julie Yokel (Jerry) of College Place, WA; son, James W.H. Stonecipher of Naalehu, HI; stepson Joseph B. Fiala III (Susan) of Lake Chelan, WA; stepdaughter, Sally Farhang (John) of Dayton, MT; grandchildren: Angela Brook Huntsman (Eric) of Huntington Beach, CA and Seaside, OR; Aaron Gabriel DeLong (Laurel) of Spring Valley near Dixie, WA; step grandchildren: Lucas Kai Kane Pensula of Omaha, NE; Katy K. Fiala of Bakersfield, CA; Josef B. Fiala IV (Michelle) Lynnwood, WA; Jakobb J. Fiala (Kelli) of Lynnwood, WA; Jonathon Paul Froberg of Exeter, CA; Jahan A. Farhang of Visalia, CA; Gaven T. Farhang of Visalia, CA; and Talia E. Farhang of Los Angeles, CA; great grandchildren: Haley Grace Huntsman of Sandy, OR; Mahala Naomi Huntsman of Huntington Beach, CA; Isaiiah Ginger Kelty, Aliyah Ann Kelty and Lydia Annette Kelty all of Spring Valley near Dixie, WA; step great grandchildren: Aubrey Fiala, Joseph B. Fiala V, Paul Fiala, Rylon Fiala all of Lynnwood, WA; and Jordan G Farhang of Visalia, CA; and her niece, Joy Linda Broom Leisure (Jerry) of Martinez, CA.

Joan was preceded in death by: her parents, Walter T. Hamilton and Ida Anne Hamilton; husband, James A. Stonecipher; husband, Joseph B. Fiala II; stepdaughter, Judith Ann Fiala; stepson, Paul Arthur Fiala; sister and brother-in-law, Roberta and Larry Broom; and nephew, Jeffrey Laurence Broom.

Joan loved and served God, her family, and her friends and neighbors. She liked to work hard and bless others. Her love of swimming was unparalleled, and she was passionate about designing scrapbooks and making photo albums. She was the family historian. This writing will be the final entry to the records kept, and a testament to a life well lived.

A small, private, family graveside service will be held at a later date.

Memorial contributions will be gratefully accepted by YOUTH ADVENTURES @ yeehawaloha.com, or checks may be sent by mail to Yeehaw Aloha, a nonprofit corporation, 1439 East Isaacs Ave., Walla Walla, WA 99362.

WW COUNTY AUDITOR WILL MAIL FULMER'S CANDIDATE STATEMENT

THE TIMES

On Thursday, July 14, 2022, Gunner Fulmer contacted the Walla Walla County Auditor's office, asking why his candidate's statement was not included in the Local Voters pamphlet.

"Candidate statements are submitted through the Vote-WA.gov system. In researching the issue in coordination with the Secretary of State's Office, we determined that Fulmer did attempt to submit his statement within the required timelines. Fulmer was sent verification that his statement was received by the system. However, the information submitted did not process completely," reported the Auditor's office in a press release to the media.

Since Fulmer completed his statement and received verification that it was received, the county auditor's office confirmed it would send the statement that Fulmer intended to be in the Voters' pamphlet to the voting households in Commissioner District 3.

Should Fulmer finish as one of the top two candidates in the primary, his statement will be included in the Voters' pamphlet for the General election.



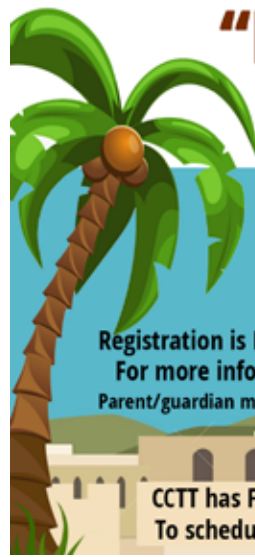
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WAITSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Waitsburg School District is offering free breakfast and lunch to all children under 18 years of age. Meals will end July 29. Breakfast is served between 8:30 a.m and 9:30 a.m. Lunch is served from 11:30 a.m - 12:30 p.m.



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JIM SU'EUGA IS NEW TO THE DAYTON CITY COUNCIL

By Michele Smith | THE TIMES

DAYTON--Jim Su'euga was appointed to Position 2 on the Dayton City Council at last week's regular meeting.

He applied for the city council position to serve the community. Su'euga said he would be a good steward of community resources and act with integrity.

Su'euga told the council that his method of handling conflict and controversy is to "talk it out" without being confrontational, polarizing, or divisive.

His top priorities for the community are moving forward with the wastewater treatment plant project, providing adequate child-care resources in the community, building a swimming pool, and supporting Dayton schools.

"I've been in rural communities most of my working life, so I am really familiar with the dynamics," he said. "I think I can help this council."

Su'euga has retired from the rural electric utility industry after serving five different electric cooperatives and having traveled extensively throughout the U.S. for work and with family. His most recent employment was with Columbia REA, where he was a senior management team member.

He has been a Young Life supporter and church youth leader for more than 45 years and a Dayton School District Middle School Girls Basketball coach since 2016.

He is also a 2nd Saturday volunteer and an advocate for senior citizens and others who need hands-on help like home repair.

Su'euga is married with three children and three grandchildren. He enjoys cycling, basketball, short-court sports, residential construction and repair, and woodworking.

Two other candidates applied for the open seat on the city council: Misty Jones and Robin Fitch. Dayton Mayor Zac Weatherford interviewed the three candidates at last week's city council meeting.

The vote to approve Su'euga for the council position was five to one, with Laura Aukerman dissenting.

Su'euga will fill the remainder of Misty Yost's term which ends on Dec. 31, 2023.



CITY COUNCIL - FROM PAGE 1 be needed, and title reports have been ordered.

The city is working with the DOE, hoping to roll the land purchase and the design costs into one loan with a time extension on the design portion.

Dayton Chamber of Commerce

The Dayton Chamber Director Belinda Larsen provided her report to the council. She reported a busy second quarter with events including Dayton Days, the annual Chamber Banquet, All Wheels Weekend, and the recently held Childcare Community Forum.

All were well attended, she said.

Larsen has applied for a grant to replace the reader board located at the west end of the Main Street Bridge. Parts are no longer available for the reader board. The cost to replace it is around \$30,000. The sound system also needs an upgrade.

County commissioners

Commissioner Ryan Rundell said six people were interviewed for positions on the board of health, and the BOCC is expected to announce their selections this week. Three people have been interviewed for the Emergency Management/Dispatch Director position.

City administrator

City Administrator Deb Hayes introduced the new Deputy Clerk, Misty Yost.

Hayes said the final payment was made on a 2004 \$22,000 water system improvement loan from the Dept. of Commerce.

The Dayton City Council authorized the following at their meeting:

Resolution #1496; Authorizing the Mayor to approve a Transportation Improvement Board Consultation with Anderson/Perry and Associates for Design and Reconstruction of the North Third Street Reconstruction Project, from Main Street to Dayton Avenue. The existing road surface and base will be removed, and a new base and asphalt surface will be constructed. Construction will take place next summer. Mayor Weatherford said the city plans to apply for a loan through the Washington Public Works Board to replace all the water and sewer infrastructure under the street. Project elements are the sanitary sewer replacement, waterline replacement, sidewalk replacement where needed, and street reconstruction with the addition of curb and gutter.

Weatherford said bids for the S. Third St. overlay from Tremont St. to School Bus Lane came in too high and that project will be combined with next year's N. Third St. project. A sanitary sewer replacement from the Main Street alley to School Bus Lane is also planned for that project.

Resolution #1497; Authorizing the Mayor to execute a Prisons Division Class IV Work Project Contract with the Dept. of Corrections. This is for work crews to help with work performed by the Public Works Dept.

"All the work I have seen them do has been excellent," Weatherford said.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p. m. The next meeting of the Dayton City Council is 6 p. m. on August 9 at the Dayton City Hall at 111 S. 1st St.

P-EBT RETURNS TO WASHINGTON FOR SUMMER

THE TIMES

OLYMPIA —Thanks to federal COVID-19 relief funding from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), many families in Washington state will have another round of food assistance available to them while children are home during the summer break.

Called Pandemic EBT, or P-EBT, these food benefits are available to families with young children who are eligible for Basic Food benefits as well as school-aged children who are eligible for free or reduced-price school meal programs.

P-EBT benefits can be used to shop at any grocery store, farmers market, or food retailer that accepts EBT card payments. The Public Charge rule does not apply to P-EBT benefits and will not impact immigration status.

The Department of Social and Health Services Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) recently received federal approval to implement a third round of P-EBT. This will include benefits for children under age six and for school-aged children for summer 2022. Families will start to receive these benefits beginning late-July and through the end of the summer.

The Children Under 6 and Summer 2022 P-EBT programs will be available as follows:

- P-EBT Children Under 6 program: Qualifying children under age 6 who live in a household that receives Basic Food benefits (the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program or Washington state's Food Assistance Program) may receive \$43 for each month they received Basic Food assistance from September 2021 — June 2022.
- Summer 2022 P-EBT program: Qualifying children under age 6 as well as school-aged children will receive a one-time lump sum of \$391 per child to cover the summer period through July and August 2022. School-aged children enrolled in Washington state public K-12 schools through June 2022 who are eligible for free or reduced-price school meals are eligible for Summer 2022 P-EBT benefits. Children under age 6 will receive benefits under this plan as long as they receive Basic Food assistance during July and August.
- Both these benefits programs are separate from a P-EBT 2021–22 School Year program, which has not been approved by USDA at this time.
- To ensure all eligible children receive P-EBT benefits, families must complete the free and reduced-price meal program application through their school district or apply and be approved for Basic Food assistance by Aug. 31, 2022.
- P-EBT benefits for all eligible children will be loaded onto a special P-EBT card that was mailed automatically to each eligible child in the previous year. Newly eligible children will receive new cards in the mail. Families who have misplaced or discarded previous P-EBT cards can order new ones by calling the P-EBT Contact Center at 833-518-0282. Future installments will be made directly to eligible children's P-EBT cards, so families should keep all cards for any additional benefits.

New in 2022, families can sign up for text message alerts about the status of their child's P-EBT by going to <https://www.textpebt.dshs.wa.gov> and filling out a simple verification form. For full details and additional questions about P-EBT benefits, visit <https://tinyurl.com/ycxz3caf> or call the P-EBT Contact Center at 833-518-0282 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday-Friday (except observed holidays).

P-EBT benefits do not replace any food assistance program already offered, including free summer meals or meals provided in childcare centers. Families are encouraged to continue participating in a summer meal program at their local schools and community locations, even if they receive P-EBT benefits.



It is a wrap, but not.

Unlike digital art printed on mylar or polyester and applied to outdoor walls, this is a painting. Dayton's newest mural was created using brushes and paint by a muralist.

Painter Don Brown and his wife Janice from Kennewick are familiar faces in Dayton, having restored several historic murals downtown. This mural, on the east side of the Weinhard parking lot, is Brown's original design and was commissioned by The Weinhard Hotel and the Dayton Development Task Force.

Learn more about Don Brown at www.donbrownart.com.

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Waitsburg City Council

Third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m.



Waitsburg School Board

Third Thursday of every month at 6 p.m.

Zoom meeting information is available at <https://www.waitsburgsd.org/o/waitsburg-school-district/page/school-board--272>

Waitsburg Commercial Club

Last Thursday of each month

Zoom info available by emailing waitsburgcc@icloud.com

Waitsburg Parks and Recreation Public Meeting

First and third Thursdays, 6:30 p.m.

Ten Ton Coffee, 216 Main St Waitsburg

For more information email: waitsburgpr@protonmail.com

Community Health & Protection Committee

8:30 AM - Tuesday, July 19, 2022

Waitsburg City Hall and on Zoom

Friends of the Weller Public Library

4th Monday of each month at 7 p.m.

Weller Public Library,

212 Main Street, Waitsburg

Weller Library Book Club

Third Tuesday of each month, 7:00 p.m.

at Weller Public Library

Weller Library Board of Trustees Meeting

2nd Tuesday of each month



Dayton & Columbia County Meetings

Board of Columbia County Commissioners

First and second Monday of each month at 9 a.m.

Board of Columbia County Commissioners work session meetings Second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 9 a.m.

Call-in information available at <https://www.columbiaco.com/114/County-Commissioners>

Dayton City Council

Second Tuesday of every month at 6 p.m.

Call-in information available at <https://www.daytonwa.com/54-inside-city-hall/city-council>

Dayton School Board

Third Wednesday of every month at 6 p.m. at the Dayton High School auditorium

Columbia County Public Hospital District Board of Commissioners

Fourth Wednesday of every month at 1:30 p.m. Call (509) 382-2531 for information.

Dayton Memorial Library Board of Trustees Meeting

April 25 at 7 p.m. (Changed date from April 18)

Delaney room and Zoom Meeting ID: 852 3836 3787

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85238363787>

Dayton Kiwanis Club Meeting

Second and Fourth Thursday at Noon

Hybrid in-person meetings at the Delaney Library with online Zoom available. Zoom Meeting ID: 559 815 3650

Starbuck City Council

Second Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. at Starbuck City Hall

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10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

For more information email Kate Hockersmith at tvamp1@charter.net

Waitsburg Friday Market

Fridays, 9 a.m. to 1pm at Nancy's Dream Garden



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LINE DANCING LESSONS AT AMERICAN 36

AUGUST 5

7:00 P.M.

The vivacious ladies of Steppin' Country are gonna light up the stage at American 35 with a line dance performance followed by a free 30 minute lesson. They will stay til closing time to keep the party going. No experience needed, and all ages welcome!



DAYTON

EVENING AT THE DEPOT - August 6, 2022 6pm to 9 pm

Annual benefit auction, supporting the day to day operations of the Dayton Historic Depot.

Individual tickets are \$45 and include a souvenir wine or beer glass to keep, live music by Rich and Nancy Monacelli, a small bites buffet prepared by Haute Stuff Catering Co, and locally crafted wine (Dumas Station & Red Band Cellars) and beer (Chief Spring's). The silent and live auctions are sure to offer something for everyone!

TWO PRIVATE DINNERS ON THE LINCOLN PULLMAN CAR WILL BE AUCTIONS AT TYHE EVENT!

On August 6th, at Evening at the Depot, they will be auctioning two private dinners for 8, served in the Pullman Car's dining room. One will be on September 30 (evening before the Historic Homes Tour) and one will be October 1 (evening of the Historic Homes Tour).

Get your friends together now and work out your bidding strategy to win one of these rare opportunities to dine like 1910 Railroad tycoons!



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2022 NONPROFIT & COMMUNITY LEARNING EVENT

LEGALS & NEWS

988 SUICIDE AND CRISIS LIFELINE LAUNCHES

Washington's first phase to build understanding, hope, and a path forward for those in need

THE TIMES

OLYMPIA— 988 is the new, nationwide, three-digit dialing code for the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline. The 988 dialing code connects people via call, text, or chat to the existing National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (NSPL), where compassionate, accessible care and support are available for anyone experiencing mental health-related distress. 988 is the newest addition to the state's network of crisis center providers and will not replace any crisis call centers in Washington. The current NSPL number, 1-800-273-TALK (8255), will remain active along with the new 988 dialing code.

"Thanks to the many partner organizations and agencies who have made this resource possible," said Governor Jay Inslee. "In the same way 911 transformed our ability to respond to emergency safety or health situations, 988 will transform our ability to connect people to help in behavioral and mental health crises."

"Providing an easy-to-remember three-digit number is an important step to accessing potentially life-saving support," said Umair A. Shah, MD, MPH, Secretary of Health. "We are dedicated to enhancing and expanding behavioral health crisis response and suicide prevention services for all Washingtonians."

In addition to activating a new dialing code for anyone experiencing a suicidal or mental health-related crisis to call, the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline also allows text messaging to increase access to services for youth and individuals with different abilities. People can also dial or text 988 if they are worried about a loved one who may need crisis support. 988 will be available 24/7 and is free and confidential.

Call services will be available in Spanish, along with interpretation services in over 250 languages. Spanish speakers may reach the Spanish Language Line by pressing "2" after dialing 9-8-8 or 1-800-273-TALK (8255). Text and chat services are available in English only.

Veterans and service members may reach the Veterans Crisis Line by pressing "1" after dialing 9-8-8 or 1-800-273-TALK (8255). Soon, Washington will also be able to launch a Native and Strong Lifeline

dedicated to serving Washington's American Indian and Alaska Native individuals.

People who are deaf, hard of hearing, and TTY users should use their preferred relay service or dial 711 then 1-800-273-8255.

Made possible through the National Suicide Hotline Designation (NSPL) Act of 2020, the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline is the first of a series of expansions to NSPL services, including House Bill 1477 (E2SHB 1477). Signed by Governor Inslee last year, the bill expands Washington's Behavioral Health Crisis Response System and suicide prevention services. It designates the Washington State Department of Health (DOH) and Health Care Authority (HCA) as lead agencies, alongside a new 988 Coordinator position under the Governor's Office. The multi-year phased rollout of changes includes increasing options for youth and adults to receive help while in crisis and strengthening the state's ability to provide culturally, geographically, and linguistically appropriate services.

DOH and HCA expect an increase in call volume as estimated by Vibrant Emotional Health, the National Administrator of the NSPL and 988. To meet the expected increase in call volume, NSPL crisis centers increased hiring and recruitment efforts, trained over 132 individuals to provide NSPL counseling and support for 988 programs, and anticipate hiring another 20 or so positions. Those interested in a career helping people in crisis can apply for a job with an NSPL crisis center at <https://www.samhsa.gov/find-help/988/jobs#washington>.

On the national level, alongside Vibrant Emotional Health, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) is the lead federal agency, in partnership with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and the Department of Veterans Affairs at <https://www.veteranscrisisline.net>.

"Washington is joining states and territories across the nation in the transition to the easy-to-remember, 3-digit number for the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline. This is a top priority for me and our entire leadership here at the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)," said Miriam Delphin-Rittmon, Ph.D., the HHS Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use and the leader of SAMHSA. "I am committed to continued work with our national partners to achieve a smooth transition, and I greatly appreciate the partnership with our state and tribal leaders in Washington. Thank you to the crisis centers and behavioral health professionals who are working hard at the local level to support people, prevent suicides and save lives."

For more information, visit <https://doh.wa.gov/chk/node/14398>.

Columbia Port regular meeting update

THE TIMES

DAYTON – The Columbia Port Commissioners held their regular meeting at 5:00 p.m., July 13, 2022, at the Port of Columbia and on Zoom. Port Executive Director Jennie Dickinson attended remotely using Zoom. Members of the public attended using Zoom and in person.

The Commissioners approved the last meeting minutes, budget report, and vouchers.

Dickinson reported on port properties. She said the non-profit Southeast Washington Alliance for Health would rent two suites at the Cameron Street Coworking, and Columbia River Detailing is moving into 521 Cameron. The Port currently has no vacant rental space.

Lyon's Ferry Marina and RV Park is still awaiting delivery of its Conestoga Wagons.

Sweet Cheeks Baked Goods and Smuggler's Tea are new users of the Blue Mountain Station commercial kitchen. Tracy Hollenbeck the owner of Sweet Cheeks Bakeshop hopes to move the business to a downtown location in the future.

Dickinson said the owner of the building that once housed Woody's, is having trouble selling it because it shares a wall with the fire-damaged Eagles building. The owner does not have access to assess the damage necessary to make repairs. An assessment of damage is essential before the former Woody's building can finalize a sale.

According to Dickinson, Columbia Pulp is still working through the receivership process and hopes to sell as soon as this autumn.

Dayton Chamber of Commerce Director Belinda Larsen expanded on her presentation to the City Council the night before. She said Vikki and Jason Griffin, the owners of Vikki's Sweet Shop purchased the commercial building next to their rented storefront. They have tentative plans for the building, potentially including apartments and a laundromat.

Dickinson spoke about ways the Port may assist in developing more affordable housing in Columbia County. She discussed other models that other ports use to include housing in a development plan, which would also have to include commercial development.

Housing and commercial development plans would need to be included in the Port's comprehensive plan. Dickinson said the process of updating the comprehensive plan would begin after a consultant in the process is hired.

Dickinson reported on the status of the broadband project. The Port is working on franchise agreements with the City and County to allow the Port to build a telecommunications system on their right-of-way.

Inland Cellular and Columbia iConnect are the two ISPs who will provide broadband fiber service to local customers after the project is completed. The Port will begin public outreach to offer customers early registration for service while the system is under construction. Customers who sign-up early will receive their home connection or "drop" for free as the costs would be included in the Port's construction cost. Also, the Port is working on insurance for the broadband project.

Port Commission Chair Genie Crowe adjourned the meeting at 6:04 p.m.

CLASSIFIEDS

HELP WANTED

Help Wanted:

Weller Public Library is accepting applications for library support staff. Qualifications: experience working with young children, IT skills, ability to lift 20 lbs., pass background check. Starting at \$15 per hour. Applications available at Waitsburg City Hall.



LEGAL NOTICES

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

No. 22-3-00105-36
Kenneth Cowden,
Petitioner,
Yomary Yolenny Marte,
Respondent.

The State of Washington to the respondent Yomary Yolenny Marte

You are hereby summoned to appear within 90 days after the date of the first publication of this dissolution of marriage summons, after the 08/04/2022, and defend the above-entitled action in the above-entitled court, and answer the complaint of the petitioner, Kenneth Cowden, and serve a copy of your answer upon the petitioner at the address below stated; and in case of your failure so to do, judgment will be rendered against you according to the demand of the dissolution 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 service, the court may enter an order of default against you, and the court may, without further notice to you, enter a final order and approve or provide for the relief requested in the petition. The court will not enter the final order until at least 90 days after filing and service. Serve a copy of your response on Kenneth Cowden at 1322 Valley Chapel Rd Street, Walla Walla, WA 99362.

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June 30, July 7, 14, 21, 28,
August 4, 2022
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Waitsburg School District No. 401-100 Board of Directors of Walla Walla County will meet for the purpose of fixing and adopting the proposed 2022-2023 Budget, the four-year budget plan summary and the four-year enrollment projection at a special meeting on July 21, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at the Waitsburg Elementary School Library in the Waitsburg School District.

All District residents are invited to attend the meeting and be heard for or against any part of the budget, the four-year budget plan, or any proposed changes to uses of enrichment funding under RCW 28A.505.240. Copies of the Budget will be available at the hearing or can be obtained after that date at the district office.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Mark Pickel,
Secretary to the Board
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THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA
No. 20-4-00229-36
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In re the Estate of:
JOHN WESTLEY WILSON,
Deceased.

The personal representatives named below have been appointed as 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 in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the personal representatives or to their attorney at the address stated below, a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court.

The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(3); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and non-probate assets. Date of filing notice to creditors with clerk of the court: 2-18-2021

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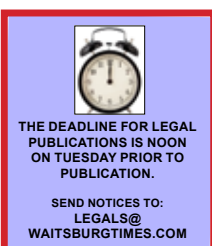
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Walla Walla, Washington
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Court of Probate Proceedings:
Superior Court of Walla Walla County
315 West Main Street
Walla Walla, Washington
99362

Respectfully Submitted this 5th day of July, 2022 by
/s/ Janelle Carman Wagner
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Attorney for Personal Representative
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Drink up and chow down at Laht Neppur

Glen Bates is the man behind the grill at Waitsburg's popular brewery.

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—This week, I sat down with Glen Bates as he shut down the outdoor grill for the night at Laht Neppur. We were interrupted by numerous variations of “Thanks, Glen!” and ‘see ya’ later.’

“I’m starting to get that a lot,” my interviewee said. “Whether here, at the grocery store, or just driving down the street.”

Laht Neppur Brewing Co. has served cold beers and warm cheers to Waitsburg and all its visitors for nearly 20 years. For six years, Bates has been grilling the perfect burgers, wraps, and chicken sandwiches to pair with the microbrews, wines, and house-made root beer.

Bates said he has been cooking since he was 14, in all manner of restaurants and casinos. He grew up in Nevada and returned to the Lake Topaz area after a six-year-run in the US Navy, where he also worked in kitchens.

Their son convinced Bates and his wife, Brenda, to move to Walla Walla, where they settled in Waitsburg, 12 years ago.

“Our son, who lived in Walla Walla, said ‘you guys aren’t doing much, you should move up here,’” Bates said. “So, we did. And I got a job at the White Stallion, and Brenda got a job at The General Store.”

Bates worked at the beloved Waitsburg dive until it closed its doors in the late 2000’s. He then hopped the county line to cook for the patients at Dayton General Hospital and the Booker Rest Home.

“I tried to be a doctor,” joked Bates. “They just wouldn’t let me.”

After working at local restaurants, including the Whiskey C in its early days, Bates stepped up to help Laht Neppur owners Court and Katie Ruppenthal open their outdoor grill and patio.

“One day, I came in here and we discussed this,” Bates said, jutting a thumb at the covered grill space in the front of the brewery. “I said, ‘well, who is going to cook?’ Katie said ‘I’m not! You are.’ And that was six years ago.”

Bates shared that his first experience with an Imperial Pale Ale, or IPA for short, was at the former Whetstone Bar, in Waitsburg. They were serving one of Laht Neppur’s IPAs, and it was good enough for Bates to turn away from mass-produced beers and learn to taste the finer qualities of small-batch brews.

The grill menu has grown to include seasonal specials and popcorn shrimp since he first started cooking under a pop-up tent. Now, he has a permanent space built from a reclaimed grain storage bin, complete with fryers, flatops, and plenty of cold storage for ingredients. He enjoys the freedom that comes along with being the grill master.

With his improved set up Bates said, “I can cook anything that I imagine.” He has a few seasonal options that he looks forward to each year, starting with beer-battered asparagus, followed up by Walla Walla Sweet Onion rings. The asparagus has become increasingly popular, Bates said.

“And when the Walla Walla Sweets run out, we are done with onion rings!” he added.

Bates said that he really enjoys living and working in a small town. He works with friends and gets to interact with customers daily, something that he didn’t get to do in his early career.



Beka Compton

Grilled bacon burgers and cold shandy go hand in hand.



Beka Compton

Glen Bates spends his summer serving up some of the best burgers in the area. He is much more comfortable behind the grill than in front of a camera.

Laht Neppur Brewing Co., is still going strong with their wide selection of craft beers, ranging from a hoppy IPA to the burly Laughing Boy Stout. They continue to feature other Washington and Oregon beers, including a Huckleberry Pucker Shandy from Paradise Creek Brewing Co., in Pullman, Wash.

In addition to its peanut shells-on-the-floor relaxed and welcoming atmosphere, and great beer on tap, Laht Neppur hosts a trivia night on the second Thursday of the month. There are prizes for winners and fun for all.

The outdoor grill is open from late spring through fall, with Bates saying that he cooks until it simply gets too cold to be outside. The grill is open for dinner Thursdays-Sundays, from 4:30 p.m., to 7:30(ish). Glen is also at the grill for lunch on Fridays-Sunday, from 12:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Just Vignettes by Popo Ott The Red Carpet Treatment

I call this series “Just Vignettes” because that’s what they are, just short snapshots of things that have happened to me or have been told to me. I can vouch the stories you read here are mostly true.

The officers of the USS Missouri were in a fit of excitement and activity. In preparation for the arrival of a distinguished visitor, the quarterdeck was to be laid with a red carpet, a normal adornment for such occasions. Now, unbelievably, the carpet was missing from the Bosun’s locker.

Why would anyone purloin the red carpet? What could they possibly do with it? These questions were asked of the assembled officers in the wardroom. All the officers sat stone-faced and silent as years of training and experience have ingrained them to do. As the officers finally filed out, Lieutenant Carman, the ship’s gunnery officer and recent veteran of another battleship, the New Jersey, set off on his own search mission.

In less than an hour, we got the news that Lt. Carman had discovered and retrieved the red carpet. The Missouri was spared the shame of welcoming a dignitary without a red carpet on the quarterdeck. He had been poking his head in the turret gun rooms and noticed a glint of red reflecting off the top of Turret Three’s center gun.

From his experience aboard the USS New Jersey, he knew what perhaps only a handful of other sail-

ors on the ship knew: the Iowa Class battleships had a small, hidden berthing compartment between the center and left guns. Some gunner’s mates had taken the red carpet from the Bosun’s Locker, snuck it across the deck and into Turret Three’s hatch, and up into the old berthing space. During the Korean War and WWII, the battleships had nearly double the crew they would have after their 1980’s refit. Most of the reduction in crew size resulted from the removal of the masses of 20mm and 40mm anti-aircraft guns. That’s why the ship had so many unused racks (navy for beds) scattered about in unusual places.

I had never heard of such a secret berthing space before and immediately set off for Turret One to see if we also hosted such a mystery surprise. We did. It was not easy to get to. From inside the ship, a sailor would need to climb down a four-story vertical ladder to the Powder Flats. Next, the sailor would go through the center of the turret and climb past the Powder Flats, past two levels of Projectile Flats, through the Machinery and Electrical Decks, pop up into the Pan Deck and climb vertically into the Gun Deck. Next, the sailor steps out on the Gun Captain’s Platform in Center Gun and carefully attempts to ascend the gun breech without falling into the pan deck. Next, the sailor must shimmy across the top of the gun, squeezing between it and the upper armor. From about the center of the gun, the berthing compartment access can be seen on the port side.

This journey through the turret takes about twenty minutes.

Entering the berthing space was like entering a time capsule. It appeared to be untouched since the Korean War. All the incandescent lights still worked. The compartment contained about six racks, only two high because of the low overhead, and a small, permanent table printed with a checkerboard pattern. On the table and hanging from some of the racks were homemade butt kits (navy for ashtrays) crafted out of “Circus Peanuts” cans with a cartoon elephant printed on them.

Sailors had punched small holes near the upper rim of the peanut can and fashioned a bale from a straightened-out paperclip. Scattered on the racks were period girlie magazines with black and white photos of women sporting Betty Grable and beehive coiffures. The women wore uncomfortable-looking stiff bras and girdles. The magazines reminded me of old Sears catalogs without the prices. Scattered about was some other minor equipment, all of it apparently untouched and unseen for thirty years.

After seeing these living conditions, I gained a new respect for the sailors of WWII and the Korean War. Imagine being assigned to this berthing space and in the middle of the night feeling the urge to use the head (navy for bathroom). Imagine thinking about the twenty minutes it will take to exit the turret and another twenty minutes to return.

Worse, perhaps, imagine returning from a night of imbibing at the Honolulu Hotel Street bistros with your shipmates, singing arm-in-arm, and navigating the treacherous path to your pillow while being in a bibulous stupor. Life could be tough back then.

Wine of the Week

Long Shadows 2021 Cymbal Sauvignon Blanc

By Paul Gregutt | THE TIMES

The first vintage of Cymbal was in 2018, and it has quickly become a tasting room favorite. The 2021 was sourced from Gamache, Boushey, and Bacchus vineyards – a terrific trio. It’s an ideal summer wine, immaculately fresh and loaded with zesty flavors of grapefruit, white peach, and lemongrass, brushing against the edges of more tropical fruits. Fermented in a mix of cement egg and stainless-steel drums, it was finished briefly in French oak barrels, one-fifth new. By any measure, it’s bright and spicy, lightly dusted with white pepper, and clean and persistent through the finish. It’s more in the New Zealand style which should appeal especially to those who dislike the grassiness of some cool climate Sauv Blancs.

1065 cases; 14.2%; \$35 (Columbia Valley)

<https://longshadows.com/wines/2021-cymbal/133>



SPORTS



(left) Members of the Walla Walla Regional SWAT Team were present at Waitsburg High School earlier this week. Focusing on an active-shooter drill, SWAT members worked their way through the school, clearing every room in the building.

Regional SWAT trains at WHS

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

WAITSBURG—On Tuesday, July 19, 2022, a fleet of county law enforcement vehicles, including a Mine-Resistant Ambush Protected All-Terrain Vehicle (M-ATV), took over the parking lot at Waitsburg High School for the best possible scenario: Training.

The Walla Walla Regional SWAT team, made up of officers from Walla Walla County Sheriff's Office and the Walla Walla Police Department, took advantage of empty classrooms for an active shooter drill. The training began at 7:30 a.m. and finished around 2:30 p.m.

The SWAT team trains often, but this was the first time at the local high school. The unique layout of the 1926 three-story building presented officers with challenges as they worked to clear all the classrooms, the gym, locker rooms, and the auditorium.

The training allowed officers to familiarize themselves with the building's layout should they ever have to respond to a call. This training was for the officers and law enforcement agencies, not the school faculty or student body.

The WWPD and the WWSO will return to the campus on Monday, July 25, for K9 unit drills at Preston Hall Middle School. The exercises will begin at 1:00 p.m. and run through the evening. Other agencies that may participate in Monday's training include Tri-Cities and Milton Freewater, Ore., agencies.

The Waitsburg School District and participating law enforcement agencies ask for the community's patience, and consideration as the school building will be closed to the public.



Photos by Beka Compton

SWAT members in training exit the boys locker rooms, before heading up the dark steps to the upper level of the high school gymnasium.



An officer clears a classroom during training on Tuesday, July 19.



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LIFESTYLES



Boe Stevenson giving the press a cheerful wave during his solo performance.



Co-op kitchen business, Sweet Cheeks set up outside with ice cream sandwiches and tasty samples



Photos by Lane Gwinn

The towering water slide was a hit with families.



Photos by Lane Gwinn

The powerhouse blues band Gary Winston and the Real Deal took the stage midday. They brought energy and music that was a highlight of the day. They can be seen Saturday, August 20 in Walla Walla at the Summer Concert Series, 6 S. 1st Street, downtown Walla Walla.



Real Deal vocalist Erica Inersol helping organizer Linda Hinds by drawing one of the winning names for the raffle.

Foodstock 2022

By Lane Gwinn | THE TIMES

The Port of Columbia County and tenants of Dayton's Blue Mountain Station held its annual Foodstock event on Saturday, July 16.

Port manager Tracy Clark, with the help of administrative assistant Kelly Hinds, took the lead in organizing the event this year. The set-up and tear-down of the stage, tents, and seating areas are done with the help of friends, family, and BMS tenants. Local handyman Tim Bren makes himself invaluable each year by delivering, setting up, and taking down the towering water slide.

Marketing by the Walla Walla firm, Tell It Media got the word out in print, radio, and social media. This year saw the largest Foodstock crowd, with an estimated 500 to 600 visitors. The layout was expanded from years past, with plenty of room for the returning water slide, vendors, and activities.

The port constructed a covered stage for the bands, with plenty of shady spots on the grass and under tents for the audience to enjoy the shows.

There were three musical acts, starting with Day-

ton resident Boe Stevenson playing a solo set. Gary Winston & the Real Deal brought the blues to Dayton. Calico Bones duet, Madison Lindsey and McKenzie Lindsey, ended the afternoon with their signature harmonies, beautiful melodies and original songs.

With six food vendors, including those from the co-op, there was plenty of food and drink. Sweet Cheeks Bakeshop brought smiles to all ages with massive ice cream sandwiches; and Red Band Cellar offered wine slushies for the adults.

Seven craft vendors from the local area and out of town offered jewelry, dog collars and leashes, and gems and crystals.

Port Director and waterslide monitor, Jennie Dickinson said, "Community events like Foodstock are more than just a way to increase commerce for our businesses. Events create a positive image of our town to the region, provide fun activities for local residents, and bring outside dollars into the community. I want to thank the Port staff, BMS tenants, and volunteers for their hard work planning and executing the event. It makes a difference for our community."

The only complaint The Times heard that day was that Foodstock or something similar should be held much more frequently. So, not so much a complaint as a compliment.



Kiwanis Club member Joe Huether was on duty providing burgers to the crowd.

My Secret to Life – lowering expectations

By Vicki Sternfeld-Rossi | THE TIMES

Many years ago, I worked for an insurance brokerage firm that spent frequent time and much money on self-improvement, time management, and general management classes and books. *In Pursuit of Excellence* was a "must have" book for all businesses and their employees. The book's premise was that the focus should not be on perfection but on excellence. It presented the concept of perfection as unachievable and subjective; one person's "perfect" may not be another's.

I am pragmatic, so perfection has never been a goal of mine. In fact, I don't even strive for excellence as a rule. I will never have an immaculate house, bake an excellent cake, or have a flawless garden. I have learned that lowered expectations make for a much less stressful life.

My house is tidy, but as soon as I gather up Mugsy's toys and stash them, he digs them out again and dumps them all over the place. The floors are covered in mud in the winter and dust in the summer. I have settled for a perfectly livable home that is superficially presentable and won't be condemned.

My garden is much weedier than I would like. I continue digging up weeds, greeting worms and slugs while getting annoyed and frustrated by this year's proliferation of hoverflies. They have been more than prolific this year.

Our new pergola-styled deck that Daniel built is close to perfection and most definitely excellent. Unfortunately, we had an issue with the deck furniture. The chairs I had my eyes on were ridiculously pricey, so I settled on some inexpensive resin ones. Daniel noticed that while sitting on them in hot weather, they melt. Sitting in chairs as they dissolve onto the deck is as far from excellent as one gets. We are working on an "all-weather" solution for seating.



I played tennis today, another of my imperfect pursuits. I have low expectations about my ability to win. But my losses are balanced with the fact that, good hit or miss, I burn lots of calories running after the ball—an excellent excuse for me to get to enjoy more food and wine.

Right now, we are back in Los Angeles. I have reacquainted my vocabulary with an array of perfect curse words for traffic, cars that cut me off or stop for no discernible reason and gesturing worked well against the truck that nearly hit me in the crosswalk this morning. Still, I'd lived in LA long enough to have low expectations about travel by bike, foot, or car. So, although frustrating, it's manageable.

I am fortunate to still have an amazing group of friends in Los Angeles. They threw me a birthday pool party which exceeded all expectations. The guys hung out at the table talking cars while the girls improvised a floating food barge in the pool. Women are great innovators, especially during cocktail time when bored by car talk. After dinner and lots of wine, we played a death-defying game of Giant Jenga.

Back in Los Angeles, I am constantly reminded of how much I miss my friends. Our tennis, parties, and long talks, never disappoint me. I do miss a pool in the summer.

Although not perfect, my expectations have not lowered about my home in Waitsburg. Though I will always enjoy visiting friends and family in California, there isn't enough sushi in the world to make me want to live in Los Angeles again.



Vicki Sternfeld-Rossi
Cocktails in the pool for my birthday.

FUN & GAMES

The Friendly Forest

By Jimmye L. Turner



GRIN and BEAR IT



"He deliberately got a hearing aid so he could turn me off!"

LAFF - A - DAY

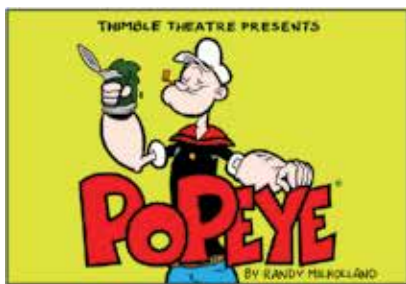


"I noticed the meat loaf is a re-run too!"

Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas

BIRTHDAY PICNIC FOR A BABY BOOMER:



PIONEER PORTRAITS

Ten Years Ago

July 19, 2012

When music teacher Rebecca Wilson was cleaning out some space in her closet, she came across Waitsburg Marching Band Uniforms that had been in retirement for nearly 30 years. Those red, cream and gold uniforms had been worn by hundreds of students from the 1950's through the mid-1980's when the polyester and nylon formalwear was traded in for matching polo shirts. Part of the reason the band students no longer wear fancy uniforms is because marching bands aren't popular at small schools. "It's just not done as much," Waitsburg Superintendent Dr. Carol Clarke said.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

July 24, 1997



[Photo Caption] Pick-A-Little Lady Jan Cronkhite poses with her Waitsburg cast members Shannon and Jessica Elliott, Gabe Kiefel and Nathan Hamann prior to a recent performance of "The Music Man."

Fifty Years Ago

July 20, 1972

Ron Kenney is a friendly, easy-going sort of man with a sense of humor. He likes people and has the reputation for being helpful to others in need. Most everyone in Waitsburg would classify him as an "all-around good guy." But when harvest time rolls around, a subtle change comes over this fine gentleman. His eyes become slightly glazed, and there is a different set to his jaw. But Ron is not the only one who is changed. Other ranchers in the area become tense. They have slight problems sleeping, and you may see them standing in small knots along Main Street, glancing uneasily at the hill located just north of the Touchet River Bridge.

Seventy-Five Years Ago

July 25, 1947

In the third week of Camp Kiwanis there were two girls, Junior Counselors from Waitsburg: Muriel Roberts and Barbara Cockburn. Sally Gibson served as Counselor the first two weeks then left for Camp Sweyloken near Spokane.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph A. Chase (Laura Preston) and son Leland visited the Stonecipher and Piper families last week following the annual meeting of the Preston-Shaffer Milling Co.

Wheat yields in the Valley are reported to be generally lower than last year due to shattering from heavy winds during July, but the yield is still considered to be normal.

One Hundred Years Ago

July 21, 1922

"Trailsend," the cool and delightful summer camp of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Rees, who have located on the Touchet above Dayton, is proving one of the popular places of recreation not only for the family, but their many friends as well.

Miss Blanche Stonecipher returned home Sunday afternoon from Seattle where she and her mother have been for several weeks visiting Mrs. Stonecipher's daughter, Mrs. Mark Fletcher. Mrs. Stonecipher is expected home soon.

This week will see almost all the machines in this part of the country working in the many wheat fields. Reports of grain threshed so far are that the grain is pretty badly damaged by the recent hot weather.

One Hundred Twenty-Five Years Ago

July 23, 1897

Fred Romine of Prescott, was kicked in the face by a horse on Tuesday morning, cutting an ugly gash on his lower jaw and his upper lip besides mashing all his teeth in on that side of his face.

Aubert Wisdom, a young man of sixteen, was arrested by the sheriff in Kellogg Hollow Monday. Charged with using language calculated to provoke an assault on C. W. Burnshaw, he was fined the sum of \$1 and costs in Justice Holman's court in Dayton.

Touchet Valley Weather

July 20, 2022

Waitsburg's Seven Day Forecast

Wednesday Sunny	Thursday Sunny	Friday Sunny	Saturday Sunny	Sunday Sunny	Monday Sunny	Tuesday Sunny
High: 95 Low: 63	High: 94 Low: 62	High: 89 Low: 60	High: 90 Low: 61	High: 92 Low: 62	High: 95 Low: 66	High: 97 Low: 67

Weather Trivia

Do hurricanes develop over the equator?



Answers: No, The Coriolis Force is too weak to allow their development.

Weather History

July 20, 1988 - The temperature at Redding, Calif. soared to an all-time record high of 118 degrees. Showers and thunderstorms produced much needed rains from New England to southern Texas. Salem, Ind. was deluged with 7.2 inches of rain, resulting in flash flooding.

Local Almanac Last Week

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Precipitation
Tuesday	98	60	90/62	Trace	0.00"
Wednesday	92	63	90/62	0.00"	0.10"
Thursday	92	59	90/62	0.00"	-0.10"
Friday	92	67	91/63	0.00"	76.0°
Saturday	90	65	91/63	0.00"	76.6°
Sunday	85	62	91/63	0.00"	-0.6°
Monday	81	58	92/63	0.00"	

Data as reported from Walla Walla

Sun/Moon Chart This Week

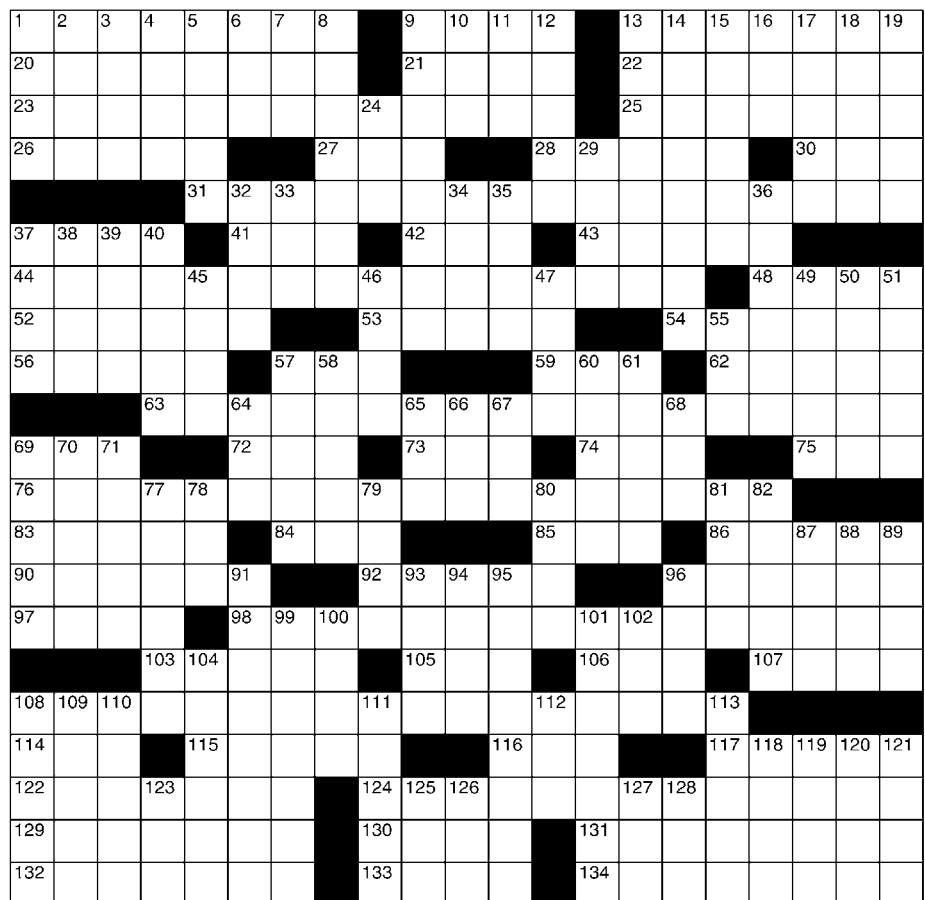
Last	Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset	First
7/20	Wednesday	5:22 a.m.	8:36 p.m.	12:03 a.m.	1:40 p.m.	8/5
	Thursday	5:23 a.m.	8:35 p.m.	12:22 a.m.	2:48 p.m.	
	Friday	5:24 a.m.	8:34 p.m.	12:44 a.m.	3:56 p.m.	
	Saturday	5:25 a.m.	8:33 p.m.	1:09 a.m.	5:02 p.m.	
	Sunday	5:26 a.m.	8:32 p.m.	1:40 a.m.	6:05 p.m.	
	Monday	5:27 a.m.	8:31 p.m.	2:18 a.m.	7:02 p.m.	
	Tuesday	5:28 a.m.	8:30 p.m.	3:05 a.m.	7:51 p.m.	8/11

PUZZLES & LIFESTYLES

Super Crossword

ALMOST
INDIVISIBLE

- ACROSS**
- 1 Compositions of a classical tradition
9 Financial: Abbr.
13 Toddler girl, to Scots
20 16th-century Spanish explorer
21 Wind quintet instrument
22 Ancient French region
23 Low-value red card
25 Dangerous current
26 20-ounce Starbucks drink
27 Body design, for short
28 Transmission repair chain
30 Adult fellows
31 Witches in "Macbeth"
37 Apple choice
41 Sculling item
42 Suffix with Midwest
43 Rose petal oil
44 1992 Tony nominee for Best Musical
48 Seniors' org.
52 Tricky pitch
53 Big fad
54 Pet allergy source
- 56 From days of yore
57 Luggage screeners' org.
59 Univ. dorm overseers
62 Listerine competitor
63 Oedipus-themed
69 A-E linkup
72 Docs' gp.
73 Herr's "one"
74 Hanks of "Big"
75 Raised trains
76 Instrument players gifted in a Christmas song
83 Log house
84 Bullring shout
85 Some RNs work in them
86 Make ecstatic
90 Figure skater Yamaguchi
92 "Jack Sprat could — fat"
96 Aquarium bed material
97 Fabled snow beast
98 Virginia and Georgia were part of them
103 Pried (around)
- 105 Meal crumb
106 Raw metal
107 Title for Judi Dench
108 Hearst bimonthly with beauty and dating tips
114 Former U.K. record co.
115 Fake
116 Muhammad of the ring
117 Feudal lord
122 Be averse to
124 What the starts of the longest answers in this puzzle are?
- 129 One making modifications
130 Helper
131 Homer with nobody on
132 Straightens up
133 Red-ink entry
134 Upper layers of fertile earth
- DOWN**
- 1 Shakespeare play ending
2 T. — Price
3 Disney sci-fi film of 1982
4 Not worth debating
5 Not qualified
6 Feeling blue
7 Cruel Amin
8 People painting, e.g.
9 Shoes and boots
10 Arabic for "son of"
11 Lay turf on
12 Romero of "Batman"
13 Grows fond of
14 Drew forth
15 Wife, to Juan
16 Back muscle, for short
17 "One Day at —"
18 Supply- (certain economist)
19 Camille Saint-
24 Alluring West
29 Eve's partner
32 60 minutes
33 Solar beam
34 Witty
35 Bombbeck
36 Seance state
37 "In case that's true ..."
38 Place for grist
39 Rah-rah
40 Surrenders
45 Heredity unit
46 University sports org.
47 Actress Laura
49 Casa brick
50 Drive away
51 The "P" of AP
55 Hearth refuse
57 Score speed
58 Escargot
60 Moving
61 Doesn't go on
64 Moving truck
65 Grand opening?
66 Inspired stuff
67 Electees, e.g.
68 "Eww, no more!" in a text message
69 Mark Twain's Thatcher
70 Writer — Boothe Luce
71 Red-ink entry
77 Brand for sore eyes
78 Doc using an otoscope
79 Look intently
80 Menial worker
81 Detective Wolfe
82 Thyroid, e.g.
87 Sports shoe brand
88 Overtrim
89 Otherwise
91 "Someone's already claimed that seat!"
93 Proton holder
94 Prefix with byte
95 Tennis, volleyball and badminton
96 Narrow valley
99 Dogs closely following their owners
100 15th of the month, maybe
101 Most snug
102 "... — quit!" (threat ender)
104 Blazing
108 Roomy auto
109 Novelist Zola
110 Lookout view
111 Kathmandu's nation
112 Heady drink
113 "Tickle Me" dolls
118 — facto
119 K thru 12
120 Earth science subj.
121 Guesses on costs: Abbr.
123 Allow to
125 Grande opening?
126 Age-verifying docs.
127 Falling tic-tac-toe row
128 Lofty peak



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MY RECIPES

Luke Chavez

Roasted Cherry Tomato and Ricotta Pasta



Every summer, I patiently anticipate the first homegrown tomatoes of the season. While diligently watering our garden, I keep a daily check on when the sun ripened delights are ready to pluck.

This year, with the long, cold, and wet spring we had, everything seems to be a little behind schedule. Sadly, we might have to wait a tad longer for our backyard tomatoes.

Luckily, ripe cherry tomatoes, available in most grocery stores, are a quick go-to when craving a burst of sunny flavor. Here, the little tomatoes are roasted with herbs and olive oil to concentrate their flavor. Whipped up with creamy ricotta and parmesan, the resulting sauce perfectly clings to the pasta for a dish fit for casual summer entertaining.

Ingredients:

- 2 to 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 3 cups cherry tomatoes, about 2 pint-size packs
- 8 garlic cloves, smashed (see notes)
- 3 tablespoons fresh thyme leaves
- 2 tablespoons fresh rosemary, chopped
- Pinch crushed red pepper flakes, or to taste
- Salt and fresh ground black pepper
- ½ cup whole milk ricotta cheese
- 1 pound tube pasta, such as rigatoni or penne
- 2 tablespoons butter
- ½ cup gouda cheese, grated
- ½ cup parmesan cheese, grated (plus more for serving)
- ¼ cup fresh basil leaves

Directions:

Preheat oven to 425 degrees. In a large bowl toss together the tomatoes, olive oil, garlic, half of the thyme, rosemary, crushed pepper flakes, with salt and pepper to taste. Spread onto a rimmed baking sheet in a single layer. Bake for 15 to 20 minutes, until the tomatoes are bursting, and the garlic is lightly golden and aromatic. Remove and allow to cool for a few minutes.

In the bowl of a food processor, add ⅔ of the roasted tomatoes, all the garlic, and the ricotta cheese. Be sure to use all the juices and oil in the roasting pan. Puree until smooth. Taste, then adjust seasoning by adding more salt and pepper as needed. Set aside the other ⅓ of tomatoes.

Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Cook pasta according to package directions until just al dente. Use a measuring cup to remove and reserve one cup of the pasta cooking water. Drain pasta.

Working quickly, return same pot to stove, and melt the butter with the remaining thyme over medium heat. Cook until the butter is nutty fragrant and is just starting to lightly brown. Add the tomato and ricotta puree with a generous splash of the pasta water. Stir and heat sauce through. Next add the gouda and parmesan, stirring until fully melted and incorporated into the sauce.

Add the pasta and with the remaining roasted tomatoes to the pot, tossing to combine with the sauce. Add a little more pasta water as needed to thin the sauce and coat all the pasta. Taste and check seasoning, adjust as needed. Take off heat and serve immediately. Divide servings on to plates and top with more parmesan and torn basil leaves. A finishing drizzle of olive oil over the top is also lovely.

Notes:

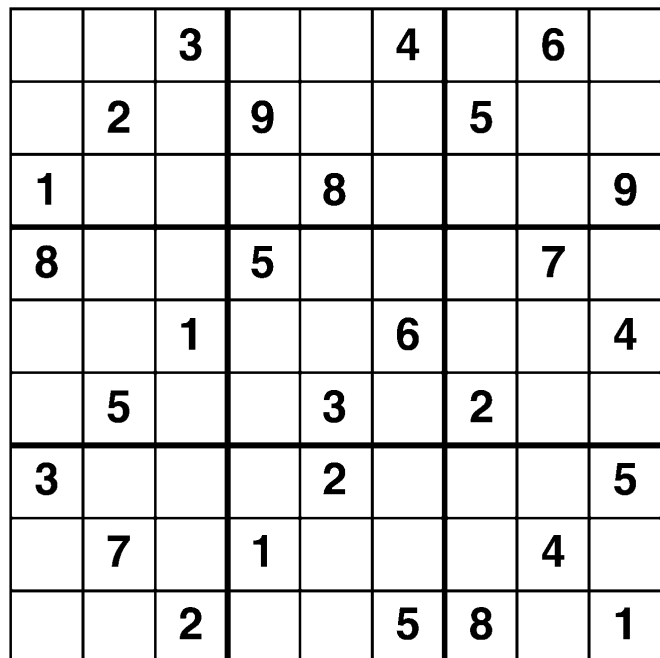
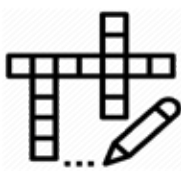
Look for the best cherry or grape tomatoes you can find. Organic is great if you can find them. This can be extra pretty if you can find an assortment of colored cherry tomatoes. I used a mix of gold and red cherry tomatoes.

To smash the cloves of garlic, peel them and set on a cutting board. Use a large chef knife and turn it on its flat side over the clove. Then quickly and firmly use the palm of your other hand to smash the clove under the knife, one at a time. The smashed cloves will be flat with a broken surface but will hold together into large pieces. This makes them roast beautifully in the oven and makes it easy to add all of them to the ricotta and the divided tomatoes.

This sunny and creamy pasta makes a lovely vegetarian dish as is but has plenty of room to personalize. Toasted pine nuts as a topping would be lovely, as would chopped marinated artichoke hearts. To add a little meat, try crispy prosciutto pieces or grilled sausages. In a pinch, mozzarella can be substituted for the gouda. Enjoy!

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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: ◆◆

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- ◆◆ Challenging
- ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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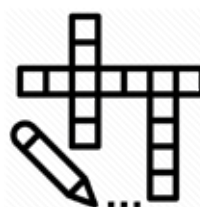
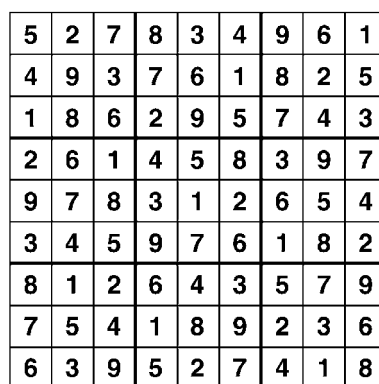
Super Crossword

Answers



Weekly SUDOKU

Answer



Alumni return to Dayton after a two-year break

By Beka Compton | THE TIMES

DAYTON—The Dayton High School Alumni Association gathered in Dayton over the weekend, celebrating their first official reunion since 2019. The COVID-19 pandemic postponed the gatherings.

Betty Ann and Cecil Fletcher were this year's Alumni Parade Marshalls. "We pick somebody active in the community, and who are alumni and active within our group, and who actively promote Dayton and our community," said Tammy Ketterman, DHS Alumni Association Secretary. "Both (Betty Ann and Cecil) are alumni and are very active in our organization."

Betty Ann and Cecil are long-time residents of Dayton, where they raised their son and daughter together. They are the proud grandparents to four and great grandparents to three.

Cecil enlisted in the US Army and later graduated from Washington State University with a degree in Animal Science. For nearly 40 years, he worked as a Field Manager for Green Giant and Smith Frozen Foods. He retired in 1995.

Betty Ann was recognized as Dayton's Citizen of the Year in 2011 alongside her 'sister,' Elaine Hudson. In the words of Roslyn Edwards: "If you attend any community event, it's a good bet you'll see both of them there!"

She graduated from Business College in Yakima and served many years in the Columbia County Auditor's office. She retired from her position as County Auditor in 1994.

Betty Ann continues to be active in the Dayton community, volunteering at Dayton Days, serving as a Delany board member, and helping at the Dayton Historic Depot.

Cecil and Betty Ann celebrated 70 years of marriage in May.

Ketterman said that the weekend went very well, with nearly ten floats entered in the parade. She and Dayton's alumni are already looking forward to next year's event.



Justin Jaech/Karen Huwe

Congratulations to Parade Marshalls Cecil and Betty Ann Fletcher, Class of 1945 and 1951. Committed to their community, friends, and their family, the Fetters were one of *The Times* Nine Over Ninety in the April 14, 2022 issue.



Justin Jaech

Bulldogs on hay bales.



Justin Jaech

The Class of 1972 shared all the pertinent facts of their year, including the movies *Godfather* and *Poseidon Adventure*.



Justin Jaech

The class of 2002 bring sunflowers and children on their cheerful float.

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